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Stop, drop and roll

*Members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities reflect on fire safety:
How safe are the University and College?*

The piercing sound of a fire alarm reverberated throughout junior Ryan Flanagan's room in O'Neill Hall early this year. As Flanagan evacuated the building for the first fire drill of the year, students living on the third and fourth floors remained undisturbed until hall staff directed them out of the building. Had there been an actual fire, these students might not have escaped.

"They did some work to install alarms in each room, but on the fourth floor they didn't go off at all and on the third floor only some went off," said Father John Herman, rector of O'Neill Hall. "The fire department is working on getting those up and running. I think we're moving in the right direction."

Before alarms were placed in each room, the four Golf Quad dorms had an alert system that announced to students in a calm, quiet voice, "There is an emergency in the building. Please find the nearest exit," from alarm speakers in the hallways. If their door was closed or they had the TV or stereo playing loudly, students could not hear the alarm.

"It still worked, but the RA's had to pound on your doors," said Welsh Family Hall junior Rachel Willcox. "There were always instances where people didn't get out."

Flanagan agreed. "People who have trouble waking up for class would not have heard them. With the new ones in the rooms, it's a lot louder so it shouldn't be a problem."

"We had an opportunity to upgrade the system, so we did,"

University Fire Chief John Antonucci said. "The University has always been a very proactive system. We try to move forward in order to protect students."

The University had been planning to upgrade the fire protection and alert system for about two years, but last winter, the project became a priority after three students died in a residence hall fire at Seton Hall University in New Jersey.

"Residence hall fires have been on the increase," said Antonucci. "Seton Hall brought to life problems that exist throughout the country."

Sister Kathleen Beatty, Lyons Hall rector, agreed. "They really want this place to be top-notch as far as fire protection. Seton Hall was a wake-up call for everybody. A huge tragedy makes people look at their own systems."

This summer, not only were the ineffective voice systems in the Golf Quad dorms supplemented with blaring alarms in each room above the door, but new fire protection systems were installed in seven residence halls. Pangborn, Fisher, Lyons, Howard, and Breen-Philips received new alarms and new sprinkler systems; Walsh had a new alarm system installed and Knott and Siegfried got sprinklers in each room. According to Antonucci, by the fall of 2001, every dorm on campus will have a sprinkler in each room.

Antonucci added that the heat-sensitive sprinklers will deposit between 20 and 30 gallons of water per minute into the room

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Notre Dame installed new sprinklers and fire alarms this summer to ensure students' safety on campus. Because of recent fires at college campuses around the country, University fire officials are working hard to prevent tragedy from occurring at Notre Dame.

ND classes find a shortage of TAs

By ERIN LaRUFFA
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Whether there are 50 or 250 students in a lecture class, large courses can seem impersonal.

Professors in these classes may give interesting and insightful lectures, but it is difficult — if not impossible — for one person to answer every question and grade every paper of all the students crammed into a lecture hall.

That's where teaching assistants — better known as TAs — come in.

"From a student's perspective, [TAs] can add a personal dimension to a course that is a large one," said Dian Murray, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

A graduate student can become a

TA for a course related to his or her field of study. Among other things, TAs commonly grade papers, answer questions and lead small discussion groups, particularly in classes too large for professors to handle the workload on their own.

Despite the importance graduate TAs are to undergraduate education, academic departments sometimes have a difficult time finding enough of them.

The government department, for example, has been challenged by a small pool of potential TAs.

In recent years, as the number of undergraduate government majors has increased, the number of graduate TAs shrank, according to Michael Coppedge. As the department's director of graduate studies,

Coppedge is responsible for assigning TAs to undergraduate government courses.

The number of students enrolled in a class is the biggest factor the government department uses to determine whether a class has a TA and how many TAs each class has, according to Coppedge. When determining TA assignments, he said he tries to equalize the student to teacher ratio among the different courses.

However, that ratio can vary from year to year depending on the number of TAs available, Coppedge said.

The reason for the recent shortage in government TAs has to do with the fact that the number of

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Rape victim speaks out to community

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
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Editor's Note: Kelly and Justin are pseudonyms.

For Kelly, facing reality was the hardest part to recovery.

"This is the first time I've sat down and shared my story," Kelly said. "It took me nine months to go in front of people and say, 'I was raped.'"

Kelly, a junior at Saint Mary's, shared her story of rape and recovery in a Regina Hall event Tuesday evening.

Kelly came to Saint Mary's in 1998, a wide-eyed, naive freshman. She went to the orientation sessions about

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INSIDE COLUMN

Older and wiser

The stare from the woman down the aisle said everything, and my first instinct was to retreat like a scolded puppy. But this was no time to back down.

So last weekend, as I stood — a case of soda in each hand — at one end of the soft drink aisle in a local grocery store and a middle-aged white woman stood at the other, I decided to act. While she reached for pop on an upper shelf, she shot me damaging, suspicious looks, which I cast off, all the while perusing 2-liter bottle labels and walking her way.



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The cases still in hand, I was within 10 feet of her when she concluded that I had perhaps overstepped my boundaries. She let the three 2-liters she was still trying to obtain crash to the floor, grabbed her purse from the cart parked not even a foot from her and nestled it in her arm like a skilled receiver.

I walked past her, only half-surprised by her jarring reaction to me but nevertheless a little disappointed and somewhat stung.

I remembered feeling the same kind of pain years before. I remembered being 13 years old and waking up in the dawning hours of a South Bend summer morning, the tennis courts at the neighborhood elementary school awaiting me. I remembered arriving, intent on perfecting my serve on the cracked, old cement surfaces and practicing my backhand against the chipped green-painted backboard that hung on one side of the chainlink fence that surrounded the three courts. It was calm, and the rising sun and warm air promised a bright, inviting day.

But then I remembered my serenity being shattered.

I remembered the flashing lights and blaring sirens of two police cruisers approaching my tennis haven. I heard the unnerving noise of doors slamming as officers exited the vehicles.

Then I remembered the boom of their harsh voices over bullhorns, instructing me to put down my racquet and to lie face down on the dirty cement. I wondered if they could smell the fear emanating from the 13-year-old boy who had, up to this point, always assumed that this sort of thing only happens to other people — the “bad guys.” But I felt like a bad guy — lying on the ground and being handcuffed, having the officers put their feet on my young back while they interrogated me and pointed their guns at my head.

And then as suddenly as they had accosted me, I remembered the policemen lifting me off the ground, freeing my hands and informing me that there had been a misunderstanding. Get home and be sure not to tell your parents, I recalled them telling me; and to this day, I haven’t.

Why?

I suppose it’s the inescapable shame and the seizing thoughts that what happened to me was and is my fault. Or maybe it’s the awful feeling that comes with having my dignity and any sense of self-worth trampled upon, and the tears that always follow close behind.

That was what I felt then on the tennis courts and now in the soda aisle of the grocery store. But standing there, with the heavy cases of pop still in hand, I resolved that this time — as an 18-year-old man — would be different.

Yes, the hurt was very much the same. But I would come to terms with it. And if I cried, it wouldn’t be for myself, but rather for all that’s wrong with the world.

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

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Performance: “Smoke on the Mountain,” 8 p.m., Round Barn Theatre, 1600 W. Market St., Nappanee.	◆ Event: “The Ultimate Corn Maze,” 5 to 10 p.m., Barbott Farms and Greenhouse.	◆ Lecture: “Eating Disorders: When Food Takes Control,” 11:30 to 1 p.m., Madison Center for Children.	◆ Event: 11th Annual 22WSBT South Bend Women’s Show, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Century Center.
	◆ Performance: “Plain and Fancy,” 2 p.m., Round Barn Theatre, Nappanee.	◆ Lessons: Free tango lessons, 8:15 p.m., 126 W. Marion, South Bend.	◆ Event: River Park Fest 2000, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 30th Street, Mishawaka.

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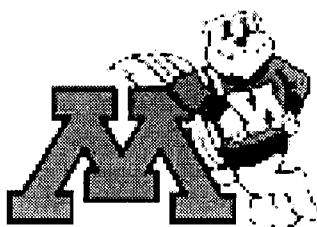
University of Minnesota disputes legal issue

MINNEAPOLIS, Mn. For most students, living in a residence hall represents freedom from life with their parents.

But in an effort to control drug and alcohol levels on campus, the University of Minnesota is exploring a parental-notification plan for students between the ages of 18 and 21 who violate alcohol or illegal drug policies.

Until a few years ago, universities needed a student’s signature to release any information to parents unless the student’s life was clearly threatened.

But a 1998 amendment to the federal Family Education Right to Privacy Act gave educational institutions the option to contact parents for violations. To adopt this policy, the University Board of Regents would



need to approve it.

But proceedings are on hold while University lawyers investigate the legality of the policy.

Associate Vice Provost for Student Development Jane Canney said the primary supporters of the new policy

are parents.

Canney also added family communication prior to attending the University is the key to reducing alcohol and drug consumption.

She added University of Minnesota-Crookston administrators have supported it on the grounds that parents are an important part of addressing issues in a student’s life and should be considered in the effort to reduce consumption by minors.

Others disagree.

The University Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Task Committee recommended the University not adopt the policy last fall. In the past, both the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly and the Minnesota Student Association have voiced opposition.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Penn hit by gene therapy lawsuit

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. The family of Jesse Gelsinger filed a wrongful death suit against the University of Pennsylvania and others involved with Penn’s Institute for Human Gene Therapy Monday, a year and a day after the teenager died while participating in a Penn gene therapy research program.

The complaint, filed in Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, claims Gelsinger’s death was a direct result of negligence by Penn, IHGT Director James Wilson and the two other scientists who ran the experiment in which Gelsinger was enrolled. In addition, the suit alleges that Wilson and then-Health System CEO William Kelley owned several gene therapy patents and stood to gain financially from a successful outcome to the trial, and thus their judgement was compromised. The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, the Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., IHGT investor Genovo, Inc. — founded by Wilson — and Arthur Caplan, the renowned director of Penn’s Center for Bioethics, are also named in the suit.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

No rules govern computer porn

COLLEGE PARK, Md. Viewing pornographic materials in non-classroom computer labs is not entirely banned on the University of Maryland. But before students run out and start downloading as fast as they can, there are certain guidelines in place governing First Amendment rights, a campus official said.

Because of the fine line between protecting these rights and violating the ever-evolving sexual harassment laws, the actual policy set by campus officials is deliberately vague, according to an article written by Rodney Petersen, director of the campus organization Project NETHics. However, he points out that other types of material, such as child pornography, violate state and federal laws, as well as campus policy.

Under the direction of Petersen, the project set out to “ensure responsible use of university computing resources through policy enforcement and user education designed to inform community members about the legal and ethical implications of computer use,” according to NETHics mission statement.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Wednesday	69	52
Thursday	60	45
Friday	64	51
Saturday	66	50
Sunday	60	45

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

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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Sept. 20.

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Baltimore	86	74	Memphis	86	66	Sacramento	102	88
Boston	82	68	Milwaukee	66	47	St. Louis	88	64
Chicago	68	48	New York	70	49	Tampa	88	76
Houston	88	67	Philadelphia	86	68	Washington DC	83	64

Construction plans near completion at Saint Mary's

♦Activities center and Madeleva renovations are coming soon

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

The winds of change continue to waft Saint Mary's campus. A new Student Activities Center is in the works and the major renovations due on Madeleva Hall are on the way through the planning stages.

Right now, both projects are still in paper, and no dates have been set for the transfer from paper to reality. "They are progressing at the same stage," said Keith Dennis, vice

president for Finance and Administration at the College. "We are working on the definition of what kind of space we need and we actually have some floor plans and preliminary cost estimates."

As the College continues to gradually expand enrollment, the space becomes more and more important. Madeleva Hall houses almost all classes and faculty offices, except for science, modern languages, nursing and education courses. Noble Family Dining Hall, where the new Student Activities Center will stand, becomes more and more cramped, as does the office space in Le Mans Hall and

Haggar Student Center.

"Most of the changes being made are to make better use of existing space for the current enrollment and to better serve a population of about 1700 students," Dennis said.

According to Dennis, the Student Activities Center will house the bookstore and Dining Hall, bank offices, ATM machines, and the Post Office.

"The Student Center will be the main gathering place on campus," Dennis said.

Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, has the latest set of plans for the facilities, although nothing is in stone as yet.

"The plans...are the most

recent set I have," Timm said. "The architects have been working on another revision and we will likely have access to those in the coming weeks."

According to the plans, the Dining Hall will contain three small meal/meeting places along with a 130+ seating area that could be partitioned from the the general dining area, much like the Wedge Room in the current Dining Hall.

"There will be the opportunity to provide multiple concepts for dining," Dennis said. "The facility is going to be flexible so that these options can be changed as tastes and opportunities change."

According to Timm, the Student Center will also contain a cafe with Internet capabilities, a coffee bar, travel

agency, general store, copy shop, a large lounge, off-campus student lounge, a TV lounge, a resource center for campus ministry, the president's dining room, student activities offices, multicultural affairs offices, SURV, student government offices, catering offices, the Blue Mantle office, an Observer office, a 100 seat theater style room, and three meeting rooms.

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When the Student Activities Center is completed and all of the occupants of Haggar Student Center will relocate to the new center, and Admission and College Relations will move to Haggar, after renovations are also made to that

facility.

In regards to Madeleva, that building will receive a facelift like the one performed on Regina Hall this summer.

"The changes to Madeleva are expected to be quite dramatic," Dennis said. "They include renovating a majority of the classrooms by adding technology and adjusting class sizes."

According to Dennis, the students will not be the only ones to benefit from the changes to Madeleva.

"The faculty and staff offices will be standardized and renovated to provide windows and other amenities," Dennis said. "Departments will be relocated to make better use of support staff."

tee hopes to act a catalyst in raising awareness on campus.

"The task force is to keep the issue alive and promote a strong educational component," said Karen Ristau, dean of faculty.

With the help from the faculty members on the task force committee, sweatshop specific material can be made available to interested faculty and students.

"One thing the faculty will do is bring speakers to campus and setup curriculum for professors that incorporates sweatshop issues," said Capillo.

The next meeting for the task force will be in early October. By the end of meeting they hope to have a draft of their year goals and all they hope to accomplish.

"It's coming along," said VenderWerven, "and the goal is to get this up and running as quick as possible."

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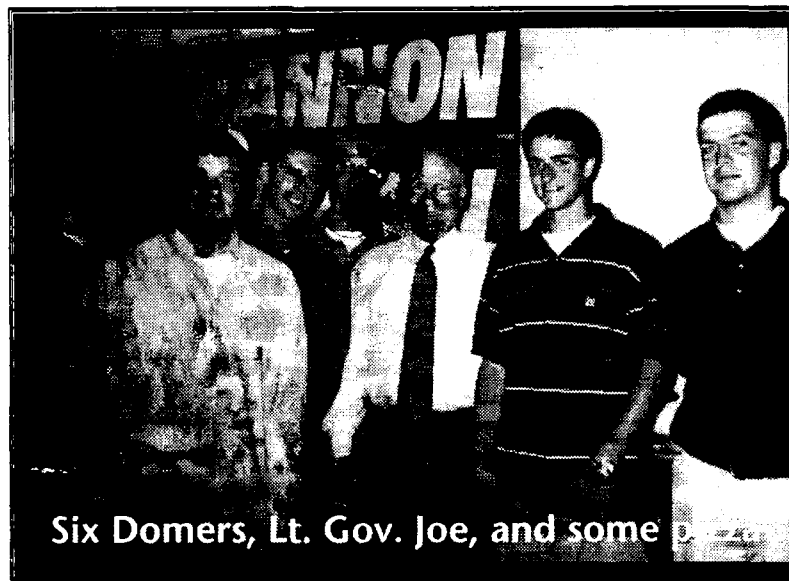
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Six Domers, Lt. Gov. Joe, and some

Rape

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sexual assault, but she did not take them seriously.

"I thought it was definitely not something that would happen to me," Kelly said. "This was a good Catholic school."

She moved into a double, and quickly caught on to the party scene with her roommate. According to Kelly, they went over to Notre Dame to party every Friday and Saturday night.

"We drank a lot," Kelly said.

Jan. 29, 1999 started off ordinarily enough for the two girls. Since it was a Friday, Kelly and her roommate headed over to Notre Dame to Alumni Hall.

"I didn't like beer, so this guy gave me two airplane bottles of whiskey," Kelly said. "I drank it straight."

Then the two girls walked around campus to see what else was going on.

They soon found another party, and Kelly drank some more. Later, when she asked her friends how much they saw her drink, they said four beers.

"I really don't know how much I drank that night," she said. "After that we went to Reckers. At 3[a.m.] we went back to Saint Mary's."

Kelly was tired, but decided to go down to the writing center to check her email.

A male acquaintance at Notre Dame, Justin, Instant-Messaged her while she was in the writing center. Justin asked her if she wanted to get together. She agreed, and met him in the Le Mans parking lot at about 3:30 a.m.

"I was very tired. I wanted to go to sleep," she said. "He stopped in Angela. We started kissing. I guess I must have said 'Don't take my virginity like five times. I was passed out, but I knew it was happening.'"

Afterwards, she went back to her dorm and fell asleep, aware that something had happened, but in denial.

"I woke up the next morning covered in blood," Kelly said. "I told myself it didn't happen. I tried to play it off."

Later that day, Kelly told her roommates what had happened.

"Then I realized that this was a person I had trusted, but I didn't even know his last name."

She hunted through the phone book with what little information she had, and discovered who he was, and found out he was a baseball player.

"He was a baseball player," she said. "He would have told me."

Her friends were trying to give her advice, but she was already blocking the incident out. Her roommate left to go to the Keenan Revue, and she decided to let another friend take her to the clinic.

An hour later, she went looking for her friend and found that friend just leaving to go party at Alumni again, unwilling to take her to the clinic.

Kelly decided not to go to the clinic after all.

"I went back and took a shower and went to bed," Kelly said. "I didn't know you had 72 hours to go to the clinic and do a rape kit. It had already seemed like so long ago."

She woke up the next morning, and, after trying to do her homework, realized that all she was doing was writing prayers to God to allow her to die.

She went back to the writing center and was Instant Messaging another friend, and told him she wouldn't be back because she was going to "hopefully be in heaven" by then.

She went back up to her room and went to sleep.

She was in the middle of an email suicide note to her parents when her roommate came and told her that her RA wanted to see her.

"I was put on suicide watch, and every two hours the counseling office called to make sure I was okay," Kelly said. "It was really embarrassing."

"Then I decided to phone Justin," she said. "I called him up with questions about what happened that night. He said, 'Oh, we hooked up,' and laughed. Then he wanted to know what I was going to do."

On Thursday of that week, Justin Instant Messaged her. He wanted to know how she was feeling.

"He said, 'Should I put this incident behind me?'" Kelly told her audience. Later in that conversation, Kelly said she asked Justin some very serious questions about that night. In the transcript she printed of their conversation, he allegedly admitted that he might have gone against her wishes. He admitted that he did rape her, she said. He even apologized.

"He finally admitted to it," Kelly said. "He said he was sorry."

That weekend, she went home and told her parents what had happened. "I am glad I told my parents," Kelly said. "It was also one of the hardest things I have ever done. My dad was sobbing. He went to Notre Dame, and two times since then he has come to me and said, 'I live with the burden that I failed you as a father.' I said it wasn't [his] fault."

Kelly tried counseling, but nothing was coming of it, and she decided to move on with her life.

"[Moving on] didn't happen," Kelly said. "I was very suicidal. My roommate was hostile, and I felt like I was the only one. I was having a really rough time, during February and the end of March."

During Sexual Awareness Week at the end of March, Kelly saw a list of statistics on rape.

"I matched every one," Kelly said. "Freshman, naive, and doesn't report it. I said, 'I can't believe I'm a statistic now.'"

However, it was what she read later that week in The Observer, a full-page ad, which spurred her to action. It read, "You may think he took everything from you, but he didn't take your voice."

"He killed me inside, but I still had my voice," Kelly said.

After that, she made an appointment with Notre Dame Security, and they took her statement.

The next fall, she was called into the ResLife office, and given a contact person and a copy of du Lac. She decided to press charges after talking with a student from Notre Dame who was herself a survivor of sexual assault.

"I wasn't prepared for it," she said of the hearing. "I decided to go myself, and I regret that a lot."

Her story and Justin's did not agree, according to Kelly. She said he was allowed to bring in character witnesses, while she was not. She said he told the committee that she was "just after the jocks."

"I was not," Kelly said. "I was a student manager. I love Notre Dame."

Even her roommate told the committee that Kelly was probably making it up, according to Kelly.

A week later, she went in again and was told of the verdict.

"We have a decision now," they said. "There was no violation of du Lac. He will receive

counseling on relationship issues," Kelly recounted. "I told my contact person, 'I'm mad. I can't believe this is happening.'"

She met with the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (C.A.R.E.), who told her she had a right to a transcript of the hearing. She said ResLife then told her that since she wasn't a Notre Dame student, she was lucky to come over and be a part of the hearing at all.

In desperation, she went to Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs at Saint Mary's.

"Dr. Timm helped me so much," Kelly said. "She was amazing. I also spoke with Father [Mark] Poorman [vice president of Student Affairs at Notre Dame], who said he was sorry. He hoped that I would seek pastoral help. But I still wasn't satisfied. I still felt a lot

of guilt. I was drinking that night I got in his car."

Her turning point came that fall break when she was in a serious car accident.

"It was a legitimate way for me to die," Kelly said. "I realized then that I was there for a reason. I could get better. I needed someone to tell me I wasn't to blame, I was okay. I started to realize that I wasn't alone, that God was there to protect me."

While Kelly did write an anonymous letter to The Observer last year, she felt that wasn't enough. She spoke to Regina Hall students in an effort to educate students to the fact that they were not alone.

"One of the main things I want to go over is the fact that 1 in 4 women in their lifetime will be raped," Kelly said. "It's not just a statistic."

Kelly also advised her audience to go to the clinic immediately and to get help. Kelly herself took a shower and did not go to the clinic, and thus had no physical evidence to prove her case to outside authorities.

"There are so many places you can go to get help," Kelly said. "If anything ever happens, just go to the clinic. And if it happens to your friends you have to support them, to believe in them. Most women who come forward are not lying. If they won't go, you go yourself to get help. It's a lot for you to deal with."

Although she did not get the result she wanted from the ResLife hearing, she was grateful that they heard her case.

"Technically they don't have to hear [Saint Mary's] cases," Kelly said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

NATO foils Kosovo bomb plot:

NATO-led peacekeepers foiled a plot to detonate a bomb in Kosovo, following a massive search Tuesday in a Serb enclave outside the province's capital. Hundreds of NATO-led peacekeepers swept into the Kosovo Serb village of Gracanica, just outside the capital, Pristina, before dawn, uncovering plastic explosives, weapons and detonators, peacekeepers said.

Arrests made in Croatian death:

The top U.N. official in Bosnia said Tuesday that a Croatian army general and three Bosnian Croats arrested in police sweeps in Bosnia and Croatia last week are suspected in the assassination of anti-corruption politician Jozo Leutar, a Bosnian Croat deputy interior minister. U.N. authorities name Ivan Andabak, a Croatian army general, as the main suspect.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Morning-after pill on agenda:

Anti-abortion lawmakers pushed through a proposal Tuesday aimed at prohibiting the use of federal funds to distribute the so-called morning-after pill at the nation's public schools. The drug can be used after unprotected sex to stop a pregnancy, and House supporters of the proposal said 180 schools across the country distribute it at school-based clinics. A similar proposal had been included in the Senate version of the education spending bill being negotiated by House and Senate conferees.

Man files suit against Girl Scouts:

A graphic designer for the Girl Scouts has filed a discrimination lawsuit alleging that the organization denied him job promotions because of his gender, according to court records made public Tuesday. Joseph Picca's lawsuit says that in his 15 years working at the Girl Scouts, he was denied one promotion and barred from applying for others.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Indiana selects assistant coaches:

Dan Panaggio, a three-time coach of the year in the CBA, and Julius Smith were hired as assistants Tuesday by Mike Davis, Indiana's new basketball coach. Panaggio compiled a 313-191 record in nine seasons with the Quad City Thunder, the most victories of any active CBA coach. Smith was an assistant at Southeastern Louisiana last season and before that, he was at Tulane in that capacity for eight years. Davis was promoted from assistant to interim head coach last week after Bob Knight was fired.

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Rosa Paredes is surrounded by relatives as she shows reporters a photo of her daughter, Mercedes Martizez, and her son-in-law, Angel Lenin Iglesias, in Las Palacios, Western Cuba. Martizez and Lenin, along with their two children, were aboard the plane that Lenin was piloting before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico Tuesday.

Hijacked Cuban plane crashes

Associated Press

KEY WEST

A small plane that left Cuba with 10 people aboard Tuesday was hijacked before it crashed into the Gulf of Mexico, authorities said. One man was killed and the others were found clinging to debris and rescued by a cargo ship.

The crew of the Chios Dream, a Panamanian-registered freighter, recovered one body and the survivors — three men, three women and three children — from rough seas nearly 300 miles off the Florida coast about five hours after the

plane took off, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

One man had severe head and neck injuries. A Coast Guard cutter planned to meet the freighter Tuesday night and pick up the survivors. The most seriously injured were to be flown to Key West for treatment.

Details of who was on the flight and where it was going were unclear late Tuesday. It was unknown whether the plane ran out of fuel; the Coast Guard said it was heading west — away from both Florida and Cuba — when it went down.

"Apparently it was

hijacked, and the pilot indicated they only had 1 1/2 hours fuel," said Lauren Gail Stover, associate director of Miami-Dade County Aviation Department.

The Antonov AN-2 Colt took off from Herradura Airport in Pinar del Rio, in Cuba's western province. Based on the last radar location given by Cuban air traffic controllers and an emergency beacon signal picked up by a U.S. AWACS plane, the Colt was believed to have gone down about 90 miles southwest of Key West, U.S. officials said.

The survivors were

pulled from the water more than 200 miles west of that area, the Coast Guard said.

Coast Guard Rear Adm. Thad Allen said he is "not really sure" why there was such a vast discrepancy between where the plane was believed to have crashed and where it actually did.

"In a lot of these cases, as they emerge, there is a lot of confusion," Allen said.

Cuban officials initially reported that as many as 18 people were on the plane, but Allen said the survivors told the ship's crew that 10 were aboard.

Peru proposes March elections

Associated Press

LIMA

Peru's government outlined plans Tuesday for elections in March to choose a successor to President Alberto Fujimori, but the main opposition leader insisted the voting should be sooner.

It's not clear whether the armed forces will go along with either plan, and the military — which may hold the key to a peaceful transition — has been silent so far.

Fujimori, forced to loosen his decade-long grip on power by a

bribery scandal engulfing his shadowy intelligence chief, announced Saturday he would deactivate the National Intelligence Service and call new elections in which he would not be a candidate.

Justice Minister Alberto Bustamante said the elections to replace Fujimori and the Congress would most likely be held in March and the new president would be sworn in July 28, Peru's traditional inaugural date.

"The elections could be in March but the one who has to call them is the president," Bustamante said.

Peru's opposition, growing increas-

ingly suspicious of Fujimori's announced plans to give up power, demanded a much quicker timetable for him to leave.

Alejandro Toledo, who pulled out of May's presidential runoff after charging Fujimori planned to rig the results, insisted the new vote be held within four months and an interim government formed to oversee the election.

"We need a government that has legitimacy, that respects the people's will and doesn't twist it as they did on April 9," he told a rally of thousands of supporters Monday night, referring to the tainted first round.

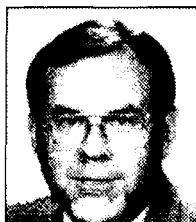
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NEWS ANALYSIS

Professors: campaigns are not focused on the issues

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

According to David Leege, professor of government, campaign themes are not about issues, but about which groups will benefit from the kind of leadership the candidate would bring to the office.



Leege

The 2000 Bush-Cheney and Gore-Lieberman campaigns are not primarily focused on party issues, but instead on personality.

"Bush has downplayed policy and has concentrated on the image as a likeable, down-to-earth person," said Joshua Kaplan, associate director of undergraduate studies and assistant professional specialist in the government department.

"Gore is carefully following Clinton, using policy with broad appeal," he said. "In my opinion, both candidates have learned a lot from Clinton, on how to campaign successfully. He's a model on how to win an election."

Putting personality aside, the two candidates have presented mainly domestic issues. "I would guess that the issues are domestic issues: social insurance which includes social security, Medicare, prescription drugs and everything else related to the high-costs people face with an illness," said Leege. "The second issue would include the responsible use of anticipated surplus."

Kaplan agrees with the importance of these issues. "Now more of the issues are coming out which includes prescription drugs and

defense spending and obviously they're important, but it's not clear that the issues make a difference [in this election]."

With a surplus the money can either go back to the people in the form of tax breaks or pay out part of the national debt. "Ironically, although Governor Bush argued for the tax cuts, he saw that he wasn't gaining many votes so he came back down from that," he said. "Now he's addressing the same type of issues as Gore — making a living and having a strong economy."

Issues are the quality of education and access to education, said Leege. "Bush presents the education vouchers in a way that 'this is something different,' but it's a familiar Republican value," said Kaplan. "Just like Clinton said, I'm a new kind of Democrat, Bush says he's a new kind of Republican."

Bush has taken a middle-ground angle in this campaign. "More emphasis on personality ... Governor Bush is trying to carve out new territory. He hasn't presented himself as an advocate of the traditional Republican Party," said Kaplan. The Republicans face the problem of overcoming the policy of benefiting the minorities [the rich]."

Close to the issue of personality, but somewhat unique is the Clinton fatigue. Some people think we need a change because they're tired of the Clinton administration, said Leege. "For these voters, it doesn't matter who the Republican candidate is as long as it's now a Democrat," he said.

When asked for the most important issues in this election, Leege declined to answer. "I don't think on this. I watch how each candidate tries to get an advocacy of this issue," he said. "It's too pre-

mature to say which is the most important issue."

Instead of debating issues on nationally televised stations,

the candidates are trying to sweet-talk their way through the back roads of the country and portraying themselves as

the true underdog.

"In the outcome, we'll see whether this was persuasive or not," said Leege.



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Continental General will replace faulty tires

◆ 62 tires have lost sections of tread due to heat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Continental General Tire announced Tuesday that it will replace for free about 160,000 tires that can lose part of their tread.

About 140,000 of the 16-inch ContiTrac AS tires were original equipment on about 38,000 1998 and 1999 model year Lincoln Navigators made by Ford Motor Co. Another 20,000 were sold as replacement tires.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Continental said warranty and claims data shows 62 of the tires have lost sections of tread when exposed to heat. The problem can lead to minor damage to the vehicle, but there have been no reports of accidents causing serious injuries or deaths, the company said.

Continental and Lincoln referred to the move as a "customer satisfaction program" rather than a safety-related recall like the one announced last month by Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. That company is recalling 6.5 million Firestone tires that have been linked to 103 U.S. traffic deaths, most involving rollovers of Ford Explorers.

"We have a tire that is not performing to the quality standards that we set for ourselves. That's why we are taking this action, but it is not a safety-related issue," said Bernd Frangenberg, president and chief executive of Continental.

"This case does not involve any rollover, any fatalities, any serious injuries or any litigation. We only know of one minor injury."

Lincoln spokesman Jim Cain said the warranty and claims data for the Continental tires were analyzed as part of Ford's investigation into the Firestone tires. Lincoln is a division of Ford Motor Co.

Lincoln and Continental officials met Tuesday with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to discuss their findings. A NHTSA official said the agency would open an investigation to make sure the replacement campaign is adequate.

Owners of 1998 and 1999 Navigators should visit their Lincoln dealer for a tire inspection. If the tires are covered by the replacement program, they will be exchanged for free, including mounting and balancing.

Continental said it is shipping tires overnight to Lincoln dealers and expects that all replacements will be completed within eight weeks.

College drafts sweatshop policy

◆ Task force will act as a catalyst in raising awareness

By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

On Aug. 31, Saint Mary's finished a final draft of their sweatshop policy. With help from students, faculty, administration and Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), the policy proposed many ways to stop the mistreatment of workers around the world.

One way the policy hoped to ensure the protection of workers comes through a monitoring system. The different purchasing departments of Saint Mary's will require information from their vendors on how factories are run.

"I have asked for vendors code of conduct," said Sandy VenderWerven, manager of Saint Mary's bookstore, and member of the anti-sweatshop committee. "I think they are taking it seriously. Some vendors have provided list of their factories. Jansport and Gear (vendors) have come out with global mission statements."

But some wonder if a vendor's written code of conduct represents the actual working factory.

"Whether they enforce those written codes is where the WRC comes in," said VenderWerven.

The WRC, a non-profit organization, will serve as the eyes and ears for their college and university members. They will form groups to go out to vendor's listed factories and report their findings to the involved colleges and universities. But it is up to each individual college to decide what to do with the information. Saint Mary's,

as outlined in the sweatshop policy, will assign a task force to handle all WRC findings.

The task force is a committee of students, faculty, and staff that will be Saint Mary's contact to the WRC," said Maureen Capillo, Saint Mary's student and member of task force. "We will make recommendations to the Board of Trustees on how to proceed with that information."

Not only does the sweatshop policy outline a moni-

toring system to stop the exploitation of workers, the policy also set goals to enlighten students and other faculty members. The task force committee hopes to act as a catalyst in raising awareness on campus.

"The task force is to keep the issue alive and promote a strong educational component," said Karen Ristau, dean of faculty.

With the help from the faculty members on the task force committee, sweatshop specific material can be made available to interested faculty and students.

"One thing the faculty will do is bring speakers to campus and setup curriculum for professors that incor-

porates sweatshop issues," said Capillo.

The next meeting for the task force will be in early October. By the end of meeting they hope to have a draft of their year goals and all they hope to accomplish.

"It's coming along," said VenderWerven, "and the goal is to get this up and running as quick as possible."

"The task force is to keep the issue alive and promote a strong educational component."

Karen Ristau
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students starting the graduate program in 1997 and 1998 was relatively small. In both years, several students who had committed to Notre Dame changed their minds before enrolling.

As a result, the government department cannot assign a TA to every course the department would like to assign one to. "A class has to have a higher enrollment to get a TA," Coppedge said.

Although there is no set rule, the department tries to assign a TA to each class with 35 students or more, he explained. However, for the past few years, a class has needed 40 or 45 students before the department would assign a TA.

The government department is not alone. An insufficient supply of graduate students has challenged the chemistry and biochemistry department, according to department chair Alexander Lappin.

The currently strong economy makes attracting graduate students difficult for chemistry and biochemistry departments at universities nationwide, Lappin said. Because chemists with a master's degree in the discipline are able to earn good salaries working for corporations, students are less likely to spend the time required to earn a Ph.D.

"We could probably support 20 or 30 more graduate students in the department right now, but [recruiting graduate students] is a very competitive business," Lappin said. "We have pretty high [admission] standards ... We don't take anyone off the street."

However, recruiting difficulties mean fewer graduate students

are studying chemistry, and therefore there are less students available to become TAs.

Furthermore, graduate students might receive another source of funding, such as a fellowship, meaning they would no longer need to take a TA position, Murray said. Such opportunities for graduate students could further contribute to a department's TA shortage.

Not having enough TAs can be a problem because assistants are important figures in undergraduate courses.

"They're very important in terms of transferring knowledge on how to do the labs," Lappin said. "[TAs are] vital to the safety aspect."

Although the chemistry department has been experiencing this problem, it has been able to cover its needs, according to Lappin. Indeed, the chemistry and government departments — as well as other departments — have come up with ways to work around the small pool of graduate students.

Part of the chemistry department's solution has been to have undergraduate majors in their junior and senior years serve as TAs, Lappin said. Currently, about half of the TAs for freshman-level general chemistry are undergraduates.

The government department, on the other hand, has looked beyond its own discipline. Each semester, it hires four to six law students, most of whom majored in political science as undergraduates, to be TAs, according to Coppedge.

"There's been a lot of competition among law students for these positions, so we've been able to be selective," he said.

Although law students have not completely made up for the TA

shortage, they have helped, Coppedge said. He added that the shortage is becoming less significant because a full class of students entered the graduate program in 1999.

If some departments with graduate programs are having difficulties because of TA shortages, the problem is even more pronounced in undergraduate departments that do not have a corresponding graduate program.

"In some departments, there is no opportunity to have TAs at all, and they have to figure out how to deal with large classes without that luxury," Murray said.

For example, the anthropology department offers only an undergraduate degree, and therefore there are no qualified graduate students to become assistants.

"It restricts our efforts at expansion," said department chair

Patrick Gaffney.

Lack of graduate students to serve as TAs is a major reason why the department is unlikely to offer another large class again.

"With that big of a class, it's hard to keep in touch with the student component," Gaffney said. "That's where a TA comes in."

For its mega-class last semester, the anthropology department hired an anthropologist, who happened to be the spouse of a faculty member, to serve as a TA. She worked about 20 hours a week, on tasks such as grading papers. However, hiring non-student outside help is rare, according to Gaffney.

Although the anthropology department shies away from classes with high enrollment, professors in the department still have a need for TAs. Therefore, Gaffney said, the department

hires undergraduate upperclassmen to help professors with tasks such as research.

"We call them teaching assistants, but they don't do the work graduate teaching assistants do. We'd love to have graduate TAs," Gaffney explained.

Of course, many graduate students love to be TAs.


"I love to teach," said Nadine Dacanay, who is in the second year of the College of Architecture's masters' degree program. "It takes a lot of energy, but when you see your students progress ... it's really satisfying."

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Cheney: Gore talks the talk, but doesn't walk the walk

FRESNO, Calif.

Seemingly deputized to rough up Al Gore, Dick Cheney said Tuesday the vice president has a pattern of "saying one thing and doing something else."



Cheney

While he's often referred to himself as a "man of few words," George W. Bush's Republican running mate found many words to paint Gore as a hypocrite.

On Gore and Hollywood, Cheney said the vice president criticized the marketing of violence to kids and then "raised millions of dollars from the same movie moguls who are corrupting our children."

On Gore's misrepresentation of costs paid by his family for an arthritis drug, he said: "Clearly, Al Gore is going around the country making up stories about his family."



Gore

On tort reform, he said the Clinton-Gore administration claimed to support limits on lawsuit awards to win favor with Silicon Valley technology companies, but then vetoed that step "after cutting a deal with trial lawyers."

What's going on with the low-key Cheney? Juleanna Glover-Weiss, speaking for him, said his tougher tone is a "natural evolution."

"As we get closer and closer to Election Day, you'll see more contrast," she said.

Running mates are often used as attack dogs while presidential candidates run a more positive campaign, but it's taken Cheney a while to become pointed in his criticisms of Gore.

Cheney said the vice president shifted positions on Hollywood to mollify his financial backers in the entertainment industry.

"We've seen him on the one hand campaign that he's on the side of moms and dads with respect to worrying about what's peddled to our kids and at night he goes and raises money from the same people," Cheney told reporters during a campaign swing through California. "He'll say virtually anything to any audience and switch from audience to audience."

Gore and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, took in \$4.2 million at a Beverly Hills fundraiser Monday night where the vice president toned down earlier warnings that he would sanction Hollywood for marketing violence to kids.

"He threatened the media industry with retribution or regulation if they didn't shape up within six months and then yesterday he said well, he really didn't mean it, he just wants to nudge them a little bit," Cheney said.

Cheney said he opposes any kind of censorship to stop studios from marketing violence to children and said the best way to stop the practice is to "hold the industry up to public condemnation" when they aim inappropriate material at kids.

"I think public officials can make it clear that we think it's unacceptable behavior" rather

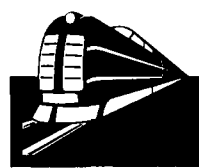
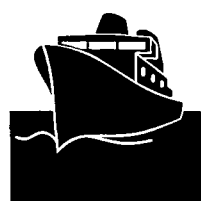
than go "hobnob with the same folks," said Cheney.

For a second day, Cheney criticized Gore for using figures in a study to represent what his family actually pays for the arthritis drug Lodine for his mother-in-law and his dog.

Gore had tried to make the point that companies charge far more for a drug sold to humans than for the same drug sold for pets, but the costs he cited were not those of his family.

Cheney voiced some frustration that missteps in the Bush campaign seem to get more attention than Gore mistakes.

"When a Republican missteps, that's big news," Cheney said. "I think it's equally important to ask a question about a vice president who simply makes up things out of whole cloth and repeats them over and over."



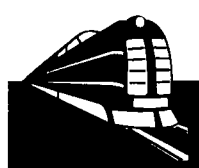
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"The new system is much more sensitive overall than the old one," Beatty said.

At Saint Mary's, sprinkler systems are in place in every room, in every residence hall except McCandless Hall. "I think most institutions emphasize fire safety, but our policy has always been the same," said Dana North, director of Residence Life at Saint Mary's College. "I think students became more aware of it after Seton Hall and I think parents became more aware of it, too."

Because of the alert systems, sprinklers, fire drills, and other precautions taken by the University to educate students about fire safety, Dillon Hall junior Colin Grady feels confident he would escape unharmed if there were ever a real fire in Dillon Hall, "I know the rules. Stop, drop, and roll."

CAMBODIA

Explosion kills two in capital city

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH

An explosion near the royal palace in central Phnom Penh killed two people and injured nine Tuesday, police said.

It was not clear if the explosion was caused by a bomb or some other device, said So Chivy, an intelligence officer with the national military police. Unconfirmed reports said a man driving on a motorcycle threw a grenade, he said.

The blast occurred at a street corner in Don Tenh district, a mixed residential and business area.

"What we know is that one lady, a bread seller, was killed," So Chivy said. "She was pushing her cart along the street when the explosion happened."

He said 10 people, including one child and three women, were hospitalized, most with serious injuries. One of the injured had died, he said. He did not know the identity of the dead person.

"This appears not related to politics," he said.

A relative of the dead woman wailed from the balcony of the house where she lived as police carried her body away. Blood was splattered on the street.

No other details were available and no one immediately claimed responsibility for the explosion.

Security in the capital had improved in the past 18 months after officials, using random road checks, collected a cache of unlicensed weapons.

Tens of thousands of Cambodians remained armed as the country struggled to emerge from three decades of turmoil.

IRAN

Female activist applies to run for president

◆ Iranian officials claim candidacy is unconstitutional

Associated Press

TEHRAN

A little-known woman conservative activist said Tuesday she hopes to be the first woman to run for president in Iran, a goal some say is unconstitutional.

"I've made my decision to run in next year's presidential elections. I'm going to fight in the polls as an independent," Farah Khosravi, 41, told The Associated Press.

She spoke on Women's Day, celebrated on the anniversary of the birth of Fatima, daughter of Islam's prophet Mohammad.

Nineteen-year-old Maryam Pakshir marked the day with a training flight, making her the nation's youngest woman pilot, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported Tuesday.

The status of women in Iran has improved since the election of reformist President Mohammad Khatami in 1997. About 58 percent of first-year students at Iranian universities were women in 1999, according to official figures. Khatami appointed a woman as one of his vice presidents and 11 women sit in Iran's 290-seat parliament.

Women can hold public office in Iran, a role barred to them elsewhere in the region. But they have not reached the highest office in the country.

Although no official date has been set for the next presidential election, it is expected in May 2001.

The Guardian Council, which acts as an upper chamber of parliament and oversees elections, rejected an application from a liberal-minded opposition woman who sought to run for president in 1997, saying it was unconstitutional.

The constitution says the presidency is open to "rijal" — a Farsi term that has so far

been interpreted to mean men. Some experts now say that should be interpreted as "respectable people," regardless of gender.

"I'm hoping very much that the council will approve my application in order to pave the way for women to play a greater social and political role in the establishment," Khosravi said.

Khosravi is in charge of postings at the Ministry of Sciences, Research and Technology. She has a masters degree in management. She also is secretary-general of the conservative-leaning Iran-e-Farda Society, a little-known group of political activists.

She ran for parliament twice, failing to win a seat each time. Reformists who support

Khatami believe Khosravi's candidacy would be a publicity stunt by hard-liners.

"Hard-liners are trying to discourage Khatami from running or at least try to undermine his votes through different tactics, including bringing forward a woman candidate," said reformist lawmaker Fatemeh Haqiqatjou.

Haqiqatjou said Khosravi would be "no serious challenge" to the

popular president, who said in July that he planned to run for another four-year term.

Women and young Iranians were a support base for Khatami when he defeated a hard-liner in 1997.

Khatami was elected with more than 70 percent of the vote, obtaining over 20 million votes.

"I've made my decision to run... I'm going to fight in the polls as an independent."

Farah Khosravi
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Senate changes U.S. policy, approves China trade bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted Tuesday to permanently normalize trade with China, hoping to open

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The 83-15 vote, sending the bill to President Clinton for his signa-

ture, represents the biggest step in U.S.-China relations since President Nixon's 1972 visit to the Great Wall and ends the divisive annual debates over U.S. trade policy toward the

Communist country.

In the end, those arguing that the United States must do more to bring China's communist government into the international community prevailed over critics warning that Congress was putting profits ahead of principle.

"We will find, I believe America has far more influence in China with an outstretched hand than with a clenched fist," Clinton said after the Senate vote. "The more China opens its markets to our products, the wider it opens its doors to economic freedom and the more fully it will liberate the potential of its people."

The House passed PNTR, or the permanent normal trade relations bill, last May. The legislation, backed by a powerful coalition of business and farm groups, was praised by U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, who said it was "as important as any on China since 1972, with the opening of China" by President Nixon. She said it marked a "historic mile-

post" in the rocky relations that have existed since Mao Tse-tung brought the communists to power in 1949.

"This historic legislation will be remembered as the key that opened the door for America to sell its products and services to the world's largest emerging marketplace," said Robert Burt, chairman of The Business Roundtable, an association of CEOs.

The bill revises a 1974 law under which trade relations with communist states are subject to annual review. Since the 1989 crackdown on the Tiananmen democracy movement, congressional critics of China have made concerted, if unsuccessful, efforts every year to rescind normal trade status because of Beijing's human rights and weapons proliferation abuses.

The bill to make trade relations permanent is an outgrowth of a U.S.-China agreement last fall under which China, as a condition for entering the World Trade Organization (WTO), made

major concessions in reducing tariffs and opening its markets. China is expected to join the WTO later this year or early next year, and the United States, in order to enjoy the benefits of China's commitment to WTO free market rules, must grant permanent trade status.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., stressed that it will still be up to Americans to take advantage of new market opportunities. "Passage of PNTR will be one for the history books, of profound implication to the United States, but once it passes then we Americans have to put our shoulders to the wheel, we have to follow up."

With WTO entry, China's tariffs on U.S. made manufactured goods would fall from an overall average of 25 percent to 9 percent by 2005. Duties on America's primary food products would drop from 31 percent to 14 percent.

China would be required to open its financial and service industries to American companies,

allow greater outside ownership in its telecommunications industry and allow Americans full distribution rights within the country.

Agriculture exports alone could grow by some \$2 billion a year, helping reduce China's current \$68 billion trade surplus with the United States.

"We wanted to be the first ones here. This has big potential for agriculture states like North Dakota," said North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer, chairman of the Republican Governors Association, in a call from Beijing where he is heading a state trade delegation. Under the pact, he said, China must increase its quota of tariff-free wheat imports fivefold to 350 million bushels a year.

"One out of eight jobs in Illinois depends upon exports and passage of this critical measure means that Congress' vote will impact the lives of 600,000 Illinoisans and their families," said Illinois Gov. George Ryan, a Republican.

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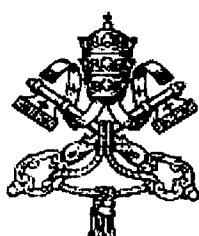
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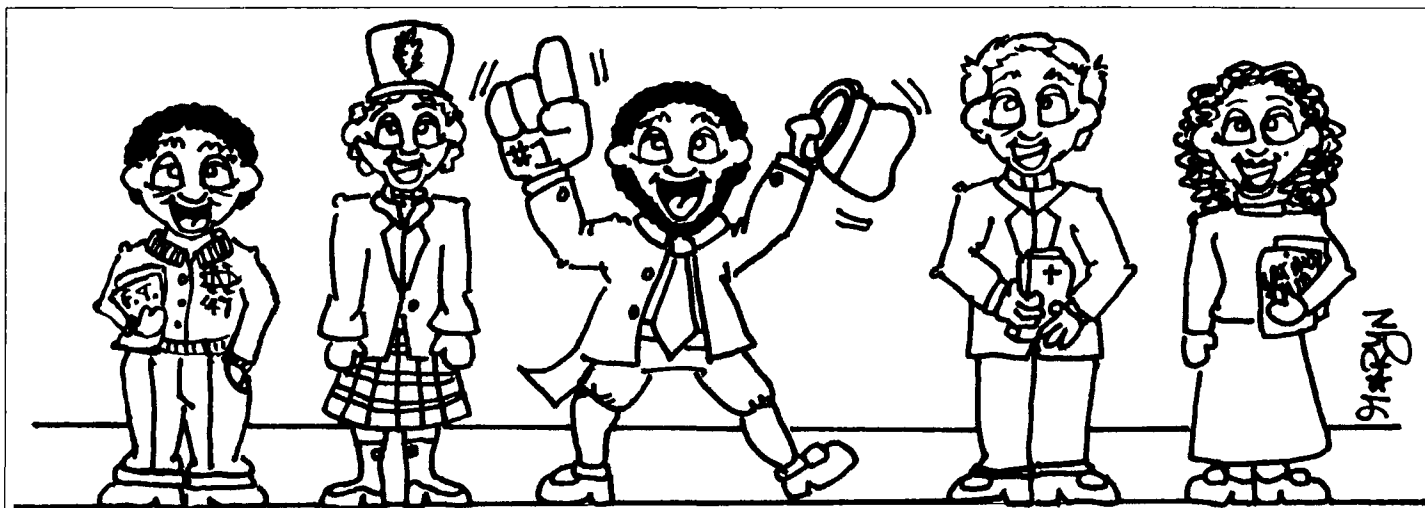
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Bringing diversity to campus

"A female Irish Guard? You have to be kidding!"

"I got it from a reliable source. Read The Observer tomorrow."

"Who is she?"
"Molly Kinder."

I am sure that similar conversations were echoed either on the telephone, in e-mail or in face to face interactions throughout the Notre Dame student body and alumni network. I, like the rest of the Notre Dame community, was in shock, as well as pleasantly surprised, when I read the front page article in The Observer. I began to reflect on the changes that I had witnessed since my family became affiliated with the University.

In 1980, I attended events sponsored by the Black Alumni of Notre Dame (BA of ND) and heard many discussions about Frazier Thompson '47, the first African-American graduate. During a 1990's alumni reunion, Mr. Thompson was acknowledged formally with the creation of the Frazier Thompson Scholarship and years later the BA of ND Exemplar Awards. The scholarship is given to a male and female African-American junior who represent the tenacity and values of Mr. Thompson. The BA of ND Exemplar Awards recognized faculty, administrators, staff and alumni for their civic, international and Notre Dame contributions. The latter initiative resulted in the largest class of African-American students in 1990: 109 students.

Although the numbers declined rapidly following the Students United for Respect demonstration in 1991, the Latino students had a sharp increase to 130 students. This was a result of the creation of the Hispanic Alumni of Notre Dame network and their recruiting efforts. Shortly thereafter the Asian Pacific Alumni of Notre Dame came into being. The inclusion of the historically under-represented alumni groups to the Alumni Association provided significant recruitment assistance to the Admissions Office and their efforts. Hence, attendance of students of color and international students has

grown from 12 percent in 1991 to 18 percent in 2000. The support and mentoring these alumni affiliates provided has been an asset to the University by enhancing the preparation of the entire student body for life after Notre Dame. Thank you to Father Malloy for your commitment to diversity, which permitted the growth in both arenas.

The seeds of change had been planted by Father Hesburgh during his tenure as University president with the birth of the BA of ND. I am sure when women were admitted in the 1970s, he had no idea that 30 years later, a female would be part of the Irish Guard. This is possibly the same surprise held by many male alumni with the admittance of women, who became nearly 50 percent of the student body in the mid-1990s.

The realization of visions that I felt my grandchildren would witness actually occurred with the naming of Michael Brown as the head leprechaun not only once, but twice. I remember visiting with Demetrius Marlowe, a former academic advisor for the athletes, in the early 1990s and kidding him about the mural of the black leprechaun he had painted on his entire east wall in his Main Building office. I told him that we knew it would happen one day, but I doubted if either he or I would witness it. Well, the student body and judges proved us both wrong.

Yes, the student body has recognized the contributions of all students and have been instrumental in cracking the glass ceilings and making new traditions. The collaborative efforts of the Campus Life Council, Student Government and staff members of Multicultural Student Programs and Services, Residence Life, Student Activities and Campus Ministry resulted in grassroot initiatives such as the Prejudice Reduction Workshops and the Learning to Talk about Race Retreats. The latter are being conducted on other campuses following Notre Dame's presentations at national conferences. Also, the creation of the Practicum on Diversity Education course has added to the dialogue of respect versus tolerance. Thank you to Student Affairs for sharing in the actualization of a vision to make the University truly "welcoming to all."

The resurgence of the Latino Studies Program through the Latino Institute speaks to the University's additional commitment to diversifying the academic arena. The institute is cross listed with other departments, Dr. Gil Cardenas and staff who are renown in the Latino/Hispanic academic field. Julian Samora, who began Notre Dame's first Latino Studies program several decades prior and left to establish the same at the University of Michigan where it still flourishes after his death is wondering why it took the University so long.

With the rebirth of the Notre Dame Program comes the enhancement of the African-American Studies Program. This year the program welcomes four Erskine Peters Fellows, who are in the process of completing their dissertation. The Provost office has also hired several additional African-American faculty of tenure and junior status in the departments of psychology, government and English. For their success, we as a community must support their endeavors.

Notre Dame has come a long way since Frazier Thompson graduated in 1947, but the journey is not over. How we will get there depends on each one of us. Are we open and receptive to the faculty of color or do we spend time challenging them and their credentials? Do we respect the contributions of all our project team members regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, etc.? What personal commitment have we made to Notre Dame and humankind?

I see daily the volunteer efforts of ND students in the Michiana community. Let's take the religious foundations and teachings which motivate us to give willingly of our time to help those who are disenfranchised outside of the ND family and apply the same understanding and compassion to those who are part of the ND family — peer, administrators, faculty and staff.

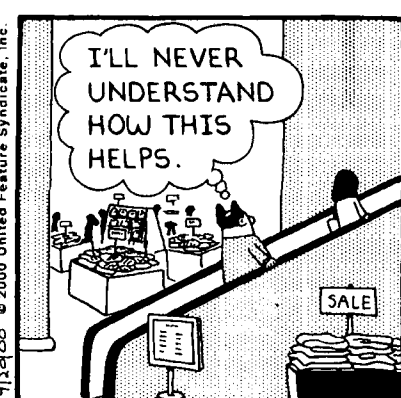
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Sports is the only entertainment where, no matter how many times you go back, you never know the ending."

Neil Simon
dramatist and screenwriter

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Endulge a little healthy revolution

"Do you feel tired, rundown, listless? Do you poop-out at parties?" If you know where this quote is from, then you are very cool in my opinion. But seriously, are you tired of the run-of-the-mill, day-to-day movement we moderns call living? Do you ever wish you were a CIA agent in Poland during the Cold War? No? Why the heck not?

Anna Barbour

Get A Life

But seriously, Thomas Jefferson once said something to the effect that a little revolution now and again is good for a society, and what's healthy for a society has to be healthy for each and every individual in it, right? Right. So now we have both encountered a problem and a solution. How many times does that happen? We are tired, worn down, but no worries because we have an answer, revolution! If you say long live France the French way, as in, "Vivé la France," you can almost hear the excitement the words invoke.

By now, though, if you are thoroughly encouraged by my penetrating perception into the human spirit, it ought to have occurred to you to ask, where do I sign up? What do I do? Who do I talk to? Just as an effective stampede has to have more than three head of cattle, an effective insurrection also has to have more than three participants. Sadly, you will just end your life more quickly instead of making it more exciting by mutinying

all by yourself. You've got to have friends. Friends are key, friends and lots of protest signs. I inadvertently also forgot to mention that the modern rebellion must be peaceful. It really must, otherwise you just get blown to bits, besides its not very chic. I'm reminded of the age-old saying that you can bring a lot of bees to honey ... but if you try to, for example, use poison gas and bombs, you will simply destroy all the bees. Something like that. The point is, the modern rebellion is about feeling alive, going against the Man (i.e. government), not nuking the entire world. I believe I have made my point.

Alright, so now we've talked out what is ailing us, discovered the malady if you will — that nagging, why get up in the morning, let me drown myself in fine beer attitude. Then, we've decided upon the general remedy, "Vivé la Revolution!" We've planned out the necessary equipment — people, lots of people and placards. Are we done? Heck no, living is not easy, so how can better living be any easier?

There remain two items on our agenda. First, what are we going to put on our signs and chant out loud so all the fuzz (police) can hear? It has got to be something catchy and fun to say, after all, we are trying to be exciting. I am reminded of a somewhat famous movie from the late seventies about a prison revolt. I never saw the movie and I don't think many people really care much about the movie. But most people, people who are

in the know, have heard the chant, "Attica! Attica!" a time or two, and it, like "Vivé la France," is highly inspiring. Secondly, you really have to have something to rebel against; the "Establishment" is simply passé.

Don't worry, I have pondered what to rebel against: the bookstore. Yes! The beautiful, but suspicious bookstore right here on ND campus. And why? Well, now to the crux of this article, the textbook monopoly. Sure profit margin goes on everywhere; the ND bookstore and Copy Shop are perhaps only using good business savvy, but the point is, do we have to take it? So there it is. A perfect time, the beginning of the year, you are still fresh. A perfect problem, a highway robbing, thriving, book, blackmarket-like, trading business going on in our own backyard. Don't sit by idle, twiddling your thumbs. Make signs. Gather friends. Take a stand and feel alive, really alive. Get a loudspeaker and make uproarious demands upon the bookstore and the Copy Shop.

I suppose one could also just boycott the bookstore's monopolistic business. Stage a sit-in in South Dining Hall, but be certain to use hand-cuffs or it just won't be quite the same. You won't feel quite as alive. But remember, you got this wonderful idea yourself.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crossing over both ways

I would like to commend you on finally representing students who attend both ND and SMC. However, your article stresses Notre Dame students who take courses at Saint Mary's and barely mentions SMC students who have a major at both schools. I want to let you know that every day Saint Mary's students cross Route 33 not to go to a party or a sporting event, but to go to class.

Elizabeth Warburton
junior
off-campus
September 19, 2000



Upholding higher standard for Irish fans

Promote ND image to those who view our actions

Here are a few notes on Mathew Lester's letter titled, "Fans don't take back seat to tradition."

1. He is right. There are some things about Notre Dame he does not understand.

2. It is not disrespectful for WNDU to interview Purdue fans in the student section. Interviewing is their business.

3. It is never appropriate to throw something at an unsuspecting person. It has nothing to do with being a "fan."

4. It does not matter how students at other schools behave. We strive to be a cut above. The opponent section is never the benchmark.

5. In the last paragraph of Matthew's letter, he said that people outside of ND, "may refer to our proud tradition and class, but do not expect us to not be fans." Our tradition and class is dependent on us living up to it. Going to a school with a good reputation does not give you a license to be a jerk. The

reason we have a good reputation is because our students have earned it in the past. If you don't act like a "Notre Dame student," then you are erasing the work of 158 years.

Matthew is not the only one on this campus who feels that Notre Dame is held to a higher standard. However, it is our proud tradition that we embrace and exceed these standards. When we fail, it is a discredit to our reputation. Plenty of Notre Dame haters smile every time they hear of a Notre Dame fan acting without class. Don't ever give them the satisfaction. Instead, realize that every time you come in contact with someone outside of our Notre Dame family, it is an opportunity to spread the Notre Dame spirit.

Steven Reed
senior
Carroll Hall
September 19, 2000

Need for class is obvious

Somebody help me out here. I can't tell if Mr. Lester was being sarcastic in his letter on Tuesday, or if he is truly so misguided as to think that being hostile to visiting fans is part of Notre Dame tradition. I'd like to give him the benefit of the doubt and think that Mr. Lester is trying to make some sort of sarcastic point, but I've just got this sinking feeling.

Okay. I'll admit I've been known to act like a complete idiot at Notre Dame football games. In the past, I've been so emotionally involved in what happened on the field, that I'd yell out some terrible things. I've felt my blood boil at the site of visiting fans in our student section. I've wanted to run out onto the field and strangle the refs.

But when the game was over, and I had some time to reflect on my behavior, I always came to realize what a buffoon I'd been. That's why I can't begin to understand what Mr. Lester is trying to say. Anyone that would throw something at opposing fans is an embarrassment to the ND community. Anyone who would throw something at opposing fans on camera is just plain stupid. And anyone who thinks that criticism of such acts is unfair needs a reality check.

We are ND. Cheer loud. Be proud. Don't be foolish. If you don't want to live up to the standard, find someplace with a lower standard. Go Irish.

Matt Quirion
Class of '00
September 19, 2000

Fall TV season premieres with fresh faces

Networks rely on popular classics for solid ratings among faithful fans

By MATT KILLEN
Scene Writer

While television viewers gear up for an onslaught of new shows this fall, some have been waiting months to see their favorite programs return to the tube with all new episodes.

Though the Olympics have made them wait even longer than usual, this year's summer of waiting will reward viewers with a particularly solid line up of some great returning shows.

The most anticipated of these shows is NBC's "The West Wing." Coming off a record nine well-deserved Emmy awards (including Best Drama) earlier this month, "The West Wing" left viewers hanging with an exciting cliffhanger.

In last May's season finale, a group of unknown assailants opened fire on President Josiah Bartlett (Martin Sheen) and his group of White House staff members. The big question is, "Who got shot?" Another unanswered factor is the assailants' identities. Are they white supremacists who are angry at the President's daughter Zoey (Elizabeth Moss) for dating Bartlett's African-American personal assistant, Charlie Young (Dulé Hill)? Or is it someone else entirely?

"The West Wing" was solid in all of its episodes last year and shows no signs of slowing down. With Allison Janney and Richard Schiff coming off of supporting actor Emmys, this series is being recognized for the immense talent that it pulls from.

There's not a weak link in the entire cast, which ranges broadly in both age (Hill) and name recognition (Sheen and co-star Rob Lowe). This season's episodes promise to deliver more of last year's quality, aided by the unique ability of "The West Wing"'s creator and writer Aaron Sorkin to blend seamlessly politics and entertainment.

As the best show on television enters its sophomore season, it has just a few details to work on. While

"The West Wing" does address current political issues, they are occasionally cumbersome and downright boring. The

episodes also have a tendency to wrap up just a little too neatly.

So who survives the assassination attempt? The special two-hour season premiere on October 4 at 8 p.m. will answer that question.

Occupying the NBC timeslot after "The West Wing" is perennial favorite "Law & Order." Premiering on Oct. 18 at 9 p.m., "Law & Order" returns for its eleventh season, this time without District Attorney Adam Schiff (Steven Hill). As the only remaining original cast member, Hill called it quits at the end of last season. His grumpy-yet-understated style will be missed.

Replacing Hill will be Diane Weist ("The Horse Whisperer," "The Birdcage"). While the DA's role on the show is relatively minor, it will still be interesting to see how everyone's favorite assistant district attorney Jack McCoy (Sam Waterston) will react to his new boss. Undoubtedly, he'll be unhappy.

Waterston will be joined by returning cast member Angie Harmon as his assistant Abbie Carmichael. On

the other side of the show are Detectives Briscoe and Green (Jerry Orbach and Jessie L. Martin, respectively).

While Green fumbled occasionally during his freshman outing on the show, time will hopefully have a soothing

effect on his acting prowess. Rounding things off on "Law & Order's" cast is their returning boss, Lt. Anita Van Buren (Epitha Merkerson).

Another show on the side of the law is ABC's "The Practice," which begins its fifth season at 9 p.m. on October 8. After Bobby Donnell (Dylan McDermott) and Lindsay Dole (Kelli Williams) finally tied the knot at Fenway Park in the season finale, it would be wise for the show to get back to basics. Last year's storylines were bogged down with engagement issues and wedding plans. Writers would be wise to leave the soap opera element out of it and give the rest of the strong cast a chance to shine.

"The Practice" has shown great potential in the past and needs to return to its basics — unique trials and great guest stars. Look for series creator David E. Kelley to become more involved as he tries to keep "The Practice" afloat while saving the disaster that is FOX's "Ally McBeal."

While FOX struggles with its lack of quality television, its Sunday night lineup remains the strong selling point for the network. Returning for a 12th season in November — the baseball playoffs make the debut particularly late — "The Simpsons" (8 p.m.) will continue its long-standing reign as one of the best television sitcoms ever. While little is known of the up-coming season, "The Simpsons'" non-stop onslaught of quality television shows no signs of stopping.

Many people feel, however, that the show has long-since past its prime and that the last few seasons have been mediocre. It may be true that recent episodes haven't become instant classics like some of the earlier seasons' shows.

But if you watch a shameful attempt at comedy like ABC's "Two Guys and a Girl" and then return to "The Simpsons," you will have no doubt that the caliber of this show is still miles higher than the rest of television's comedic offerings.

FOX managed to get "The X-Files" to return in November (Sundays at 9 p.m.) This season, however, will be (somewhat) missing star David Duchovny (as Agent Fox Mulder). Duchovny will be in eleven episodes of this season's twenty-two: the first two, the last six and another three in between. Agent Mulder's absence will mark a drastic change in the show's direction.

Gillian Anderson returns as agent Dana Scully. Joining her is

new cast member Robert Patrick (the T-1000 from "Terminator 2"), who plays an agent named John Doggett. Doggett is searching for Mulder, who "disappeared" (read: abducted by aliens) in last year's finale. He eventually becomes Scully's new partner, acting as the skeptic to Scully's newfound belief.

Aside from Mulder's shocking disappearance in last year's final episode, Scully's revelation of her pregnancy is another issue that will be dealt with (along with The Cigarette Smoking Man (William Davis) and his alleged "death"). Series creator Chris Carter promises a (thankful) return to the program's horror-based roots, shying away from the comedic and high-concept episodes that were all too frequent in last year's season.

This will be a welcome change, as the past two seasons of the show have been mired in a lack of focus. It's time for "X-Files" to go back to what made it great in the beginning. While the addition of a new partner for Scully is a risky move for the show (hard core "X-Files" fans can be hard to please), it's a gamble that both Carter and FOX hope will pay off.

Since "Survivor 2: The Australian Outback" won't be here until January, enjoy CBS' two-week rerun of the original phenomenon opposite the Olympics. Also, be happy that the start of the new fall season will bring the merciful end to the disastrous "Big Brother." While it was an interesting concept in the beginning, the decision to pick without question the most annoying cast of losers possible shot this show down before it ever took off.

There are many shows returning to the networks this year — some great, many not-so-good. However, these five — "West Wing," "Law & Order," "The Practice," "The Simpsons" and "The X-Files" — have proven to be consistent in the quality of their content. Keep an eye out for them and point that clicker their way when October comes around. It'll be worth it.

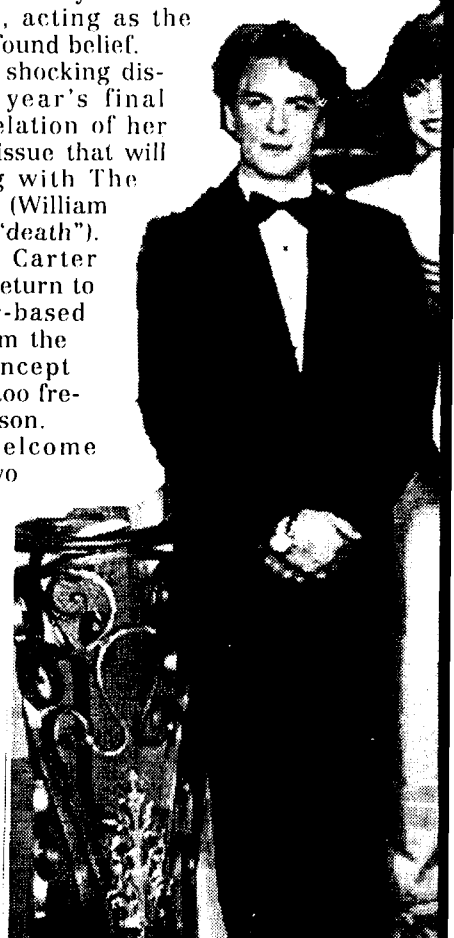
Who will be next 'Survivor' of new fall programs?

By MELISSA RAUCH
Scene Writer

Although the Olympics may have caused a slight delay, the new fall season of television is finally here. In addition to favorite returning shows, the networks are offering 31 new programs to entice viewers to the couch every week.

Amazingly enough, viewers will be without their reality TV for a time, as the next season of "Survivor" is not scheduled to air until next year. Instead there will be many familiar faces on the tube, as numerous film and television stars including John Goodman, Michael Richards, Geena Davis, and Bette Midler, have been given their own starring vehicles. Viewers will also notice a trend towards shows aimed at older audiences, combating the WB's teen craze of recent years.

What follows is a run down of the new shows: their stars, their premise, and



NBC's new fall lineup includes "The Michael Richards Show," and "Law & Order."

"DAG" premieres this fall on NBC.

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familiar favorites to win viewers' hearts

their chance of survival.

Sunday

Only two networks, NBC and the WB, have scheduled new shows on Sunday, as ABC, CBS, and FOX already have strong lineups in place. NBC offers "Ed" (8 p.m. - 9 p.m.), a drama focusing on a New York attorney who loses his job, leaves a cheating wife, and moves back to his quirky Mid-western hometown to open a bowling alley. The stars are relatively unknown, but the sentimental plot and eccentric characters could make it the next "Northern Exposure." However, "Ed" will face tough competition from "Touched by an Angel" and "The Simpsons."

At 9 p.m., the WB presents "Hype," an improvisational sketch comedy show that is a cross between "MadTV" and "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"

At 9:30 p.m., "Nikki" airs, showcasing one of the WB's many female pinup stars, Nikki Cox ("Unhappily Ever After"), as a Las Vegas showgirl who marries a professional wrestler. Uh, no comment.

Monday

The prolific David Kelley ("The Practice," "Ally McBeal") has created yet another new show set in Bean Town, "Boston Public" (8 p.m.). Although set in a high school, the FOX show focuses on the teachers for a change. Consider it everything you never wanted to know about your history teacher ... or worse, everything you never wanted to know about what your history and English teachers were doing together.

If the teachers are just too much to handle, switch over to CBS at 8:30 p.m. and watch the funny ladies on "Yes, Dear," a sitcom about two sisters with different styles of raising their respective families. Although the show is supposed to be about the sisters, it is their husbands — funnymen Anthony Clark ("Boston Common") and Mike O'Malley ("The Mike O'Malley Show") — who will likely steal the spotlight.

If hard-nosed, gritty drama is what you're looking for, NBC offers "Deadline" at 9 p.m. Dick Wolf, creator of "Law and Order," produces this show about a team of crack investigative reporters working at a fictional New York newspaper. Oliver Platt stars as their leader, determined to root out all of the crime and scandal in the Big Apple.

Finally, UPN broadcasts "Girlfriends" at 9:30 p.m., a sitcom focusing on the friendship between four African American women. The show sounds like "Living Single," but unfortunately without Queen Latifah.

Tuesday

Michael Richards, best known as the offbeat Kramer on "Seinfeld," returns to NBC with his own sitcom, "The Michael

Richards Show" (8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). He stars as a bumbling detective, a la Peter Sellers's "Pink Panther" character. Unfortunately, early reviews have not been positive and word has it that Jerry himself gave the pilot a thumbs-down.

Also on NBC is "DAG" (9:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.), starring David Alan Grier ("In Living Color") as a secret service agent demoted to the position of guarding the first lady, played by Delta Burke.

Switching channels, viewers will find Oscar winner Geena Davis on her own ABC sitcom, appropriately titled "Geena" (9:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.). She plays a career-oriented woman who marries a man with two children and must learn to be an instant-mom. Geena looks to be like the movie "Stepmom," but without the dying ex-wife.

Finally, FOX offers an alternative to all these comedies with James Cameron's "Dark Angel" (9 p.m.), a sci-fi drama about a girl who uses her special powers to save a post-apocalyptic world from military bad guys. With Cameron as producer, the cinematography and special effects will likely impress audiences, but it sounds like a "Buffy" rip-off, only without the cute clothes and witty dialogue.

Wednesday

Following the trend of film actors switching to the small screen, Bette Midler will star in her own CBS sitcom called "Bette" (8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). Midler plays herself, poking fun at the life of a Hollywood actress. Jennifer Grey tried this unsuccessfully on the short lived ABC sitcom "It's Like, You Know," but perhaps the Divine Miss M. can pull it off.

After "Bette," CBS airs "Welcome to New York" (8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.) a sitcom produced by David Letterman's Worldwide Pants production company about an Indiana weatherman's transition to life in the Big Apple.

Aaron Spelling brings to NBC his latest campy, night-time soap opera "Titans" (8 p.m. - 9 p.m.). Like the 80's classic "Dallas," the show will center on the bed-hopping, backstabbing shenanigans of obscenely good looking and wealthy individuals.

On FOX, John Goodman sheds his familiar image as Roseanne's husband, Dan Connor, to portray a gay father on "Normal, Ohio" (8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.). The show has suffered major production problems — having to recast and reshoot its pilot — but with a great lead-in from "Malcolm in the Middle," not to mention the established talent of Goodman, the show still has a chance of survival.

Following "Normal" on FOX is "The Street" (9 p.m. - 10 p.m.), a drama focusing on a group of young and attractive stock traders on Wall Street. TNT is offering a similar premise on its show "Bull," but my guess is nobody will watch either.

Finally on Wednesday, ABC offers "Gideon's Crossing" (10 p.m. - 11 p.m.), a drama starring Andre Braugher ("Homicide") as an oncologist who uses unconventional methods to help patients when traditional treatments fail. With "Chicago Hope" off the air, and "ER" aging rapidly (not to mention missing George Clooney), Gideon can hopefully fill the hospital drama void.

Thursday

Steven Weber ("Wings") returns to NBC in the coveted "Must See TV" time slot between "Friends" and "Will & Grace." "Cursed" (8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.) is the story of an advertising executive who is literally "cursed" when a jilted blind date puts a hex on him. As charming as Weber may be, "Cursed" sounds like a one-joke show that could get old pretty fast.

On the WB, "Gilmore Girls" (8 p.m. - 9 p.m.) focuses on a 32-year-old single mom trying to keep her 16-year-old daughter from making the same mistakes she did. Critics have applauded the show in early reviews, but it might be a little mature for the average WB audience member searching for another "Dawson's Creek."

Friday

ABC has completely overhauled its youth-oriented T.G.I.F. lineup, opting for more adult-oriented comedies. As kids all over America wonder what happened to Corey and Topanga, they will instead find a paranoid New Yorker who thinks everyone is out to get him on "The Trouble With Normal" (8 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.). Then at 9 p.m., Gabriel Byrne stars in "Madigan Men" as a newly single New York architect receiving dating tips from his wiser teenage son and widowed father. It's hard to imagine Byrne in a sitcom after his roles in "The Usual Suspects" and "End of Days," but perhaps there's a comic side to him we haven't seen yet.

At 8 p.m. on CBS, the other "Wings" brother, Tim Daly, stars

in "The Fugitive." In case you missed the original series or the Oscar nominated film, CBS wants to make sure you know that Dr. Richard Kimble still did not kill his wife. Mykelti Williamson, "Forrest Gump's" Bubba, stars as the FBI man searching for the unfortunate hero. Following "The Fugitive" is "C.S.I." (9 p.m. - 10 p.m.), a gritty crime-solving drama about forensic experts in Las Vegas.

On FOX, Ethan Embry ("Can't Hardly Wait") stars as a computer genius solving unusual, cyber-related mysteries in "Freakylinks" (9 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.). This show's clever gimmick is that it will be simultaneously broadcast on the Internet (www.freakylinks.com).

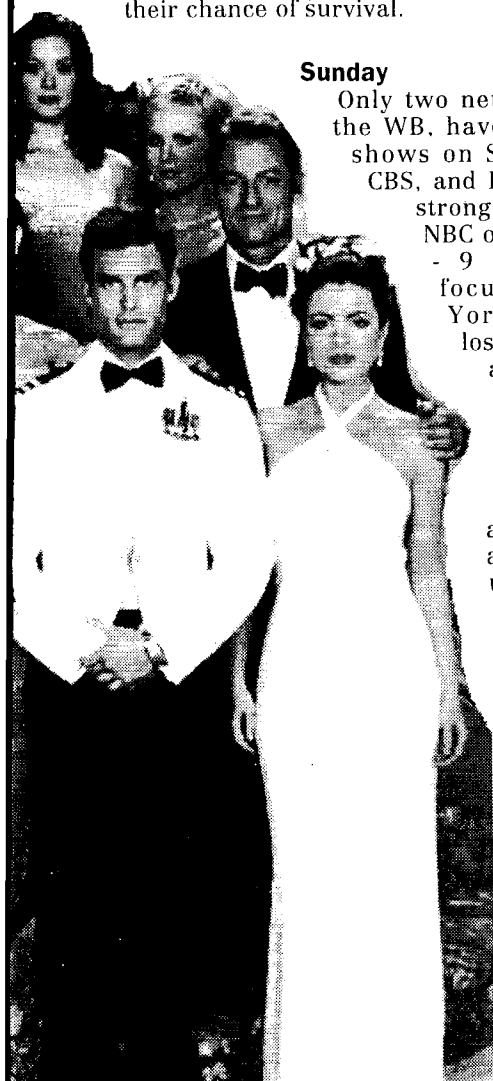
For those who always thought "Beverly Hills 90210" was really a comedy, the WB presents "Grosse Pointe" (8:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.). The show offers a hilarious, behind-the-scenes spoof of a fictional nighttime soap. An interesting sidenote: one character reportedly bore such a close, mocking resemblance to "90210" star Tori Spelling that she had to be rewritten under threat of a lawsuit.

Saturday

Receiving a Saturday night time slot usually means trouble for a new show, as it is the least watched TV night of the week. Only two new shows will be premiering, both on CBS.

"That's Life" (8 p.m. - 9 p.m.) focuses on Lydia De Lucca (played by Heather Paige Kent), a 30-something New Jersey girl who decides to go back to college after dumping her fiancé. Later Saturday night on "The District" (10 p.m. - 11 p.m.), everyone's favorite "Coach," Craig T. Nelson (not Bob Davie!) returns to television as the new police commissioner cracking down on corruption in the nation's capital.

Most of the new fall series will premiere in early October. All show times above are given in EST, but local listings should be checked.



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West Wing," "Titans," "Cursed," "The Order," (left to right, clockwise).



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Stein hands in stellar performance in Royals win

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo.

After missing the first half of the season, Blake Stein is making up for lost time.

The Kansas City Royals right-hander called his performance in Tuesday night's 5-1 win over Anaheim one of his strongest ever.

"That's the best command I've had of all three pitches in my entire career," he said.

"I was throwing fastballs for strikes, breaking balls for strikes and changeups for strikes — and pretty much doing it in whatever count I wanted to," he said.

Stein (7-4) was sidelined from April through June by a broken right forearm. He's 6-1 in his last 10 starts.

Stein gave up three hits and struck out a season-high eight in eight innings. He walked three batters in the first three innings but only one more after that, and lowered his ERA from 5.24 to 4.89.

Mike Sweeney extended a team record with his 136th RBI and closed within two of the 200-hit plateau. Sweeney, Joe Randa and Carlos Beltran hit RBI singles in a three-run third inning for Kansas City, which avoided dropping to a season-worst 13 games under .500.

Sweeney scored his 100th run on Randa's single. Beltran added an RBI single in the eighth off reliever Lou Pote for a 5-1 lead.

Jorge Fabregas made it 4-1 in the seventh when he singled and scored on a wild pitch by starter Ramon Ortiz.

"We scrapped and scraped," Royals manager Tony Muser. "We didn't do it dramatically, but we got some big hits in key situations."

Ortiz (6-6) gave up seven hits and four runs in seven innings. He struck out five and walked three.

Stein didn't give up a hit until

Garrett Anderson homered with one out in the fourth to cut Kansas City's lead to 3-1.

"That was actually a good pitch, an inside fastball," said Fabregas, the Royals catcher. "Anderson just did a good job of turning on it."

The only other hits against Stein came in the fifth, when Benji Gil's line drive ticked off the glove of leaping second baseman Carlos Febles, and in the seventh, when left fielder Mark Quinn just missed a sliding catch on a soft liner from pinch-hitter Orlando Palmeiro.

"We didn't hit the ball real well, but I think you have to tip your hat to Stein," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "He pitched a terrific ballgame, particularly later in the game when he started using his off-speed pitches behind in the count. He kept us off-stride."

Sweeney is trying to become the fifth Kansas City player to record 200 hits in a season. Teammate Johnny Damon has already passed that mark with 201; the Royals have never had two players do it in the same season.

Mariners 5, Devil Rays 2

Mike Cameron homered, tripled and drove in two runs as the Seattle Mariners won their seventh straight game Tuesday night, beating the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The Devil Rays lost their ninth in a row, the longest skid in the AL this season.

Seattle began the day with a 2 1/2-game lead in the AL West over Oakland, which played a doubleheader at Baltimore. The Mariners matched their longest winning streak of the year. John Halama (12-9) allowed two runs on five hits in 6 2/3 innings, stopping his three-game losing streak. Jose Paniagua pitched the last 2 1/3 innings to earn his fifth save in eight opportunities.

Cameron went 3-for-3 with

two walks. He tripled to drive in a run off Travis Harper (0-2) in the third inning and hit his 18th homer off Tony Fiore in the seventh for a 4-2 lead.

John Olerud also had two RBIs for Seattle. He homered off Harper — hitting No. 13 in the second inning for his second homer in three days after going 169 at-bats without one — and added a RBI single off Doug Creek in the eighth.

Alex Rodriguez drove in the Mariners' other run with a fifth-inning single.

Seattle also won seven straight from June 20-27. The Mariners have bounced back from their first losing month in four years (11-17 in August) to win five straight series and get off to a 13-5 start in September.

Tampa Bay's nine-game slide matches Kansas City's AL-high losing streak from June 30-July 13. The Devil Rays have been outscored 70-17 during the streak and have lost 15 of 17 games in September after going 43-40 the previous three months.

In losses to Boston, Toronto and Kansas City this month, Halama allowed 12 runs and 24 hits in 13 2/3 innings. The punchless Devil Rays never solved the left-hander, who won for just the third time in his last 10 starts — a stretch that includes four losses and three no-decisions.

Tampa Bay's weakest hitters, Miguel Cairo and Randy Winn, did the most damage against Halama. Cairo drove in the Devil Rays' first run with a third-inning sacrifice fly and Winn hit his first homer to trim the Mariners' lead to 3-2 in the fifth.

Harper, making his third major league start, allowed three runs on four hits, walked five and struck out two in six innings. He started because Cory Lidle left the Devil Rays on Monday to be with his wife

for the birth of their first child.

Marlins 3, Expos 1

Ryan Dempster isn't comfortable with comparisons to other pitchers.

Dempster took a shutout into the ninth inning and Preston Wilson hit his 29th homer, leading the Florida Marlins over the Montreal Expos Tuesday night.

"I remember (Dempster) having one bad game," Expos manager Felipe Alou said. "It was maybe the first time we saw him. Ever since then he's been really tough on us, and I imagine everybody else. He reminds me of a young Curt Schilling, that's what he is — and what he will be, a big pitcher."

Dempster (13-10) allowed five hits in 8 1/3 innings, struck out eight to raise his season total to 199, and walked none.

"I don't want to be compared to anyone," Dempster said. "I just want to be Ryan Dempster. It was a battle tonight, only three runs scored in the game."

Andy Tracy homered leading off the ninth and Antonio Alfonseca relieved with one out, finishing for his major league-leading 42nd save in 46 chances.

"I guess he got a little tired," Alou said. "And they've got a guy with over 40 saves, too."

Wilson's solo drive in the third off Mike Thurman (4-7) was Florida's team-record 151st homer, one more than the Marlins hit in 1996.

Luis Castillo, who hadn't stolen a base in 12 previous games, swiped three bases to tie Chuck Carr's team record of 58 steals, set in 1993.

"When Castillo gets on, he puts a whole different twist on a ballgame," Thurman said. "I feel like I've worked on speeding up my delivery out of the stretch, but I'm still not fast enough for Castillo."

The Marlins won for just the second time in seven games, and fourth time in 14. Montreal's Geoff Blum and Jose Vidro each had two hits, including Vidro's career-high 46th double.

Thurman struck out a career-high eight, allowing three runs, seven hits and three walks in seven innings. Castillo singled in the first, stole second and scored on Kevin Millar's RBI double.

Castillo got his second straight infield single in the third, his major league-leading 58th infield hit, stole second and third, then scored on catcher Brian Schneider's throwing error.

"I think Castillo's stealing third base determined the fate of the game," Alou said.

Wilson followed one out later with a homer to left.

White Sox 6, Tigers 2

Sean Lowe pitched five shutout innings and Chris Singleton hit a two-run homer Tuesday night, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers.

Chicago's cut its magic number for clinching the AL Central title to seven over second-place Cleveland, which lost 7-4 to Boston.

Lowe (4-1), who didn't get a decision in three previous starts this year, allowed three hits, struck out four and walked two, leaving with a 6-0 lead.

Steve Sparks (6-6) needed 70 pitches to get through 3 1/3 innings and gave up six runs — four earned — and 10 hits. The knuckleballer is 0-3 in four starts since winning six straight.

Frank Thomas was 3-for-4 as Chicago broke out of a slump with 13 hits. The White Sox hit just .217 while winning just three of their previous eight games and were 9-for-72 (.125) in losing their previous two.

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TENNIS

Turango wins straight sets in debut to advance

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Jeff Tarango won his Olympic debut at age 31 to assure the U.S. tennis team of having at least one player in the second round of men's singles.

Tarango beat 17-year-old wildcard Diego Camacho of Bolivia 6-0, 6-1 on Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT).

"It was a tough match emotionally for me," Tarango said. "It's been a long time coming, me getting to play this type of match. The first six or seven games I felt like I was swinging as hard as I could and the ball was hardly going anywhere."

Two Americans, Todd Martin and Vince Spadea, lost first-round matches Tuesday. The other U.S. entrant in men's singles, Michael Chang, played later Wednesday.

Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport, the 1996 gold medalist in women's singles, won her opening match against Paolo Suarez of Argentina, 6-2, 6-2. That made the U.S. women 3-0, with No. 2 seeded Venus Williams and No. 3 Monica Seles winning Tuesday.

"The competition is very

strong here, mostly from my teammates," Davenport said. "Obviously, we would like to sweep the medals. We think we have a good chance to do that."

Tenth-seeded Russian Elena Dementieva, a semifinalist at the U.S. Open earlier this month, was eliminated by wildcard Miroslava Vavrinec of Switzerland 6-1, 6-1. In men's play, No. 7 Tim Henman of England lost to Karol Kucera of Slovakia 6-3, 6-2.

Tarango became the oldest man to compete for the United States in Olympic tennis since Titanic survivor Richard Norris Williams, who played in the 1924 Games at age 32. Williams was no relation to the Richard Williams who is Venus' father.

Despite early jitters, Tarango had little trouble with young Camacho, who weighs just 136 pounds and has no professional ranking.

"He's just not strong enough or ready for this level yet," Tarango said. "But in the future he could be a good player."

Tarango swept the first 10 games and completed the victory in 49 minutes.

SWIMMING

Heyns falters in preliminaries

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

Penny Heyns, who set a remarkable 10 world breaststroke records in a two-month span last year, couldn't maintain her momentum in the Olympic pool.

Heyns won't get a chance to defend her 1996 gold medal after finishing 20th in the 200-meter breaststroke preliminaries Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT). She swam 2 minutes, 30.17 seconds — about 6 1/2 seconds off her 1999 world record — and didn't even make the semis.

"I feel a real peace about it," the 25-year-old South African said. "You never know how you're going to handle setbacks or disappointment until you get there, and it's a pretty neat experience."

Heyns won golds in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes at the Atlanta Olympics, becoming a hero in her homeland. She was the first South African in 44 years to win an Olympic medal after decades of isolation because of apartheid.

She came to Sydney as the favorite in the breaststroke events. She'll most cherish the bronze medal she won in the 100 Monday.

"I felt more like a champion after that experience than any other gold medal or world record has ever given me," she said.

"It was the toughest thing ever, pressure-wise and everything, to go out there in the 100 and still try to fight for the gold. After the semis, I thought, 'There's no way.' I'm just proud inside for the fact I could get up and give it everything I had."

Heyns' career likely is over, having ended in the same Olympic pool where she was so impressive at last year's Pan Pacific championships. She set five world records in five consecutive races, something no other swimmer has ever done. But Heyns never returned to that form this year.

"We altered my workouts at times and it really made me tired inside and I still feel tired," said Heyns, who wanted to retire in 1998 before following her coach to train in Canada.

The satisfaction she felt Monday had Heyns considering skipping the 200 breaststroke altogether, but she decided to soak up the Olympic atmosphere one more time.

"I wanted to go out there,

enjoy the ready room, enjoy the crowd, enjoy my fellow competitors and what swimming offers you," she said. "So often we're so focused on the gold medal or the world records or our personal swims that we miss out on everything else."

Heyns swam in the same preliminary heat as Agnes Kovacs of Hungary, who broke Heyns' Olympic record from Atlanta. Heyns lost to Megan Quann in the 100 breaststroke final. But she left an indelible impression on the 16-year-old American.

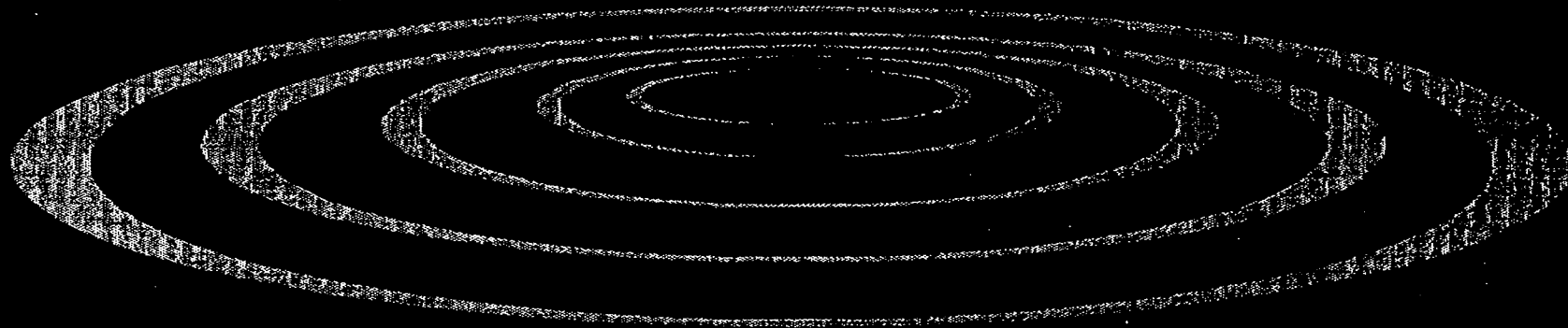
"She has pushed me so hard," Quann said. "When I swim in practice, it's her I see in my mind. I just keep seeing her world record time."

Heyns will leave Sydney with her world marks in the breaststrokes intact. They were part of that 10-records-in-two-months streak last year.

"I think it'll be hard for anyone to ever do that," she said. "I feel at peace about my career. I feel like I've done everything I wanted to do and way more than I ever expected."

Heyns may go into missionary work as a way to define her life by something more than medals and world records.

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GYMNASTICS

Americans fall just short of podium with fourth-place finish

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

The six sprite-sized Americans were sitting as tight as piano keys on the edge of the arena floor tonight, telepathically willing a misstep by the Chinese or Russian teams that were still competing.

The United States gymnasts had done all they could. After finishing off their routines with a spirited effort in the women's Olympic team final, the competition for the defending gold medalists was over. All they had left was the hope for an opening that would usher them onto the podium for a bronze medal — the perfect cure for the team's dysfunctional state.

But as soon as the Chinese revealed a steel-belted focus on the vault, the moment the Russian Yelena Zamolodtchikova blew the tip of her finger like a six-shooter to punctuate her spectacular floor routine, the American optimism was slowly nudged aside by the reality of an undesirable fourth-place finish. The USA Gymnastics plan had officially failed.

To prevent the plunge of the United States women's program, to stop the embarrassing decay of a team just four years removed from gold in Atlanta, Bela Karolyi was pulled out of retirement last year by the USA Gymnastics president, Bob Colarossi, to whip up a medal. But tonight, while the dominant Romanians, easy winners with 154.608 points, were being draped with gold in the Super Dome, while the Russians (154.403) touched their silver medallions and the Chinese (154.008) cherished their bronze reward, the United States team members were venting their frustrations backstage.

They were just 1.075 points behind the Chinese at 152.933, but that was the difference between harmony and discord among the Americans. That was the difference between celebrating Karolyi's impact as national team coordinator and railing against it.

"Bela should not have had so

much control," said Jamie Dantzscher, who scored a 9.712 on the floor exercise.

"The personal coaches were given no credit. He gets so much credit when we do things right, but everyone else gets blamed when things go wrong."

On Sunday night, after the United States placed a disappointing sixth in the qualifying meet, Karolyi questioned the team's desire. Bound to his seat in the stands because of USA Gymnastics rules preventing noncoaches of the athletes on the floor, Karolyi was unable to stalk the floor as he has in the past. The blustery immigrant from Romania couldn't bear hug the gymnasts or pound positive vibes into their psyches; he couldn't shake their miniature shoulders or inspire them face-to-face. If he was on the floor Sunday night, he said he wouldn't have tolerated the flat demeanor of the team.

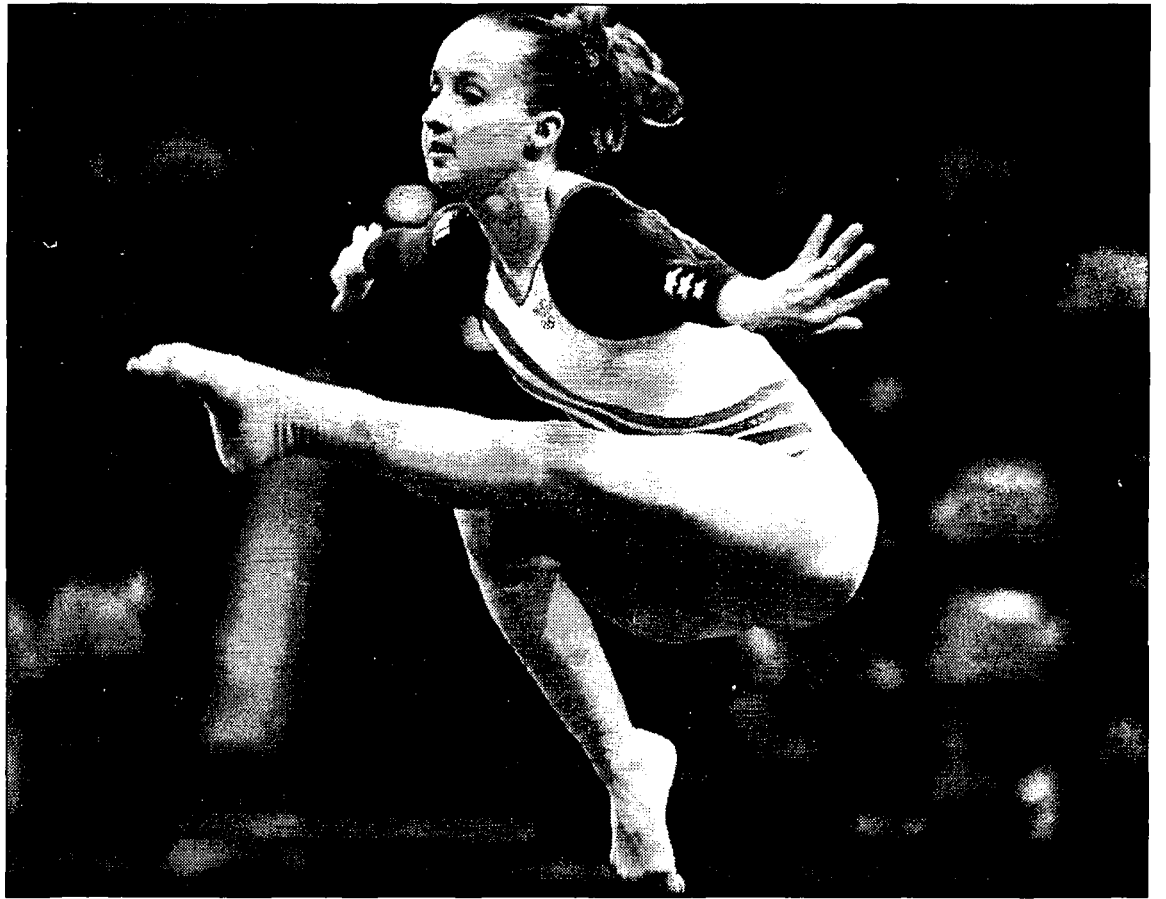
"Tonight, they had much better attitude, more strength," said Karolyi, who watched the team pick up their performances in every event and show more unity as they rooted each other on. "You could see it, it was like, 'Yes, now, we're ready.'"

So who receives the credit for the mood improvement? Was it Karolyi's prefinals speech to the team? Was it the reserved approach of Coach Kelli Hill? Tonight, she wore the same conservative cloak as always, but afterward Hill vehemently took issue with Karolyi's criticism.

"It's not in my personality to be like Bela," Hill said. "It's not that I'm upset, but after I heard the things he said following the first night, I asked him if he wanted to be out there; and he said, 'No.' So there you go."

This wasn't the way the plan was supposed to unfold. And the flaw in the blueprint was apparent: Colarossi should have either given total control to Karolyi or left him enjoying his retirement. Instead of bringing the team together, Karolyi's overbearing presence only splintered it.

"To be a great motivator, you have to connect with the athletes," said Steve Rybacki, the assistant United States coach.



AFP Photo

American Kristen Maloney performs her floor exercise Tuesday, receiving a 9.737 from the judges. The U.S. team placed fourth overall.

"There were a number of girls on this team that he didn't make a connection with."

One of Rybacki's gymnasts, Dantzscher, was Exhibit 1. She resented the treatment she received from Karolyi after she rolled her ankle last week. Tonight, Dantzscher said she had been ignored by Karolyi, who openly criticized her for being inconsistent in qualifying.

"It's so not fair," Dantzscher said. "I wasn't treated as a person."

Some of the gymnasts sup-

ported Karolyi, at least to an extent. Two of the remaining members of the Magnificent Seven — Amy Chow and Dominique Dawes were in Atlanta to feel the power of Karolyi's persuasiveness up close on the floor. Chow and Dawes praised Karolyi for being a motivator, but Dawes wondered if his faith in her had waned over the years.

If so, she wanted to prove him wrong in her final competition. Dawes helped give the United States a chance to medal tonight

by scoring a 9.7 in the team's best event of the night: the uneven bars. After the team scraped by on the treacherous balance beam — with no dazzling scores, but no disastrous falls, either — the Americans ended their night on the floor exercise.

"We had hope," said Kristin Maloney, who scored a 9.737 on the floor, and was part of a great last effort by the United States. "We knew we were still alive. Then, we had to watch and wait."

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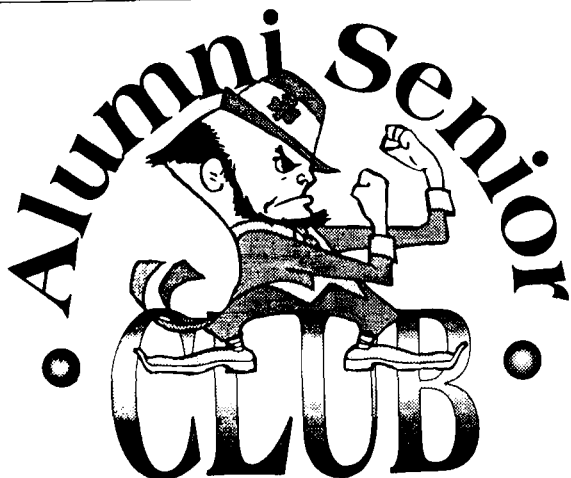
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WEIGHTLIFTING

IOC punishes competitors for illegal drug use

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia
A Bulgarian weightlifter was stripped of his silver medal and a hammer thrower from Belarus was kicked out of the Sydney Olympics in the first positive doping cases of the games.
The International Olympic Committee said Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) that it had taken away the silver in the 56-kilogram (123-pound) weightlifting class from Ivan

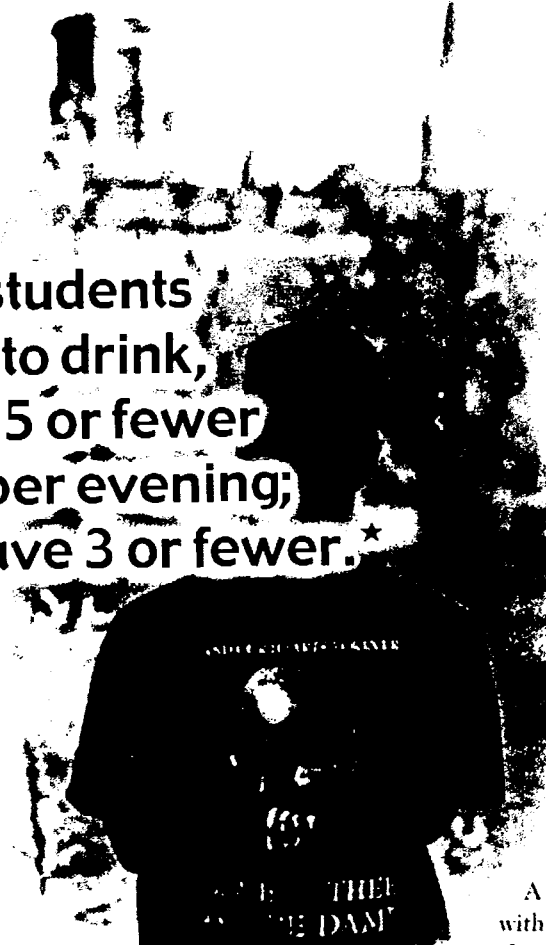
Ivanov, who tested positive for furosemide, a diuretic.
Ivanov, a gold medalist at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics and former four-time world champion, kissed his barbell after he had clinched the medal Saturday, the first full day of competition.
The other banned athlete was Vadim Devyatovsky, a hammer thrower from Belarus, who tested positive for components of the banned steroid nandrolone in an out-of-competition sample on Sept. 12 in the athletes' village, the

IOC said.
Diuretics are used to flush fluid from an athlete's body to reduce weight, but also can be used to mask the presence of other performance-enhancing drugs. Nandrolone builds muscle and helps athletes recover faster in training.
These were the first athletes banned as a result of tests conducted during the games. Several others had been banned as a result of pre-games tests.
IOC medical commission chairman Prince Alexandre de

Merode said the expulsions were ordered on the basis of positive results of the "A" samples. In the past, no sanctions were taken until after the backup "B" sample was tested.
The Bulgarian and Belarussian teams have both asked for the "B" samples to be analyzed.
IOC director general Francois Carrard said Ivanov had already left the Olympic village. Devyatovsky had been scheduled to start competing Saturday.

Olympic bronze medalist, was suspended by international track officials for testing positive for steroids for a third time.
Simon Kemboi, a member of the Kenyan 1,600-meter relay team, also was suspended for testing positive for steroids.
Neither will be allowed to compete in Sydney.
The ruling council of the International Amateur Athletic Federation announced those suspensions after an eight-hour meeting.

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With Ivanov stripped of the weightlifting silver, the standings were revised. The original third-place finisher, Wu Wenxiong of China, moved up to take the silver, while China's Zhang Xiangxiang was elevated from fourth place to the bronze.
Carrard said officials were considering arranging a new medal ceremony.
Ivanov, 29, was the Olympic champion at 114 1/2 pounds in 1992 in Barcelona. He won gold at the world championships in 1989, '90, '91 and '93.
Devyatovsky, 23, finished second in the hammer at the junior world championships in 1996. This season, he has improved his performance from 251 feet-10 1/2 inches to 266-11.
The IOC tests were the first drug positives from the games themselves but only the latest in a slew of doping cases announced in Sydney, where more drug tests will be conducted than ever before.
De Merode said 13 athletes have been suspended for failing tests prior and during the games so far.
On Tuesday night, Alexander Bagach of Ukraine, the 1999 world indoor shot put champion and 1996

The World Anti-Doping Agency, a new international arm of Olympic sports designed to conduct uniform out-of-competition testing, also reported a positive steroid test to Nigerian 800-meter runner Dupe Osime.
She was among 45 Nigerian athletes initially chosen for the country's provisional Olympic team but was not among the 30 brought to Sydney.
Weightlifting has been filled with pre-games cases. The International Weightlifting Federation kicked out the seven-member Romanian team Sunday because three lifters — including two on the Olympic team — had failed drug tests this year.
But the federation lifted the ban on the five "clean" lifters the next day after the Romanian Olympic Committee agreed to pay a \$50,000 fine. Such a waiver is included in the IWF's rules.
The decision led to widespread confusion, with the IOC medical director declaring at one point that Romania couldn't buy its way back. Later, after a frantic round of phone calls and meetings, the reinstatement was accepted.
WADA tests have found at least nine suspected positives out of 20 "elevated" results since last April.

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VOLLEYBALL

Meyers steps into leading roll for Belles on court

By CECILIA OLEK
Sports Writer

Angela Meyers has come a long way since she began copying her sisters' participation in volleyball in fifth grade.

"I had two older sisters who played, so I would follow them around and was always the little tag-along," she said.

Now a junior at Saint Mary's, Meyers is a long way from the days she used to look up to her sisters. Leading a young Belles team hungry for wins, co-captain Meyers now finds the younger members of the team looking up to her. Meyers has made it a personal priority to guide the younger members of the team.

"This season, I just want to be a leader on the court, get everyone going, and really be there for the younger girls," Meyers said.

Struggling to break out of the 0-9 rut the team finds themselves in at the beginning of the season, as co-captain, it's critical for Meyers to keep a positive outlook. The 0-9 start, while tough on paper, isn't a true reflection of the team, Meyers said.

"We are very young this year, but we're learning to play as a team," Meyers said. "There's a lot of heart and desire. Our attitudes are what are going to get us by."

Leading on and off the court, Meyers specialties lie as an outside hitter and in defense, leading the Belles defensive core.

"Angela is Division I caliber on defense," said coach Julie Schroeder-Biek. "She digs everything. I have officials throwing out compliments about her at our games. Her digs are just unbelievable."

Senior co-captain Victoria Butcko believes that Meyers' presence and leadership on the team keeps the team motivated.

"Every team has a spark and she's the spark in our team," Butcko said. "We count on her so much."

The coach thinks so, too.

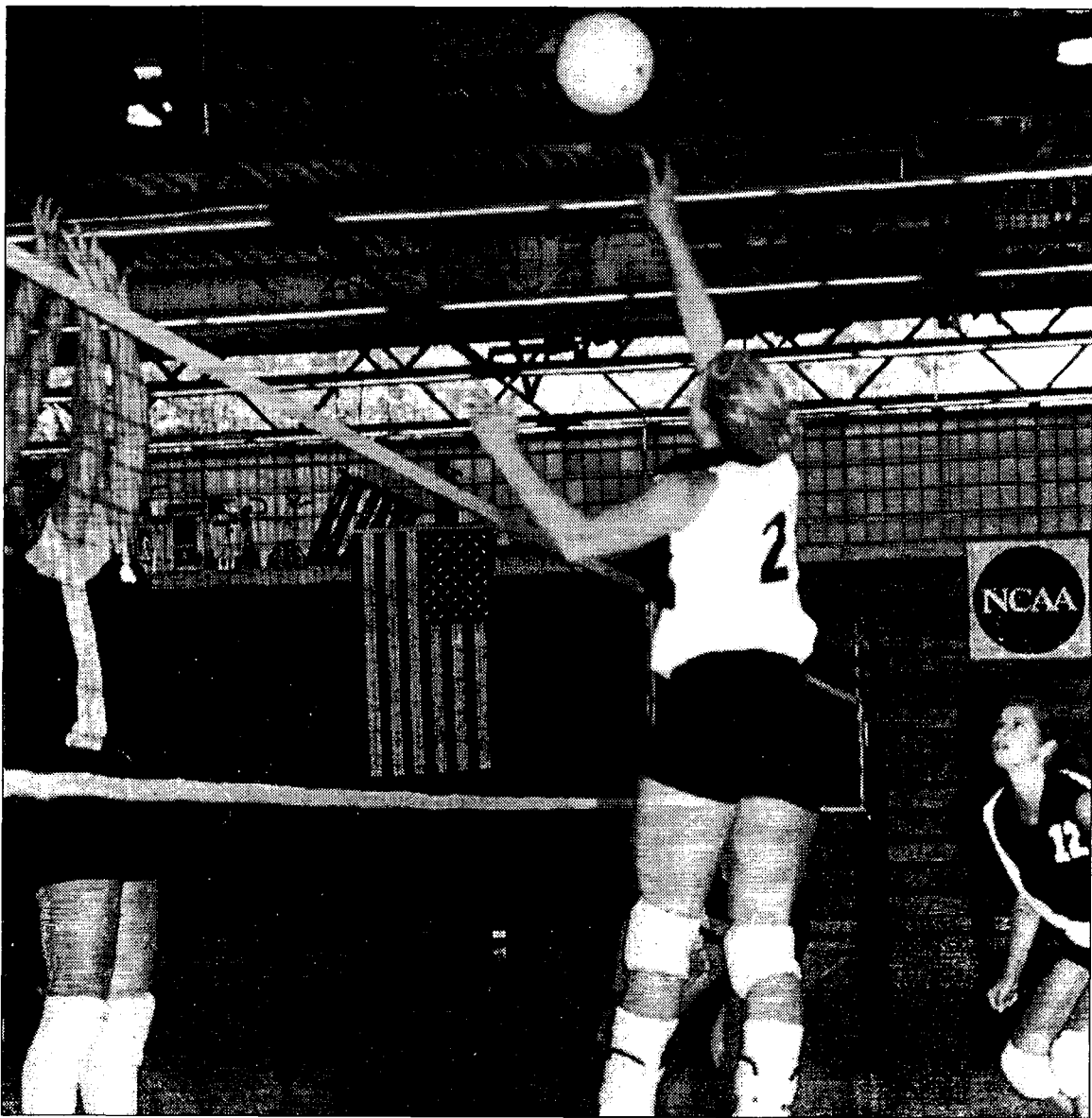
"Angela is a godsend on this team," Schroeder-Biek said. "She is our glue. I've only coached her one year, but I feel very honored to have inherited her."

Meyers echoes the sentiment about her coach.

"She is the best coach I've ever had. I've never wanted to win more for a coach than I do for her."

Meyers said that some of the most enjoyable moments of her season are the long bus rides to away games that provide the opportunity to get to know the girls on her team.

"I always want to win, but I play because I like being on the court and playing with the girls," Meyers continued. "It's a really nice way to get away from school pressures."



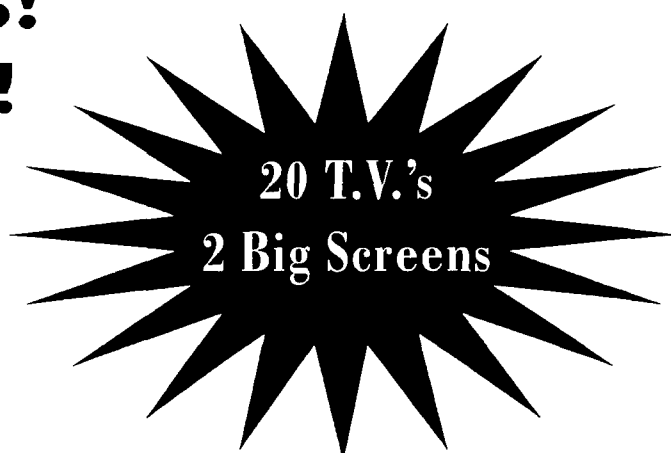
Defender Angela Meyers hits the ball over the net in Saint Mary's loss to Kalamazoo. As co-captain of the 2000 squad, the junior has become a role model for younger players.



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U.S. Men's 8 team fails to live up to expectations

Associated Press

PENRITH, Australia
Things aren't going so well for the U.S. men's eight crew that was supposed to revive an American gold-medal tradition. Although the three-time defending world champions won a qualifying heat Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) to advance to Sunday's finals, they did so by a miniscule .02 of a second. They were second in a first-round race Monday.

"The speed they're doing now isn't what they were doing a month ago," coach Mike Teti said. "Something's wrong."

"It's a little bit of a rhythm thing," crew member Porter Collins said. "Today came down to pulling — a street fight. We've got to be a little smarter next time."

The women's eight won its heat and the women's quadruple sculls finished second in another, sending both to the finals. A second-place finish for the men's lightweight double sculls advanced it to a semi-

final on Friday.

The United States, the only country to qualify in all 14 events, has yet to lose a boat through two rounds of qualifying.

The men's eight came to Sydney favored to end a 36-year Olympic championship drought and armed with advice and inspiration from their golden predecessors of 1964. The wait for another victory has been especially long for a country that won 11 of the first 14 Olympic titles, including eight straight from 1920-56.

Now, there's the chance the men's eight could be shut out of a medal for the third straight time, which has never happened.

"We have some things to figure out," said Teti, who won a bronze medal on the 1988 squad, the last U.S. medal winner. "You have to admire them for their effort, but we're definitely not moving the boat like we need to to be an Olympic medalist."

The women's eight was proud of how they bounced back from a second-place finish in their qualifying heat Monday.

"It was actually a big difference today," said Linda Miller of San Diego. "We approached the race a lot more aggressively. Our goal was to really attack the first 1,000 and control the race, and that's what we did. We're ready for Sunday."

The men have until then to work out their kinks.

They've already tried minor adjustments like moving from the athlete's village to a quieter, warmer hotel that's an hour closer to the venue. They're considering the major change of moving guys around the boat.

Another option is calling some of their friends from '64 and seeing if they have any ideas.

The relationship between the past and the present was Teti's idea. Having grown up in Upper Darby, Pa., riding out of the same club that spawned America's last Olympic champion eight, Teti idolized that team.

He has become friends with

some of them through the years and thought it would be fun to introduce them to his squad, the oldest of whom was born six months before the '64 team's golden day.

One or two at a time, the seven living members of that crew plus their coach, Al Rosenberg, have passed on advice and their best wishes to the 2000 team. Rosenberg even climbed into the cox's seat and got on the water with them.

"We have a ton of reverence for them," said coxswain Pete Cipollone. "We have some two- and three-time Olympians here who don't have any medals, so they recognize how difficult it is to win."

"When those guys came in, everyone was like, 'Wow! Impart your wisdom on us. Go ahead and tell us anything you want.'"

Little of their talks had anything to do with stroking oars. It was mostly reliving the glory days.

"If you're an elementary school basketball player, wouldn't it be great to sit down with Michael Jordan and pick his brain a little bit? I think it was the same situation with these guys," Teti said.

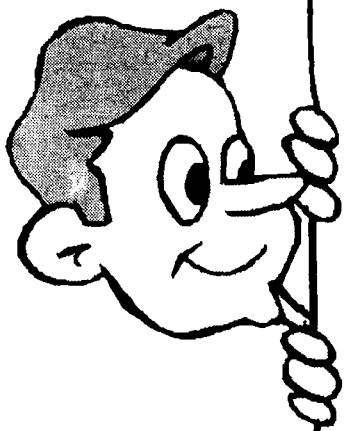
For Cipollone, it was the chance to ask the questions he never asked the late Bill Knecht, a '64 crew member who rowed at the same club in southern New Jersey as Cipollone's father.

"As much as I always wanted to ask him what it was like, I was too much in awe of the guy to actually bring up the subject," Cipollone said. "Now I want to dedicate my performance to Bill Knecht."

"It's a little bit of a rhythm thing. Today came down to pulling — a street fight. We've got to be a little smarter next time."

Porter Collins
U.S. men's crew member

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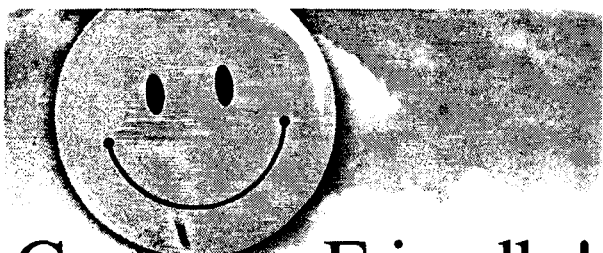
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FOOTBALL

Davie wants road win to build more team confidence

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

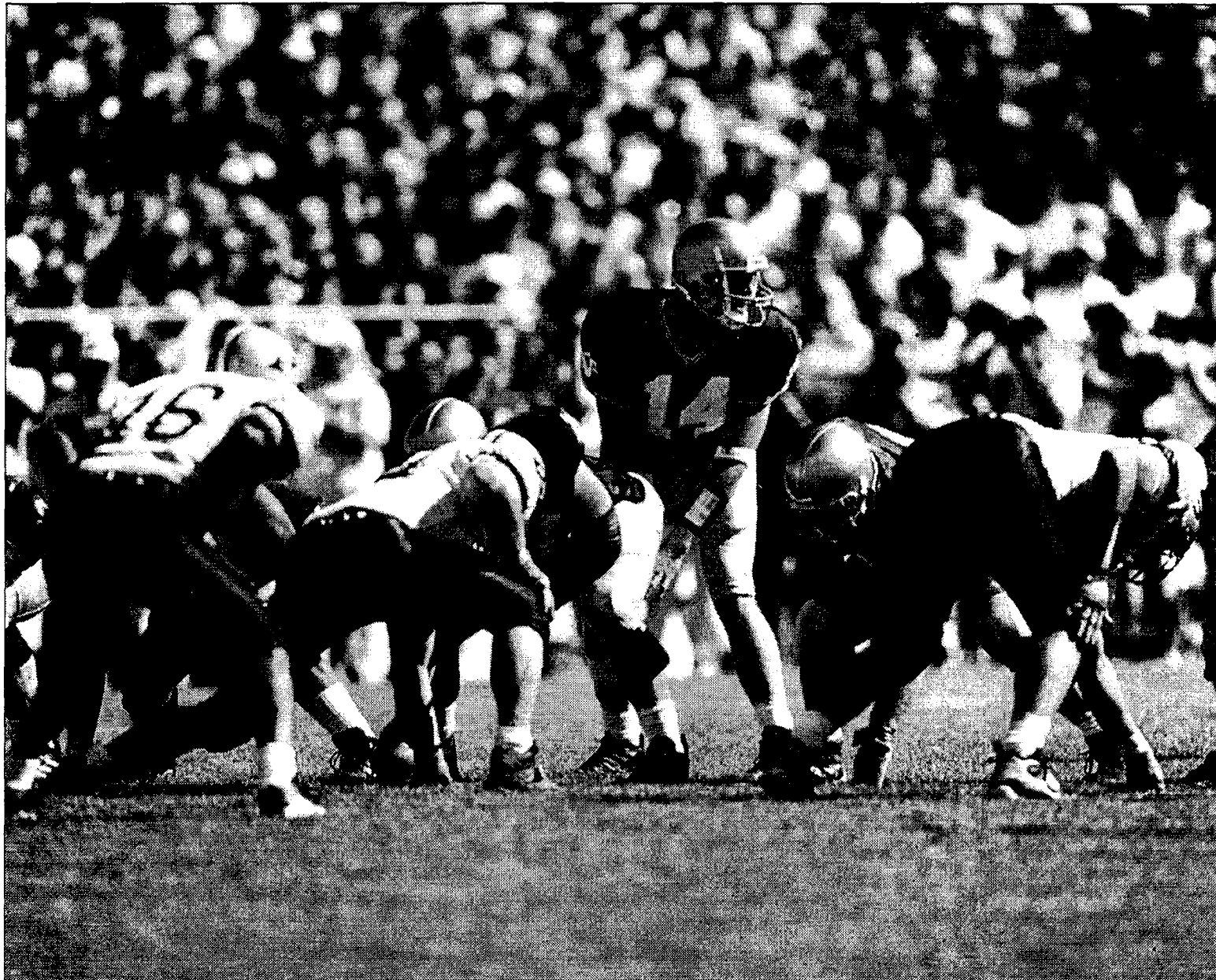
Despite a 2-1 start that has surprised many of the skeptics, head coach Bob Davie realizes this weekend is an opportunity for the Notre Dame football team to prove even more when it travels to East Lansing to take on Michigan State.

"I think everybody probably sees the same thing," Davie said. "We'd like to think we're an improved football team, but until we go win a game on the road, I don't know we can say that. I like a lot of things about this football team — we have to go win a game on the road."

A win in Spartan country would be significant in more ways than one.

Not only would the Irish break a road losing streak that goes back to the 1998 season, they would snap a three-game losing streak to Michigan State. Davie did not hesitate to give the Spartans credit, but at the same time emphasized in the Tuesday press conference how his own players have matured since the previous meetings with MSU.

"When we went up there in '98 (a 45-23 loss), it didn't matter if we played that game out here on that practice field," Davie said. "When you have a punt blocked early in the game, when you throw interceptions for touchdowns, and when you give up big plays on defense, it doesn't matter if that game's in your back yard when you play like that. Once again, it's all about the preparation. I think we're a



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Sophomore quarterback Gary Godsey leads the Irish offense in Notre Dame's 23-21 win over Purdue Saturday. The Irish will face their first road test this weekend when they travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State.

more mature football team, but we'll find out."

The Fighting Irish will

need every ounce of maturity they can muster.

Their schedule is currently

rated the most difficult by the NCAA, and for the first time in Notre Dame history, they will open the season with four consecutive opponents that were all ranked at the time of the contest.

Among the most pressing issues for Davie will be containing State's monster tailback T.J. Duckett.

Only a sophomore, Duckett has averaged an incredible 211 yards rushing and 7.2 yards per carry in his first two games this season.

"I think he's a guy ... you've got to stop him before

he gets started. When he gets heading north and south and just takes it on a straight line, he's a heck of a player," Davie said. "So it's trying to hit him, trying to knock that ball out of there, trying not to give up the big play, and stay in your gaps. I think that's probably the single biggest thing. With him he's real patient. When he finds the gap, he just hits it."

On the other side of the ball Davie addressed the need to give second time starting quarterback Gary Godsey more opportunities to move the ball. Last week Purdue was able to shut down Notre Dame's backfield because of a conservative game plan.

Against Michigan State, Davie plans to diversify the offense in such a way that

more is placed on the shoulders of his young signal caller.

"I give Purdue credit because they did line up and show one thing and then just did really a good job with our snap count of being in something different when the ball was snapped. So it is not like we were overly simple with Gary," Davie said. "But

"Playing out here in this stadium is one thing. Playing up there is another thing. That is why I am still in a wait-and-see attitude."

Bob Davie
Irish head coach

also, I give Michigan State credit. They have good coaches and good players. They are going to do the same thing. We have got to have more latitude in what we are doing. We

have got to do some things differently to allow us to have a chance to run the football."

The biggest factor, however, might be avoiding the type of avalanche early that Notre Dame faced two years ago in East Lansing.

More than just scoring early, Davie wants to see his players playing together and mistake-free.

Just as each of the first three games has been a test for the Irish in one way or another, the trek to Michigan State will tell much about how they handle a hostile environment.

"Playing out here in this stadium is one thing," Davie said. "Playing up there is another thing. That is why I am still in a wait-and-see attitude."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles plan to get season back on track against Spartans

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's soccer Belles are looking to turn around a season slowly slipping from their grips.

After three losses in a row and a tie at Olivet, the 2-3-1 Belles face the Spartans of Manchester today, and the players are bound and determined to come away the victors.

"I just feel like we're on a roll," Belles sophomore Shawna Jiannoni said. "We're totally psyched for the season."

It certainly doesn't hurt that the Belles shut out the Spartans 2-0 in 1999, their second year of varsity play. Nor does it hurt that the

Spartans finished 3-15-1, to the Belles record of 9-6-2 overall.

"I think us beating them last year is great and gives us an edge."

Jessica Klink, Belles co-captain, said. "That just makes us want to play harder because they'll be coming out wanting to win."

The Belles will have the advantage of a full roster on their side for the first time this season. Veterans Heather Muth and Adrian Kirby return to the lineup, and freshman Wendy Irvin enters a collegiate game for the first time after suffering a stress fracture in preseason practice.

On the Spartans' side, they are 1-5 under new coach Scott Stan, with losses to Ferris State, Alma, Bethel, Adrian, and Rose-Hulman, picking up their only victory against Thomas More. Stan was a four-year starter at Trinity Christian College, and is the school's all-time leading scorer with 86 career goals.



KRISTENE KAAI/The Observer

Freshman forward Katherine Green tries to bypass the defense in Saint Mary's loss to Rose Hulman last week. The Belles prepare to end a four-game winless slump today against Manchester.

In the 8-1 defeat of Thomas More, sophomore Heather Zawadski had a hat trick, while freshman Nichole Connent and

senior Sarah Thomas finished with two goals each. Rachel Stein, a junior on the Spartans, finished with one goal and two

assists. Sophomore goalie Laurie Vellner recorded eight saves.

But Saint Mary's has talent enough to stretch its winning streak against Manchester to two.

Stephanie Artnak, the dynamic freshman midfielder, leads the Belles with two goals, both scored on penalty kicks. Artnak is tied for first place in the MIAA for goals. Heather Muth sits at sixth in the MIAA with her points in the home opener against Alma. Freshman Kristin Greenwood is tied for third for

assists in MIAA games.

"Definitely our goal is to be more offensive," Klink said. "We need to get our shots in."

After blazing a trail to victory against Alma, Saint Mary's struggled, both offensively and defensively, but since its loss to Olivet, its confidence has returned full force.

"Once we get our shots in we'll be more confident," Klink said. "We've been very defensive lately."

The Belles face Manchester in a home match at 5 p.m.

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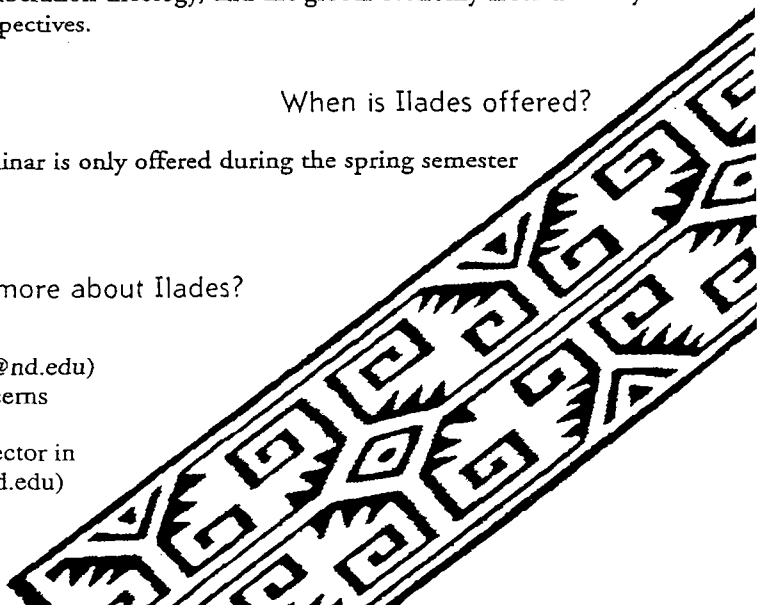
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ture used to identify potential problems. On Jan. 23, a Friday night, John went to Strong Memorial for an MRI.

The next day, Kevin dropped his family off at their house after one of John's seventh grade basketball games. He was on his way to pick up a piece of fence post to mount a satellite dish at a local hardware store when his car phone rang.

"My wife called and said there was a message on our answering machine from John's doctor," Kevin recalled. "He said John has a brain tumor."

Surviving the worst

When John came home that January afternoon, he was preparing for an outing with his Boy Scout troop. Moments later, his mother went upstairs and told her son the neurologist had called.

"I was like, 'I want to go to this function,'" John said. "Then I said, 'Dang it, not now.'"

That reaction did not last long. The Clarys (including Emily, now 13) had a family meeting a few hours later.

"We all got together and said, 'We're going to get through this thing,'" John recalled.

They went to Strong immediately and had surgery on Monday morning. The doctors reduced the size of the tumor by 30 percent and John spent two days in the Intensive Care unit. He was released Friday, and a day later, John attended his team's basketball game.

"I was on the bench with 12 staples in my head," John said.

In late February, the results of the biopsy came back.

The official name of the tumor type is gliomatosis cerebri. Most of the tumor was located in the

right temporal lobe with the remainder spread (diffused) throughout other parts of the brain. According to Kevin, the tumor looks like strands of spaghetti. It is also very rare.

"My doctor told me I'm only the fifth person he's ever known with this," John said.

Starting in March, John had eight weeks of whole brain radiation for which he wore a customized plastic helmet. He went to the hospital every day after school and received 10 minutes of radiation per visit. After the first phase of radiation, John received focused radiation in the right temporal lobe (above his right eye).

In the middle of June, John then began 11 months of intensive chemotherapy, performed in six-week cycles. He alternated medications between pills and injections.

Due to the medicine, John lost most of his hair and more than 50 pounds. At his lowest, John weighed only 89 pounds.

"I could run my fingers through my hair and a clump (of hair) would be in my hand," John said.

Notre Dame offers reprieve

When John first arrived at Strong Hospital in January, one of Kevin's friends, Gary Hatton, contacted the Notre Dame football office and requested an autographed picture from Davie.

Davie obliged and continued to stay in contact with the Clarys over the next few months.

Meanwhile, in the late summer, Kevin found out he and his son would be coming to the Oct. 3 game against Stanford. So Kevin wrote a letter to Davie and asked if he could stop by the office and say thank you for the support Davie had showed during his son's ordeal.

"At that time, I thought that may have been our last trip (to Notre Dame)," said Kevin, who

did not attend Notre Dame. "It wasn't looking good for John. So we saw it (the trip) as a goal to look forward to. We wanted to think about the future instead of dwelling on John's condition."

The day before the game, Kevin and John went to Davie's office, where the coach gave John an autographed football and a Notre Dame hat.

"We figured we'd be out of there in five minutes," Kevin said.

They were wrong. The day had just begun.

Davie then told the Clarys to report to Gate 1 of the Stadium where a student manager would give them a tour of the field, the locker room and the press box. After they finished, Jay Sawvel, a graduate assistant coach, invited the Clarys into a conference room where the team was meeting.

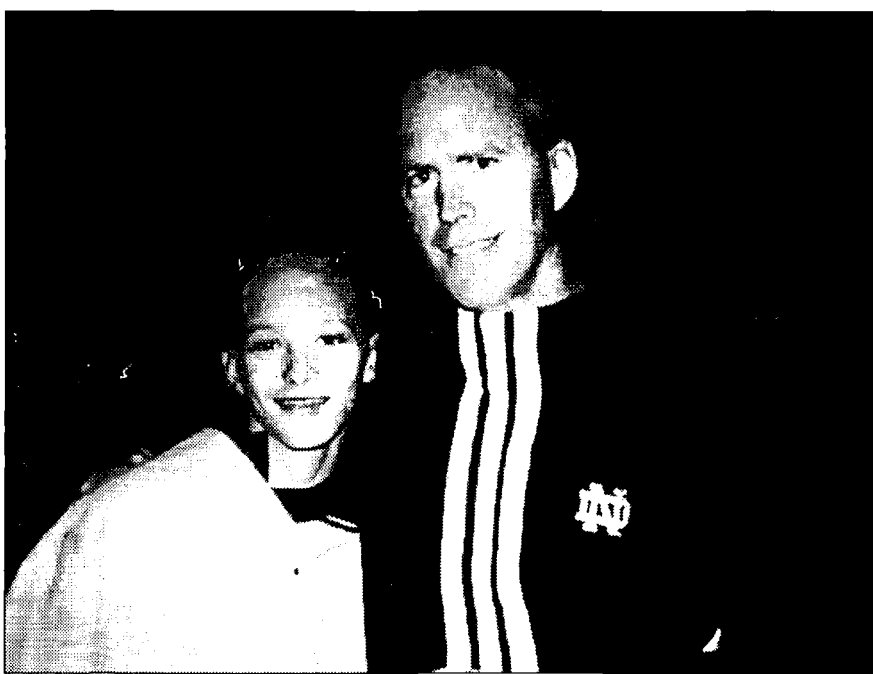
"When we walked in, the entire room stood and gave John a standing ovation," Kevin said. "It was one of the more emotional moments of our life."

The captains from the 1998 team, Bobbie Howard, Kory Minor and Mike Rosenthal, presented John with more Notre Dame paraphernalia, including a jacket.

Following the meeting, Davie arranged for the Clarys to have dinner with the team in the Joyce Center before that night's pep rally.

"I was sitting at the table with the players and I was like, 'What the heck am I doing here, man?'," John said. "It was touching."

They sat in the third row near the center at the pep rally then



John Clary and Bob Davie pose for a picture during Clary's visit to Notre Dame in 1997.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Clary

went back to their hotel room. The next afternoon, the Irish beat the Cardinals 35-17 and improved to 3-1 on the season.

The score was secondary in the Clarys' minds.

"During the game, I looked at John and said, 'Look at everybody in the stadium,'" Kevin recalled. "How many people had dinner with the team last night?"

Kevin and John returned to the Irish locker room and celebrated with the team. They stood on the side of the room, staring at the victors.

Following his post-game news conference, Davie walked past the reporters, TV cameras and sports information people. On his way to the locker room, Davie saw the Clarys, shook their hands and said goodbye.

"Coach Davie asked me, 'When are you coming back to Notre Dame, Mr. Clary?'" Kevin recalled. "And I said, 'As soon as I can, coach. As soon as I can.' With all the other stuff he's got going on in his life, he still remembered us. Just taking that extra minute for us was amazing."

A guardian angel

Dressed in blue cargo pants, a long-sleeve paisley shirt and a well-worn white Notre Dame hat with a navy blue brim, John Clary sat at table five during last Friday's football luncheon. He ate the meal, conversed with his father and listened to the speakers — including Davie, running backs coach Desmond Robinson, offensive lineman Mike Gandy and Daniel 'Rudy' Ruettiger.

Following the lunch, John immediately headed to the podium for Rudy's autograph.

"This is probably the best souvenir I'll ever bring home," John said.

Thirty-two months after being diagnosed, John's tumor is now stable.

In January, he was hospitalized after suffering nearly 50 seizures a day. But with new medication, John averages four or five seizures a day (which last around one minute each), but he does not lose consciousness.

If he has a seizure while walking or standing, John will fall to the ground and start convulsing. To protect him from any damage, John wears a black foam "karate" helmet when standing.

John currently has an MRI administered every six months and takes six to eight anti-seizure pills each morning and evening.

But he doesn't mind. "I'm back," said John, who currently weighs 135 pounds. "My strength isn't all the way

yet. But I'm back."

Now a sophomore at Pavilion High School, John works extensively with other young cancer patients at Strong Memorial Hospital and is one of the most recognized people in Rochester.

"He's my role model," Kevin said. "My wife and I can't get down because he has always done so well. We see all the people he inspires."

Despite the joys of helping others, John has also felt the pain associated with cancer. One day earlier this year, a letter was sent to the Clary house, informing them that one of John's friends had died from the disease.

"When she (his mom) told me, I just broke down," John said. "He was my best friend that I ever had. I just broke down."

That reality has set in with the Clarys. They intend to remain focused on the present, enjoying every day. And whether they hear praise or warnings from the doctors regarding John's condition, they plan on staying calm and not letting their emotions take over.

"It's a marathon," Kevin said. "It won't go away easily."

Neither will the Clarys' memories of Davie.

Besides fulfilling their Notre Dame dreams, Davie also planned another trip for the Clarys. During their meeting in October 1998, Davie saw John wearing a Green Bay Packers hat and asked if he had ever been to Lambeau Field.

The Clarys had just made arrangements to attend a Packers game later that month. When Davie found that out, he phoned his friend, current Green Bay head coach Mike Sherman, and told him that Kevin and John would be coming to Wisconsin.

So, thanks to Davie, John lived another fantasy. Before the game, Packers' quarterback Brett Favre and tight end Mark Chmura gave John an NFL football on the field.

Then, after the game, John met defensive end Reggie White at a reception.

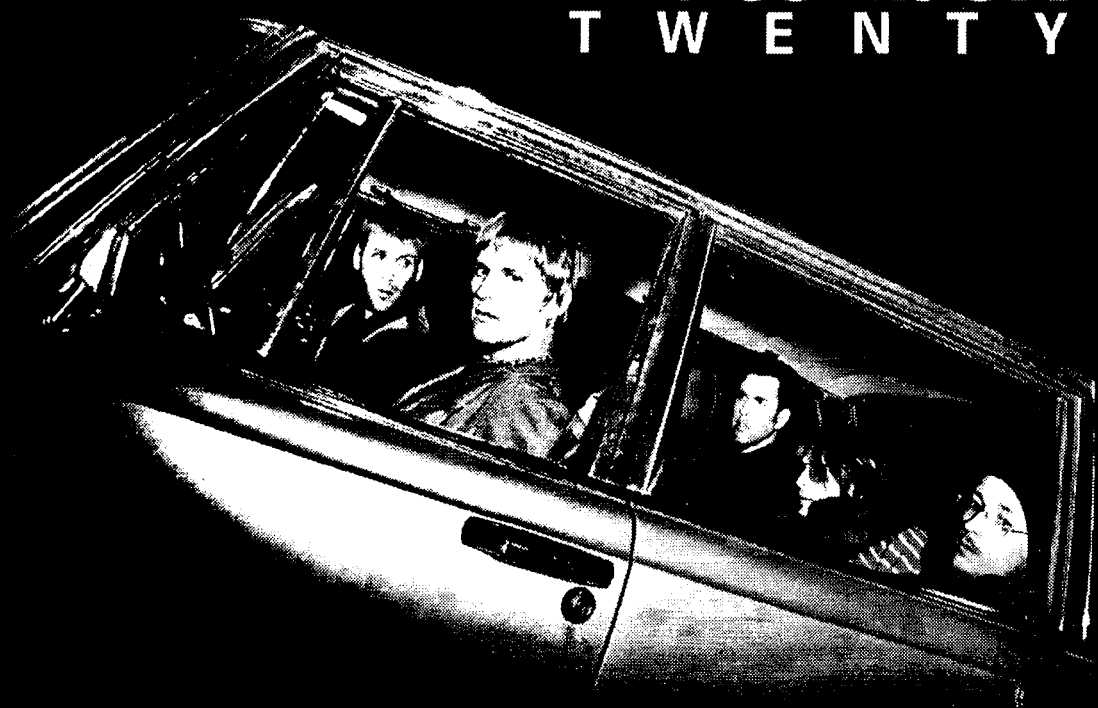
As the Irish left the Basilica on Saturday morning, the Clarys simply shook Davie's hand. There were no elaborate dinners, conversations or meetings with the fourth-year head coach this weekend.

In fact, Kevin is not even sure if Davie remembers his name.

But he could care less. "There are people around us who are guardian angels," Kevin said. "And Coach Davie fits into that category. He may not realize it, but that afternoon we spent with him and the team was unforgettable."

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Campellone passed the free kick over the Irish defense to John Schaller, who headed the ball past Irish goalkeeper Greg Tait to pull the Vikings to within one.

"That was frustrating," Apple said of the lone goal. "We talked about it before the game ... our number one goal tonight was a shutout. One set play and one lack of concentration on our part and a moment of forgetting what we need to do on defense and they get in and get a goal."

But that was the last time Cleveland State had a scoring opportunity.

"Our defense played a good game overall," said senior co-captain Stephen Maio. "But we made a couple of mental lapses and that's how they scored. We just lost our focus for that one play."

"Those back four guys — Greg Martin, Stephen Maio, Conner LaRose, and Andy Forstner —

they cover for us really well," Apple said. "If one of them get beat, there is always another one coming. I wasn't too concerned except for that one set play."

The Irish outshot the Vikings 17-4. Sophomore Erich Braun led the Irish offensive attack with four shots.

"He's a huge part of our attack," said Apple.

When Braun wasn't in the game, the Irish appeared disorganized and didn't communicate well.

"We were a bit casual at times, and that has to be worked on next game," said Apple.

Braun almost scored his first goal of the season in the 79th minute. The talented sophomore fired a shot past Kryger that appeared headed for the net, but Cleveland State defender Ole Christian Haugen kicked the ball away just inches before it entered the goal.

The Irish host Big East foe Seton Hall next on Friday night in their second game of a five-game homestand. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Freshmen make immediate impact

Freshman Justin Detter didn't want to ride the pine when he started his collegiate soccer career.

He wanted to be an impact player from the start.

"I don't like to come in and say 'Oh, well, I am a freshman, I shouldn't play,'" he said. "I wanted to make an impact right

away. Me and Coach talked during recruiting and he said I could contribute right away. That's what I wanted to do. I wanted to go somewhere I could play and not sit my whole freshman year."

The Parade All-American from White Lake, Mich. wasted no time in making his presence known.

Starting his fifth game of the season Tuesday night, the 6-foot-1 midfielder scored the game-winner in Notre Dame's 2-1 victory against Cleveland State.

His first collegiate goal came off a great give-and-go with fellow freshman Chad Riley.

"I got the ball with my back to the goal," Riley said. "I saw him running so I just touched it to him and he finished it."

Riley's assist gave him four points for the year ... good for second on the team.

Riley and Detter are just two of the six freshmen playing big roles for the Irish early in the season.

"They are very good players. That's why we brought them here and we are very happy with them," Irish head coach Chris Apple said. "They're all have extensive national team experience. We knew they were going to be impact players right away."

Tuesday night, Cleveland State felt the Irish fresh-

men's impact.

Four freshmen started the game for the Irish and five saw significant playing time.

On offense, in the midfield and on defense, the Irish freshmen were constantly making big plays.

Greg Martin started for the sixth time on an Irish defense that has shut out three teams and held the Vikings to just three shots. Martin also contributed to the Irish offense with two shots.

While Martin has been solid on defense, the biggest freshman impact has been on offense. In addition to Detter's goal, the freshmen played a role in the first goal as well.

On the first goal, Detter broke free 30 yards out and bounced a shot of the Cleveland State keeper. Riley collected the rebound, dribbled to his left and was fouled hard in the box before he could shoot. Senior Griffin Howard buried the ensuing penalty shot to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

Freshman Kevin Richards almost picked up a point in his first start as well. Several times the speedy midfielder from Bermuda beat a defender to the ball but his crossing passes just missed their marks.

Of all the talented freshmen, Richards might be the fastest.

With 22:30 left in the first half, Richards raced past his defender toward a loose ball.

Although the defender had two steps on him and a better angle to the ball, Richards was a step ahead of his defender. He might have had a clear path to the goal had a Cleveland State player tackled him from behind to draw a foul.

With every game, the freshmen grow more accustomed to their roles and more comfortable with the collegiate game.

Although Richards described the game as "faster and more physical," he seemed to fit into the flow of the game easily.

Detter said he is adjusting well to the collegiate game as well.

"The first two games of the season I was playing the forward position but the last two games he moved me back to center midfield where I've been playing most of my life," he said. "So it feels good to get back in there."

Watching the freshmen, it seems as though they have a sense for where each other are at all times. Detter, Richards and Riley are always just a touch pass away.

This is not a coincidence, according to Riley. Most of the freshmen class have played together for a few years and are close friends.

"The freshman class is really close," he said. "We do a lot of things together. We study together and I have class with almost every one of them. We've known each other since we were 15 or 16 through the Olympic development program."

It's easy to forget, however, that these talented players are just 18-year-old kids.

They still get fooled by older players and make mental mistakes.

Martin drew a thoughtless yellow card in the 31st minute.

After a Cleveland State player slipped past him toward the net, Martin fouled him to stop a breakaway. Instead of dropping back on defense, however, Martin booted the ball up the field and drew a yellow card for delay of game.

With every mistake, however, the freshmen learn. With every success, they gain confidence. Watching them succeed, learn and develop now is certainly exciting. In just a few years the Irish Class of 2004 might lead the men's soccer team deeper into the NCAA tournament than ever before.

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SWIMMING

Medal-winner Krayzelburg sets 200-meter backstroke record

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — American Lenny Krayzelburg, who already has one gold medal at the Sydney Games, set an Olympic record in preliminaries of the 200-meter backstroke.

Krayzelburg, world record-holder in the event, cruised through the water Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) in 1 minute, 58.40 seconds. That broke the record of 1:58.47 set by Spain's Martin Lopez-Zubero eight years ago.

Krayzelburg is an overwhelming favorite to win the 200 after capturing gold Monday in the 100 backstroke. Spotting his time on the scoreboard, he gave a subtle grin and wave to the crowd, followed by a thumbs-up to his coach.

"I wasn't thinking about the record," Krayzelburg said. "I just wanted to swim a good race."

The native of Ukraine, who became an American citizen in 1995, should face his toughest challenge from 17-year-old Aaron Peirsol of Irvine, Calif. He was second-fastest in qualifying at 1:59.10, advancing to the 16-man evening semifinals.

"We bring out the best in each other," Krayzelburg said.

Jenny Thompson, American's most-decorated female gold medalist, qualified third in the 100 freestyle prelims, her final chance to win a gold of her own.

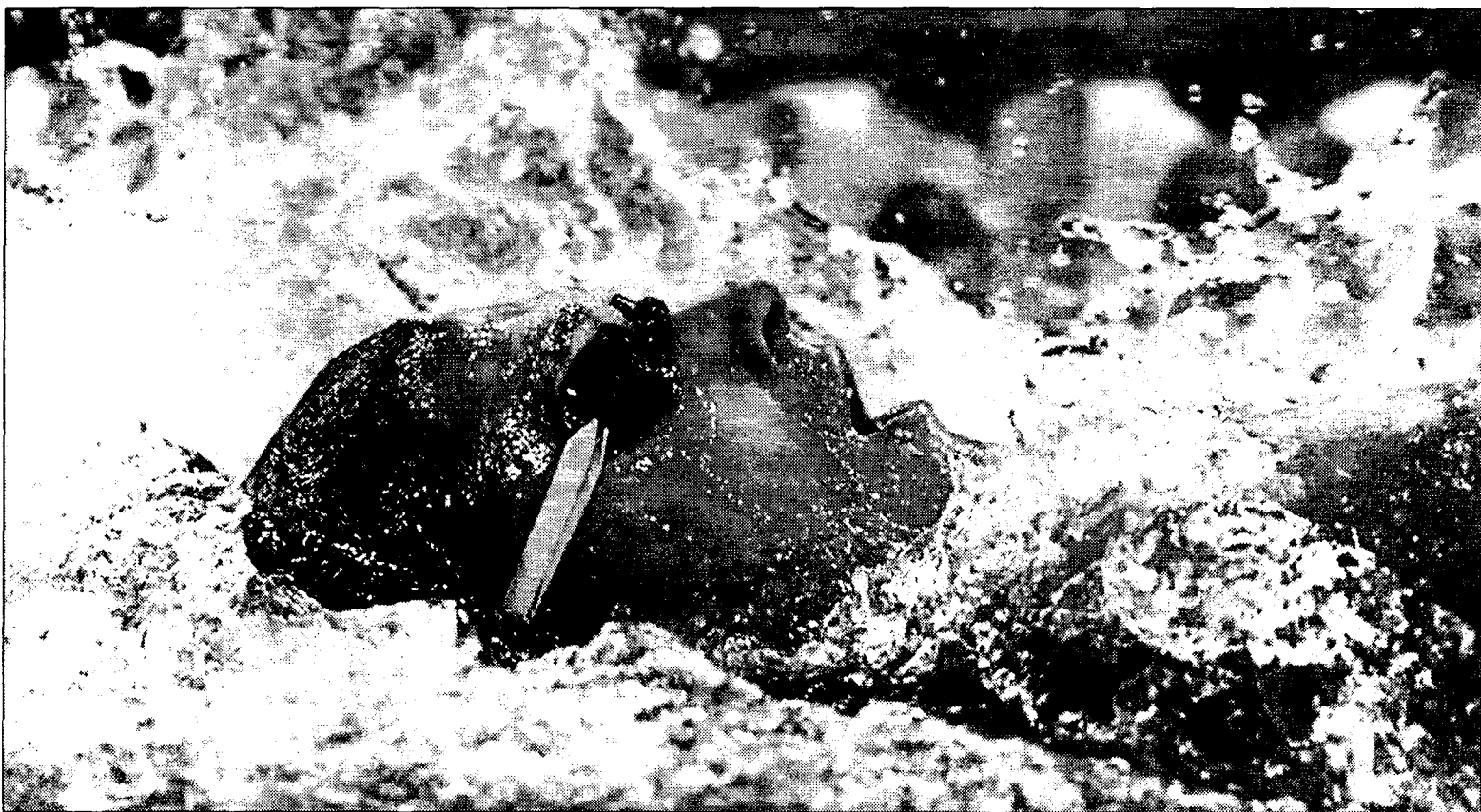
It won't be easy with Inge de Bruijn in the field. The world record-holder was top qualifier in the morning prelims at 54.77 seconds.

Dara Torres of Beverly Hills, Calif., who already has an individual bronze medal at these games, was second-fastest at 55.12, followed by Thompson's 55.22.

"It was fine for a morning swim," said Thompson, of Dover, N.H. "I expect to be faster tonight (in the semis). I'm recovered from the 100 fly."

Thompson was expected to be de Bruijn's top challenger in Sunday's 100 butterfly, but faded to fifth as the Dutch superstar blew away the field.

The 27-year-old American did



AFP Photo

American swimmer lenny krayzelburg cruises to an Olympic record in the 200-meter backstroke preliminaries Tuesday. Krayzelburg already earned a gold medal in the 100-meter event Monday.

win the sixth gold medal of her career, anchoring the 400 freestyle relay to pass Bonnie Blair for most golds by a U.S. woman.

But all of Thompson's gold medals have come in relays. Her only individual medal was silver in the 100 freestyle at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

De Bruijn is favored to win her second gold medal in Sydney, having set a world record of 53.80 in the 100 freestyle on May 28. In all, she's the record holder in three Olympic events.

"It felt really good. Very nice and smooth," De Bruijn said of her preliminary swim. "It's going to be a very, very close race. I'm looking forward to it."

De Bruijn and countryman Pieter van den Hoogenband are two of the biggest stars in the pool, quite an accomplishment for a tiny European nation best known for soccer and speedskating.

Van den Hoogenband has a gold in the men's 200 freestyle

— beating Australia's Ian Thorpe in world record time — and was favored in Wednesday night's 100 freestyle final after becoming the first man in history to break 48 seconds in the semis.

"I lost my voice cheering for Pieter," De Bruijn said in a raspy voice. "He did an awesome job."

Torres, the 33-year-old former model and infomercial spokeswoman, hopes to pick up the third medal of her comeback. In addition to a bronze in the 100 butterfly, she was part of the U.S. team that set a world record in the 400 freestyle relay.

"This is going to be one of the toughest races," said Torres, swimming in her record fourth Olympics after leaving the sport for seven years. "A lot of girls are going 54 seconds."

Tom Dolan of Arlington, Va., followed up a world-record performance in the 400 individual medley by qualifying second in the 200 IM at 2:01.55. Italy's

Massimiliano Rosolino was first in 2:00.92.

Tom Wilkens of Middletown, N.J., also advanced with the seventh-fastest time, 2:02.21, after watching the final of the 200 breaststroke on television the previous night. He failed to make it out of the prelims in one of his strongest events.

"I was a little mad at myself," Wilkens said. "I should have been in that race."

Agnes Kovacs of Hungary set an Olympic record in the women's 200 breaststroke prelims at 2:24.92, wiping out the mark of 2:25.41 set by South African Penny Heyns four years ago.

Kristy Kowal of Reading, Pa., was second-fastest (2:26.73) and Amanda Beard of Irvine, Calif., placed eighth in 2:27.83. Beard won silver in the event as a 14-year-old at the Atlanta Games.

"It was easy, probably the easiest 200 I've done this year," Kowal said. "This event is pretty

open. Whoever steps up is going to win it."

Shockingly, Heyns won't get a chance. The defending Olympic champion struggled home in 20th at 2:30.17 — about 6 1/2 seconds off her 1999 world record — and didn't even make the semis.

At age 25, she might retire from swimming to enter missionary work.

"I considered not swimming the 200 because, in all honesty, I don't have legs right now," Heyns said. "I didn't expect to go further. I wanted to go out there, enjoy the ready room, enjoy the crowd, enjoy my fellow competitors and what swimming offers you."

The United States advanced to the final of the women's 800 freestyle relay as top qualifier. The team of Samantha Arsenault, Julia Stowers, Kim Black and Diana Munz went 8:01.69. Australia was second at 8:03.26, setting up another Aussie-Yank showdown in the

TRACK AND FIELD

Hamstring injury sidelines Miller for 100 meter sprint

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia — Marion Jones' quest for five gold medals at the Sydney Games just got a lot easier.

Inger Miller, second to Jones in the 100 and 200 meters at the U.S. trials and considered one of Jones' chief rivals in both events, will miss the 100 and is questionable for the rest of the games because of an injury.

Miller said Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) that she strained her left hamstring while training Sept. 7, two days before coming to Sydney. She said she plans to try to run the

200 and the 400-meter relay.

"It's been a difficult decision for me," Miller said. "I have three events, and so in making that decision, I didn't want to jeopardize my other events."

"I'm hoping a few more days will help me heal and I'll be able to run the 200 and the relay."

The first round of the 200 will be Sept. 27.

Miller said she has been training, but hasn't been able to sprint hard.

"I'm disappointed that I am not following my plan, but I've got to go with the flow," she said. "I'm still young and I've got other chances. I think by Wednesday, things will look a

"Last year, when I was very successful in the 100 and 200 meters at the world championships, I did not ask the Lord, 'Why me?' So I'm not going to ask 'Why me?' now."

**Inger Miller
U.S. sprinter**

little bit brighter for me."

Karen Dennis, head coach for the U.S. women's team, said Miller was seeking medical advice before deciding whether

she had a chance of running in Sydney.

"I know there's a possibility that Inger will not run," Dennis said Tuesday night.

The injury to Miller, a silver medalist in the 100 at the 1999 world championships, was the latest blow to a U.S. track team that had already lost two other athletes with strong possibilities of earning medals in Sydney.

C.J. Hunter, world champion in the shot put and Jones' husband, is out following arthroscopic knee surgery. Regina Jacobs, among the favorites in the women's 1,500, had to withdraw because of a respiratory ailment.

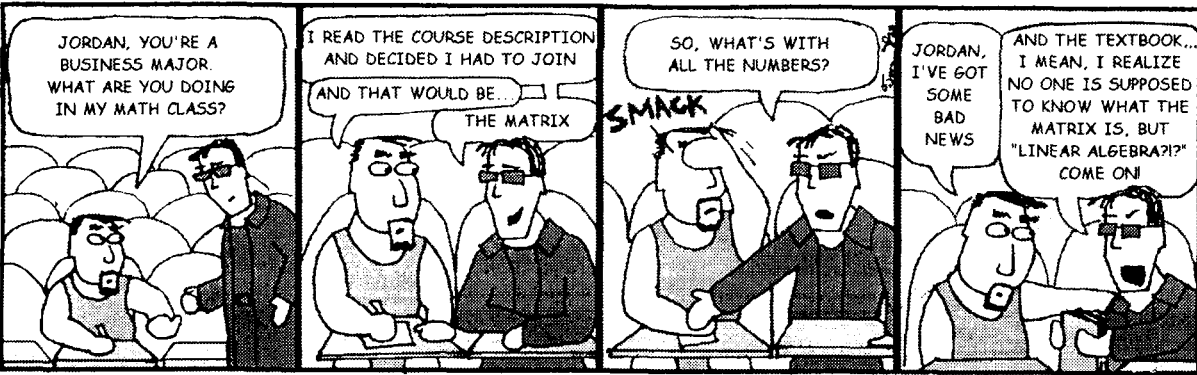
Miller, who won the world championship in the 200 last year after Jones dropped out because of a back injury, has been battling with Jones since the two were in high school in southern California a decade ago.

Miller ranks second in the world to Jones in the 100 and 200, and had been considered one of the biggest roadblocks to Jones sweeping those events.

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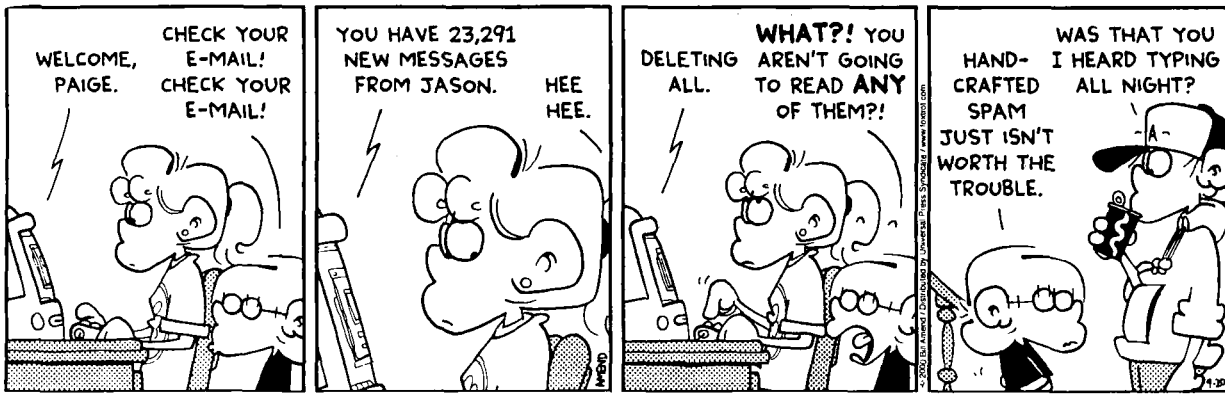
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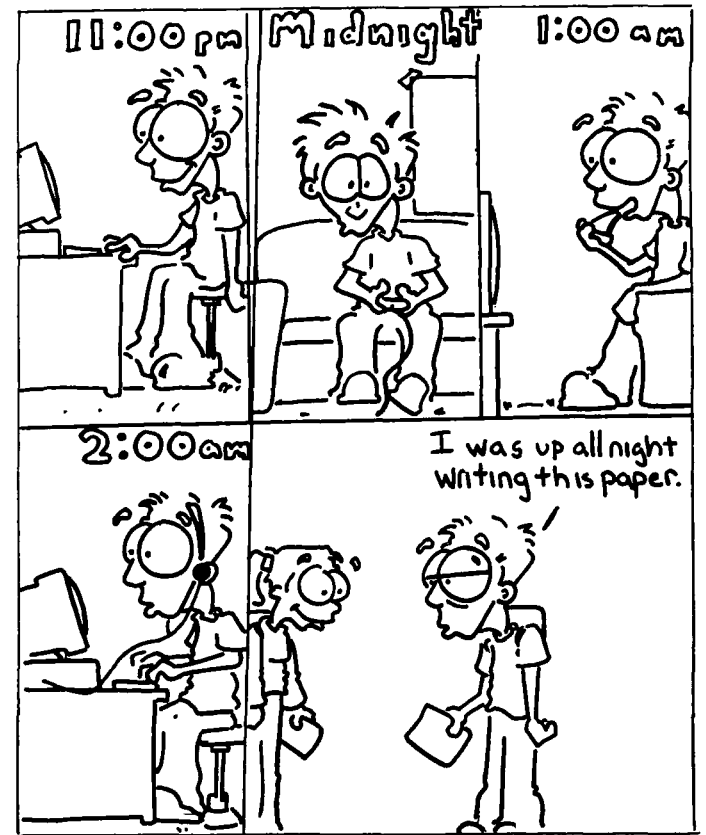
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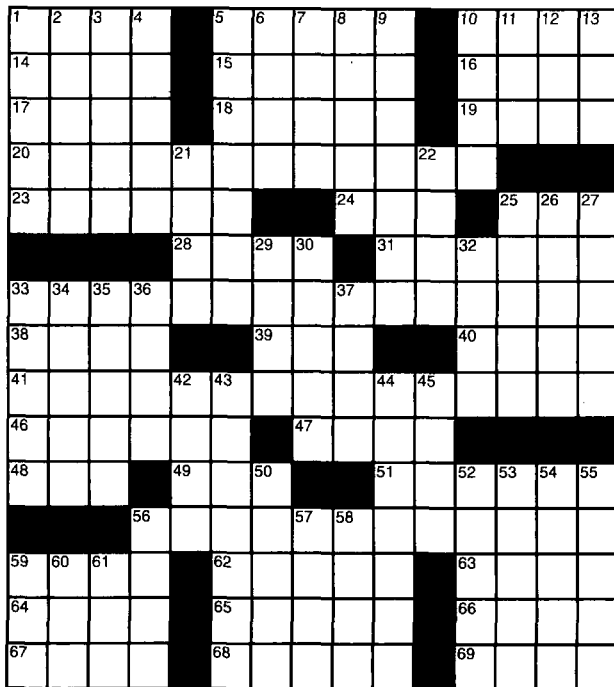


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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your involvement in groups will be satisfying. Passionate interaction with your mate can be expected. Pregnancy or greater interaction with children is apparent.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will experience plenty of fuss and commotion on the home front. In-laws may interfere with your plans. Don't let others put unrealistic demands on your family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Friends may not be completely honest with you. Be careful not to let them put you in a compromising position. You must do things for your own family first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's time to look out for your own interests. You will feel emotionally drained if you let someone you care about badger you about the way you do things. Don't let yourself get run-down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Devote some time to the ones you love. Your mate will be sensitive to your moods. Try to be open and honest if you wish the day to move along smoothly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful where you leave your wallet or personal belongings. Don't push your luck when dealing with officials or institutions. Minor mishaps will occur if you are careless.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Group endeavors should include the whole family. Your interest in unusual hobbies will attract new friends and lovers. Children will be hard to contain. Try to keep them busy with physical activities.

Birthday Baby: You will attract loyal friends throughout your life. Your ability to mix your concerns and your goals puts you in the category of someone eager to help humanity. You will always look out for those less able, but you will never assist those looking for a free ride.

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SPORTS

Eyeing the Spartans
After compiling a 2-1 record at home, the Irish take their game on the road Saturday when they take on the Spartans of Michigan State in East Lansing.
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Wednesday, September 20, 2000

Cancer victim finds strength in meeting with Davie

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Amidst the sea of gold, green and blue clad Irish fans seated in the south end-zone on Saturday were Kevin Clary and his 15-year old son, John.

They arrived in South Bend from Pavilion, N.Y. on Friday morning, attended the football luncheon that afternoon, heard Rudy speak, visited the Grotto and the Basilica before the game, then sat down in seats 10 and 11 in Section 117, Row 17, just prior to kickoff.

Sounds like a typical football weekend.

But unlike their counterparts, Kevin and John did not really care if the Irish ran an isolation or a counter on second down. Or if Gary Godsey found an open receiver. Or if Coach Bob Davie inserted Clifford Jefferson into the game.

They were content with just being there.

"There are a lot of people in the stands who spend the entire game criticizing somebody," Kevin said. "I'll turn around and say 'stop.' There's more to it than that. They'll make a critical remark about Coach Davie and I'm like 'Do you know him? Have you met him?'"

The Clarys have.

And they'll never forget their experience.

Sickness strikes home

John woke up early on May 16, 1997, the day after his 12th birthday. While getting ready for school, the sixth grader fell to the ground at his home and started convulsing.

He had a seizure, the first of his young

life.

The Clarys were shocked and scared. So the family drove to Genesee Hospital in Batavia, N.Y., where the doctors gave John anti-seizure medicine and administered a CAT scan.

"It didn't show anything," Kevin said of the CAT scan.

After the initial prognosis, the family made an appointment at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. The doctors performed several more examinations that week in May, including an EEG. But again they were unable to detect any abnormalities.

Five months later, Kevin and John came to South Bend for the Notre Dame-USC game. The year before, they had attended their first Irish game, a 20-17 loss to Air Force. But this was different, arguably the most famous rivalry in college sports.

On Oct. 17, one day prior to the game, John and Kevin were shopping at a grocery store in South Bend. They were walking together, talking and laughing, preparing for the weekend.

Then John disappeared.

"I turned around and he was gone," Kevin said. "I went around the corner into a different aisle and he was on the floor having another seizure. I called my wife (Rhonda) and told her. We didn't think too much of it."

John suffered a third seizure later in October and had several more in November and December.

Following the succession of mysterious seizures, Rhonda began researching epilepsy and read about an MRI procedure.

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Photo Courtesy of Kevin Clary

Kevin and John Clary take a tour of the Notre Dame locker room in October of 1997. Bob Davie and the Irish gave the Clarys a warm welcome to Notre Dame.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish battle Vikings to 2-1 non-conference win



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Freshman Justin Detter out jumps a Cleveland defender Tuesday to head a ball in Notre Dame's 2-1 win. With the victory, the Irish improve to 3-2-1 on the season.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Freshman Chad Riley had another strong performance for the Irish and Justin Detter scored the first goal of his collegiate career as Notre Dame men's soccer team defeated Cleveland State 2-1.

"We could have played better, but I'm satisfied with the result," Irish head coach Chris Apple said.

With the non-conference win, the Irish improve to 3-2-1, while the Vikings fall to 1-4-1.

From the beginning of the game, the Irish dominated play with their speed and quickness, but were consistently stymied by the strong wind.

"The wind made a huge difference," Riley said. "In the first half, my passes were floating in the air, the balls coming to me were just stopping in the air. In the second half, we had the wind and we were just running at people."

The Irish finally scored at 53 minutes in the second half. Justin Ratcliffe blasted a shot at

Cleveland State goalkeeper James Kryger, who deflected the ball away towards the top of the penalty box. Riley raced to the ball and took two dribbles to his left before a Viking defender tripped him. Senior Griffin Howard fired the ensuing penalty kick past Kryger and into the left corner of the net.

Notre Dame took advantage of a breakdown in the Viking defense to score its second goal only 1:28 later. Detter passed off to Riley, who quickly returned the ball back in to Detter. The freshman faked out a defender, dribbled once to his left, and blasted a shot to the left of Kryger to put Notre Dame up 2-0.

"I played the ball into Chad Riley, and he fed it back to me real quick," Detter said. "Some guys came up on me, so I just pushed it around him. I knew where the goal was and just shot it. Luckily, it went in."

Cleveland State scored its only goal at 62:22. After Irish defender Andreas Forstner was called for tripping, Viking Adam

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