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Davie Leaves With Class

After a straight forward press conference, Davie walks away with pride and tact. The community should respect his graceful exit.

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Davie Fired



Bob Davie addresses his firing as head football coach Sunday. Athletic director Kevin White announced Davie's dismissal earlier in the day at a separate press conference.

"A year ago at this time, I believed that we had turned the corner under Bob, and that we were prepared to reclaim our traditional standing among the nation's elite college programs. Today, I can no longer say that."

Kevin White*Notre Dame Athletic Director*

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

When Bob Davie was named the head football coach at Notre Dame five years ago, he received some advice from a man who had been in his position before.

"I think back to the thing Ara Parseghian told me when I first took the job," Davie said. "Win."

He didn't win nearly enough. Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White fired Davie Sunday morning after Notre Dame's second losing season in three years.

"I felt we were in a place that I could no longer say that we could actually stand up and say that we were putting together a program in place that could contend, if not win, the national championship," White said. "I really believe we need to restart this thing."

Davie's 35-25 record is the third-worst winning percentage in Notre Dame history.

Under Davie's tenure, the Irish produced only one first-round draft pick and zero first-team All-Americans. The NCAA also sanctioned the football program for the first time in school history during Davie's third year when Irish players were found to be having inappropriate relations with athletic booster Kim Dunbar during Lou Holtz's tenure.

Davie, who spoke for nearly a half-hour in a calm and composed voice, said that while he was disappointed with the decision, he was not bitter toward White, the athletic department or Notre Dame. He thanked his wife Joanne and his two children, Audra and Clay, for the support they have given him this season.

"One thing I'm not is a phony," Davie said. "It is hard for me to hide my disappointment that I won't be back as the head football coach of Notre Dame. But with that said, I accept the decision."

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Students contemplate future of Irish football

♦ Some speculate on choice of next Irish football coach

By SHEILA EGTS
News Writer

Frustrating. Disappointing. Upsetting.

According to some members of the Notre Dame student body, these are just a few words used to describe the Irish's 5-6 losing season under the leadership of head

coach Bob Davie.

After the announcement of Davie's firing at a press conference yesterday, students were left to evaluate the overall season and speculate about the future direction of the program.

"I just think this season was real up and down, starting off 0-3, then winning three in a row really got my hopes up that the season might do a 180 degree turn," said Dillon Hall freshman Justin Spack. "Then losing those close games to Boston College, Tennessee and Stanford basically broke my heart. It was

just a rough year to be a fan."

However, a "rough year" for fans can hardly compare to the rough year experienced by Bob Davie, who will go down in the record books as the only head coach to be officially fired by the University.

Junior football manager Dawn Terashima said, "Many of the managers have a lot sympathy for the entire coaching staff. We see him every day, almost as much as the players. I see Davie as a real person, not just the head coach of Notre Dame."

Even fans that are not active

behind the scenes like Terashima expressed sympathy for Davie, but couldn't deny that his firing was predictable.

"Davie seemed to be a good guy and into academics and everything, but he didn't meet the expectations," said freshman Vincent McKinney. "And when you're coaching at Notre Dame, you can't do that."

"I feel bad for him after the criticism he faced all season," said sophomore Heather Shull. "But I completely understand the priority at this University to uphold tradi-

tion. I can see why measures were taken to do that."

Other more critical fans felt that getting rid of Davie was just the first step towards a much-needed change and an essential step in redeeming the slipping tradition of Notre Dame's program.

First-year graduate student Rex Rallanka said, "I've been here since Davie's first year and he never impressed me throughout his entire tenure."

"I'm very in favor of the firing and I was hoping they would announce a new head coach at the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Christmas in ... October?

One weekend in mid-November, I am driving to a restaurant to have dinner with my family. We turn a corner, and a forest of twinkling, colored lights dazzles the eye. Christmas lights were up.

After Thanksgiving dinner, I go to stand by my mother as she looks out the window. The street is dark, and we looked out at the familiar houses lit by the soft glow of the street lamps. And the strings of lights that lined the trees and bushes. And the illuminated sleigh and reindeer set on the corner. Christmas lights were up.

I return to campus to find icicle lights lighting the path to the door of my dorm, and a Christmas tree in the lobby. And another tree in O'Shaughnessy. One in the bookstore. Various dorms sport different interpretations of holiday decorations, inside and out. As do various dorm rooms. Even the Dining Hall is decorated, with Christmas carols constantly played over the loudspeaker. Christmas lights were up.

Now, I love Christmas. The decorations, the shopping, the trees, the celebration — all of it. I have fond memories of the family piling into the mini-van to cruise the neighborhood, looking at all the decorations and singing our favorite Christmas songs. But not in November.

Christmas is starting earlier and earlier every year. Some stores have Christmas displays up by Halloween, which is more than a little excessive. All of them have decked their halls by Thanksgiving. How early does the holiday season have to start?

For those who have not checked their calendars lately, Christmas Day is Dec. 25. There is no need to begin the Christmas activities two months beforehand. Walking into a room to here the familiar melodies of Christmas music in October is just plain disconcerting. My roommate is a bit of a Christmas freak, and so it happened to me. We had to make a rule that there was to be no more Christmas activity until after Thanksgiving. It almost worked. Putting up strings of blinking, colored lights in the middle of November will only confuse people, making them wonder if they woke up a month after they went to bed.

The official start of the commercial, er, Christmas season is the Friday after Thanksgiving. Millions of people rush to the mall to get a jump on their holiday activities. And in many cases, it is also the day the Christmas lights go up. They will stay there, burning brightly, for at least a month and half, probably more. But how long will they be noticed? Lights that have become a common part of the general scenery will be much less appreciated on Christmas Eve, especially if they have been up since Thanksgiving Eve.

Most people will agree that Christmas is a very special time, magical even. But part of that magic is that Christmas is fleeting, it comes and it goes every year. To drag out the Christmas season would be to stretch out that magical time. It will only stretch for so far before it breaks.

During her October Christmas music period, my roommate said something to the effect that the spirit of Christmas lives all year long. Well, the spirit may, but the decorations don't have to. Whatever happened to the Twelve Days, anyway?

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the Nov. 30 edition of The Observer, a line was inadvertently left out of Jason McFarley's article, "ND asks for lawsuit dismissal." The final sentence should have been printed as: "The former accounting professor alleged sex discrimination factored into the University's decision in 1993 to deny her tenure." The Observer regrets the error.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
♦ Lecture: "After the Academic Village: IIT and the Urban Laboratory," Donna Robertson, Bond Hall Room 104, 4:30 p.m.	♦ Lecture: Jack Welch, retired General Electric CEO, Jordan Auditorium of College of Business, 5 p.m. ♦ Film: "Comfort and Joy," Montgomery Theatre, 7 and 9 p.m.	♦ Lecture: "The Constitution and the Courts: A Question of Legitimacy," Judge James Buckley of D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, Law School Room 120/121, 12:10 p.m.	♦ Concert: Saint Mary's Wind Ensemble and Moreau Chamber Ensemble, Little Theatre, 7:30 p.m. ♦ Concert: Handel's "Messiah," Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Harvard profs doubt colleague committed suicide

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Two days after the Memphis police declared Harvard University professor of biophysics and biochemistry Don Wiley likely to have committed suicide, colleagues of the professor, now missing for 15 days, have expressed doubt that he took his own life.

Hidde Ploegh, Mallinckrodt professor of immunopathology, said that despite the police department's statements Thursday, he is not convinced that Wiley committed suicide.

"What the police say is one thing, and what happened, I don't think anyone knows," he said. "I think there are no new facts to shed light on [the situation] and anything people add should be labeled as speculation."



Since Wiley's disappearance, rumors have circulated that he was perhaps distraught about not winning the Nobel Prize in 1996, when two scientists working on similar research received the award.

Jack L. Strominger, Higgins professor of biochemistry at Harvard who shared the Lasker Award in 1995 and

the Japan Prize in 1999 with Wiley, said that "from everything I know, there is no possibility that he committed suicide."

The Lasker Award is awarded to clinical scientists annually and is considered "a precursor to receiving the Nobel Prize," said Philippa Marrack, a professor of immunology at the National Jewish Medical Center and an investigator with Wiley for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Since 1962, more than half of those who won the Lasker Award went on to receive the Nobel Prize, most within two years of receiving the Lasker.

The year after Wiley received the Lasker Award, the Nobel Prize went to scientists Peter Doherty and Rolf Zinkernagel who had shared the Lasker Award with Wiley in 1995.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Officials find 85,000 baby teeth

ST. LOUIS If the tooth fairy had flown into the dark, musty Washington University storage facility in May along with some administrators on a spring cleaning mission, her reaction would have been similar to someone who had just won the enamel lottery, as 85,000 baby teeth were discovered in an ammunition bunker at WU's Tyson Research Center. But had the tooth fairy known what was in store for the teeth, Andrew Johnstone, the biology department business manager, said her response should have been, "Whoa, this is going to cost me." For Johnstone, one of the people who discovered the teeth, it was an eerie portal to the past. The teeth are the forgotten remains of the world-famous St. Louis Baby Tooth Survey, which took place from 1958 to 1970. At the height of the Cold War, the United States set off over 200 atmospheric nuclear tests at their Nevada Test Site. The Baby Tooth Survey was developed in order to determine the effect of nuclear fallout on humans, specifically children.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Graduate work stoppage continues

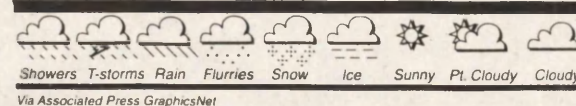
CHAMPAIGN, ILL. Jane Flanagan, junior in LAS at University of Illinois, sat with papers sprawled around her and read in the English Building's basement lounge Thursday afternoon. She was one of the few people in the building besides those working in department and college offices. "I've been here since 1 p.m., and there's been nobody here," she said at about 2:30 p.m. "I just came here to read because the union was loud." The GEO work stoppage ended Thursday. Footsteps echoed down the quiet halls, as few instructors held class or office hours in the five buildings targeted in the Graduate Employees' Organization work stoppage. A teaching assistant office complex in the English Building's second floor was empty Thursday afternoon. The door was open and the lights were on. GEO literature was taped near the door. But not everyone participated: Jennifer Bertram, a visiting instructor in speech communications, held her three classes as normal, including one in Lincoln Hall.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

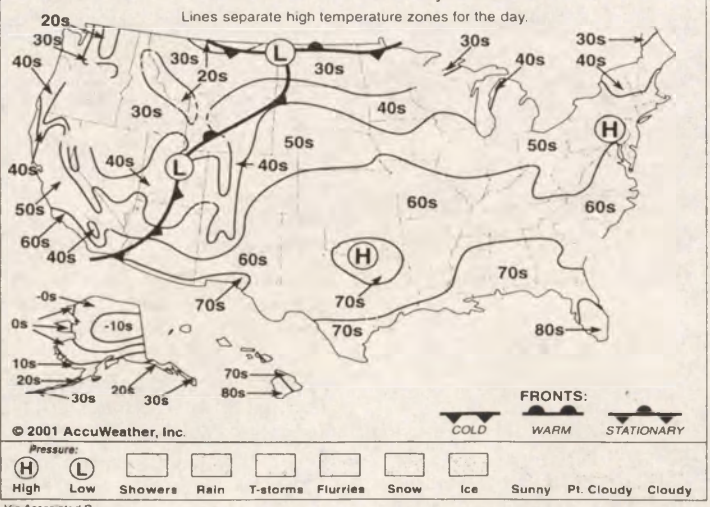
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Tuesday		60	55
Wednesday		61	45
Thursday		55	43
Friday		55	33
Saturday		47	30



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Dec. 3.



Atlanta	67	44	Las Vegas	57	38	Portland	45	39
Baltimore	59	37	Memphis	68	52	Sacramento	55	38
Boston	51	42	Milwaukee	49	45	St. Louis	63	52
Chicago	52	50	New York	59	42	Tampa	82	62
Houston	75	63	Philadelphia	59	42	Wilmington	59	39

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The stage was set for a dramatic showdown between White and Davie when the season ended. Three weeks ago, Davie said that he could not envision resigning his position under any circumstances, a stance he reiterated last week and again after Notre Dame's 24-18 win against Purdue Saturday night. And last week, Davie said that the only way he would leave was if Notre Dame fired him.

But when Davie spoke, there was no animosity toward White, only a calm understanding of White's responsibility and the difficulty of the decision he had to make.

"I want to do whatever gives this football team the best chance to win next year," he said. "If Notre Dame thinks that they can hire someone who can come in here and do a better job of winning games than I can, that's certainly their prerogative to do that. I accept that and wish them well."

"Bob conducted himself with class and distinction through this entire football season," said White, who did not ask Davie to resign. "This has been a very, very painful year for Bob and his family."

Davie praised the quality of Notre Dame's players by saying this year's team was his favorite team and that he wished them well in the future. Sunday, he said he would stand completely behind the new coach and that he would tape all Irish games next year.

"Don't ever, ever, ever take these players for granted," he said. "Trust me when I tell you these are unique, unique young people in this program and I could not be more proud of the players

we have brought into this program and of the way they represented themselves."

The search for a new head coach only began after Davie was told he was fired, White said. Any contacts made before Sunday were made without White's authorization. And while White said he had a list of potential candidates for the head coaching job, he would not discuss who was on the list nor the criteria he would use to select the next coach.

"I do not expect to comment on any contacts that we will make during the course of the search," he said. "I appreciate the appetite for news and information about a search of this kind, but you don't hire good people by negotiating through the media."

All nine Notre Dame assistant coaches are still considered Notre Dame employees, but White said he made it clear to them that the new head coach would be able to select his own staff.

The decision to fire Davie comes just one year after he signed a five-year contract extension. While White did not go into specifics about the nature or the amount of Davie's contract, he did say that Notre Dame would fulfill all financial obligations.

Earlier in the week, Davie argued that he had not changed as a coach or a person when Notre Dame gave him a contract a year ago. But on Sunday, White said that giving Davie the contract extension was a mistake.

"Coming off of the regular season last year, I really felt we were moving in the right direction, and I have to take full responsibility," he said. "It was, in my view, a misread on my part."

Davie is the first Notre Dame head football coach to be publicly fired. All other former football coaches have resigned. In addition,

Davie continues the string of Notre Dame coaches to be fired or resign by their fifth year if they did not win a national championship in their third year, a streak that includes Terry Brennan, Joe Kuharich, Gerry Faust and Davie.

Davie said White first approached him with the possibility that he could be fired after the Irish lost 24-3 at Texas A&M to drop their record to 0-3, the worst start in school history. Initially, White said a decision about Davie's future would be made around the Nov. 10 open date.

But the next day, White changed his stance and said he would evaluate Davie at the end of the season. Throughout the season, White said the two talked twice a week about "all of the potential scenarios."

White said he did not make the official recommendation to University President Father Edward Malloy, who had the final authority over Davie's future, to fire Davie until 8 a.m. Sunday morning. He met with Davie at 9 a.m. to inform him of his recommendation. When Davie asked why he was being fired, White said it was because the program had lost credibility.

"I'd have to say I have evaluated the football program almost each and every day since I've been here," White said. "It's so critical to the entire University of Notre Dame, such an important aspect of the University. I can't tell you when it really dawned on me that I thought we were heading in the wrong direction. I don't know that I can pinpoint that for you, but I can tell you that I did not contact Father Malloy to make that recommendation formally until about 8 a.m. this morning."

Davie then met in with the assistant coaches at 10:30 a.m. and the players at 1:30 p.m. in

meeting rooms at Notre Dame Stadium to inform them of the decision. The players met with White at 2:15 at the Eck Center, where White said the decision was a difficult one to make and that he had the players' best interests at heart.

"Bob Davie has brought good students and good people to Notre Dame," White said. "He has supported and had taken an active interest in the academic progress of the players. He has encouraged good citizenship. I am proud to be associated with our football team. These are expectations that we have of all of our coaches in all of our sports."

Davie had always praised the academic accomplishments of his football teams. Last year, the football grade point average reached its two highest semester averages last year, and Notre Dame won the AFCA Academic Achievement Award for graduating 100 percent of its players, the first time the Irish reached the 100 percent mark since 1988.

"However," White said. "We also expect and intend to excel on the field, and there, unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing."

"I've talked to our football team every single day, and it's not the bad things that happen to you that's important, it's how you handle them," Davie said. "And I am in no way bitter. No way will I have a chip on my shoulder as I leave Notre Dame. I am not the least bit embarrassed. I'm going to walk out of here with my head held high and am really proud of what we have done."

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THE LAST 24 HOURS

12/1/01
8:15 pm
Notre Dame wins Davie's final game.

12/2/01
8:00 am
White formally recommends Davie not be reinstated, Fr. Malloy agrees.

9:00 am
White informs Davie of the decision.

10:30 am
Davie informs assistant coaches of the decision.

1:30 pm
Davie informs the players in a team meeting.

2:15 pm
White explains the decision to players

3:00 pm
White holds press conference announcing Davie's firing.

4:30 pm
Davie answers questions in last press conference as Notre Dame head coach.

BOB DAVIE'S COACHING CAREER

1977	1978	1980	1983	1984	1989	1994	1997
Volunteer and later graduate assistant at University of Pittsburgh.	Linebackers coach at University of Arizona. Team earned a Fiesta Bowl bid in 1979.	Returned to Pittsburgh as linebackers coach, earning three consecutive bowl bids.	Defensive Coordinator at Tulane University; suffered two straight losing seasons.	Outside linebackers coach at Texas A&M.	Became Defensive Coordinator at Texas A&M; never had a losing season in nine years with the Aggies.	Became Defensive Coordinator at Notre Dame under head coach Lou Holtz.	Earned first head coaching position. Went 7-6, 9-3, 5-7, 9-3, and 5-6 during his five years at Notre Dame.

KATIE McKENNA/The Observer

RELIGION AND LITERATURE MINOR

The Religion and Literature Interdisciplinary Minor would like to announce the fascinating breadth of courses being offered in the Spring semester. These include courses which address religion and literature's role in courses on the art of mythology, the Romans and their gods, revelation and revolution, and Chinese ways of thought, to name only a few.

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press conference [on Sunday]," said junior Chris Coleman.

Kevin White, director of athletics at Notre Dame, said yesterday that no one has yet been contacted regarding the open coaching position, but that he does have a short list of prospects in line for the job. Regardless of who

is chosen as Davie's successor, the pressure is on from fans for a coach who will produce less frustrating, disappointing and upsetting results in the 2002 season.

"Next season depends who we get. If it's Jon Gruden [head coach of the Oakland Raiders] or Steve Mariucci [head coach of the San Francisco 49ers], I think it could be a lot better next year. If it's not a pro coach, it might take two or three years to turn around the program," said Spack.

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DAVIE BY SEASON

1997 INDEPENDENCE BOWL 7-6

1998 GATOR BOWL 9-3

1999 5-7

2000 TOSITOS FIESTA BOWL 9-3

2001 5-6

Review begins today

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

The Department of Education will begin a three-day on-site review of Saint Mary's Security's statistical reporting procedures today, when an investigator from the department arrives on campus to review files and interview administrators and community members.

The review is a part of an ongoing investigation of a complaint filed by Security on Campus, a national watchdog organization, on behalf of Sarah Alter, a student who alleges she was raped at Saint Mary's in 1998 and the case was improperly handled by Saint Mary's Security.

The visit was delayed from last week because the investigator, Richard Reinhardt, had personal conflicts. Reinhardt will begin the review today with a meeting with Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs, Keith Dennis, vice president of Finance and Administration and Richard Chlebek, director of Security. Dennis said he hopes the schedule for the following two days will be determined in that meeting.

"We have a meeting for 9 a.m. on how we will proceed. Right now there is no set schedule," said Dennis. "It will develop as we go."

It is unknown when Reinhardt's findings will be released. The Security on Campus complaint claims Saint Mary's is in violation of the Jeanne Cleary Act for improperly reporting rape statistics during the past decade. If Reinhardt finds Saint Mary's is in violation of the act on the basis of the complaint, the College could face up to a \$35,000 fine. Saint Mary's would only be the second school the department has fined for any offense.

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MADRIGAL DINNER



CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Students participate in Saint Mary's 29th annual Madrial Dinner on Sunday. The dinner simulates a holiday feast from the past complete with jesters, jugglers, dancers, and a choir.

Her love for sharing news began with the phone.

It's no wonder she's responsible for medical technology that keeps people talking.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Peace talks make progress: U.N.-led talks on Afghanistan's future took an important step forward Sunday with four Afghan factions poring over a U.N. draft detailing terms for the northern alliance to transfer power in the capital, Kabul. Once an agreement is reached, U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was prepared to travel immediately to Afghanistan to implement any deal.

Militants spark Kashmir violence: Suspected Islamic militants on Sunday gunned down seven Hindus who were on their way to attend a wedding in a remote village in troubled Kashmir, police said. This violence was the second attack since Friday in Gehlot, 80 miles north of Jammu, the winter capital of the Indian-held Jammu-Kashmir state.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Paying organ donors revisited: As the nation's need for organ transplants continues to outstrip supply, the American Medical Association on Sunday grappled with a possible solution once thought taboo: paying dying would-be donors and their families for vital organs. Such financial incentives are illegal, banned by Congress in 1984, and as a result people needing organ transplants must rely strictly on volunteers.

Colorado win incites riots: Police used tear gas, pepper spray and percussion grenades to quiet a rowdy crowd celebrating a University of Colorado football victory. About 500 people had gathered Saturday night to celebrate the school's 39-37 win over the University of Texas. Some in the crowd lit bonfires, tore out street signs and traffic lights and started to overturn cars. Eleven students were arrested and four people suffered minor injuries, said police.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Gambling issues multiply: The coming legislative session could be a busy one for gambling interests. Gov. Frank O'Bannon wants to boost the casino admission taxes, and a French Lick lawmaker wants to add a riverboat casino in his district. Meanwhile, a majority of the state's riverboat casinos say they can't remain competitive without a boost from lawmakers, who already face a state budget crisis. Edward Feigenbaum, who writes about gambling in his newsletter, Indiana Gaming Insight, said none of the measures are certain to pass.

ISRAEL



Israeli soldiers carry the coffin of Nir Haftzadi, who was killed Saturday night by a Palestinian suicide bomber. Another attack, killing 15 more Israelis, followed the double suicide bombing.

Palestinian attacks kill Israelis

Associated Press

HAIFA, Israel
A Palestinian suicide bomber killed at least 15 people and wounded dozens more when he blew himself up on a bus in northern Israel on Sunday, hours after a double suicide attack killed 10 people in Jerusalem.

The bombings were among the deadliest attacks in Israel in years and marked one of the bloodiest phases of a 14-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation. They threatened to wreck a new U.S. peace mission led by envoy

Anthony Zinni.

President Yasser Arafat's, Palestinian Authority, under intense U.S. pressure to crack down on radical groups, declared a state of emergency and ordered its security forces to arrest militants who had planned and carried out the attacks.

Leading fierce international criticism of the attacks, President Bush condemned the suicide bombings before talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Washington.

"This is a moment where the advocates for peace in

the Middle East must rise up and fight terror. Chairman Arafat must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice," he said.

The militant group Hamas, which opposes Israel's existence, claimed responsibility. It said the attacks were to avenge Israel's Nov. 23 killing of Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, a Hamas military leader who is regarded by Israel as a master bombmaker.

A senior Palestinian security source said dozens of militants had been arrested since Saturday night across the

West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Arafat would be tested "by deeds alone" and that the Palestinian leader's previous arrests of militants had proved a "farce."

"This may be the most serious crisis in Israel-Palestinian relations," a Foreign Ministry statement quoted Peres as saying.

The Israeli army responded to the bombings by tightening its blockade of the West Bank and encircling Palestinian cities it had not already surrounded because of "numerous warnings of future attacks."

Market Watch November 30

Dow Jones	9,851.56	+22.14
Up: 1,550	Same: 207	Down: 1,578
Composite Volume:	1,330,557,056	
AMEX:	816.00	+2.61
NASDAQ:	1,930.58	-2.68
NYSE:	579.27	-0.48
S&P 500:	1,139.45	-0.75

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ENRON CORP (ENE)	-27.78	-0.10	0.26
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+3.11	+0.43	14.24
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.77	+0.55	20.44
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-1.13	-0.16	14.03
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-0.75	-0.30	39.65

FBI examines anthrax researchers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The F.B.I. has expanded its investigation of the deadly anthrax attacks to include the laboratories of the government and its contractors as a possible source of the anthrax itself or the knowledge to make it, scientists and law enforcement officials say.

While theories about the attacker have focused mainly on domestic loners and foreign states or terrorists, law enforcement officials are now also examining the possibility

that the criminal may be a knowledgeable insider.

Asked if the Federal Bureau of Investigation was investigating American military and nonmilitary laboratories that have had the powdery anthrax strain used in the attacks and individuals associated with such centers, a law enforcement official replied, "Certainly." The official said, "We are aggressively investigating every possible lead and every possible avenue," adding that it was logical.

Few details of the insider investigation are known. But federal agents

are already interrogating people in the military establishment that replaced the old program for making biological weapons. The facilities for that effort, in western Maryland, are major repositories of the Ames strain of anthrax, the particularly virulent form that federal officials have identified as the type used in the attacks that killed five people.

Col. Arthur M. Friedlander, the senior research scientist at the Army's biodefense laboratory at Fort Detrick, Md., said in an interview on Friday that officials there were cooperating with federal investigators.

Community protests for peace

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Peter Smith has little trouble reconciling his veteran status with his pacifist philosophies.

He served a four-year stint in the U.S. Navy in the 1960s and even during the days of the Vietnam era believed that peace was a goal to be reached. And a means to reach the goal.

"My wife and I have resisted every war since Vietnam," said Smith, of South Bend.

The conflict in Afghanistan has been no different for Smith and wife Ellyn Stecker.

On Sunday the couple joined more than 100 other anti-war activists, many of them Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, at a peace march and rally in downtown South Bend.

"We know that we're standing for what's right, and today is our day to celebrate that," Smith said before the march on the sunny, 50-degree afternoon.

The event was sponsored by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Peace Coalition and the Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition, a local activist group. South Bend's Kern Road Mennonite Church Peace and Justice Committee also helped organize the protest.

March participants set off from St. Joseph's Church at Hill Street and LaSalle Avenue, walking two by two on sidewalks along downtown thoroughfares. They chanted anti-war epithets ("One-two-three-four, stop the killing and the war;" "Five-six-seven-eight, stop the killing and the hate.") And their signs ran the gamut of pacifist and "blame America" attitudes: "Love your enemies;" "More food, not bombs;" Capitalism equals

terrorism;" and "Get rid of military tribunals," among others.

Ironically, the march drew parallels to the armed services, as protestors sang sound-offs in chorus like military units being drilled.

The 45-minute march led activists over the LaSalle Street bridge and south on Michigan Street past the Century Center, the city's downtown convention hall. It proceeded west on Washington Street and north on Main Street to U.S. Rep. Tim Roemer's district headquarters.

On the front windows of the Democratic 3rd District congressman's office, protestors taped three pages of demands to end attacks in the Middle East. One page threatened weekly protests downtown until U.S. bombing of Afghanistan ceases.

Public reaction to the march was largely positive. Sunday afternoon traffic whizzing past protestors on busy downtown arteries honked horns and waved.

"To have people driving by and beeping their horns ... to have more than 100 people who I don't even know turn out to support this cause, it's just so affirming," said Notre Dame senior and Peace Coalition member Rachel Soltis, "and that's why it was so important to come out today and say that innocent people are dying, just as they did Sept. 11."

Smith said, "Our collective experience tells us that wars are easy to start but hard to stop. Bombing, especially of innocent civilians, is the fertilizer from which new terrorists come."

Protestors acknowledged that many Americans view a pacifist response to fighting ter-

rorism as unpopular and even unpatriotic. But they called for public indictment of suspected terrorists in lieu of a U.S. military response.

"There are a lot of people opposed to non-violence," Notre Dame senior Jemar Tisby said at a rally following the march. "Even priests, I tell them there might be another way to respond to this situation, and they look at me like I've said a four-letter word in church."

Long before the Afghan conflict, the South Bend community struggled with other social justice issues, Peter Walshe, a Notre Dame government professor, said prior to the rally.

In the past, apartheid in South Africa and Contras in Nicaragua drew in the city, Walshe said.

"It's good to be a part of the peace community in Michiana," Walshe said.

In Michiana, and throughout the United States, Americans should look to peaceful means of conflict resolution "before the cycle of violence overwhelms us all," according to Smith. For America that means looking at its own might in a different light, the veteran said.

"Let's pull back from being a military superpower," he said. "Let's become a humanitarian superpower."

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Liverpool mourns loss of Harrison

Associated Press

LIVERPOOL

Prayers of remembrance were said for George Harrison in his home city Sunday — in churches, cathedrals and at makeshift street-corner shrines. Three days after 58-year-old Harrison died from cancer in California, Canon Michael Wolfe offered a prayer of thanksgiving for "the Liverpool Beatle, George Harrison" at the city's Anglican cathedral.

Wolfe told about 200 parishioners in the vast and echoing cathedral that Harrison would be remembered "for his contribution over the years to song and music, and for his work for

charity."

As Liverpool launched into the Christmas holiday season Sunday with a parade, many in the city paused quietly to remember the local son who bore his fame and his illness with equal forbearance.

"George will be remembered for being dignified about being a member of The Beatles," said 21-year-old James Elliker, stopping outside the gates of Strawberry Field, the Salvation Army children's home immortalized in a Beatles song. "He'll be remembered as the nice one."

Behind him a sign pinned to the red wrought-iron gates echoed Harrison's final message to his fans: "Love one another."

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White addresses Davie's dismissal

Special to the Observer

Following is a statement from Kevin White, director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame, concerning the head coaching position of the Notre Dame football team:

"I have informed Bob Davie today that he will not be retaining his head football coaching position with Notre Dame.

"After talking to Bob, I also have spoken with our football team and assistant coaches. Our assistant coaches understand that a new head coach will select his own staff. But I've told them that they will continue as Notre Dame employees at least until that time. I have indicated to our players and just met with our players, that their welfare during this transition is our number one concern and that our sole focus in the coming search is to bring them a coach who will give them the best possible chance to be successful at Notre Dame, on and off the field.

"This is difficult for everyone involved, but especially difficult for Bob and his family, as well as for the football staff and their respective families, not to mention the players and their families.

It is never a pleasant duty to

part company. It is no secret to anyone that high expectations come with the job of head football coach at Notre Dame. Those expectations are the product not only of our history and tradition and national following, but also of our institution-wide commitment to excellence in everything that we do.

I know there are those who believe it is no longer possible for us to contend for national championships on the field while continuing to win graduation-rate honors, but I don't accept that premise, nor does anyone involved with athletics at Notre Dame.

Bob Davie has brought good students and good people to Notre Dame, he has supported and taken an active interest in the academic progress of his players, he has encouraged good citizenship. I am proud to be associated with our football team. These are expectations we have of all our coaches in all sports. However, we also expect and intend to excel on the field, and there, unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing.

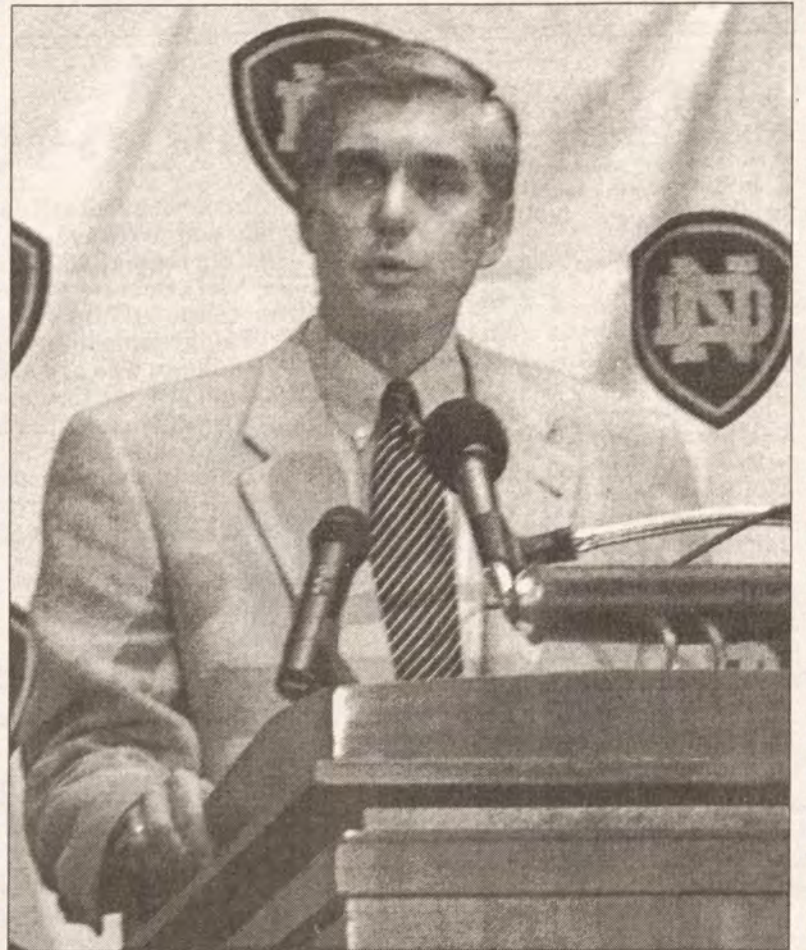
A year ago at this time, I believed that we had turned the corner under Bob and that we were prepared to reclaim our traditional standing among the nation's elite college football programs. Today I no longer

can say that.

The search for a new head coach will begin immediately. I made a commitment to Bob that I would not contact anyone about this job until he had first heard from me concerning his status, and I have honored that commitment. I've made no contacts with potential candidates or their employers before now, and nor has anyone authorized by me made any attempt to contact potential candidates.

I don't expect to comment on the contacts that we do make during the search. I appreciate the appetite for news and information about a search of this kind, but you don't hire good people by negotiating through the media. We all know that the rumor mill has been in operation for many weeks now, and we know that today's announcement will kick it into overdrive.

Let me provide one caution about the rumors and 'informed sources' that are bound to surface in the days ahead. As soon as there's something to report, you'll hear it from me. However, until you hear it from me, anything you might hear will be nothing more than speculation.



DUFFY- MARIE ARNOULT /The Observer

Kevin White goes public with the decision to fire Bob Davie in a press conference Sunday.

Anthrax remains a national threat

Associated Press

HARTFORD
Trace amounts of anthrax were found at a postal facility that sorts mail for the town where a 94-year woman mysteriously

died of the disease last month, officials said Sunday.

Ottile Lundgren, of Oxford, was the fifth person in the nation to die since the anthrax scare began in October. The source of her exposure has baffled officials, who are investigating

whether she could have come in contact with tainted mail.

The spores were found on sorting machines during tests at the Southern Connecticut Processing & Distribution Center in Wallingford. The center processes mail for Oxford and

other towns.

The trace amounts most likely were left on the machines when a letter sent to Seymour, near Oxford, passed through the facility on Oct. 11, said Jon Steele, vice president of the Postal Service's Northeast Area

Operations.

"This finding is not a complete surprise," Steele said.

"The public should not be panicked by trace elements occurring nearly 60 days ago."

The tainted Connecticut machines will be decontaminated, a process that could take several days, Steele said. The center will remain open for business, he said.

The facility was tested on four separate occasions and 389 samples were taken, said Steele. Five samples in the latest round of testing revealed the anthrax, he said.

"This is a very small amount of anthrax," said Dr. Joxel Garcia, the state's commissioner of public health.

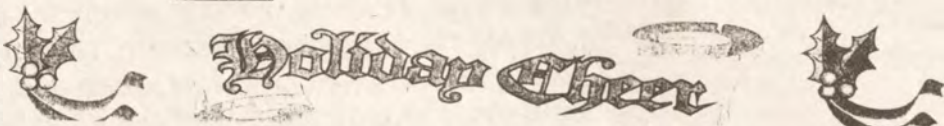
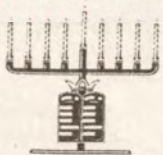


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Wishing Davie well

Irish head football coach Bob Davie failed in his commitment to consistently lead his team to national championship contention. Notre Dame students, alumni and fans should celebrate the hope that a new coach will deliver more successful seasons.

But, in applauding the University's decision, those who are happy to see Davie leave should give the former head coach the same respect and class that he has shown in his position this season.

While Davie may have failed on the football field, his conduct off the field should earn him the respect of the Notre Dame community as he leaves his position.

Throughout a dismal 5-6 season, Davie placed the blame fully on himself, trying to deflect criticism off his players.

Even in the wake of his firing, Davie showed nothing but

class. In his final press conference, Davie expressed raw emotion for his family, the University administrators who hired him, the team he helped build and the Notre Dame community as a whole. He made none of the excuses that he formerly used to explain his teams' failures. He did not complain, he did not whine, he simply focused on his job.

He admitted he was disappointed. And it showed.

He claimed he wasn't bitter. And it showed.

As emotional and defensive as Davie became this season, he remained respectful of a community that often vocally opposed him.

Give Davie that same respect.

Applaud Notre Dame's opportunity to become a more talented football program.

But at the same time, wish Davie well.

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Editorial

2001: A Drunk Odyssey

A week ago today was my 21st birthday (yes, Notre Dame's most cynical female is growing up). I had a great time — a little too good of a time — and, as so many events in life tend to leave me, the whole experience left me dazed (literally) and amused. So, I would now like to relate to you a little story I like to call "2001: A Drunk Odyssey."

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

As successful as the big day was, it started out rather inauspiciously. At the stroke of midnight, I dragged a couple of friends to Meijer, because, like any huge dork, I wanted to have my first legal drink immediately. Now since in my past drinking exploits the law was always the last thing on my mind, I was a little unaware on the many restrictions on purchasing alcohol in this terrible, terrible state.

After selecting my favorite beverages and beginning the self check-out, I was told by a less-than-friendly store employee that I couldn't buy alcohol on a Sunday. I cleverly pointed to my watch and informed her that it was now in fact Monday, to which she responded, "You can't buy till 7 a.m. you huge Notre Dame tool."

We refused to give up. John Little, my friend and fellow communist, I mean columnist, was even more determined to get me more liquored up than I was. Cursing Meijer all the way, he drove us to a 24-hour restaurant so I could order a beer. I asked the waiter if he had my favorite beer, and the dude made a point to go check and then tell me, "Yes, but you can't have it. It's after hours you huge Notre Dame tool."

Resigned to the fact that it was easier to get alcohol during Prohibition than on an early Monday morning,

we headed back to my dorm. I would like to ask the state of Indiana and other states with similar laws, a question. Why have you secularized society so much, only to keep an antiquated law that only serves to screw me over? We support bombing Afghanistan on a Sunday, but Amy can't drink a Hooch.

Bah.

As I was giving my diatribe on Indiana to my dorm security guard, she suggested we try Michigan. My twilight zone experience continued as we realized that all gas stations in Michigan at that time are either closed or do not sell beer. Let me repeat myself: the gas station did not sell beer. I now declare a tie between Indiana and Michigan as the most toolish state ever. I can't tell you how close we were to just going to Canada.

Rejected by the entire bi-state area, I went through the vast majority of my birthday without a drop of alcohol in my system. But I made up for it that night.

Oh boy did I make up for it.

A bunch of my friends and I went to Friday's because, as one friend told our waiter, "We don't want to

take her to a bar on Monday night so she can be hit on by townies." The waiter, was, of course, a townie himself.

Let's see what happened next. Oh that's right, I got drunk. I got very drunk. Then I went to a shady bar in Michigan and got drunk some more.

At some point I stopped ordering drinks and they just started appearing before me. My main topics of conversation at this point were the problems with both libertarianism and socialism and how awesome I think Prince is. Yes, I was finally living out my fantasy of being just like Jack Kerouac but without the writing part. Unfortunately, "2001: A Drunk Odyssey" quickly deteriorated into "2001: A Vomiting Odyssey." Lovely.

Anyway, even including the sequel to our adventure, I still had an incredible birthday. To all of you who were there, thanks for a great night. We'll have to do it again — never.

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writer

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How can I study when people are dying?

In a couple weeks, I will leave Notre Dame and I might not return.

Academia is a rat race. The system constantly pushes you to work harder and to discard all your non-academic goals. In graduate school, students see themselves as future professors and researchers. All of the graduate students I know are unable or unwilling to be dedicated activists. Students who believe there is something more to life than academia are unlikely to make it through graduate school.



Aaron Kreider

*Think,
Question,
Resist*

In graduate school, students are expected to present at conferences and publish a couple papers in journals. If you follow these rules, you might get a faculty position. Then you must publish additional papers to get tenure. By the time you achieve tenure, you are unlikely to rebel against the system.

My primary problem with academia is the required neutrality. In sociology, we study social problems like poverty, racism, sexism and heterosexism. However, the dominant methodology requires that we remain neutral. For instance, we can identify causes of poverty but we are not expected to work to end its causes. Social scientists descend on communities that are suffering, collect data, publish an academic paper and then leave to find another community.

Another problem is that we analyze

these issues in journal articles that will only be read by other academics. We are free to write for the public, but there is little academic reward for doing so.

Intellectuals must be a part of society, not separate from it. Intellectuals must either come from the group that they are studying, or submerge themselves into it for a long-term commitment. Only then will they avoid the mistake of separating the analysis of a problem from its solution. For instance, poor people would never be content just to learn why they are poor. Instead, they would want to combine their analysis with action that would alleviate their suffering.

Intellectual values thus need to be infused into non-academic groups, like the poor, and in return, their values infused into academia. I also believe that sometimes action is more important than analysis. If a billion people on this planet are living on a dollar a day, ending global poverty is more compelling than analyzing it. Many of the solutions to our social problems are well known and simple. The more complex solutions will only be found as part of a liberation process that will transform our society. Under these conditions and particularly from the viewpoint of the oppressed, analysis is only useful when it contributes to the global movement for liberation.

Over the past several years, I have had trouble getting myself to study. I do not think I am inherently lazy, because I tend to engage in projects. Instead of studying, I could spend five hours writing an Observer column, a day reading two books about the Grenada Revolution, write a pamphlet, or do research on worker's rights. If I

worked harder, I might manage doing both my studies and decent level of activism. However, I am no longer motivated enough to read journal articles and write papers based on them.

I have spent a couple thousand hours doing activism at Notre Dame in the past four years, and I became a sociologist to study student activism. Yet there is no recognition for my activism in my department, nor would there be any at other universities.

Another difficulty for Notre Dame activists is that there are so few of us and so many issues that need our help. Therefore, Notre Dame activists are overwhelmed and often burn out. The support structure for activists is weak, because our University has a small student political left and limited counter-culture.

So I am moving to west Philadelphia to live with activist friends. I plan to create a national clearinghouse website for student activists, perhaps write a book (on student activism) and join several activist groups.

I am not necessarily recommending that you should drop out. I stayed at Notre Dame for four years because I was learning a lot. I fear that as I leave the University, I will lose my drive to learn. Our society favors immediate gratification over learning. We prefer television, food,

drugs, sex, music and video games to reading a book. In addition, many activists are unfortunately too busy fighting a campaign to step back and do intellectual work that would help them and others in a similar situation. I hope to balance my activism and intellectual work.

Unfortunately, I do not see anyone at Notre Dame who does this.

So I am moving to Philadelphia to become a better sociologist.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending educational standards for athletes

Considering athletic and academic well-being

This letter is in reply to Vinnie Zuccaro's November 30th letter, "Good grades do not equal good football." Zuccaro's own sentiments were expressed most clearly in the statement, "Personally, I don't care if our football recruits aren't smart enough to tie their own shoes before the game as long as they can win."

This sentiment is morally reprehensible. I believe this opinion is symptomatic of a deeper problem here at Notre Dame. Here, student-athletes are held in high regard — often to the point of worship. But this worship is a poisoned gift.

In praising our student-athletes to such an extent we dehumanize them. When they do well, we praise them as excellent well-oiled machines. When they do poorly we condemn them as worthless buffoons. What we forget in both cases is that they are human beings.

To say it doesn't matter how smart or dumb our student-athletes are as long as they win does them violence as human beings, a violence that cannot go unremarked upon. This is why the above sentiment is morally reprehensible

and the frequency with which such dehumanization (both in praise and in condemnation) occurs at Notre Dame is a problem here in our community.

I have had the pleasure to teach many of our student-athletes. Take it from someone who knows: football players (and basketball players and ...) are not dumb. Their education matters. We are morally obliged to develop their intellectual abilities, as well as their athletic abilities. If we did not do so, we would do violence to them as people.

Because student-athletes are human beings with many facets to their lives outside of sports, their academic performance does matter. This is why I believe Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, should take the academic well-being of the football players into consideration when evaluating Bob Davie as a coach. I'm not saying that this should be the only concern, but it definitely should be on the board.

Jacob Heidenreich

graduate student, mathematics and philosophy
Nov. 30, 2001

Academics should be a cause of pride

Vinnie Zuccaro's contention that Bob Davie should be fired is on target, but his suggestion that Notre Dame football suffers because of stringent academic requirements is absurd. It is exactly because of these academic requirements that there is still reason to support Notre Dame football, at some level, even during lean seasons like this one. I agree that Davie's flailing attempts to justify his Notre Dame existence are embarrassing both to him and those who hired him. But what I cannot handle is the allegation that Notre Dame should follow the path they started down when they hired Bob Davie and continue to compromise the pride of Notre Dame football by lowering admissions standards.

There is no reason to think that Notre Dame's admissions standards prohibit the Irish from being a top team every year. The roster is teeming with prep All-Americans and state players of the year. Tony Fisher was the USA Today Player of the Year in Ohio. Carlos Pierre-Antoine, a reserve linebacker and special teams player, was a Parade Prep All-American. When the accolades for Notre Dame's recruits go beyond the first names on the depth chart, it's hard to make the academic rigor argument hold water. Nebraska and Miami are recruiting the same players, so at least those two national powerhouses think our players have the potential to play for a top program.

The real issue is that even with this glut of talented athletes and access to the best equipment and facilities, Bob Davie doesn't get the job done. It is not Notre Dame's admissions standards or schedule, just his failure to prepare the team to play up to their potential. Our players did the school work expected of them in high school and achieved at a level that earned them admission to our University; it is a disservice to them to give them a leader that is not also committed to achieving at a high level. I envision a post-Bob Davie era in which "80 Notre Dame players" who do "know their calculus" continue to play hard every Saturday under a competent coach.

Katie McFarland

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From Paris to good
times around
the Bend

This is what I can't wait to come back to: a five minute walk to class, three hour meals at the dining hall just to waste time, the glow of the Dome through the trees on the walk back from D6, sitting on the chapel floor in pajamas at Sunday night Mass, stumbling home after a night out only to stay up chatting with the security guard, late night delirium at The Observer, the Basilica's bells, the ever-smiling Grab-n-Go ladies, having my best friends a bunk or a room away and even Turtle Creek (maybe).

This is what I don't want to leave: Paris.

It's a dilemma; though, not one that merits sympathy. When my family or friends ask if I'm ready to come home, I always say "yes." And in some ways it's true. I do miss home, in both sense of the word — good ol' Flushing, Mich., and Ind., 46556.

I miss taking for granted the fact that everyone speaks English. I miss the comfort zone of people who understand my stupid jokes and my grumpy moods. I miss going to a Catholic school. I might even miss snow.

At Thanksgiving last weekend, my quint-mates and I (reunited in London for the feast) sat around worrying about the move back to Notre Dame. All semester we've been building up our return, our reunion. We'll be back in Walsh, getting in trouble for violating quiet hours and laughing at the same stupid movies and the world will be right again. But it might not be as smooth a transition as we hope.

For one thing, it won't be the same Notre Dame we left. Friends will be abroad second semester that we won't see until senior year. One-fourth of the faces we pass on the quad will be freshmen we don't know. A football season will have come and gone, a semester of campus news and gossip will be foreign and every building will look a little different than the way we remember leaving it.

At the same time, we've changed as well. New friends, a photo album full of travels and stories of living in another country. Big cities have toughened us a little; the confusion of another language has helped us laugh at ourselves. We feel more confident that we can strike it out on our own and yet we feel overwhelmed at how huge the world really is.

Timing is everything. So, I keep thinking that once January rolls around and I board the plane home, it will feel right. I needed a break from life in South Bend, a breather to help me appreciate what I have there. Now I feel ready to get back.

I think coming home will feel real and after living in this dream world for four months, something raw and gritty will probably do me good. As my friends here get sentimental about leaving, we make the grand promises that everyone does when they part, "I'm coming to see you so many times next semester you'll get sick of me — Philly is only, what, 12 hours away?"

But deep down I know it might not happen, at least not as much as I'd hope. That's the reality of it — I'll go back, and Notre Dame will be home again and I won't be able to imagine how I ever left.

I read somewhere that every story is about coming to a new place or leaving a familiar one. Maybe that's what drives us to write when we're young — it seems like we're always slipping into a new story. I can't really sit around and miss Paris, especially while I'm still here, because there's something new just around the corner. This semester had its time and place and so will the next.

Yesterday, my friends and I went to Disneyland Paris, which on its own, probably says I'm hungry for American culture. And as we rode "It's a Small World" for the fourth time in a row (because, who else goes to Disney when it's cold, raining and December?), I started thinking that the last time I'd laughed at all the happy dancing puppets, I'd been in Florida with my roommates last fall break.

While I may not have grown up at all (the Haunted House ride still makes me jump), I'm now an ocean away, speaking another language with friends I hadn't known existed a year ago. I couldn't wax philosophical for too long, considering I was surrounded by Technicolor trees and talking animals. But it made me realize how much can change in a year. Maybe looking back to see how much we've changed is the only constant we can count on.

In any case, it was a relief to know Paris loves cheezy Americana as much as I do. Makes it feel a little more like home.



Laura Kelly

French
ConnectionBy MATT KILLEN
Scene Writer

This week, the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company brings Shakespeare's classic work "The Tragedy of Othello, the Moor of Venice" to Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center for International Studies. True to its form, this highly popular student-run company promises another solid performance of one of The Bard's many great tales.

The play is the story of love, trust, intrigue and jealousy. Iago, played by sophomore Tom Conner, an ensign to the Moorish general Othello, played by sophomore Adel Hanash, plots against his superior in a hateful attempt at vengeance. He enlists the help of Roderigo, played by sophomore Mike Federico, a former suitor of Desdemona.

Iago also plans to wreak vengeance on Cassio, played by junior Jeff Eyerman, a fellow member of the army who was promoted to a post Iago desired. Iago tells Roderigo that Desdemona loves Cassio and encourages Roderigo to incite Cassio into violence to discredit him in front of the general so that Roderigo might win Desdemona's heart without competition.

After Cassio attacks Roderigo in a drunken rage, Othello dismisses Cassio from his service. Desperate to get reinstated, Cassio (following the "honest" advice of Iago) begs Othello's wife Desdemona, played by senior Katy Wilcox, to plead his case to her husband. When interrupted by Iago and Othello, Cassio hastily leaves.

Iago uses this as an opportunity to place the thoughts and image of infidelity into Othello's head. As Othello's jealousy grows, he demands that Iago offer proof of what he

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The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare

is accusing. Iago shows Othello special hankerchief that he gave Desdemona before they were married in the hands of Cassio. Iago secretly got the hankerchief from Emilia, Desdemona's sharp-tongued attendant and Iago's wife.

Ultimately, Othello becomes convinced of Desdemona's infidelity and murders her. The tragedy reaches its climax as the truth of Iago's deception is revealed, causing the Moor to tragically take his own life.

While historically much has been made of the role of race in Othello, director Matt Holmes, a second-year law student, was drawn to the play for other reasons.

"I don't think it's primarily about race," Holmes said, "but about trust and what happens when trust is corrupted."

"This play is very timeless," Holmes said. "The race element does play a role, but more important is the distinction between the reality and the perception of friendship in the show."

Holmes feels that the role of trust is the larger theme of Shakespeare's play that has more relevance in today's world than the issue of race does.

Because of these themes, Holmes sees this play as quite relevant today.

"This is easily the most modern play of Shakespeare," Holmes said. "The issue of trust is one of Shakespeare's most timeless themes."

Some of this modern feel is reflected in the production. While the set is minimal, modern elements are prominently used. The actors themselves don contemporary clothing, as well.

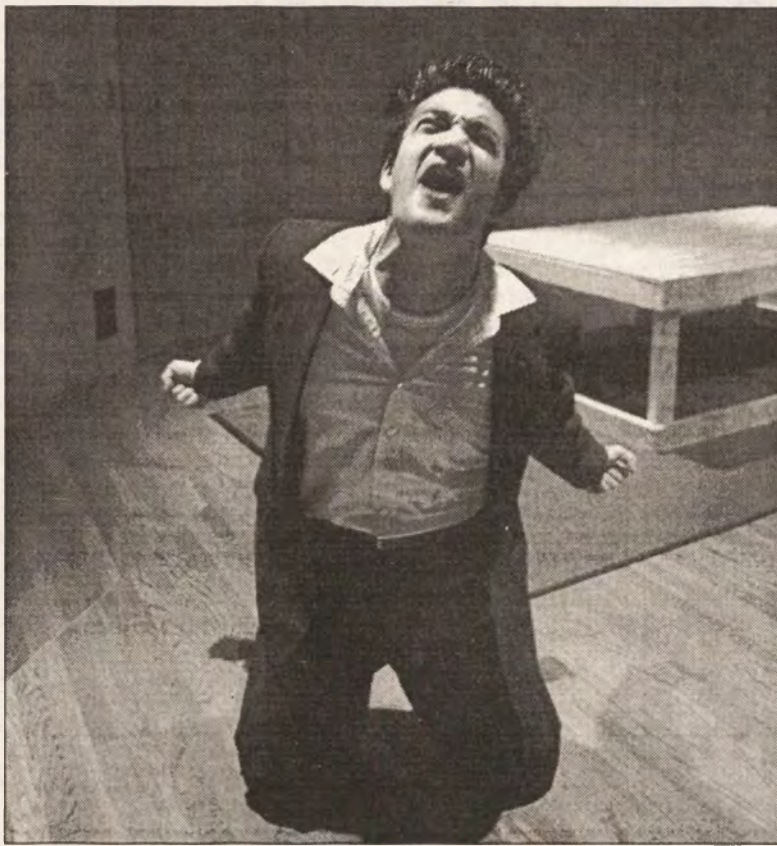
Along with the use of modern dress, minor elements have been altered from the original

text. To shorten the running length, some dialogue and a few scenes were excised from the script, while certain minor characters were combined to reduce the number of cast members, which totaled over two dozen, to 12.

Despite these changes, Shakespeare's work has been left intact. Unlike recent on-screen debacles like "O," this production promises to stay true to form.

"It's set in the present day, but the language is still there," Holmes said. "To attempt to [make Shakespeare] 'better' is a mistake"

With such min-



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Adel Hanash as Othello. The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company relies on its actors' abilities rather than production effects.

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eare Company returns 'Othello' to the Notre Dame stage



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imalist design values, the burden is even heavier on the cast to play their roles effectively.

"These actors are really excited about being in the show and are doing a great job," Holmes said. "Casting the show was difficult because I had such a surplus of talent. Ultimately, I got the twelve best actors cast in the show."

"The cast as a whole — as an ensemble — does a great job of creating a real world. Not only the major relationships, but the minor ones as well. The detail everyone puts into their characters is fantastic," Holmes said.

Holmes' respect and appreciation for the cast is mutual.

"It's been nice because he's really fluid with the direction," Bradford said. "[Holmes] has certain things he wants, but he gives us a lot of room and freedom. He spent a lot of time developing [the show] and he has a vision."

Holmes is a veteran of another Othello production five years ago. While he played Iago then, he has always wanted to return to the material and direct the play.

The play's leading roles belong to Hanash and Conner. Though both have little Shakespeare experience, they both have significant backgrounds in acting.

"Adel and Tom are friends in real life, which gives them a kind of chemistry on stage which is great," Holmes said.

Holmes describes his directing style as laid back, making sure that the experience is enjoyable for the whole cast.

"We have fun with it," Holmes said. "Plays are plays, not work."

Despite the enjoyable elements for the cast, much is obviously expected from them. Stripped of elaborate costumes or gaudy set designs, even more pressure is placed on the cast to effectively tackle Shakespeare's inherently daunting dialogue. While this is a risky gamble, it pays off big for this production of Othello.

While high quality has always been associated with the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, this production just might set the bar even higher. This talented cast manages to deliver fantastic performances and an all-around excellent experience.

Hanash's portrayal of Othello is fantastic. His commanding voice and intimidating stage presence embody the role, bringing to life the great Moor of Venice. He hits all his notes, with some of his best work coming during his monologue before slaying Desdemona. There Hanash shows a subtlety that is downright impressive.

Conner's representation of Iago is true to the text. Seemingly relishing in his role as one of Shakespeare's most diabolical villains, Conner convincingly plays a difficult character, switching between the many of Iago's lies with an ease and confidence that brings out some great aspects of the role.

Despite the strength of the major characters, the quality of the supporting roles cannot be overlooked. The detail the rest of the cast has put into the show shines through without overshadowing the main story. The cast gives the sense that each of these characters could stand alone as the main focus of their own plays.

The lack of elaborate sets and costumes only serves to underscore the already solid cast. The beauty of the performance can be appreciated in full without distraction. As such, the themes of jealousy and trust weave gracefully through the intricate story, highlighting the entire play with sophistication.

The relatively small venue brings the audience even closer to the story. The action is very close to the audience, which delivers a personal and emotional experience. This play is not removed from the audience. Rather, the venue is able to bring an element to the play that might have been lost at a larger theater.

Even for those averse to The Bard and his prose, "Othello" can still be enjoyed by appreciated the raw emotion and expression with which the actors fill the stage. Shakespeare's sometimes daunting dialogue is too much for some audience members, but just experiencing the production is worth the price of admission alone.

Much is expected from "Othello," and much is delivered. "Othello" is a superior production from a company that already brings the expectation of quality theatre. This version of Shakespeare is as timeless as it is compelling.

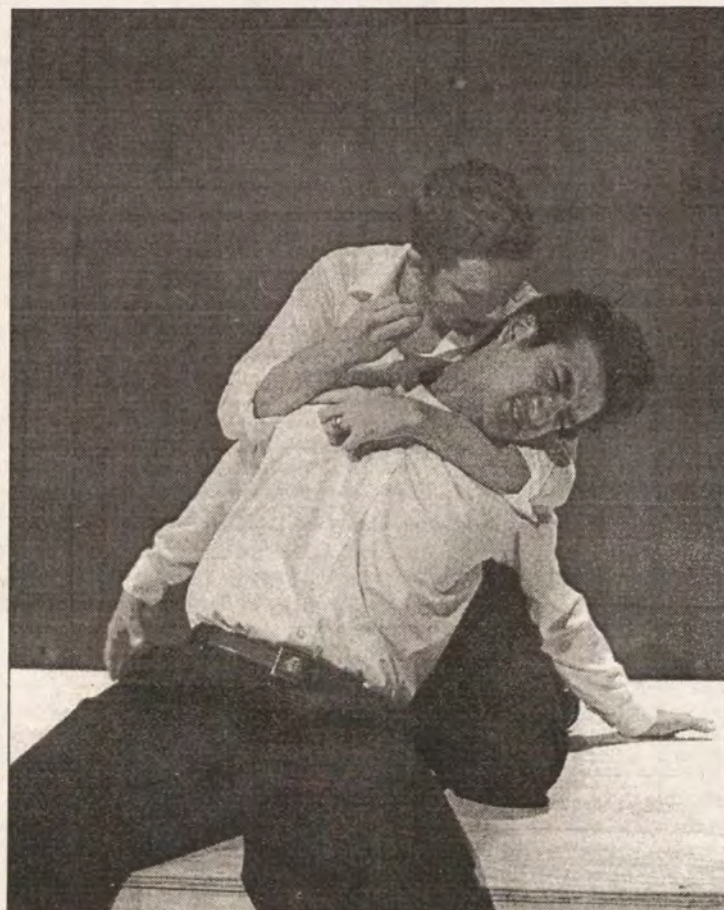
"Othello" runs Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. General admission is \$7 and \$5 for students. Tickets are available at the door or at the LaFortune Box Office. Due to space limitations, ticket holders not in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. may have their tickets voided and standby seating will be made available. To order tickets call the LaFortune Box Office at (219) 631-8128.

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Katy Wilcox, as Desdemona, sleeps while Othello, deceived by Iago, plots her murder.



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Tom Conner, as the treacherous Iago, convinces Othello that his wife is cheating on him.

FOOTBALL

Assistant coaches uncertain about next season

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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For all nine Irish assistant coaches, the only thing they know for certain is that they will have a new boss next year.

What they're still wondering about is if they'll still be working at Notre Dame.

"Our assistant coaches understand that a new coach will select his own staff," White said Sunday after announcing Irish head

coach Bob Davie had been fired. "But I've told them that they will continue as Notre Dame employees, at least for that time."

White also said that the staff would continue to actively recruit players. The goal, he said, is to keep things running as smoothly as possible.

Plans for Notre Dame's annual football banquet, scheduled for Friday, are still continuing according to plan, said White. Normally, the Irish use the ban-

quet weekend as a major recruiting opportunity. In most situations, White said the Irish were planning to defer the recruits' official visit until January if possible.

Members of the coaching staff refused to comment on Davie's firing or their own future.

The coaching staff was collectively informed of the decision to fire Davie around 10:30 a. m. Sunday morning. According to White, all accepted the decision

to remain Notre Dame employees for the time being.

"They were all terrific," White said. "They were outstanding."

The assistant coaching staff includes assistant head coach and linebackers coach Kirk Doll, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Kevin Rogers, defensive coordinator and defensive line coach Greg Mattison, receivers coach Joker Phillips, running backs coach Desmond Robinson, offensive line coaches

Dave Borbely and Steve Addazio, cornerbacks coach David Lockwood and safeties coach Bill Sheridan.

Doll came to Notre Dame with Davie in 1995. All other assistant coaches were hired during Davie's tenure, with Phillips, Lockwood and Sheridan finishing up their first year under Davie.

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Comparing Coaches



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Bob Davie
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After being attacked for months in the press, Davie did not use his last Irish press conference to fire back. Instead, he turned the other cheek.

"Before I leave, I just want to thank all you guys in the media," he said. "I know all of you have a responsibility. I understand what comes with that responsibility and I hope you have respect for me from the way I've handled myself. If I can ever do anything for any of you, let me know."

Alumni and some reporters have said that Davie doesn't understand the Irish spirit and doesn't fit at Notre Dame. If honesty, integrity and respect aren't the three most important parts of Irish spirit, then Irish spirit is

worthless.

Bob Davie the head coach might not be the right fit for Notre Dame's football team. But no one better embodies the spirit and class of Notre Dame than Davie. If Davie can't come back to visit Notre Dame and always find a place in the Notre Dame family, then I want no part of this place.

In his farewell address, Davie said if his son Clay grows up to be like the type of men on his football team, he will consider himself a success. If I live my life with the same class and dignity as Bob Davie, I will consider myself a success.

Thanks Coach.

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replacement to Lou Holtz in 1996. Notre Dame was Davie's first head coaching position.

White was quick to speak about the unique nature of Notre Dame, and how that played into his head coach search.

"We are different and unique and we have to find somebody that fits Notre Dame and fits our particular situation. I think that's fairly small," said White.

The group is small enough to fuel almost universal speculation. Oakland Raiders head

coach Jon Gruden and Oklahoma Sooners head coach Bob Stoops have received the most attention from the media, but other rumored frontrunners include the Jacksonville Jaguars' Tom Coughlin and the Oregon Ducks' Mike Belotti.

Specifically, White refused to comment on any situation involving current NFL coaches or how Notre Dame would handle a situation involving a coach and the NFL playoffs and Super Bowl.

Davie had his own advice to his successor at Notre Dame.

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Reactions

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and Jeff Faine.

Although the players said that firing coach was part of football, they said it was difficult to watch Davie get criticized throughout the season.

"It's hard because you listen to Coach Davie five minutes ago [at his press conference] pouring his heart out and we know what he did," Setta said. "A lot of the reporters, the students, the faculty ... they don't know what he had

to go through and how much he put into this program. Sometimes they look down on him as a person and not just as a coach and that's disappointing. You really wanted him to succeed because of how people got down on him."

Davie said he left his players with just one request for the 2002 season — win.

"I'm going to watch you next year and I'm going to tape every one of those games and I want to see you win," he said.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Spartans end Irish hopes for NCAA championship

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

After a strong start in game one, the Notre Dame volleyball team dropped its final three games against No. 20 Michigan State Friday night as the Spartans (21-7) defeated the Irish (25-30, 30-16, 30-20, 30-24) in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

The Irish hit only .110 for the match after posting an impressive .282 mark in the first game. Notre Dame finished with only three blocks in the four games, an uncharacteristically low number.

"Obviously the last three games didn't go as we had planned or intended them to," said sophomore middle blocker Kim Fletcher. "The first game was awesome."

Fletcher led the Irish with 16 kills on a .355 hitting percentage, the only Notre Dame player posting a mark higher than .167. The other sophomore in Notre Dame's starting lineup, setter Kristen Kinder, contributed 38 assists.

"[Fletcher] did play very well and I thought that Kristen did a good job of getting her the ball,"

said Irish head coach Debbie Brown.

Marcie Bomhack agreed in that assessment of her sophomore classmates.

"Although every senior would like to think that the team cannot go on without them, I know for sure that Notre Dame volleyball will have a great year next year," Bomhack said. "We started one freshman and two sophomores, they're having a whole year of match experience will be very beneficial for the team going into next season."

Notre Dame's attack at middle blocker helped the Irish get out to an early lead in game one. Fletcher and Goralski each scored three early kills to give Notre Dame a 10-5 edge. That lead grew to 17-11 midway through the game after Goralski and senior Kristy Kreher combined on a block.

After two Spartan attack errors gave the Irish a 25-20 lead, Bomhack, playing in front of nearly 20 family members in her home state, put the Irish at game point with two kills. A Michigan State attack error gave Notre Dame the first game.

"The Michigan State girls said that they were a little nervous from the start and you could see

that in some of the errors that they made but we definitely took advantage of it," Fletcher said.

That nervousness wore off in the second game as the Spartans posted a .522 percentage while holding the Irish to a -.143 mark in the second game. The Spartans got out to a 10-4 lead which they extended to 19-7, forcing the Irish to take a timeout. At that point, Notre Dame had registered only two kills in the game. Notre Dame closed the gap to 25-14 after the timeout, but scored only two of the next seven points and fell 30-16.

The third game wasn't much better for Notre Dame. Big East player of the year Goralski was blocked twice early and a streaky Notre Dame offense allowed the Michigan State lead to hit 22-9 before the Irish offense woke up.

The Spartans moved within one game of victory with a 30-20 win.

"They made a few adjustments but you look at the stats the rest of the games, it just seems like we didn't perform at as high of a level as we did in the first game," Bomhack said.

In the final game of the match, the teams were tied at 7-7 before Michigan State scored

four unanswered points to force a Notre Dame timeout.

"We kept fighting and we were actually on a roll and made them call a timeout late in game four but it was just a little bit too late," Brown said.

The Irish closed it to 15-13, but the Spartans reeled off a streak of five points in a row to widen the gap and the Irish never pulled within striking distance, ultimately falling 30-24.

"I think we fought hard until the end, but couldn't seem to pull it out," Brown said.

It was Notre Dame's earliest exit from the NCAA tournament since being upset by Ohio State in the first round in 1999. Before that, Notre Dame last went one-and-out in 1992, when the team played in the MCC.

But the Irish, ranked in the top 25 throughout the season, faced tougher first-round competition than ever before this season thanks to a change in how the teams were assigned to regional play.

"The Championship Committee made a decision after the tragedy on Sept. 11 that they were going to seed only the top 16 and then try to keep it as regional as possible and to have as few people fly as possible

after that time," Brown said. "A lot of the brackets were very, very unbalanced."

The loss also marked the final career matches for seniors Kreher, Goralski and Bomhack, causing some emotional moments in the Notre Dame locker room.

"Our senior class has been a huge part of our team so there were a lot of things said in the locker room," Fletcher said. "Most of it just had to do with their leadership on the court, off the court. They were great people, great players, a lot of fun to play with. I don't know if that made them feel any better though."

Bomhack tried to explain her emotions after the match as well.

"It's really sad to think that that might be the last time I ever play volleyball competitively," Bomhack said. "To think of all the great things that have happened in our four years here and how lucky we were to be part of this team, it's an emotional and sad thought that we're not part of it anymore."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles find consolation in second season victory

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writers

It was a win some-lose some weekend for Saint Mary's.

A loss to Marian College on Friday night inspired the Saint Mary's basketball team to come back and record its second win of the season Saturday against Dominican at the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic.

Friday night, in the first round of the four team tournament, Saint Mary's lost to eventual tournament champion Marian 67-56, after keeping pace with the Knights until the very end of the game.

That loss pitted Saint Mary's

against Dominican in the consolation game of its annual tournament in the Angela Athletic Facility.

By the time Saturday's consolation round started, losing games was getting old.

"We were expecting to win, nothing less. We were tired of losing," said senior forward Anne Blair, who shot 3-5 from the field with nine boards on Saturday. "We got really pumped up before the game to the point that there was no exception — we had to win this game."

And they did win. Saint Mary's (2-4) defeated Dominican 67-51.

Senior Kristen Linkous, who had four 3s for Saint Mary's on Saturday, was pleased that

Belles were playing a team they knew they could beat, even if it was in the consolation round.

"We knew that playing Dominican would give us a very good opportunity to win," Linkous said.

The Belles intensity showed from the start in their scoring, as well as in their fouling. Blair, junior forward Kristen Matha, and freshman forward Emily Creachbaum all had three fouls in the first quarter. By halftime the Belles had run the score up to 40 points to Dominican's 25.

Dominican seemed too weak to handle the more aggressive play of the Belles. In the first half, the team were 5-24 from the field, while Saint Mary's was 15-30.

"Dominican took a lot more penetration. They didn't have many post players, so we had to play outside on them," Blair said. "We had to adjust to that. That's where I think a lot of our fouls came from, the penetration."

This increased intensity is a new component to the Belles' game plan.

"We try to push the ball a lot, that's a new part of our game this year. We're going to have a lot more turnovers than we used to last year," Linkous said.

The Belles had 29 turnovers Saturday, compared to the Stars' 17. But when Dominican got the ball, they couldn't do much with it. Many of Saint Mary's turnovers came during the second half when head coach Suzanne Smith sent some of her young, inexperienced players onto the court. Freshmen Maureen Bush and Deirdre Mangan performed well in their first block of time. Bush was 3-3 from the field and Mangan was 6-8 from the charity stripe.

"It was good to get the experience," Bush said.

With the younger players on the court in the second half, the Stars scored 26 points to the Belles' 27, but the lead Saint Mary's established in first half was a large enough safety net that they had no reason to worry about a comeback.

The only area where the Stars

seemed to shine was in free throws. Dominican shot 73.3 percent from the line, while the Belles hovered around 50 percent. Joanna Mallek of Dominican was 6-6 in free throws.

"I think [free throw shooting] is where Dominican got into the game," Blair said.

"We work on free throws every day in practice," Linkous said. "That is one of our weaknesses."

Another weakness the Belles had to worry about was communicating on the court. Saturday night the Belles didn't have a problem, but the Belles had trouble talking on the court during the loss against Marian on Friday night.

"Talking is one of the biggest things we have to do, and we just stopped talking for awhile and lost our momentum," Linkous said.

Physically, Marian was much larger than Saint Mary's.

"We expected Marian to run the floor really quickly and to be strong players and really good outside shooters," Blair said.

Marian was strong, but Belles were able to keep pace and Blair tied the game with 13 minutes to go.

At the end of the first half, the Belles thought the game to be very winnable.

"We were very confident. We wanted to go out in the second half and pick it up a little, and we did, but then lost it," Linkous said.

Despite the Belles confidence, they couldn't stay focused. Inconsistent play gave Marian the win.

"I don't think we lost intensity. We just missed a few crucial free throws. We were up and down, up and down," Blair said.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wolverines out for blood

♦ Michigan gets revenge, defeats Notre Dame 78-63

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. When the Wolverines took the floor against the Irish on Sunday, they didn't just want to win — they wanted blood. After falling to Notre Dame in round two of the NCAA finals to end last season, Michigan had its sight set on a kill. The Irish fell prey, 78-63.

"I don't care who was retiring on their team, that's what I was out for — blood against Notre Dame," Michigan point guard Alayne Ingram said following the game at Van Andel Arena. "I have thought about that game every day since last year ... in my mind I wanted to get off to a good start and take it to them."

The Wolverines took it to Notre Dame by taking it to the basket. Michigan's veteran squad allowed Notre Dame to have the lead only once — in the opening minutes of the first half. But once the Wolverines took a 13-9 lead, they made sure the victory would be theirs.

"I've felt like a predator for a long time now, since the rankings came out," Wolverine center LeeAnn Bies said. "... I'm sure that this [victory] enforces it."

While the Wolverines were busy getting revenge, the Irish were busy getting their defense together. In the first half alone, Notre Dame tried running three different defenses to contain the potent Michigan offense, to no avail. In the opening 20 minutes, Michigan shot 68 percent from the floor and racked up an 18-point lead before heading into the locker room at the half.

"We tried three different things in the first half and it really wasn't that effective," McGraw said. "It was two-fold. They were already in sync ... and I think nothing could have stopped that. But also I didn't think we were at our best, really in terms of intensity, in that defense."

Shortly after taking the four-point lead, the Wolverines went on a scoring streak sinking the ball for 15 points. The Irish

answered with only four.

Notre Dame grabbed the first six points in the second half, bringing the score within 12. But Michigan's defense did what it had done all evening and stopped the Irish before they could really get started. Ingram scored her third basket outside the three-point line, to put the Wolverines up 15.

"They really kept keeping us down," McGraw said. "We would try to make a little run, every now and then, and they would just stop it."

It was more than inexperience that contributed to the Irish loss. Notre Dame had trouble rebounding all night and gave Michigan four three-point plays in the fourth quarter.

"I don't think it was [because of] youth so much tonight that we looked so bad," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think Michigan came out and really played a great game."

Prior to the Michigan game, Notre Dame had out-rebounded its opponents by 13, averaging 47 rebounds a game. Saturday, however, it was the Wolverines who were crashing the boards. Michigan grabbed 40 rebounds while Notre Dame only got its hands on the ball 28 times after scoring

attempts.

"That was probably the most disappointing thing in the game," McGraw said. "They crushed us on the backboard ... We've been out-rebounding teams by almost 15. Boy not tonight, we just didn't get after the ball tonight."

Freshman Jackie Batteast just missed a double-double, scoring 17 points for the Irish and rebounding nine times. Alicia Ratay added 19 points for the Irish and Jeneka Joyce came off the bench to score 11.

Notes:

♦ Amanda Barksdale played her first game of the season after suffering from a stress-injury. The junior post player played for nine minutes and scored three points for the Irish.

♦ The Irish will take three days off before traveling to Purdue to take on the Boilermakers on Thursday.

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Freshman post player Kelsey Wicks makes a break during a 78-63 Irish loss to the Michigan Wolverines. Notre Dame beat Michigan last season.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freshman faults caused Irish loss

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.

In the green room at Van Andel Arena Sunday afternoon, Irish senior Ericka Haney sat in a chair, her head buried in her hands, tears flowing from her eyes as she tried to figure out how the Irish had just fallen 78-63 to a Michigan team Notre Dame topped 88-54 in the second round of the NCAA tournament last March.

Haney's emotions could best be summed up by head coach



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Muffet McGraw's comments regarding her team's performance.

"What a difference a year makes," McGraw said in her opening statement. "I miss my team from last year. I don't think it was [because of] youth so much tonight that we looked so bad."

As most the Michigan players and a group of nearly 1,000 Irish fans in green T-shirts who rode a bus up for the game noticed, the familiar trio of Niele Ivey, Ruth Riley and Kelley Siemon just isn't there anymore. And while McGraw is correct in pointing out that the Wolverines performed exceptionally well Sunday, to deflect the blame for the Notre Dame's performance away from the three freshman who played significant minutes Sunday would be denying the facts.

Let's face it, the six freshmen who comprise the Irish class of 2005 are experiencing growing pains, some more than others. In fact, during one drill in which the Irish were practicing charges last week in practice, the pains got so bad that shooting guard Allison Bustamante severely sprained her ankle while forward Katy Flecky sustained a concussion.

The Irish first-year players that were healthy enough to suit up Sunday didn't fare much better. Forward Jacqueline Batteast has the skills and athleticism to perhaps someday be the greatest women's basketball player ever to come through Notre Dame, but right now her the decisions she makes on the court are more appropriate for Washington High School than the defending NCAA champi-

ons.

Batteast shot 5-17 from the field Sunday, missing five shots from behind the 3-point arc, although she did make three 3-pointers on the way to 17 points. But while Batteast isn't afraid to take the team upon her powerful shoulders, she must learn to create situations in which the Irish can thrive instead of just survive.

Take for example the final few minutes of Sunday's game. Batteast had just hit a 3-pointer to close the gap to 66-52. After Alicia Ratay rebounded a Michigan miss, the ball ended up in Batteast's hands once again, where she responded by taking, and missing, a 3-pointer with about 20 seconds left on the shot clock.

Had Batteast, likely Notre Dame's most athletic post player, chosen to drive to the hoop, she could have taken a safer shot while putting the Wolverines in foul trouble as the clock ran down. Instead, the freshman took the first open shot that she saw.

"She's not been successful on the block like we would have hoped that she would be," McGraw said. "She really hasn't performed well down there."

Center Teresa Borton hit one of only four field goal attempts in 20 minutes, finishing with two points and only one rebound.

ΔKelsey Wicks, a 6-2 swing player, hit one of four shots in 12 minutes, missing both free-throws she took. Wicks also jumped the gun in the second half, taking an ill-advised three-pointer.

"I was really disappointed that we weren't a little more aggressive offensively," McGraw said. "I think that they sort of matched up with

us and we had a lot of one-on-one opportunities. I'm not sure we scored a basket on the block tonight in a post up situation. That was something that we really wanted to do was go down in the block and at least try and get a foul."

Lost in this youthful confusion is Haney, the versatile 6-1 player who developed her niche cleaning up missed shots in Notre Dame's structured rotation last season. During the second half alone Sunday, Haney played the three, four and five positions at various points.

She has seen her position change as the Irish adjust their offense to fit the needs of players like Wicks and Batteast, players with abilities unlike any player Haney played with in her previous three seasons. So on Sunday, Haney's tears flowed with her frustration.

"Compared to last year I need to step more up my confidence level and be more of a leader and right now I'm not being that," Haney said before choking up. At that point, McGraw came over and put her hand on Haney's back, a gesture to tell the senior everything will be okay soon.

With a national championship rematch game with Purdue looming on the horizon Tuesday, it's time for the freshman to ease McGraw's and Haney's frustration and use their minds along with their talent. When they do, this team just might start winning the games it used to.

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HOCKEY

Irish freeze Lakers, earn first sweep 2-0

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

For the first 102 minutes and 22 seconds of last weekend's series against the Lake Superior State Lakers, the Notre Dame hockey team dominated. And, despite Lake Superior State's last-ditch attempt to bring home a win, Notre Dame brought home two wins.

The Irish won the first game of the series Saturday evening with a 7-0 drubbing of the Lakers. On Sunday the Irish took a 3-0 lead into the third period. But a couple of defensive lapses allowed the Lakers to get back into the game, cutting the lead to 3-2, before Rob Globke's goal sealed the game for the Irish with a final 5-2 score.

"This game was never easy," said Poulin. "In the third we had a gut check, but we didn't flinch."

Following a 7-0 thrashing of the Lakers, the Irish expected another easy win, but in the final minutes of the game, the Lakers had a different idea.

Notre Dame controlled play in the first two periods, outshooting the Lakers 31-9 in the first two periods of play. But several bounces of the puck kept the Irish from blowing the game wide open.

Rob Globke got the scoring started when he beat Lake

Superior State goalie Matt Violin 7:23 into the first period. In the second the Irish continued to dominate. Mike Chin deflected a pass past Violin at 5:39 of the period to extend the Notre Dame lead to 2-0. Then Alex Lalonde put one in the net at 17:34 to make it a 3-0 Irish lead.

In the third the momentum appeared to turn. Just 2:22 into the period the Lakers finally got on the board when defenseman Will Magnuson bounced the puck past Irish goaltender Tony Zasowski. Then, 2:06 later the Lakers struck again when Adam Nightingale shot high past Zasowski. Suddenly the game was 3-2, and the Irish appeared to be on the defensive.

Notre Dame proved its grit with a great individual play. Rob Globke took the face off on the left circle and fired it unassisted past the Laker goalie, sealing the game for the Irish. The scoring was finished when John Wroblewski scored on an empty net to make the final score 5-2.

Saturday's 7-0 win was a record-breaking affair for the Irish as seven different players lit the lamp in the blowout win for Notre Dame. The game was the first shutout in a Notre Dame uniform for freshman goalie Morgan Cey and the largest margin of victory for Notre Dame in CCHA play.

Connor Dunlop got the scoring

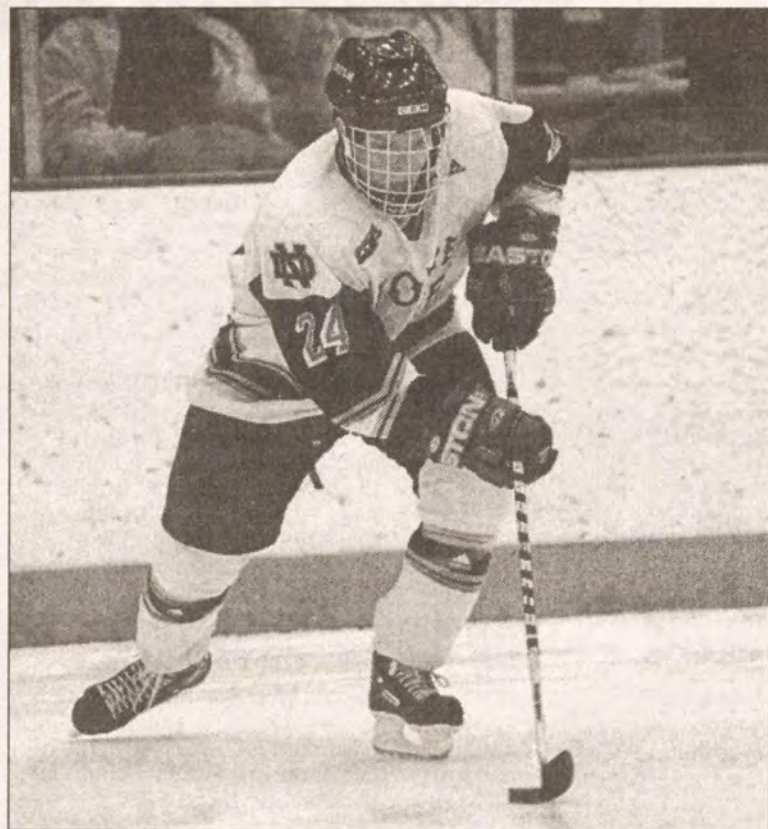
started for Notre Dame in game one when he beat Lake State goalie Scott Murray 5:33 into the first period. Then Paul Harris added another goal for the Irish at 9:02 of the period. The Irish killed several penalties that could have changed the momentum of the game, and then Rob Globke got a goal at 14:52 of the period to make it 3-0. From that point on the momentum was with the Irish. David Inman finished the scoring in the first when he knocked in a power play goal at the 18:25 mark to make it 4-0.

"We were dominant early," said Irish coach Dave Poulin. "We got four goals and some strong penalty kills that set the tone of the game."

In the second the Irish continued to shine. Freshman Yan Stasny chipped in with a goal at 7:24 of the second, and Evan Nielsen scored three minutes later to make it 6-0.

In the third, the seventh man for the Irish scored when Alex Lalonde beat Murray 59 seconds into the period for the final score.

The weekend was a coming out party for the Irish as the Irish got their first series sweep since the end of last season. Notre Dame is above .500 in the CCHA with a 4-3-3 record and is tied for sixth in the standings. Poulin attributes much of Notre Dame's success to the emer-



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Sophomore defender Tom Galvin makes a stop during a Notre Dame game against Lake Michigan.

gence of Mike Chin.

"The emergence of Chin has given me more flexibility in the lines," said Poulin. "Three goals [in Sunday's game] are as a result of his line tonight."

The Irish travel to Bowling

Green next weekend for a two game series with the Falcons next weekend.

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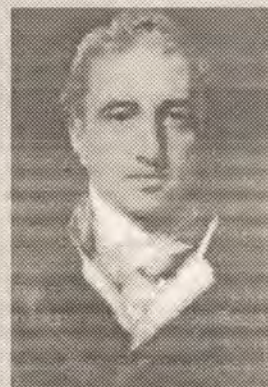
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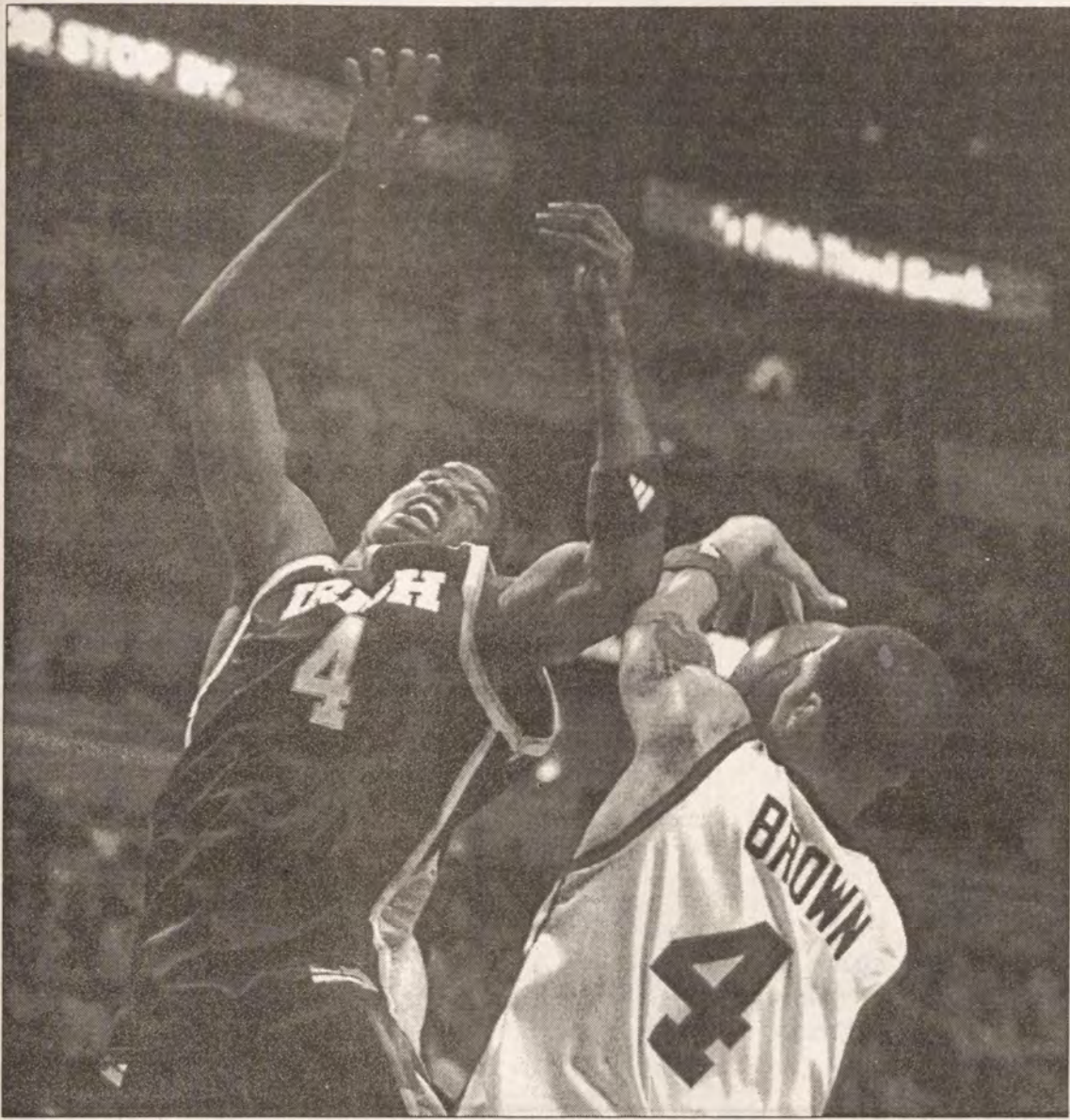
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish scorch Blue Demons, 82-55



Senior Ryan Humphrey blocks a shot during Notre Dame's 82-55 victory against DePaul on Saturday. Humphrey scored 18 points and had 16 rebounds in the win.

DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

When he was in the process of transferring to Notre Dame, Ryan Humphrey happened to turn on the television and see a replay of the 1980 Notre Dame-DePaul game.

In that game, DePaul was ranked No. 1 and carried a 25-0 record into the game against the Irish. But Orlando Woolridge made two free throws at the end of double overtime to give the Irish a 76-74 win.

Saturday afternoon, Humphrey made sure that the first game in seven years between the Blue Demons and the Irish was less of a rivalry and more of a rout. He scored 18 points and added 16 rebounds as Notre Dame rolled to an 82-55 victory in front of 6,860 at the United Center.

"Every time someone tries to play physical with me, I try to use my speed, and when someone tries to use their speed, I use my physicalness. I try to do whatever is needed," said Humphrey, who was named the player of the game. "Today it was speed."

Against a much more physical DePaul squad — the Blue Demons had three players over 6-foot-9 — the Irish relied on speed and quickness in the post. Humphrey got off to a hot start, finishing the first half with 14 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots, and Harold Swanagan added 16 points and 11 rebounds for his first double-double of the season.

"They just went inside and killed our guys," said DePaul coach Pat Kennedy.

"Humph and Swan just played so tough this game," Irish guard Matt Carroll said. "I just wanted to keep throwing it in there all day and let them keep scoring."

David Graves scored 14 points and Chris Thomas had 12 points and five assists.

"Our quickness was definitely a factor," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "We didn't run by them in the full court, but in the half court, we were able to beat

them to some loose boards and the offensive boards."

The Irish never trailed in the game. They jumped out to a 14-4 lead five minutes into the game and entered the locker room with a 15 point lead. In the second half, the lead stretched the lead to 32 points with just under two minutes to go.

Notre Dame shut down DePaul's perimeter shooters all day long. They held vaunted point guard Imari Sawyer to just two points — both coming off free throws. The Blue Demons only shot 29.6 percent from the field.

DePaul's frustration broke through with 12:55 left in the second half. As Thomas dribbled up the court, Graves ran by Sawyer and turned back to look for the pass.

Sawyer, who was down on his knees, reached up and punched Graves in the groin. As Graves fell to the ground in obvious pain, a brief confrontation ensued before Brey ran onto the court and pulled his players toward the bench. Sawyer was not charged with a foul.

"It was a blatant punch and it was a foul play," Graves said. "It was unfortunate it got to that point, but that's what our defense does — it frustrates people."

"That kind of fueled us a little bit more," Thomas said. "I didn't expect for them to do something like that, and even a ref said he was flabbergasted."

Despite the rout, both coaches were happy to see the rivalry between the two schools continue. Before the game, Brey and Kennedy talked about making the game an annual event.

"This is a great series," Brey said. "... It was great for me this week to read about the history, being semi-new to this place."

"I think it has the makings of being a heck of a game. Today was not one of them," Kennedy said. "We just broke down so quickly. Games like that get away early, and you just don't have the necessary tools and abilities to get back into it."

Note:

After Brey finished his opening statement at the post-game press conference, a hand shot up in the front row of the reporters.

"Can you get Ryan Humphrey the ball more?"

The question came from none other than Humphrey himself, who was waiting his turn to speak to the media.

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WHO WILL BE NEXT?

Frontrunners



Jon Gruden

**Head coach
Oakland
Raiders**

Pros: The name most mentioned to replace Davie, "Chuckie" is one of the hottest young coaches in football right now. A South Bend native, Gruden's father was an assistant coach for Notre Dame in 1977. Gruden is known for being an energetic firebrand and, more importantly, an Irish fan.

Cons: The Raiders will most likely make the playoffs and are picked by many to be in the Super Bowl in early February. There is some question of how Gruden would be able to juggle the responsibilities of a Super Bowl run and recruiting for the Irish, and if they can get him out of his contract with the legal-savvy Al Davis.



Bob Stoops

**Head coach
Oklahoma
Sooners**

Pros: What isn't there to like about Stoops' record? He won a national championship in just his second year at Oklahoma. He's a recruiting genius. Plus, with the Sooners out of the BCS hunt, he could leave them earlier than the other coaches. He won 20 games in a row that included games against Nebraska, Florida State and Texas.

Cons: He had every chance to take a big job last year, and he stayed at Oklahoma. Would the lure of Notre Dame convince him to leave? Also, a lot of his talent at Oklahoma was junior college players — players that can't get into Notre Dame.



Mike Bellotti

**Head coach
Oregon
Ducks**

Pros: Bellotti took a terrible Oregon football program and transformed it into a national power. And White, who was athletic director at Arizona State, has ties to the Pac-10 and surely knows Bellotti. Plus, Bellotti is losing a lot of talent, including Heisman Trophy candidate Joey Harrington.

Cons: Last year, Bellotti turned down a huge offer from USC, saying he was happy at Oregon. Nobody knows if he'd leave for Notre Dame. There have been doubts raised about his ability to recruit under strict academic standards. Oregon is guaranteed to be in a BCS bowl is an outside shot to get in the Rose Bowl, and Bellotti probably will want to stick around until January.



Tom Coughlin

**Head coach
Jacksonville
Jaguars**

Pros: Coughlin is a discipline guy that will be able to take charge of a program and shake things up quickly. Coughlin has head coaching experience at Boston College. He will be available sooner than Gruden, because Jacksonville will not be making the playoffs.

Cons: Coughlin is 3-7 this season, and is wearing out his welcome in Jacksonville, after years of not taking the last step to the Super Bowl. Does Notre Dame want someone not on top of his game?

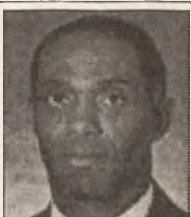


Steve Mariucci

**Head coach
San Francisco
49ers**

Pros: There's a tongue-in-cheek race between Mariucci and Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo to see who will be the first to coach football at Notre Dame. Mariucci is a huge Notre Dame fan, and has the coaching experience to fit in. He's led the 49ers to a 43-31 record over five seasons, and he spent one year as the head coach at Cal.

Cons: Mariucci has contractual obligations to the 49ers, and with his team seemingly heading for the playoffs, the Irish wouldn't be able to get him until January at the earliest. And he's having success at the NFL and has a good team — why come to Notre Dame?



Tyrone Willingham

**Head coach
Stanford
Crimson**

Pros: Willingham knows how to deal with tough admissions standards. Stanford is as tough on academics as Notre Dame. A well-respected coach, the NFL has come knocking several times for his services.

Cons: Has not consistently won at Stanford. His winning percentage, .556, is worse than Davie's .576 at Notre Dame. Notre Dame is looking for a year in, year out winner, not Davie Part Deux.



Barry Alvarez

**Head coach
Wisconsin
Badgers**

Pros: He is a former Irish coach, being promoted from linebackers coach to defensive coordinator to assistant head coach in his three years under Lou Holtz from 1987-89. He is the winningest coach in Wisconsin history, leading the Badgers to three Rose Bowl wins.

Cons: He said in February 2001 that he intends to finish his career at Wisconsin. His program has not been squeaky clean: Wisconsin had multiple players suspended at the beginning of the 2000 season for NCAA violations involving free shoes. He lost four games last season and seven games this season.



Tom O'Brien

**Head coach
Boston College
Eagles**

Pro: O'Brien isn't flashy but he has been successful. In five years as Boston College's head coach, he has taken the Eagles to three bowl games and beaten the Irish twice.

He is familiar with stricter academic requirements through coaching at a Catholic university.

Cons: While he has beaten the Irish twice, he really hasn't beaten anybody else.

Middle of the Pack



Urban Meyer

**Head coach
Bowling Green
Falcons**

Pros: Meyer was an assistant coach for the Irish until last year, when he left for Bowling Green, so he knows the kind of pressure that surrounds Notre Dame. In just his first year as a head coach, he was named Coach of the Year in the Mid-American Conference and led the Falcons to an 8-3 record.

Cons: Only one year as a head coach can't be that appealing to White, although it's better than nothing. But how would the current assistant coaching staff react if one of their own, who then left for a year, returned as the head coach?



Rick Neuheisel

**Head coach
Washington
Huskies**

Pros: He is charming, young and he has won. He has been successful at both Colorado and Washington. White is familiar with him through White's connections to the Pac-10.

Cons: Many people questioned his integrity after he left Colorado for Washington after publicly saying he had no interest in the Huskies' job. He might be a little too outgoing and talkative for a conservative campus like Notre Dame.



Randy Walker

**Head coach
Northwestern
Wildcats**

Pros: He took the Wildcats to the top of the Big 10 despite a tough academic environment in Evanston.

Cons: Northwestern fell flat on its face with a 4-7 record in 2001. After the death of a player in a preseason workout, Walker is also under a lot of public scrutiny.

Notre Dame might not want any part of the impending lawsuit against Walker.



George O'Leary

**Head coach
Georgia Tech
Yellow Jackets**

Pros: He has been successful for a long time at Tech.

He also tends to attract talented recruits and could do even better with a big name like Notre Dame behind him.

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TOM KEELEY



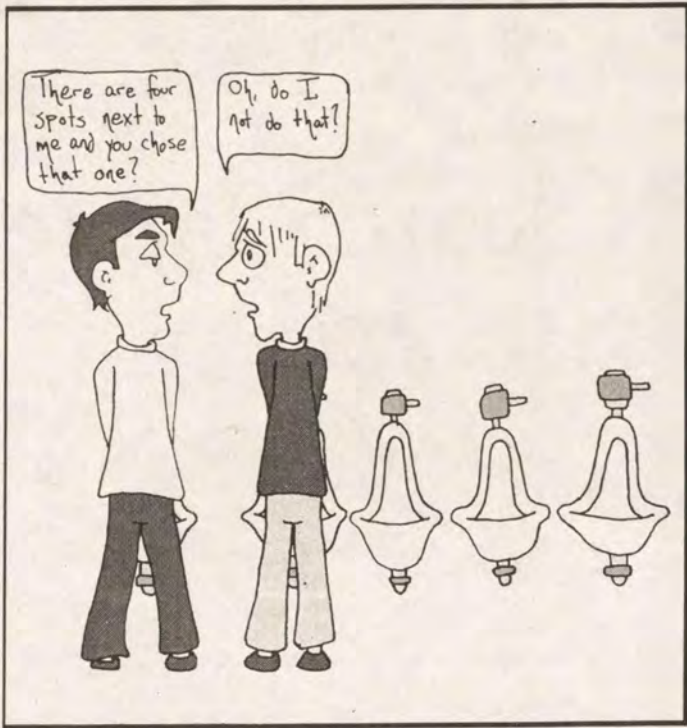
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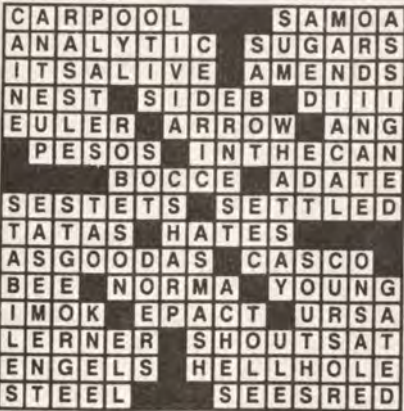


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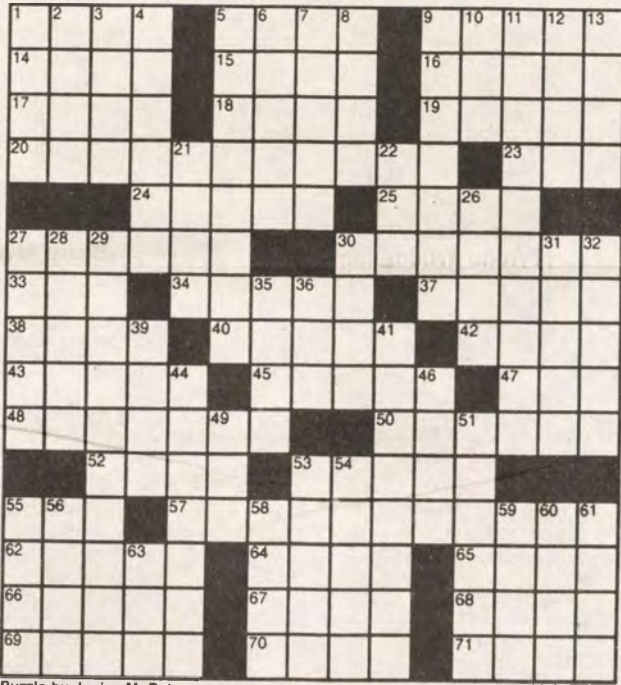
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- ACROSS
- 1 "Hold it right there!"
- 5 Sainly glow
- 9 Scout's mission
- 14 Metrical foot
- 15 Pitcher
- 16 Prefix with centric
- 17 Mmes., in Madrid
- 18 Letterman of late-night
- 19 Anthracite and bituminous
- 20 See 40-Across
- 23 Bread for a ham sandwich
- 24 Saxophone and oboe
- 25 Elmer who hunts wabbits
- 27 Truth stretcher
- 30 Indian child
- 33 Suffix with serpent
- 34 Philanthropist
- 37 General Foods coffee
- 38 Party with leis
- 40 Subject of this puzzle
- 42 Hitch
- 43 Burst
- 45 Excite
- 47 Had lunch
- 48 Celebrate
- 50 Showing more age, maybe
- 52 Aware of
- 53 "... to fetch ___ of water"
- 55 Sal of song, e.g.
- 57 See 40-Across
- 62 Lasso
- 64 Wyatt of the West
- 65 Farm sounds
- 66 Bonehead
- 67 Predecessor of Exxon
- 68 Painting not for the demure
- 69 Phony gems
- 70 Like one side of a pool
- 71 "___ out?" (pet's choice)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- DOWN
- 1 Bit of smoke
- 2 Spy Mata
- 3 Arabian Peninsula land
- 4 Soak up
- 5 Many an estate border
- 6 Oscar or Tony
- 7 501's
- 8 Calif. neighbor
- 9 Gets back
- 10 D.D.E.'s W.W. II command
- 11 See 40-Across
- 12 Left Turn (street sign)
- 13 The scenter of things?
- 21 Ticked (off)
- 22 "___ Man Answers" (1962 flick)
- 26 "___ I say, not ___"
- 27 Secretary, at times
- 28 Get used (to)
- 29 See 40-Across
- 30 Mice, to cats
- 31 In-line item



Puzzle by Janice M. Putney

- 32 Itching to go
- 35 "Just do it" sloganeer
- 36 Start of a long distance call
- 39 Atop
- 41 Sweet drink
- 44 Test the strength of, chemically
- 46 Fussy sort
- 49 Miler Sebastian
- 51 Graduates
- 53 Humiliate
- 54 Derby prize
- 55 Handshake
- 56 Broadway hit co-written by Elton John
- 58 Owner's certificate
- 59 It could be proper
- 60 Extinct bird
- 61 River of Belgium
- 63 Preschooler

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's time to get serious about the future. You probably haven't been doing your best lately. Personal problems are interfering with productivity. Consider whether your motives are valid. You may need to change your direction. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider planning a family outing or spending time together at home. You can win points with children by taking an interest in their accomplishments. ☹☹☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Minor health problems are likely to result if you have been overdoing it or staying up too late. Relax and get your life back in perspective. Mend any disputes with loved ones. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You won't be lucky in love today. Don't profess your feelings to someone unless you're certain they're reciprocated. You may have to question your motives and honesty regarding personal involvements. ☹☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take work home today. Sudden surprising changes concerning co-workers will leave you feeling insecure. Minor health problems due to stress may lower your vitality. Take care of yourself. ☹☹☹

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Meet new people who can offer mental stimulation and some fresh ideas that will lead to positive changes. A change is as good as a rest. ☹☹☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take good advice today. A broken heart is likely if you pursue an unavailable person. Don't take out your frustrations on loved ones. There are always two sides. ☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take it easy. This is not the day to take chances. Your do-or-die attitude may get you into trouble. Don't be too stubborn to know when it's time to let something or someone go. ☹☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should consider starting your own business. Don't go overboard. Start small and build your business on solid ground. You will enjoy meeting people and gaining information today. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not everyone shares your enthusiasm. You may be a little too determined and forceful in dealing with others. Don't twist things around so that they sound more enticing. Stick to the truth if you want others to pitch in. ☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is best to play it straight today. A secret affair would only cause complications and mishaps in your life. Don't become involved in other people's private matters. You can make sound financial investments if you act fast. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be uptight today. Take a trip or just spend some quality time with people you enjoy. Stop doing for everyone else and start doing for yourself. ☹☹☹☹

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FOOTBALL

Search launches for new coach

◆ Gruden, Stoops rumored to be high on list

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said Sunday afternoon that he has a "short list" of possible replacements for fired head football coach Bob Davie and hinted at several criteria for candidates, but stopped short of naming any individuals in consideration to

lead the Irish football program.

"I do have a short list," said White. "I have not contacted anybody. I have not had any conversations at this point. I don't know what the level of interest may or may not be."

White said he has kept a mental list of coaches to watch and keep track of, as an experienced athletic administrator should.

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White emphasized on multiple occasions that he has not contacted any potential head coach replacements, nor has "anyone authorized by [him]." He would not comment on the possibility that head coach candidates have been contacted by other agents authorized by the University.

White was also vague as to how long Notre Dame would take to find and hire a new head coach.

"We are going to move as quickly as possible," said White. "[We will] not move at a pace that would deprive us

from hopefully securing the very best coach possible for this situation."

While White spoke mostly in general terms in regard to Davie's successor, he did explicitly say that Notre Dame would "look for the very best head coach we can find. Somebody with head coaching experience, somebody with a strong track record of success."

Previous head coaching experience was not an absolute criterion in the University's search for a

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Advice from a coach

When Bob Davie said his last words to the Notre Dame football media and walked off the podium, I followed him. I didn't really have any more questions to ask him. For



Mike Connolly

Outside Looking In

three years I have asked him plenty of questions while I covered the Notre Dame football team. I walked quickly to catch up with him as he walked through the Sports Heritage Hall back to the office he will soon vacate.

When I finally caught up to him in the dark stairway leading down to the football office, I just wanted to tell him something.

I shook his hand said, "Thank you Coach."

I wasn't really sure what kind of response I would get from him. I had been a harsh critic of his coaching regime in the past. I called for him to be fired after the loss to Texas A&M and The Observer had officially called for him to resign in an editorial on Friday.

Davie could have, and probably should have, kept walking and been bitter about my treatment of him in the past. But Davie didn't keep walking. He stopped, smiled back and me and said "Thank you."

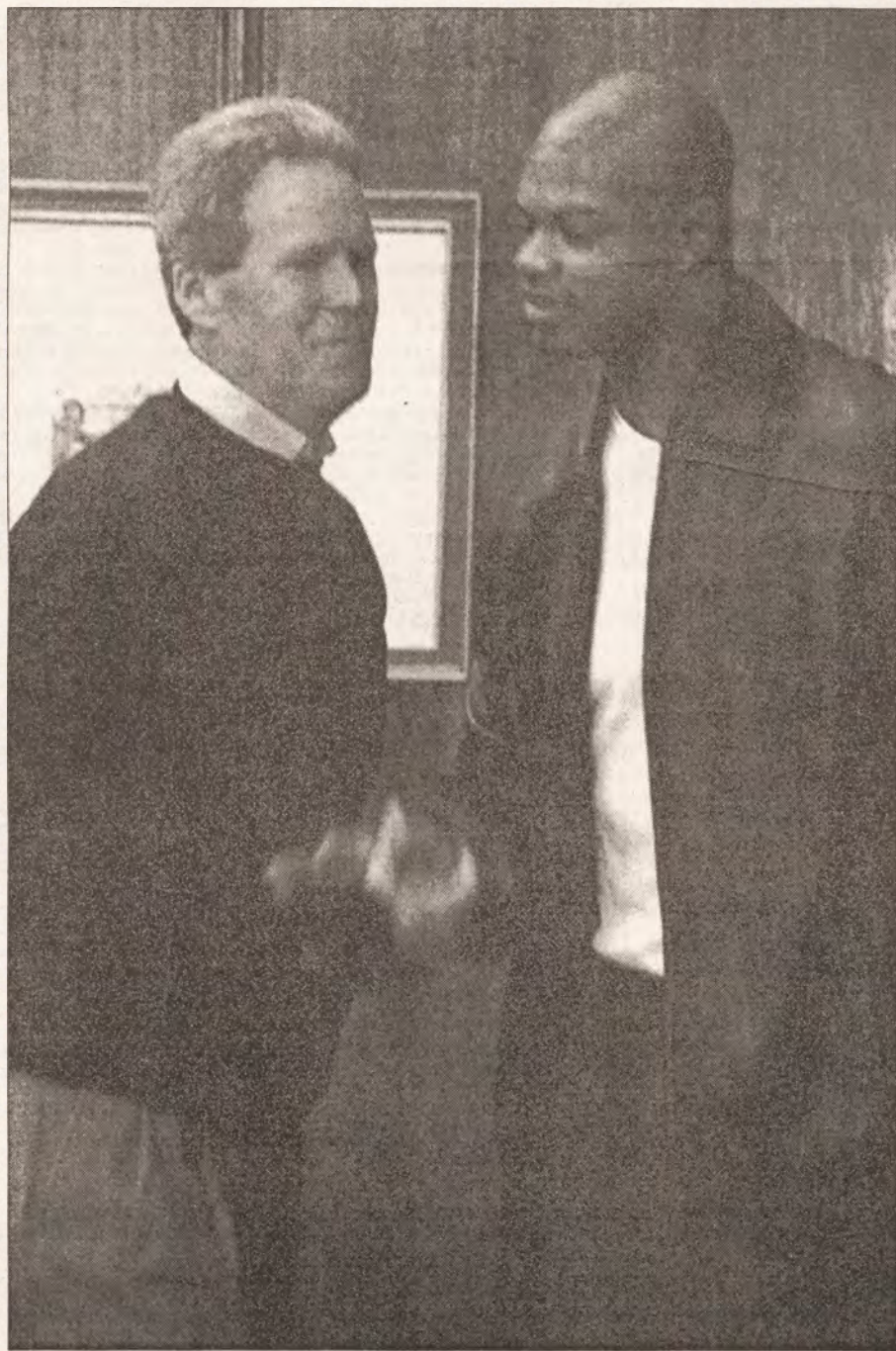
He thanked me for being a tough reporter and said he thought I had a big future ahead of me in sports journalism. But he also issued me a warning. He said that I had to avoid becoming cynical and sarcastic. He said that I had to be tough but never mean-spirited. He reminded me to always treat people respectfully.

I've learned a lot as a sports journalist at Notre Dame. I can cover a game. I can recognize good ideas for features. I know how to conduct an interview. But in that stairway in the Joyce Center, Davie taught me perhaps my most important lesson: If I want to be a great journalist, I need to be more like Bob Davie.

Throughout his eight years at Notre Dame, Davie has been the definition of class and integrity. Through all the abuse he receives from fans, Internet sites and reporters, he never lashed out. He never acted spitefully. He did his job the best he could. In the end, that wasn't good enough, but no one can say that Davie didn't do his best.

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WALKING AWAY



Former head coach Bob Davie and senior Grant Irons embrace after Davie's press conference Sunday.

BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Players say goodbye to Davie but keep focus on future of Irish football

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

As soon as Bob Davie stepped off the podium following his farewell press conference, he walked directly to Grant Irons. The now-fired head coach embraced his fifth-year senior captain.

Irons was a part of every team Davie coached and said that he was shocked that his last season at Notre Dame would also be the last for Davie.

"We were definitely caught off guard by the timing of it," Irons said.

The players officially learned of Davie's firing in the team meeting room of the Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Many, however, already knew Davie was fired by watching television and reading stories on the Internet. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday was woken up by a phone call telling him he would have a new coach in 2002.

"It's a little bit shocking," Holiday said. "Things like that happen and we have to go on from there."

None of the underclassmen interviewed by The Observer — Vontez Duff, Shane Walton, Holiday and Nick Setta — said they planned on transferring. They all said that it was unfortunate that Davie had been fired but they would accept athletic director Kevin White's decision.

"We have to continue to improve regardless of who the coach is," Holiday said. "We have to get back to competing for the national championship."

To help find a new coach, three players have been named player representatives to help select the new coach — Walton, Gary Godsey

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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Notre Dame 24, Purdue 16

Going out on top

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Bob Davie summed up Notre Dame's play against Purdue on Saturday when he said Notre Dame won the same way the team won nine games last year — by making the big plays.

In 60 minutes of play, the Irish offense only netted half as many yards as the Boilermaker's offense, 162 yards compared to 332. But a 96-yard kick-off return and a 29-yard interception return, both for touchdowns, gave Notre Dame a season-ending 24-18 victory.

"We won tonight like we won nine games last year, exactly how we won them," the former head coach said following Saturday's game. "It reminded me a lot of last year. We're the same team, we're the same coaches we were a year ago. There are no surprises."

Early in the second half, Purdue kicker Travis Dorsch hit a 27-yard field goal, bringing the Boilermakers close enough to take the lead, 10-9.

But the Irish special teams responded by finding a spark it hasn't had all season — an explosive run-back. Vontez Duff caught Dorsch's kick-off at the four-yard line and escaped a tackle to run 96 yards for the first special teams touchdown of the season.

"I felt like I had a feel for it. We have a great system," Duff said. "It feels good. I want to give it back to the other 10 guys."

In total, special teams grabbed 196 yards on kick-off returns, including a 43-yard return by David Givens, and 22-yards on punt returns.

On Purdue's first possession of the fourth quarter, the Irish secondary joined the special teams explosion with a big play of its own. Jason Beckstrom picked off Kyle Orton's pass at the 29-yard line and returned it for a touchdown that put the Irish up 24-9. It was Beckstrom's first interception of the season and only the second time this year that Notre Dame has intercepted and returned the ball for a score.

"We're looking to make big plays," defensive back Shane Walton said. "Big plays turn the game around and that [the interception] right there was a big momentum change, a big swing in the game."

The defense forced three other turnovers in the game, denying Purdue three more scoring opportunities. In the final seconds of the game cornerback Clifford Jefferson grabbed his second interception of the night, destroying Purdue's hopes of a last minute score and clinching the Irish victory.

"It's kind of ironic," strong safety Glen Earl said of Jefferson, who has struggled all season. "He goes out his last game with two picks ... He kept battling."

Jefferson intercepted Orton earlier in the fourth quarter. In the second quarter, Tony Weaver forced a Purdue fumble on the Boilermaker 46-yard line.

"We know we have the potential to pull together, especially on the defense and trying to play close to the game," Earl said. "Most of the game we did that. We played well, both the defensive line and the secondary."



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Freshman tailback jumps over the Irish line in Notre Dame's 24-18 victory against Purdue. Grant carried the ball 19 times for 77 yards and scored his first career touchdown.

In the final minutes of the game, Purdue made an attempt at a few of its own dynamic plays. With eight minutes left, Purdue put together a drive that started at their 17-yard line and finished in the Notre Dame end zone. Orton, who threw for 258 yards, completed a pass to Tim Stratton bringing the score to 24-15. Dorsch missed the extra point, forcing Purdue to score twice for the win.

Following a 31-yard field goal, the Boilermakers were within six, but Jefferson's interception in the final quarter finished off the Purdue scoring drive.

The dynamic plays helped out an Irish offense that had trouble moving the ball

all night. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday, who had 82 yards of total offense, only passed for 31 yards on seven passes, the longest of which was six yards.

"Special teams helped us out a lot," Holiday said. "Last year it was a big factor in our season. Today it helped us out a lot."

Freshman tailback Ryan Grant led the Irish rushing attack, covering 77 yards on 19 carries. Grant, who was questionable because of an elbow injury, rushed for his first touchdown on a 14-yard run on Notre Dame's first possession of the second quarter that put the Irish up 7-3.

"I'm grateful things worked out," Grant

said. "We got the 'W', I got to run the ball."

Senior Terrance Howard, who was slated to start the game due to injuries to senior Tony Fisher and junior Julius Jones, only carried the ball twice for three yards.

Purdue opened the scoring with a 50-yard field goal five minutes into the first quarter. Dorsch added another three points to the Purdue score with four minutes left in the half to bring the Boilermakers within one at halftime.

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player of the game Clifford Jefferson

The senior cornerback intercepted two passes in the fourth quarter to save the Irish victory. The interceptions were the first two of his career. Two years ago he promised he would intercept two passes against Purdue — but he didn't specify which Purdue game.

quote of the game

"These seniors wanted to make sure that everyone knew this team was not going to quit."

Greg Mattison
Notre Dame defensive coordinator

stat of the game

96 yards

Vontez Duff returned a third-quarter kick 96 yards for Notre Dame's first special teams touchdown of the season.

report card

B **quarterbacks:** Holiday completed nearly half of his passes but gained just 31 yards through the air. However, he also ran for 51 yards on the ground.

B- **running backs:** With Jones and Fisher injured and Howard ineffective, Grant had 77 yards on the ground and a touchdown, but his fourth-quarter fumble nearly cost the Irish the game.

B **receivers:** Hunter was Holiday's go to receiver all night. Givens also made some tough catches.

C+ **offensive line:** The Irish rushing game never really got on track but the pass protection was OK. They only allowed one sack.

A **defensive line:** Hilliard, Weaver and Campbell all had sacks for the Irish. They were a big reason why Purdue gained only 74 yards on the ground.

B+ **linebackers:** Harrison and Watson each made six tackles but the injured Boiman was largely ineffective. Watson also broke up a pass.

A **secondary:** They got beat a couple of times but overall the Irish defensive backs dominated the Purdue passing game. Earl had the best game of his career and Jefferson made the first interceptions of his career.

A+ **special teams:** Duff's 96-yard kick return was the big play the Irish have missed all year. Setta was robbed on his missed field goal.

A **coaching:** Davie left the Irish with a victory. He went out on top.

3.44 **overall:** Notre Dame found a way to win. It wasn't pretty but it was a victory.

adding up the numbers

consecutive seasons in which Purdue has qualified for a bowl — all of Tiller's seasons at Purdue **5**

50 yards on Dorsch's field goal in first quarter — tying his career high

yards on Setta's field goal in the third quarter — tying his career high **47**

68,750 attendance for Saturday's game — a season high

career field goals for Dorsch — a Big 10 record **66**

2 interceptions returned for touchdowns by the Irish in 2001. Beckstrom and Watson each had one.

games played in front of Woodworth Press Box. Purdue will replace the press box on Tuesday. **256**

1 dog scrotums nailed to a tree outside Ross Ade Stadium. We are not making this up.

IRISH INSIGHT



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Grant Irons salutes the Notre Dame fans with his helmet for the last time. The senior had three tackles in his last game for the Irish.

Seniors say goodbye to their 'family'

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.

One question left Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison speechless Saturday.

How do you say goodbye to these Irish seniors?

The strong man's eyes filled with tears. He drew a deep breath, pursed his lips tightly together and couldn't answer. There were no words to describe the bond between Mattison and his seniors who played their last game.

Lost within the questions about Bob Davie's last game was acknowledgement that this was the last game for the heart and soul of this football team.

Grant Irons will never wear the blue and gold again.

Rocky Boiman will never remove his helmet and hold it up to the student section.

Javin Hunter will never make a clutch catch on third down to keep an Irish drive alive.

"You never really think about it until it's here, until last night, you never thought that guys like Grant Irons, Anthony Weaver and Rocky Boiman aren't going to be here next year," junior linebacker Courtney Watson said. "They are the captains and the people who are the leaders of this team."

These seniors played injured. They played sick. They played when there was nothing to play for but pride. And in their last game,

they brought home a victory.

"In the past when we have gone out with a loss, it kind of gave the off-season a sore note," Boiman said. "But to go out with a victory, especially with the way the season has gone, it feels good."

After the Stanford game, Weaver said that losing the game hurt but what hurt the most was not being able to get a victory for his teammates. Weaver is considered a top-10 NFL draft pick by ESPN. He has a long football future ahead of him. But all he really wanted was to get a win for his teammates. He wanted their hard work to result in a victory.

"Those kids all year, that [defensive] front has played their hearts out," Mattison said. "That's because of the leadership of a guy like Tony Weaver. They followed his leadership and played their hearts out."

They played their hearts out because they really are a family. A lot of people talk about a family atmosphere in different clubs or organizations. But for this Notre Dame football team, that family is real.

"I can't even tell you how many times I've cried thinking that this was going to be my last game with these guys," Weaver said. "I love these guys. I would cut off my arm for these guys."

There are four captains on this team — Boiman, Weaver, Irons and David Givens — but every senior on this team is a leader. Tyreo Harrison finished the game with a six tackles and a cast on his thumb. But those "bumps and bruises" like a hyper-extended thumb are worth it because the Irish brought home victory — the first season-ending victory the

seniors have ever achieved.

"It felt great because I know before the season, the seniors talked about how we never won out last game of the season," Terrance Howard said. "It felt good to go out there and get our last win of the season especially against a team that is going to a bowl."

"I feel great right now," Weaver said. "I am just glad that I can get on this bus and ride back two hours with all these guys."

Even much-criticized senior cornerback Clifford Jefferson went out with a bang Saturday. After years of boasting in interviews after practices and giving up touchdown on Saturdays, Jefferson finally got his predicted two interceptions.

"I remember a couple of years ago I said I would average two picks a game and I guess that came true," Jefferson said with a smile.

But this victory was bittersweet for the seniors. It was a victory but it was also their last.

"It kinda hurts that I can't play with these guys any more," Jefferson said. "These guys have been with me through all the thick and thin times. I basically grew up with these guys."

Notre Dame will find a new head coach, but replacing these seniors and their leadership will be difficult. They love Notre Dame. They love football. They will be missed.

"It's been emotional. It's been a fun ride, I am just sorry it has to end," Weaver said.

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Mike Connolly

Outside looking in

Irish secondary steps up in last game

♦ Jefferson gets first interceptions of his career

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. Much maligned cornerback Clifford Jefferson's play in Saturday's game was a perfect microcosm of the secondary's role in Saturday's game.

Jefferson gave up several long gains and was flagged for pass interference. But when it counted, Jefferson came up big with the only two interceptions of his career in his final quarter in an Irish uniform, including the final Boilermaker Hail Mary.

"I think Thursday in practice I said 'Cliff, go get a pick' and I guess that came true," said Jefferson. "I remember a couple of years ago I said I would average two picks a game and I guess that came true."

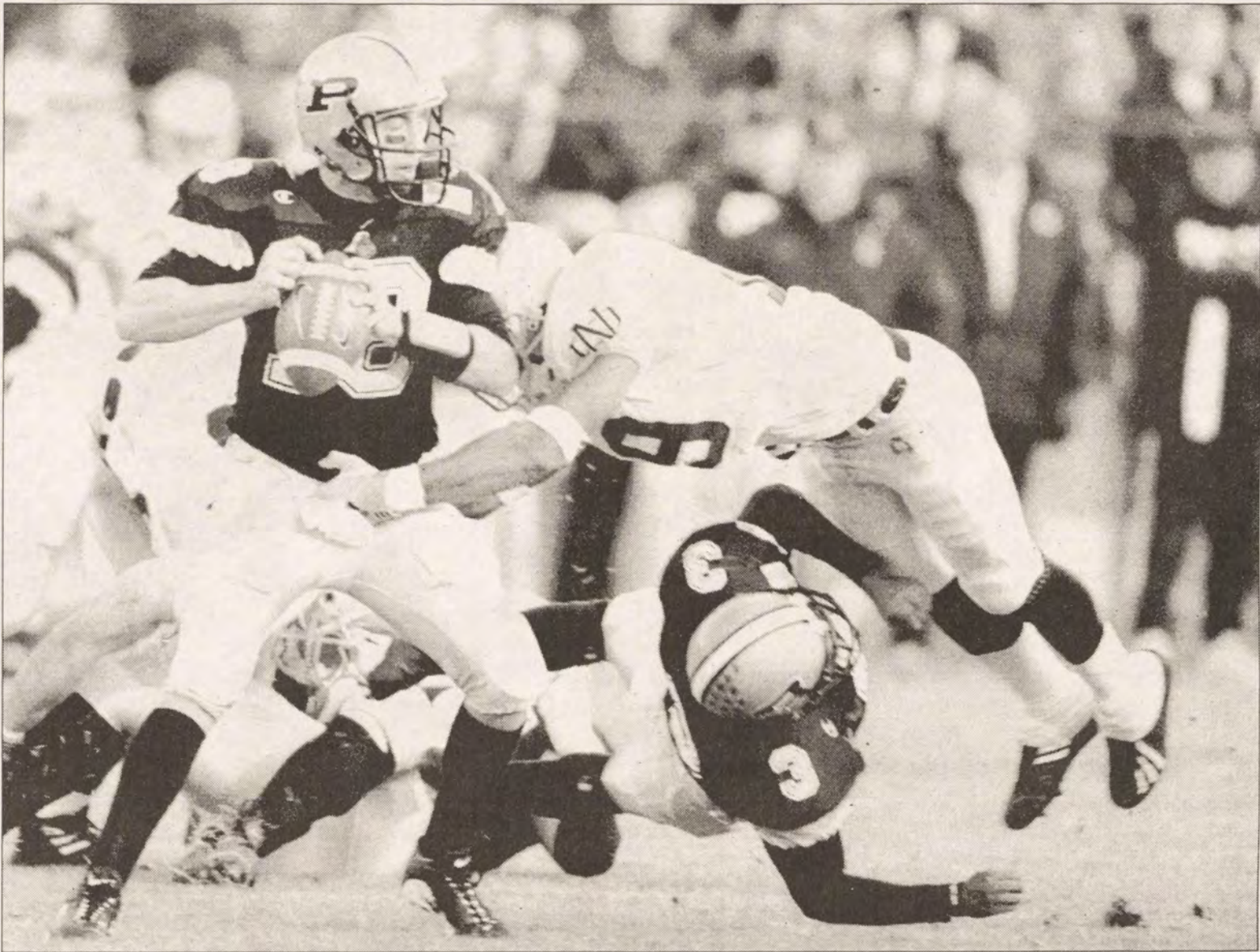
It was revenge for a cornerback who Purdue had been testing all day, sometimes successfully, including a 25-yard catch by Boilermaker wideout John Standeford that was the key play in a Purdue drive leading to a field goal in the second quarter.

"[Jefferson] kept battling," said Irish safety Glenn Earl. "He was hanging tight and they were going at him and he knew that and he stepped up and made the picks when it counted."

The Irish secondary gave up 258 yards on the day, but picked off three passes from Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton. The Irish were called for pass interference twice and got away with some questionable contact, but made 32 tackles and had nine passes defended in their most spirited performance of the season.

But in the end, it was the big plays from the secondary, including Jason Beckstrom's 29-yard interception return for a touchdown, that helped Notre Dame overcome a Purdue team that statistically dominated the Irish.

"They battled their butts off,"



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish defensive back Glenn Earl dives over Purdue tailback Montroll Lowe to sack quarterback Kyle Orton. Earl had two sacks, a fumble recovery, three tackles for a loss and 12 tackles.

said Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison. "They've been getting hung out to dry a lot ... but they stepped up ... [and] for them to do what they have done today shows that our corners and safeties have come a long way."

A long way indeed. The Irish secondary had just eight interceptions in 10 games entering Saturday, and only 26 passes broken up of 222 thrown at them all year.

Shane Walton, who contributed four tackles and broke up a pair of passes, agreed with his coordinator.

"Our DBs took a challenge this game," said Walton. "We were looking to make big plays."

The biggest play made by the Irish all afternoon would prove to be Beckstrom's interception return for touchdown. With the Irish up 17-9 and failing to move the ball on offense, Beckstrom anticipated Orton's sideline throw and ran untouched into the end zone to put Notre Dame up 24-9.

"You can't think too much. You've got to just play and have some instinct," said Beckstrom, who also broke up another pass.

Beckstrom's big play that sealed the game for the Irish had its roots came earlier in the week, as the senior studied the Purdue offense closely in preparation for Saturday.

"I kind of noticed on film he had a tendency to stick with one receiver when he came up to the line," said Beckstrom. "So I just kind of watched his eyes and his shoulders."

Earl also became well-acquainted with Orton, sacking the Purdue signal-caller twice. The junior safety, dogged by injuries much of this season, had what can only be described

as a monster game, with 12 tackles and a fumble recovery to go with his pair of sacks.

For a secondary that has had its ups and downs this year, to end the season with a win orchestrated in part with big defensive back plays was sweet.

"We just stepped it up this game, that's what we've been trying to do every game," said Walton. "Just telling people, we've got one of the best secondaries in the country."

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AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (72)	11-0	1,800
2	Tennessee	10-1	1,709
3	Oregon	10-1	1,624
4	Colorado	10-2	1,557
5	Nebraska	11-1	1,468
6	Florida	9-2	1,360
7	Maryland	10-1	1,325
8	Illinois	10-1	1,289
9	BYU	12-0	1,245
10	Texas	10-2	1,184
11	Oklahoma	10-2	1,172
12	Stanford	9-2	1,050
13	Washington State	9-2	876
14	South Carolina	8-3	754
15	Virginia Tech	8-3	735
16	Georgia	8-3	687
17	Michigan	8-3	614
18	Syracuse	9-3	546
19	Fresno State	10-2	509
20	Washington	8-3	499
21	LSU	8-3	456
22	Ohio State	7-4	272
23	Louisville	10-2	216
24	Florida State	7-4	148
25	Toledo	9-2	102

other teams receiving votes: Marshall 40, N.C. State 36, Auburn 26, Georgia Tech 25, Arkansas 24, Boston College 17, Iowa State 6, UCLA 6, Texas Tech 5, Texas A&M 4, Boise State 3, North Carolina 3, Louisiana Tech 2, Mississippi 2, USC 2, Bowling Green 1, Hawaii 1, NOTRE DAME 0

scoring summary & stats

scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	0	7	10	7	24
Purdue	3	3	3	9	18
team statistics	ND		Purdue		
first downs	10		22		
rushes-yards	40-131		33-74		
passing yards	31		258		
comp-att-int	7-15-0		8-23-1		
total return yards	211		80		
punts-yards	9-375		7-241		
fumbles-lost	2-1		1-1		
penalties-yards	11-94		10-64		
time of possession	27:26		32:34		
individual statistics					
passing					
ND — Holiday 7-15-0					
Purdue — Orton 24-52-3					
rushing					
ND — Grant 19-77, Holiday 19-51, Howard 2-3					
Purdue — Lowe 12-54, Harris 8-22, Loughheed 1-17, Standeford 1-2, Orton 10-(-20)					
receiving					
ND — Hunter 3-16, Givens 2-8, Grant 2-7					
Purdue — Standelford 10-118, Stratton 6-51, Stubblefield 5-80, Brown 1-7, Noel 1-6, Lowe 1-(-4)					
leading tacklers					
ND — Earl 12, Harrison 6, Weaver 6, Watson 6, Jefferson 5, Budinsczak 5, Duff 5, Walton 4, Hilliard 4					
Purdue — Johnson 10, Odom 10, Phillips 6, Woodyard 5					

ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll

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

other teams receiving votes: Toledo 58, Arkansas 30, N.C. State 29, Auburn 24, Boston College 22, Iowa State 15, Texas A&M 15, North Carolina 14, UCLA 6, Georgia Tech 5, Alabama 4, Clemson 4, Penn State 3, Utah 3, NOTRE DAME 0



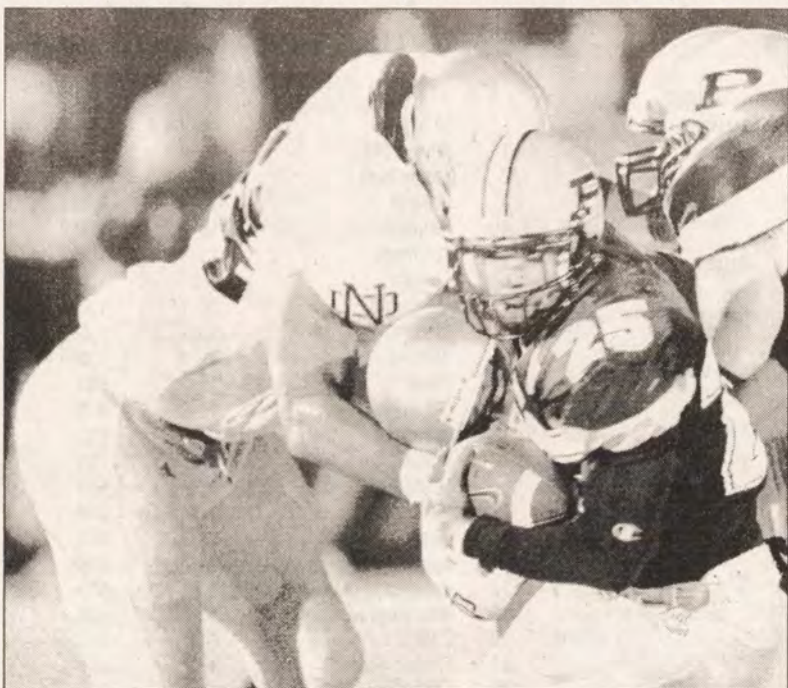
The Irish defense piles onto Purdue freshman quarterback Kyle Orton. Orton was sacked five times and threw three interceptions in Notre Dame's 24-16 win.

FINDING A WAY TO WIN

It wasn't pretty but the Irish did finish the season on a high note with a 24-18 victory against the Boilermakers. Thanks to Vontez Duff's 96-yard kick return and Jason Beckstrom's interception return for a touchdown, Notre Dame overcame another mediocre offensive performance. The victory gave Bob Davie his 35th — and last — win as Notre Dame's head coach. It also prevented the Irish from winning less than five games in a season for the first time since 1963.

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Grant Irons stuffs Purdue running back Joey Harris in Notre Dame's 24-16 win Saturday. Irons had three tackles in his last game in an Irish uniform. Irons was one of only the 15th player in Notre Dame history to serve as captain for two seasons.



Sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday avoids Landon Johnson as Holiday runs up field. Holiday rushed for 51 yards on 19 carries in the Notre Dame win.