



Capital idea

There's more to see in D.C. than just the monuments. See what hidden gems Scene recommends.

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Aggies over easy

The Irish upset the higher ranked Aggies 24-10 Saturday, putting Notre Dame back in the top 25.

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From the end zone to the press box shadow, some things never change. Freshmen and seniors reflect on the 2000 football season opener and...

Game day tradition

By LAURA ROMPF

News Writer

Seniors and first-year students not only sit on different ends of the student section during Notre Dame home football games, they also have different experiences throughout the weekend. Last weekend was no different.

7:45 a.m.

Senior John Dickas woke up early Saturday morning. His Turtle Creek apartment would soon be full of friends, and he had to start cooking breakfast. Like many seniors, Dickas' football Saturday began with tailgating. Dickas served eggs, bagels and drinks to his guests.

"I enjoyed hosting the tailgate a lot," he said. "Freshman year I didn't know the people throwing the tailgates I went to. I didn't really know what was going on."

"I'd much rather have the confused freshmen in my living room than to be the confused freshman in the living room," he said.

From Turtle Creek, Dickas continued tailgating in the parking lots surrounding the stadium before going into the game shortly before kick-off.

11 a.m.

Unlike Dickas, freshmen Lindsay Wind, Betsy Schroeder, Cara LeBlanc and Molly Donnelly were still asleep at 7:45 a.m. Their football Saturday began by watching their friend perform in the marching band's Concert on the Steps at Bond Hall.

Wind said Saturday was the first time she truly knew she was a Notre Dame student.

"I finally had the realization that I am here," she said.



LAURA ROMPF/The Observer

Senior John Dickas cooks eggs for his tailgate at Turtle Creek Apartments Saturday morning.

"The school spirit was awesome."

Each freshman already recognized that Notre Dame's spirit is different from other colleges. "At state schools you do not get spirit like that," LeBlanc said.

Noon

Once inside the stadium, the freshmen looked toward

seniors like Dickas who had already learned the cheers.

Dickas knew the correct time to yell "Irish" during the kick off. He knew at the end of the third quarter the band would play the "1812 Overture" and everyone would chant "Bob." He knew that people would be hoisted

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Saint Mary's returns to top of rankings

By MOLLY McVOY

Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's College is once again the best Midwest Liberal Arts College, according to the U.S. News and World Report rankings.

In the issue that hits newsstands Monday, Saint Mary's reclaimed its No. 1 position, after falling to No. 2 last year.

"I am very pleased that we are back at the No. 1 position that we deserve," said Marilou Eldred, the College's president.

Before last year's No. 2 ranking, the College recorded five years at the No. 1 spot. Saint Mary's has never been out of the top 10 of the rankings since the survey began in 1985.

"I think in our hearts and minds, we knew that we were always No. 1," said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions.

The rankings are based on a variety of factors including the school's graduation and retention rates, the student:faculty ratio and the acceptance rate. It is not clear where the College improved this year to regain the top spot.

"Is there some reason we're

The Top 10

U.S. News & World Report Rankings for Midwestern Liberal Arts Colleges

1. Saint Mary's College, IN
2. Saint Norbert's College, WI
2. Taylor College, IN (tie)
4. Hillsdale College, MI
5. Otterbein College, OH
6. Principia College, IL
7. Ohio Northern University
8. Simpson College, IA
9. Bethel College, MN
9. Millikin University, IL (tie)

No. 1 this year and not last year? No, it's just that we've always been strong," said Mary Lelik, director of institutional research. "It's just a matter of changes in the method of the rankings."

Recently, the rankings have been under fire for their validity and consistency. In The Washington Monthly's September issue of this year, a report was released that questioned the methods of the rankings. The publication

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Freshman ID glitch affects 40 students

By JESSICA NEEDLES

News Writer

Imagine being refused entrance to the dining halls because workers there claim you have already eaten three times in one day.

This has been a problem for some Notre Dame first-year students, following several mix-ups with their University identification cards.

The students are experiencing problems because of a printer malfunction that occurred while the cards were being made, according to officials.

As the cards were being printed, computer software temporarily went off line. During this time, some of the information about students contained on the cards became confused. As a result, the magnetic strips and pictures on some of the cards did not match one another. A student may

have a card with his name and picture on it, but a magnetic strip registered to someone else.

This has caused some students to have problems using their identification cards for dining. For example, a freshman signed up for one meal plan cannot use the program if he has an identification card with the magnetic strip of a student on a different meal plan.

A student might also have trouble with Diner Dollars because of the mix-up. If one person uses his card to purchase something, it may be another's account getting money deducted.

However, the confusion with the identification problems is not widespread. According to Jim Herder, business and facilities manager, fewer than 40 students were affected.

Most of the freshman ID problems have apparently been

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INSIDE COLUMN

New ideas, new beliefs

I think that football games should only have three quarters.
Okay, that makes no sense. Three thirds? Or what about four quarters that last for 10 minutes each?

Sure, Saturday's game versus Texas A&M University was fun, but it was too long.
It was too hot.

A lot of students got sun-burned.
It's only football. We can just change the rules.

I realize that some of the people reading this agree with me. I realize that some of the people reading this are thinking I'm a stupid girl who knows nothing.

This last group of people will simply dismiss me.

Dismissing someone else's new idea is often very easy — much less time-consuming than reflecting on the idea. But easier is not always better.

In case you're wondering, this column is not about shortening football games.

I only mentioned that idea to get your attention.

But what I want to talk about is embracing new and unfamiliar concepts.

New ideas force us to examine and refine our old ideas.

Humans once thought that the Earth was flat. We'd still be thinking that today if no one had come up with the crazy idea that the Earth was round.

Examining new ideas is important in more than modern science.

Looking at someone else's point of view on religion, politics or just about anything else helps to refine our own ideas. Sometimes exploring new concepts will make us realize our old ideas were wrong.

Other times, we will grow to believe more strongly in the ideas we have.

It is a dangerous thing to accept ideas simply because they are traditional.

A lot of Americans accepted Jim Crow laws and dismissed the Civil Rights movement.

Thankfully, a lot of other Americans examined discriminatory laws, realized they were wrong and embraced civil rights.

While America today is by no means perfect, it is a better place than it was a few decades ago during the height of segregation.

Too often at Notre Dame — and in life in general — people avoid new ideas, points-of-view or experiences because what is new can seem irrelevant, strange or impractical.

You might think worrying about the length of football games is unimportant.

Or you might think that shortening football games is a silly idea. I would have to agree with you.

But people used to say it was silly to think the world was round.



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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
♦ Labor Day: Notre Dame and Saint Mary's classes in session; administrative offices closed	♦ Music: Chicago Brass Quintet, Little Theater/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7:30 p.m., tickets available at 284-4626.	♦ Meeting: Faculty Senate meeting, Room 202, McKenna Hall, 7 p.m.	♦ Seminar: "Latin American Area Studies Program Internship and Summer Research Experiences 2000," Room C-103, Hesburgh Center for International Studies, 5:30 p.m.
♦ Movie: Cinema at the Snite, "His Girl Friday," Anneberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7 p.m.	♦ Film: International film festival, Montgomery Theater, 8 p.m.	♦ Lecture: "Guadalupe: Prophet of a New Humanity," Virgil Elizondo, Little Theater/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.	

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Planned bonfire divides Texas A&M community

COLLEGE STATION, Texas
One week into the fall semester — 9 1/2 months after the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse — the Texas A&M University community remains divided over the possibility of an off-campus bonfire on Nov. 22.

Student leaders, parents of the victims and the administration have denounced the idea of a "renegade" bonfire as arguments intensify and Keep the Fire Burning (KTFB) finalizes its plans.

The Aggie community is divided between A&M president Ray M. Bowen's decision for a two-year moratorium on Aggie Bonfire and KTFB's commitment to building an off-campus bonfire this year.

Several of the victims' families have written letters opposing the KTFB



bonfire. Copies of the letters have been posted in several residence halls to discourage residents from supporting KTFB.

Ken Adams, father of Miranda Denise Adams, wrote that an off-campus bonfire would not bring closure to

the tragedy.

"There are 12 families that had 12 children taken from them," the letter stated. "They can never touch and hold their children any longer. There will never be closure for any of these families."

His sentiments were echoed in letters written by the Hand and Ebanks families.

"Our love for our daughter cannot be expressed enough, and we can only hope and pray that the students and former Aggies will reconsider their actions in regards to having a bonfire this year," Adams wrote.

Student body president Forrest Lane, a senior political science major, said he is encouraging students to respect Bowen's decision and not to take part in the KTFB event.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON

Texas students cheer 'Big Brother' star

Broadcast communication junior Eddie McGee is being cheered by his University of Texas-Arlington classmates. McGee was cast earlier this summer on CBS's reality television show "Big Brother." "I've seen the show a couple of times, but I had no clue he went here," Ed Rike said. McGee and nine other housemates are spending three months inside an 1,800-square-foot house in Studio City, Calif., with no contact to the outside world and little privacy. Constantly monitored by 28 video cameras and 60 microphones, the guests have their lives exposed on television six nights a week during their stay. The guests nominate two of their peers for possible expulsion, and viewers vote on who will leave. The last one remaining will receive \$500,000. Now in its 59th day, only McGee and five others remain. Hooligan's Pub-N-Grub owner Jeff Burns said he favors McGee's chances because of the basketball player's attitude. "He's going to win because I really do feel Eddie's a genuine guy," he said. "He's not putting on a front."

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Mellencamp gives free performance

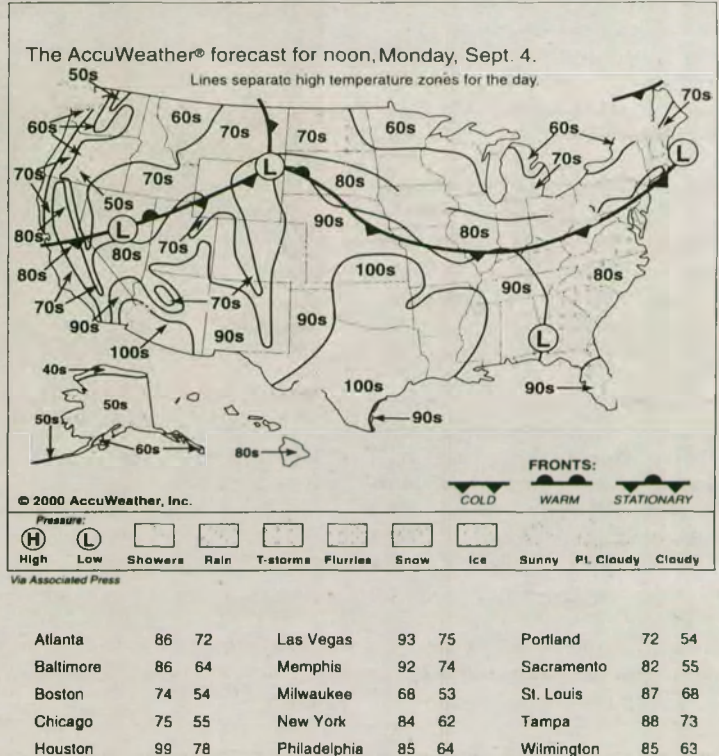
BLOOMINGTON, Ind.
John Mellencamp's free performance in Woodlawn Field at Indiana University Thursday drew a crowd of fans, both students and community members. "I think it was pretty good," he said in a press conference following the show. "It was pretty hot, but nothing like Nashville was." The rock star made it clear, though, that his impromptu show was by no means a concert. "What happened today was just the opposite of what our concerts are," Mellencamp said. He said concerts are about business and promoting his music. "I was tired of everything being so structured in my life, tired of the music business," he said. Mellencamp has been doing free surprise acoustic performances in various cities this month. He spoke of folk musician Woody Guthrie, as the inspiration for his tour. "Guthrie used to go out and play for people in the fields," he said. "Now, most people work in office buildings." Lt. Jerry Minger of the IU Police Department said between 3,000 and 10,000 people attended the performance.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast				
AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures				
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Monday		75	52	
Tuesday		73	46	
Wednesday		72	53	
Thursday		74	54	
Friday		75	54	

Shows T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy
Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

NATIONAL WEATHER



Notre Dame wins CASE award for Christmas in April

Special to The Observer

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has presented a silver medal in its Circle of Excellence Awards program to the University for its long-time support of Christmas in April in South Bend.

Some 1,000 Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni annually participate in Christmas in April, a revitalization program that renovates the houses of dozens of elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners in the neighborhoods throughout South Bend.

Entering its 13th year, Christmas in April is jointly sponsored by Notre Dame, the city of South Bend, the St. Joseph Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County. Based in Washington, D.C., the national Christmas in April organization was founded in 1988 and annually assists some 70,000 homeowners in 720 cities and towns across the country.

The CASE award was in the category of individual student involvement projects.

Notre Dame received two other CASE medals this year.

The alumni magazine for the

Mendoza College of Business received a silver medal in the visual design in print category. Margaret Barry, the college's director of communications, serves as the magazine's editor.

Linda Dun, assistant director of photographic and television production, earned a bronze medal in individual photography for her body of work.

The CASE awards program identifies and rewards excellence in alumni relations and communications. The program includes 43 categories in the areas of alumni programming, institutional relations, student recruitment, electronic media, periodicals and publications.



Volunteers from Notre Dame help repair homes along Miner Street in South Bend during this year's event, held last semester on April 15.

photos by
ANDY WILSON



Appalachia Seminar



THE SEMINAR

- Service-learning through various sites in Appalachia, October 15-21, 2000
- One credit Theology course
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- Past participants in Appalachia Seminar are encouraged to apply as Site Coordinators
- Presents opportunity to work, laugh, & learn with others

The Appalachia Seminar during Fall and Spring break presents a unique service-learning opportunity. Students travel to a variety of sites in Appalachia which focus on issues concerning rural health care, the environment, women, children, and housing construction. Through hands on work and person-to-person contacts, students experience the cultural richness of the area and begin to understand and analyze the social forces that influence the Appalachian people.

APPLICATIONS

Available at the Center for Social Concerns
Due date: Thursday, September 7, 2000 10:00 am
\$40 deposit with application
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INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, September 4, 7:30-8:00 pm @ CSC

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Center for Social Concerns, 631-5293

Game

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in the air after each Irish touchdown to imitate the Leprechaun and do push-ups.

However, Dickas said there was still a feeling of newness and anticipation for Saturday's game.

"Freshman year I didn't know what to expect, and because over the past three years I've seen some really good games and some bad games too, I have the same excitement because I don't know what to expect," he said.

The most notable difference between seniors and freshmen are their seats.

"Obviously our seats were different [from previous years], out of the corner and in front of the press box. Although the view of the game was not that different, the view of the crowd was very different. You're more part of the regular crowd," Dickas said.

The freshmen said sitting in the student section was very emotional.

"It was awesome being there with all the upperclassmen, learning the cheers and watching people be thrown up to do push ups. I realize I need to get in shape to stand for four hours," Wind laughed.

Although Donnelly had been to Notre Dame games before, sitting in the student section was a new experience.

"I grew up in South Bend, so I had been to several games before, and I would always look over at the student section," she said. "Today I couldn't see it, but I knew I was part of it."

Schoeder sighted a similar realization.

"I had watched the student section before, but today we were all together. It was absolutely awesome," she said. "I loved when the football players came over and cheered with us at the end of the game. They acknowledged the fact that they are students with us."

3:30 p.m.

As the game ended and the Irish beat Texas A&M 24-10, the freshmen's first game as

Notre Dame students came to an end.

"I think it is only going to get better," Wind said. "We had to win and we did."

Donnelly noted singing the "Alma Mater" after much of the bleachers had cleared out showed the common bond among the students.

"When everyone sang, it really brought the classes together," she said. "If you were a freshman or a senior, it didn't matter."

Exhausted, sunburned and hungry, the freshmen returned to Badin. Some slept. Some showered. Each one reflected on the events of the day.

"We're going to remember that forever," Schoeder said. "Our first football game, and we upset Texas A&M."

4 p.m.

Unlike the freshmen, Dickas's football Saturday was not finished yet.

After the game, he returned to the parking lots around the stadium for more tailgating. From there, he headed back to Turtle Creek, where he swam with friends before getting ready to go out to a post-game celebration party.

Although the anticipation and excitement of freshman year is so abundant, Dickas said he's happy as a senior.

"I enjoyed each stage then, but I am glad I am where I am now."

But closer than ever is the time when he will no longer stand for the four-hour games - he'll be sitting. He won't recognize 95 percent of the people around him - he may only know two or three. He may not even stay for the school's fight song - he'll rush out to try to beat traffic and make it home at a reasonable hour.

"It's going to be weird next year - to be an alumnus. I see them in the parking lot talking to people they haven't seen in months or even years. They look like they are having a lot of fun. But in the games, it seems that they are reliving the memories I am having now."

So Dickas has decided to take full advantage of each minute he has left of football weekends as a Notre Dame student. Even if that means getting up earlier on Saturday.

Cards

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fixed, he said.

"I would doubt that there are still any problems out there, but there's no way of knowing until a person has a problem,"

Herder said.

Prompted in part by this year's problems, the card-making process will change next fall.

"Before the card is handed to anyone, they'll be checked, verified on the screen and visually matched up," he said.

Right now, students are also

encouraged to check monthly emails they receive containing current Domer Dollar balances. Any inconsistencies discovered will be reimbursed. Those still having difficulties should go to the Card Services Office in the basement of the South Dining Hall to have a new ID card printed.

Ranking

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review of the U.S. News rankings.

The report found that "the principal weakness of the current approach is that the weights used to combine the various measures into an overall rating lack any defensible empirical or theoretical basis."

U.S. News replied by explaining that they implemented many of the recommendations set forth by The National Opinion Research Center.

"There has been a lot of controversy about these rankings and how much value they have," said Melanie Engler, director of public relations for the College. "But, the bottom line is, parents find them useful and students find them useful."

"The rankings seem to serve parents and students well, and U.S. News prints its methodology in the issue for all to see,

so people can decide for themselves whether or not to lend credence to the rankings," Eldred said.

Regardless of the controversy surrounding the rankings, reclaiming the No. 1 spot is important to the College, especially for the admissions staff.

"I think that anytime we can say we're No. 1, especially in something as well known as U.S. News, that's something people look at," Nolan said.

Eldred agreed that these rankings may be most important to prospective students and possible donors for the College.

"It helps us mainly in recruiting and fundraising because we have this recognition that we are No. 1," Eldred said.

Although the rankings are often aimed at incoming students, the reputation of No. 1 is something that affects the entire student body.

"The ranking is a prime example of how hard we work here," said Michelle Nagle, student body vice president. "It shows the rest of the world how special we are."

"[Being No. 1] is an important image for the college," Lelik said. "It's an honor to have that first place finish."

Last year's top college, Hillsdale College, fell to No. 4 this year. In turn, Saint Mary's pulled back to No. 1 and St. Norbert College and Taylor University jointly claimed No. 2.

"Being No. 1 is proof that Saint Mary's has earned a national reputation as a leader in education," said Crissie Renner, student body president.

The top four spots are very close, once again, with only seven percentage points separating No. 1 from No. 4.

"Some very fine institutions are in our category and we're very happy that we're No. 1," Lelik said.

Whether or not the rankings are valid or the methods questionable, the student body is proud of the College's return to the top.

"This ranking is something we achieve as a community," Renner said. "It's a recognition of the excellence of our faculty and the quality of our student body."



Eldred

"This ranking is something we achieve as a community."

Crissie Renner
student body president

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Amy Seamon at 631-3389

or stop by the office of Campus Ministry in 112 Badin Hall with any questions.



WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

French protest fuel prices: French truck drivers and farmers prepared Sunday to block fuel refineries and storage areas nationwide, the latest development in a national wave of protests over rising fuel prices. The Transport Ministry said negotiations with truck drivers' unions were ongoing, but truckers said they had suspended the talks this weekend to ready for the blockades. French truckers say the cost of diesel fuel has risen 40 percent in the past year to about \$2.55 per gallon, compared to a current average of \$1.58 per gallon in the United States. After Britain, France has the highest fuel taxes in the European Union.

Colombia seizes 3 tons of cocaine: The Colombian navy intercepted a speedboat off its Pacific coast on Sunday and seized three tons of cocaine, the navy said. Two people were arrested in the operation, which turned up more than a hundred packages stuffed with cocaine, Adm. Carlos Pineda said. A recently approved \$1.3 billion U.S. aid package for Colombia is aimed at helping the country eradicate illegal drug crops and strengthen air, land and sea interdiction.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Texan refuses to surrender: For six weeks, a felony assault suspect and more than a dozen of his relatives — including seven children — have been holed up in a remote spot some 50 miles southeast of Dallas. The adults stand guard 24 hours a day. The suspect, 51-year-old John Joe Gray, charged with trying to take a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper's gun and biting him after a traffic stop, says he won't surrender. He has a two-year supply of food and arsenal of weapons. Henderson County sheriff Howard "Slick" Alfred insists there's currently no plan to storm the property. "I really think he'll get tired of all of it," said Alfred.

Coast guard suspends search: One woman was feared dead after 16 Haitians jumped from a boat and attempted to swim ashore in a suspected migrant smuggling attempt. The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search for the missing woman Sunday. Authorities seized an abandoned 29-foot cabin cruiser believed to be the vessel that transported the migrants to an inlet off Singer Island, just off of West Palm Beach. The migrants were spotted in the water late Saturday by witnesses, who called authorities. Smugglers apparently told the migrants to jump into the water, the U.S. Border Patrol said. Several migrants told authorities they paid a smuggler's fee.

COLOMBIA



Colombian Army generals Fernando Tapias (left) and Jorge Enrique Mora (right) accompany the casket of Col. Jorge Educardo Sanchez in Bogota. Sanchez and 34 others were killed during weekend outbreaks of rebel violence.

AFP photo

Surge of rebel violence kills 35

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia
Rebel violence left 35 people dead over the weekend following President Clinton's visit to Colombia, including seven police officers slain by guerrillas — some of whom were disguised as police.

In the latest attack, leftist guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, sneaked up on a police station Saturday in northern Colombia, officials said Sunday.

The assault took the small town of Tomarrazon by surprise, said National Police operations director Gen. Tobias Duran.

The guerrillas arrived in three trucks and a jeep, some dressed in camouflage and others as police. Rebels shot to death the four officers posted at the station and ambushed reinforcements as they arrived, killing three more policemen, Duran added.

Nine officers survived the attack, in which rebels also destroyed the public telephone office in the town in Guajira State, about 475 miles from the capital, Bogota.

At least one FARC fighter died, police said.

Twenty-seven other people were killed in heavy overnight clashes that ended Saturday in western Colombia. Twelve

of them were FARC rebels.

Seven airmen died when their U.S.-built AC-46 gunship, which was sent to support ground troops, slammed into an Andean peak. At the mountaintop communications complex they were protecting, eight soldiers died in fighting with guerrillas.

The rebels were unable to take the complex, which controls cellular and other telephone links to much of western Colombia.

Clinton's visit to the war-torn South American country was meant to support President Andres Pastrana's fight against drug traffickers and leftist rebels who protect drug

crops. U.S. and Colombian officials hope the \$1.3 billion anti-narcotics aid package will weaken the rebels and push them toward peace by cutting into a major income source: taxes the FARC levies on the cocaine trade.

But some critics have said the aid, including helicopters and troop training, is skewed toward the Colombian military, leaving police forces increasingly vulnerable.

Colombia's neighbors have also expressed fears that U.S. aid will increase the intensity of the war and cause fighting and drug crop cultivation to spill over the border.

Rain, snow slow pace of western fires

Associated Press

HELENA, Mont.
Rain and even snow helped firefighters make major progress to contain western wildfires Sunday, although a blaze sparked by lightning forced the evacuation of a national monument on a busy Labor Day weekend.

Four tour buses and hundreds of tourists were turned away Sunday from Devils Tower National Monument in northeastern Wyoming because a 1,550-acre fire was burning about 2 1/2 miles away, officials said.

Devils Tower, a tree-stump shaped tower of exposed volcanic rock that

looms 1,000 feet above wooded terrain and prairie dog towns, attracts 450,000 visitors annually and is a favorite of climbers. American Indians consider it sacred.

Firefighters had the blaze about 80 percent contained Sunday evening as they attempted to overcome 20 mph winds, Crook County Deputy Fire Warden Gary Gill said.

"They're kind of kicking us pretty hard right now," Gill said.

In Montana, rain and snow made steep terrain slippery and hazardous for firefighters. Crews stopped digging fire lines at a 20,000-acre blaze on the Flathead Indian Reservation because of the wet rocks and mud.

"It was so cold in camp that we

had frost," Forest Service spokeswoman Sheela McLean said Sunday at the Bitterroot Valley fires, which account for half of the state's charred acreage.

The damp conditions, though, helped firefighters make considerable progress, said Neil Hitchcock of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. "We may have turned the corner on the fires in Montana and Idaho, but we aren't out of the woods yet," he said.

The center said that while weather in the West had improved, hot, dry weather still dominated parts of the Southeast and the Plains. Several new fires had been reported in Texas, it said.

Market Watch 9/3

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Up: 1,626	Same: 531	Down: 1,164
Composite Volume: 766,460,032		
AMEX:	955.78	+12.30
Nasdaq:	4234.33	+27.98
NYSE:	677.58	+3.05
S&P 500:	1520.77	+3.09

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
GLOBAL CROSSING (GBLX)	+16.82	+5.0575	35.12
BROADVISION INC. (BVSN)	+13.22	+4.5600	39.06
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-.09	-.0650	68.56
DELL COMPUTER (DELL)	-1.30	-.5650	43.06
FORD MOTOR CO (F)	+3.36	+0.8125	25.00

Right wing celebrates Lieberman's religion

♦ But critics note issues still matter

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Religious conservatives who want to mix God and politics are cheered by Joseph Lieberman's expressions of faith, but still dislike the Democratic presidential ticket.

Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson said Sunday that he found the statements by Lieberman, who is Jewish, refreshing after President Clinton's personal trials. Lieberman, a vice presidential candidate, has talked about religion often since joining Democrat Al Gore.

"He feels this deeply and that's why the religious conservatives like him a lot and they like Orthodox Jews," Robertson said on ABC's "This Week." "They like people who will stand up for their faith."

But Robertson said he disliked that Lieberman's sincerity could attract members of the religious right and former Democrats had who drifted away from the party.

"As a Republican, I'm not particularly pleased because he's gaining a lot of votes for Al Gore," Robertson said.

Conservative activist Bill Bennett alleged Democrats were taking advantage of Lieberman's tendency to speak about religion.

"As natural as that is to him, I think the political calculation is the most natural thing to the Gore campaign. I'm sure they're seeing how this is playing and they're saying 'Stay at it Joe,'" Bennett said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

In talking about faith, Lieberman has used language more identified with conservative evangelicals, including his contention that the Constitution does not demand "freedom from religion," but only freedom "of" religion. He recently celebrated accomplishments of the Clinton-Gore administration by comparing them to the parting of the Red Sea.

Such talk drew criticism this past week from the Anti-Defamation League, which warned Lieberman that his repeated expressions of religion risked alienating some voters.

"Campaigning and candidates are beginning to outdo each other with how godly they are and how much God has a part in their life."

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Pat Robertson
Christian Coalition founder

Abraham Foxman, national director of the ADL, which fights anti-Semitism, said on ABC. "We should talk about issues, not about faith on the campaign trail."

Lieberman defended himself Sunday in a conference call with reporters. "My own expressions of last week were really meant to be inclusive and tolerant, including tolerant of that minority of the American public that does not believe in God," he said before joining Gore on a 24-hour Labor Day campaign sprint through five states.

Of the outcry over his religious comments, Lieberman said: "Clearly this is not what the campaign is totally about."

Television evangelist sided with Lieberman. However, he noted contradictions between Lieberman's faith and his politics on such issues as abortion.

Bush, Gore agree to three debates

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

The presidential candidates squabbled over debate schedules Sunday as Republican George W. Bush announced he had accepted three prime-time sessions. Democrat Al Gore rejected the plan, saying the formats proposed by Bush could limit the audience and amount of face-to-face debate time.

Bush proposed debating Gore as soon as next week, or Sept. 12, during a special edition of NBC's "Meet the Press;" Oct. 3 in Los Angeles on CNN's "Larry King Live;" and Oct. 17 at Washington University in St. Louis.

The proposal also includes two vice presidential debates: Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a later forum yet to be decided, Bush said.

"The debates we're accepting begin early next week because we're eager to compare the specifics of our plans for more individual freedom, choice and responsibility with our opponent's plans for bigger, more intrusive Washington bureaucracy that dictates and mandates from afar," Bush said before outlining his proposal at a hastily arranged news conference.

Only one of the debates Bush accepted was recommended by a bipartisan presidential debate commission, which had proposed three 90-minute matchups between Bush and Gore to be aired by all networks. Gore has said Bush must agree to all three before he

would be willing to negotiate other alternate debates.

The NBC and CNN debates would last 60 minutes.

"I'm very disappointed in this reaction because what's needed is to respect the right of the American people to see these debates on all networks in prime time, the way it's been done since 1988," Gore said when he

was in Philadelphia. "It's not fair to the American people to try to sharply reduce the number of people who can see the debates and reduce the amount of time for the debates."

Gore maintains that the three events proposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates will reach the widest viewing audience, and suggests Bush is trying to duck the high-profile meetings in the final weeks of the campaign.

Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said the debates Bush agreed to would happen during prime viewing hours and that both CNN and NBC have agreed to make video feeds of the events simultaneously available to the other networks. "These were important criteria for us," Evans said.

Bush also said the debates would be carried on the Internet.

Both campaigns are using the posturing over the debates to highlight what they perceive to

be their rival's weaknesses.

Accusing Bush of ducking high-profile sessions, Gore's team suggests the Texas governor is not up to the job of facing Gore or running the country. Bush's team says Gore has reneged on his regularly issued challenge to debate Bush anytime and anywhere, and cast the decision as another mark against Gore's credibility. That dovetails with a new Republican ad challenging Gore's veracity.

At the news conference, the Bush campaign played video snippets of Gore accepting offers to debate Bush on both CNN and NBC.

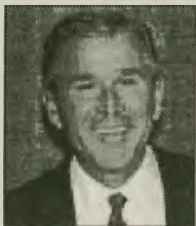
"It's important for the American people to be able to trust the next president to keep his commitments and therefore I take Al Gore at his word that he will be there," Bush said.

Gore campaign chairman William Daley said Bush should follow the example set by his father, former President Bush, and 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole and participate in the commission debates.

"No candidate should arrogantly insist on debating only where and when it best suits him," Daley said.

"Al Gore has already accepted all three of the presidential commission debate invitations. It's time for George Bush to act in the public's interest and do the same."

The commission issued a statement late Sunday, inviting representatives of both campaigns to a meeting early next week to reach a final agreement on fall debates.



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William Daley
Gore campaign chairman

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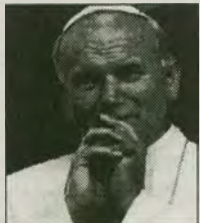
Some question Pope's beatifications

♦ Pius IX's alleged anti-semitic views draw criticism

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY

Pope John Paul II advanced two predecessors toward sainthood Sunday in one of the most disputed such acts of his papacy, beatifying the 19th century's much-attacked Pius IX alongside the 20th century's much-beloved John XXIII.



John Paul II

Jews bitterly protested John Paul's recognition of Pius, who over history's longest papacy confined Jews to Rome's ghetto, condoned the church seizure of a Jewish-born boy and allegedly referred to Jews as "dogs."

The Israeli government itself expressed "deep sorrow," especially in light of the progress John Paul's own 22-year papacy has made in Catholic-Jewish relations.

John Paul acknowledged the rancor, calling Pius "much loved, but also hated and slandered."

"Beatifying a son of the church does not celebrate particular historic choices that he has made, but rather points him out for imitation and for veneration for his virtue," said John Paul, repeatedly stressing Pius' faithfulness to the church rather than his actions toward the world outside of it.

An estimated 100,000-strong

crowd of kerchiefed, banner-waving pilgrims filled St. Peter's Square to the colonnades for the beatifications, attended by black-clad leaders of Italy's most staunchly Catholic noble families and political circles.

On the eve of the ceremony, hundreds of Rome's Jews and Catholics held a candlelight vigil to protest the beatification, which is the last formal step before possible sainthood.

Elena Mortara, whose great-great uncle was taken from her Jewish family by Pius' papal guards in 1858, called the beatification the "reopening of a wound."

The church seized the 6-year-old Edgardo Mortara upon hearing a Catholic housemaid secretly had baptized him. Edgardo grew up to enter the priesthood under Pius' patronage.

One frequently cited remark has Pius referring to Jews as "dogs," and declaring that "of

these dogs, there are too many of them present in Rome." Pius presided over what was Europe's last enforced Jewish ghetto until the Nazi era.

Israel's minister for Diaspora Affairs, Rabbi Michael Melchior, expressed "deep sorrow" Sunday — conveying a tone of disappointment repeatedly heard from Jews in the wake of the beatification.

Recalling John Paul's pilgrimage to Jerusalem's Western Wall in March, Melchior said, "as someone who saw the visit as a positive, historical turning

point, I would expect the Vatican to show greater sensitivity toward the believers of other religions."

The New York-based Anti-Defamation League called the beatification "troubling."

Pius' tumultuous 1846-1878 papacy saw the violent breakup of the centuries-old papal states. Noble-born Italians, of which he was one, gave him the name "The Last King Pope."

In contrast, Italians today still know the jovial, jowly, peasant-born John XXIII simply as "The Good Pope."

As the Vatican's envoy to Turkey during World War II, John is credited with saving thousands of Jews with transit visas and other assistance — although at one point he complained of a "convoy of Jews" heading to Palestine and its holy sites.

John died of stomach cancer in 1963 less than five years into his papacy.

Weeks before his death, he

issued the heartfelt "Pacem in Terris" (Peace on Earth) encyclical that set recognition of human rights as essential for world

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John Paul II
Pope

peace. Pius had condemned emerging civil rights in his own 1864 encyclical.

Both popes presided over the only two Vatican councils of modern times — Pius' enshrining the dogma of papal infallibility, John's ushering in 1960s' liberalizations such as allowing Masses in local languages rather than Latin.

California earthquake strikes wine country

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif.

The heart of Northern California's wine country was sharply jolted early Sunday by an earthquake that smashed windows and glassware and knocked out power to thousands.

Two people were hospitalized, one a 5-year-old boy in critical condition.

"It was like someone was just holding the house and shaking it violently," said Alison Saether, who said plaster fell from the ceiling of her Napa home.

"We were so panicked we couldn't even move," she said.

Sunday afternoon, downtown streets were thick with tourists visiting shops and restaurants and attending a weekend festival.

Yellow police tape kept people away from areas where glass had shattered, and temporary stop signs were placed at intersections where traffic signals weren't working.

The quake hit at 1:36 a.m. and measured a magnitude 5.2. It was centered about 6 miles northwest of Napa, near the small town of Yountville, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park.

Two aftershocks by afternoon measured magnitudes 1.5 and 1.8, and as many as 20 small aftershocks might be felt in the next week, according to the USGS.

A magnitude 5 quake can cause considerable damage in the immediate area and one of magnitude 6 can cause severe damage.

The shaking woke people as far south as San Francisco, some 50 miles away.

"This was by far the most severe I've ever felt," said California Highway Patrol spokesman Mark Bunger, who said he has lived in the Napa area his whole life.

"Usually it's a rolling, but this was more of a real jolting. My wife and kids were screaming. It was quite upsetting," he said.

He said his house in nearby Browns Valley had cracked plaster but no major damage.

Power was restored by Sunday afternoon to most of the 10,000 customers who lost service, according to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Jonathan Franks.

Numerous homes had damaged chimneys.

"We shook twice, back to back, with everything swaying, like a waterbed," said dispatcher Rick Wallace of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department in Santa Rosa, about 30 miles northwest of the quake's epicenter.

A few wineries reported minor damage.

"We lost about three bottles," said Lessly Van Houtan, who works in the tasting room of Carneros Creek winery.

"Everything is knocked off the shelves. Everything is broken," said

Mark Christianson, a Long's Drugs store manager.

At least 25 people were treated for injuries, mostly minor cuts, said Denise Mace, spokeswoman for Queen of the Valley Hospital.

"When the quake hit, it dumped everything on the floor. There was glass everywhere," said Jerry Marquez, 33, who was being treated for cuts on his feet.

One man was in serious condition at the hospital and a 5-year-old boy was in critical condition because of head injuries caused by falling objects, Mace said.

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Mark Bunger
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Violating du Lac with PSA, ROTC and fans

Today I participated in an unregistered demonstration at Notre Dame. Yes, I violated du Lac. If only students could be free on campus without breaking such rules!

The right to gather and advocate for a cause is critical for the existence of freedom at our University, however it like other essential activist tactics

(petitioning, forming an organization, posterizing, club trips, etc.), is sharply compromised by the policies of the University administration.

I will attempt to demonstrate that the University, acting so as to preserve its control of campus (at the expense of students who wish we were free), on behalf of conservative multimillion dollar donors and trustees whose values the administrators often share, displays a clear bias against progressive demonstrations. Most of the bias comes from the arbitrary nature in which it defines "demonstration."

Let us imagine a dozen students dressed in similar fashion, jogging through campus. Not only are they chanting, but two of them, hands-outstretched, stop traffic at the Main Circle. Now, let us imagine a second group of four students without signs, amplification or any speakers, looking more like ushers than activists, quietly passing out pieces of paper to people going into the JACC. Which of these groups is demonstrating?

Of course if you are an administrator there is a missing variable. You cannot decide whether either of these events is a demonstration until you know the intent of the group. For the acts of progressives are demonstrations, whereas those of conservatives or moderates are not.

Thus the first activity by ROTC advocating values of leadership, discipline and militarism, is not a "demonstration." The second event, progressives passing

out leaflets criticizing the University's lack of action on sweatshops is not only a "demonstration" but also caused the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) to be put on probation.

I hope it is clear to most readers what would happen if progressives were to march or jog around campus chanting pacifist, anti-sweatshop or other critical slogans (not to mention blocking traffic!). It would be treated as a demonstration and the activists could lose their club status.

The administration requires that demonstrations be registered so as to directly stop demonstrations. They have prevented GLND/SMC, the College Democrats and the PSA from holding protests. Indirectly, the rule discourages demonstrations by requiring approval from Bill Kirk — a process that only several students on campus have ever used.

I propose that the requirement for registration be eliminated and that the organizers of any demonstration be held responsible for the event post-hoc. If anyone was planning a sit-in or other mildly disruptive protest, they would be smart and not try to register it in advance — so the rule is useless.

Of the 55 "demonstrations" that I have known in the past three years (based on the Student Activities definition which includes leafletting and other events by progressives but excludes any action by ROTC or sports fans), all have been peaceful. Protesters can police ourselves. Of these demonstrations, 40 were unregistered and only two of these led to Student Activities taking action to punish the rule-breakers.

So what is a demonstration? Last semester during the Presidential Review of the ROTC we were told to stand for the anthem and I instinctively sat-down. I was expressing my preference for God before country, but was I demonstrating? I often wear political t-shirts to advocate for causes and always wear several political buttons on my backpack. Is that a demonstration? What if 10 people were

to sit-down or wear a shirt or buttons?

Groups of people are allowed to assemble on campus to advocate mainstream causes like violent sports (football fans), militarism (ROTC) or traditional Catholicism — but if a couple people were to dare to leaflet on a progressive cause we would be sent to see the new Director of Student Activities.

Mainstream activities are tolerated, while progressive activities are treated as demonstrations. The University's biased enforcement supports the status quo. However as Christians we are called to act on behalf of the poor. In an institution with a three billion dollar endowment that is governed by CEO trustees and is focused on educating America's future corporate and military elite, living the truth of the Gospel necessitates immoderate action and for this you can be punished.

I violated du Lac, but it never crossed the mind of my fellow unregistered demonstrators that they were breaking a rule until I mentioned it. They felt in their hearts that their acts were very peaceful and made sense. And they did. But unfortunately from experience I know that any group that becomes too threatening to the administration can be targeted and unfairly punished. It's time for students to stand-up, demand freedom on campus and rewrite du Lac.

Perhaps as a start, if the rule does not change and ROTC students continue to violate du Lac with unregistered demonstrations (not to mention all the dorm processions before pep rallies!), then we should violate the rule too. Together we'll create a campus that welcomes all views.

Despite being recently attacked by a squirrel who knocked his glasses off, Aaron Kreider is still a vegan. His column runs every other Monday.

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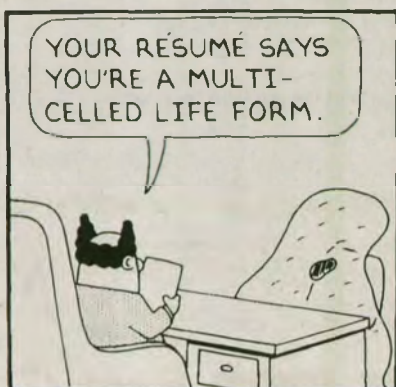
Aaron Kreider

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular."

Adlai E. Stevenson
former Governor of Illinois

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Reflecting on summer issues

"Hey, Mike, how was your summer?"
"It sucked. I had the summer from hell."

Not the typical answer, I know. But my summer was absolutely horrible.

Despite all of the incidents, accidents and just plain old crappy things that happened this summer, there were two events that, although tragic, helped me to reevaluate my place in the order of things and my position on some important issues facing the world today.

A little more than a month ago, my grandmother passed away. Her death, although saddening, was not altogether shocking — she had been fighting strokes for more than a year. The peaceful manner in which she currently rests belies the last few weeks of her life. My family and I had to watch on an almost daily basis as her condition deteriorated. We had to watch as she went from a vibrant and sometimes feisty woman to someone dependent on oxygen tubes to breathe, who had to struggle to sound out words, who needed to have meals cooked for her. Not much later, she was unable to perform basic human functions without help. She required 24-hour supervision. Eventually, the only way she could breathe was through assistance from an awkward-looking oxygen machine, her only moves coming from periodic muscle spasms.

Four months ago, if you had pushed me for an opinion on euthanasia, I might have hemmed and hawed, but I would ultimately have sided against it. But as I sat next to my grandmother, I couldn't help but reassess my beliefs. Lying next to me was a woman who had survived the Great Depression and watched her husband leave for and come back from World War II. She had five children, raised them right and had to live through the death of one from a car accident. She lived to see and hold great-grandchildren. She was someone who had accomplished all she could out of life.

And I knelt, made the sign of the Cross on her gnarled right hand and prayed to God that her life would end mercifully, painlessly and quickly.

Three days later, it did. I'd like to think that God listened. At least He'd better have — my grandmother was capable of raising holy hell when she wanted to and is probably not afraid to give God an earful.

Another event that rocked me to the core and dramatically altered my worldview came about three weeks ago when a friend of mine, whom I'll just call "Tom" revealed that he had gotten a girl, another friend of mine whom I'll just call "Nicole" pregnant. Both of them attend a nationally recognized university that I'll call (just to stick with the theme), "Days of Thunder U." They struggled for a few weeks on their situation.

I'll admit that there are some issues — okay, most issues — where I can be arrogant and pompous in describing my position. And never do I feel safer on my soapbox than when I pretentiously pontificate about abortion. I'm willing to allow abortions in the case of rape and also if the girl is under 18 (with parents' permission), but the one thing I cannot stand is abortion for the sake of personal convenience. Which is precisely what ended up happening. When I had heard about it, I felt numb. That was quickly replaced by horrific nausea. The fact that Tom referred to it as a "baby-axeing" did little to help.

I've thought more than a few times about what would have happened if Nicole changed her mind at the last minute. The fetus was eight weeks old — with fully formed internal organs and a regular heartbeat. Would it be a boy or a girl? We were six weeks from knowing. I fast-forward a few years and imagine myself being a friend to this child. If it were a girl, I can imagine protesting, but eventually caving in and coming to her tea party. If it were a boy, I'd sneak him away from his parents and teach him the lyrics to Notre Dame's fight song instead of the one for Eyes Widenshut U.

Since the ... "procedure," we've all made a somewhat tacit agreement not to discuss it, sort of an "okay, it happened, time to move on" type of thing. I'd like to ask them about it, especially Nicole, but I'm sure she did not make her decision lightly. The last thing I want to do is dredge up memories that might very well be exceedingly painful. Plus, there's another reason: no matter what I may believe, can I look her in the eyes and tell her that what she did was wrong? No.

So, that's why I had the summer from hell. Hopefully, my fall will go at least a little better.

Mike Marchand is a senior English major who wants to thank former columnist Mary Beth Ellis for helping him keep his sanity, which is a superhuman task. She didn't have to bestow any pearls of wisdom on a goofy blowhard like Mike, but she did, and Mike is eternally grateful.

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Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students' pep doused

At this moment we, two seniors, are sitting in the computer cluster at CCMB while the pep rally rages on in the Joyce Center. As seniors, Michelle and I were looking forward to spending our final season opening pep rally among our senior friends, as it is notoriously the craziest and most entertaining pep rally of the year.

However, apparently luck was not on our side, as we were promptly turned away at every gate we approached, despite our display of our student ID's. We arrived 10 minutes early. Evidently, we weren't early enough.

OK. Enough is enough. Trying to get involved in this year's football season has been the biggest headache since DART. Right off the bat, the seniors living off campus were put through hours and hours of waiting in line to get our lottery numbers (which, by the way, counted for nil). Now students can't even get into a pep rally to cheer their friends on the team, in the band, in the guard or on the cheerleading squad in support of their first big game weekend. At least something is being done about the positively ludicrous system of student ticket purchases by the student government.

But holding the first pep rally in the JACC is simply a bad decision. For the past three years it's been held in the stadium; why the change in plans? This decision kept not only

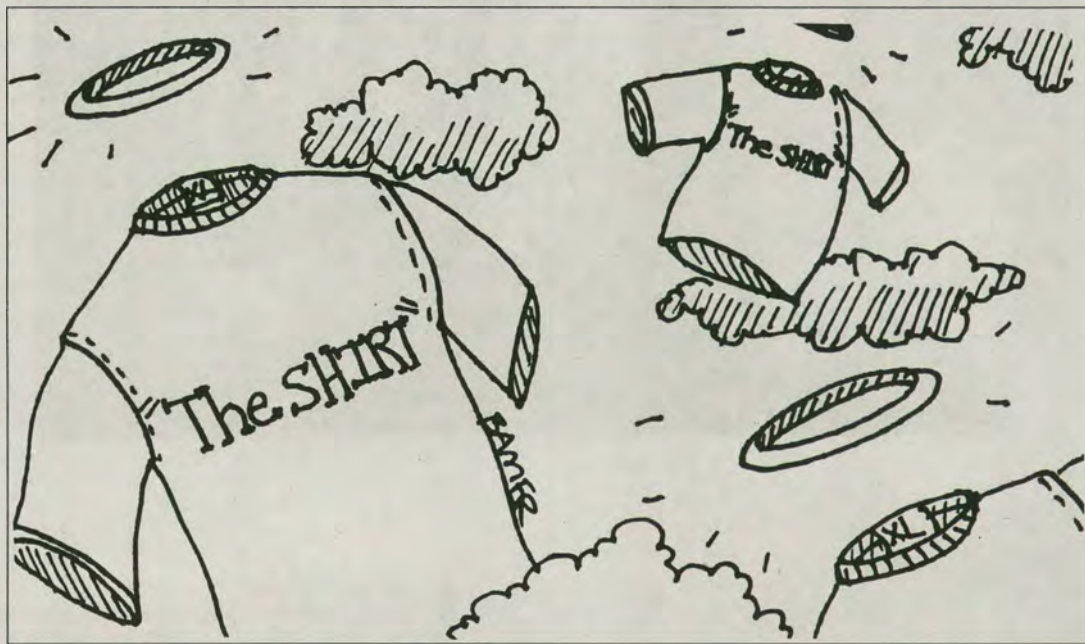
off campus students from being able to participate, but a significant number of on-campus residents as well. Poor form, fellows, poor, poor form.

As students of Notre Dame, regardless of whether or not we are all football fans, we are privileged enough to be able to participate in a tradition of grandly extravagant proportions. For the most part, we love every second of it. But I don't speak for myself alone when I say that, as students, we often feel unappreciated when it comes to the execution of this pageant of sports.

As much as the other fans matter, the football team is still ours. The members of the team, the band, the guard and the squad are our roommates and friends, our classmates, the people we see and talk to on a daily basis. We don't attend events like pep rallies and games simply to enjoy them, even though we certainly do. We also go to support our friends here at Notre Dame who go to all the effort to pull off the tradition that makes us the most well-known university to be associated with college football. Therefore, please, let us in!

Jacquelyn Posek
Michelle Rubner

Seniors
off-campus
September 1, 2000



Aide recipient praises Shirt Project's good works

As a recent graduate visiting campus for the A&M game I had the opportunity to read the Friday, Sept. 1, edition of The Observer.

I would like to take a minute to respond to Doug Pardon's letter regarding "The Shirt." I understand that some people have expressed concerns about some issues related to this year's edition of this tradition. As with anything else, the Shirt Project is not immune to differing opinions. With this in mind, it is crucial to recognize the importance of this project on many levels, some of which are not often fully publicized. The charity portion of the project is an essential part of the Notre Dame Community.

As a student, in September 1998, I had brain surgery which knocked me out of school for a semester and brought up huge medical costs to deal with. The support and love of the Notre Dame community was there to push me along on the path to rehabilitation

and recovery. Also there to help me was the generosity of the student body with its charitable gifts to help with my medical bills. That was a saving grace in the process and one for which I will be forever grateful. So, I say a belated heartfelt thank you to Notre Dame and the Shirt Project for its help to me. That isn't my purpose however.

Please overlook small problems that might arise in the organization of the Project and lend your full support to this effort. I am forever grateful for its help and my personal donations to Notre Dame throughout the coming years will always be made to the Shirt Project. I hope that the project always exists to help students in their times of greatest need.

Brent Moberg
Class of '00
September 3, 2000



D.C. — more than ju

The nation's capital is much more than just a city. Within the "Beltway" lies a city

They're sold as pop-up guides and "how-to" diaries, but visitors' maps to Washington, D.C., don't truly capture everything that makes the city great. A fruitful journey through the city should include more than just a stop at the White House and a few Lincoln Memorial photo ops.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students spend semesters in Washington (known as the "Beltway") and learn as much about its sights and sounds as they do about tailgating and the Victory March. Here, students share their tips on a larger campus, the hub of the United States.

Sure, there are the politicians and the Congressional meetings — and, of course, the interns — but the city is most enjoyable at times when no tourists are in sight.

The monuments are beautiful — striking symbols of a rich political and social history; but they're best when visited at night. Seeing the Washington Monument and Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials are a must, and a plus when they're lit. Little compares to standing at one end of the Mall (a grassy expanse that runs from the Capitol, past the Smithsonian Museums and is home to the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial) and seeing the outline of the city's greatest architectural symbols lit up against the night sky.

Probably the greatest aspect of Washington is that most of the city is free enjoyment. Years of art, history and tech-

nology at the Smithsonian Museums within the public's reach and cost not to appreciate. History lovers should stop at the Museum of American History, the Holocaust Museum, while art lovers should visit the National Gallery of Art, which holds original pieces by Monet and the country's only Leonardo da Vinci.

Supreme Court sessions can be a great way to see behind-the-scenes legal action. The high court in the land deals with serious issues every day, because it's not a Big Tobacco argument doesn't mean it's important. Class and group tours are available to check out the men and women who rule the gavel.

Some of the best journalism in the world comes out of Washington, where everyone's got something to say and, guaranteed, they say it. The Washington Post and The Times are popular, but for great information on what's going on in the city, The Washington Paper is a must. Interesting stories on the city and tips on what to do around town make it an amazing resource for visitors and residents alike.

Unfortunately, some of the best places to eat, drink or even read never make it into fit-in-all-in-one-weekend best sellers. Popular restaurants, for example, can be very overpriced and crowded. Great food and atmosphere are found in many small, ethnic restaurants peppered throughout the city's diverse neighborhoods. They can be harder to find, but less touristy stops along Metro, the city's popular subway system, can reward the tastebuds with one-of-a-kind cuisines.

Although the city is a mecca for political movers and shakers, there's more to D.C. life than who's up for re-election.

For hungry city

The Lincoln Memorial (top left) has long been a site for political action and debate. It sits at the foot of the Reflecting Pool at the opposite end of the Washington Monument. This and several other tourist attractions are found on stops along the city's Metro train (middle left). Washington is home to thousands of visitors every day, many who long to see the Capitol Building (bottom left), and Washington Monument (top, opposite page), two of the most recognized buildings in the city.

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Notre Dame vs. Texas A&M



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Sophomore tailback Julius Jones completes a 17-yard run for the end zone during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 24-10 win over Texas A&M. Jones led the Irish in rushing with 60 yards on 14 carries.

Irish bounce back to win column

By TIM CASEY
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His shoulders straightened, elbows tucked, open palms pointed towards the royal blue sky and arms flung above his head.

Bob Davie "raised the roof."

On a warm, humid afternoon, Davie's postgame signal to the student section may have been the most recognizable gesture for the Irish since Bobby Brown's "excessive celebration" taunt last year against Michigan.

But the uncharacteristic gesture was far from the only highlight of Notre Dame's 24-10 victory over then-No. 25 Texas A&M.

For quarterback Arnaz Battle, his memorable weekend began with a phone call from Jarious Jackson, the starter for the past two years. Jackson had one simple message for the junior from Shreveport, La.

"He said 'just go out there and ball,'" Battle said.

Battle heeded his predecessor's advice, completing 10-of-16 passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 50 yards on 12 carries.

Maybe even more impressive than individual statistics, the Battle-led offense committed no turnovers.

And, instead of listening to Lil' Troy's "Wanna be a baller", Battle and the rest

Davie breaks 4-game losing streak with win over old friend

of his Irish teammates sang a sweeter tune in the locker room after the win.

The Victory March.

"I had to pass out a sheet before the game," Davie said. "It's been a long time since we sang that song."

The last time the Irish sang the customary verses, reserved only for victories, was following a 28-24 defeat of Navy on Oct. 30.

Yet, on Saturday, the Irish looked like a different team than the squad that lost all four November games last season.

Whether it was because of its health, maturity or lesser quality opponent, Notre Dame revived some confidence in a program beset by constant criticism the past few years.

"I'm sick of hearing all of that [criticism]," Battle said. "I want to bring back Notre Dame to where it's supposed to be."

The Irish relived some memories of the past early on, throwing on only two of their first 18 offensive plays. For the game, Notre Dame gained 216 yards on the ground and ran the ball on over three-quarters (49 of 65) of their plays.

The tailback-by-committee of Tony Fisher, Julius Jones and Terrance Howard

gave the Irish relief in the high temperatures.

Jones, who missed several practices last week because of a hamstring injury, led the team with 60 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Fisher, the game's starter, and Howard, who was also coming off a slight hamstring injury, gained 31 yards a piece.

"I think you will continue to see us do that [the rotation]," Davie said. "I feel comfortable with all three of them. That was evidenced by the fact that Terrance Howard was in there late in the football game when you are obviously concerned about protecting the football."

Davie also plans to utilize the same aggressive defensive schemes. The defense was the biggest surprise in the Irish's fifth-straight season-opening victory.

The defensive unit yielded 255 total yards to the Aggies, including only 90 on the ground. Aggie quarterback Mark Farris completed 16-of-28 passes for 165 yards but was sacked twice and lost 15 yards rushing in his starting debut.

"There's no question Bob Davie is an excellent defensive coach," Texas A&M

head coach R.C. Slocum said. "And so are [defensive coordinator] Greg Mattison and [linebackers coach] Kirk Doll. I think they'll have a good defense."

Though still premature to forecast their future success, the first series of the second half may have set the tone for an improved defense.

After a 7-7 halftime tie, the Aggies marched down to the Notre Dame 2-yard line.

Three plays, one timeout and a penalty later, Texas A&M had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Terence Kitchens.

The Irish took advantage of the stand. With 3:24 remaining in the third quarter, Battle found Javin Hunter along the right sideline for a 46-yard touchdown in the north end zone.

Hunter's first career touchdown gave the Irish their first lead of the afternoon at 14-10.

"When I was running with him, I thought I was pushing him, then I let off a little bit," said Jay Brooks, who was covering Hunter. "When I turned around I didn't see the ball. I let my team down."

The Irish extended the lead early in the fourth. After David Givens rushed for seven yards on a crucial fourth-and-one, Jones ran through the Aggie defense, broke three tackles and scored from 17 yards out with 11:38 left.

On its next possession, Notre Dame scored again, this time on a 32-yard field goal by Nick Setta.



player of the game

Arnaz Battle

The junior quarterback threw for two touchdowns, rushed for 50 yards and threw for 133 in his first start for the Irish.

quote of the game

"We were close, but as our coach always says, close is only good in horse shoes and hand grenades."

Chris Valeta
Aggie offensive lineman

stat of the game

0 turnovers

The Irish offense took care of the ball well. Last season the Irish turned the ball over at least once in every game but two.

report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Battle started off slow, but got more comfortable in the second half. His running was outstanding, and his passing better than expected for a first career start.
- A-** **running backs:** With three solid tailbacks in Jones, Fisher and Howard, this may be Notre Dame's deepest position.
- B+** **receivers:** Hunter's touchdown catch along the sideline gave the Irish their first lead. With no go-to receiver, the Irish spread the wealth among the offense.
- B-** **offensive line:** Battle was sacked twice, but pressured throughout the game. The extra year of experience wasn't evident in Saturday's game.
- B+** **defensive line:** Held the Aggies to 90 yards rushing and only 2.4 yards per carry. Big tackles by Irons and Scott on A&M's first drive of the third quarter turned the momentum.
- B** **linebackers:** Not much depth, but the three starters put up big numbers on tackles. Boiman, Denman and Harrison are explosive and talented.
- C** **defensive backs:** Jefferson needs to improve — and fast. Three pass interference calls is way too many. Driver's team-high 10 tackles and interception were their saving grace.
- A-** **special teams:** Hildbold punted well, Setta hit his first career field goal and McNew kicked into the end zone three out of five times.
- B+** **coaching:** Gutsy call to go for it on fourth and one. Confidence came through in the calls as the game wore on. The defense played more

3.19 **overall:** Good start for the Irish, but they'll face a much tougher test next week with the No. 1 Huskers.

adding up the numbers

number of Notre Dame turnovers **0**

80,232 number of fans in attendance, the largest ever

number of season-opening wins in a row **5**

46 yards on Arnaz Battle's touchdown pass to Javin Hunter, the longest pass of his career

number of Notre Dame wins since Oct. 28 **1**

10 points scored by Texas A&M, fewest by a Notre Dame opponent since 1998

number of degrees on the field at game-time **108**

19 yards returned on Tony Driver's interception

INSIGHT



Irish corner back Brock Williams (1) and free safety Tony Driver (25) take down Aggie running back Joe Weber at the goal line, preventing a touchdown and forcing Texas A&M to settle for a field goal.

Gutsy Irish wear hearts on sleeves in opener

Going for it on fourth-and-one to set up a 17-yard Julius Jones touchdown.

Keeping A&M out of the end zone after a first-and-goal on the 2-yard line.

Tony Driver ripping off Aggies' quarterback Mark Farris's pass for a 19-yard interception return.

Upsetting the nation's No. 23 team 24-10 in the season opener.

That's the stuff Notre Dame football is made of. It's made up of gutsy calls, big plays and athletes who leave their heart on the field. And it's been missing in South Bend more often than not in recent years.

During the slow and tentative first half Saturday, it appeared this year's Fighting Irish would be a repeat of the last few disappointing teams.

"At the beginning of the game, a lot of players had the jitters," Driver said. "They were still thinking about last year. But we got out there, we made a couple of stops, and we said, 'We can do this.' After that, the confidence just took over."

At halftime, new quarterback Arnaz Battle looked like he would be a good quarterback sometime down the road, but wasn't quite there yet. The defense had held the Aggies to seven points, but had also given up several big plays on third downs. The Irish were tied, but due more to luck and so-so play than aggressive calls and spectacular shows of talent.

After halftime, though, a different Notre Dame team ran out of the tunnel. Out charged an Irish team that was fired up and emotional. Onto the field rushed a group of Irish players that dominated a lackluster Aggies' opponent.

"I was impressed with how the team handled the momentum swings," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "To come back and tie the game at the half and then to have the stamina to stay in it throughout impressed me."

Early in the second half, the Aggies drove nearly all the way downfield. While Irish fans braced themselves to fall behind by a disheartening seven points, the Irish defense transformed itself into an iron wall that no Aggie player could penetrate. Grant Irons and Rocky Boiman tackled A&M's Joe Weber for a three-yard loss, then the defense held Weber to a one-yard gain. Ja'Mar Toombs couldn't muster enough firepower to get past Boiman and B.J. Scott on the third down, and following a false start penalty, the Aggies were forced to go for the field goal.

"When you drive the ball 90 yards and have first and goal inside the 10 and you don't score, it is a moral victory for the defense," Texas A&M offensive lineman Chris Valeta said.

Although the Aggies took the lead, the defensive stop kept the energy in Notre Dame's favor.

"It seemed that we got stronger as the game went on," Driver said. "The defense was iffy until we got into a rhythm at the end, and that's when our conditioning paid off."

Battle proved a quick study at quarterback. After going 6-for-11 passing in the first half, he sharpened to 4-for-5 in the second half. And he helped the Irish convert on a third down for the first time in the game.

"This game showed that Battle is explosive and a great player," Davie said. "If you look at Jarious's [Jackson] first game against Michigan two years ago, Arnaz is further along than Jarious was at that time. He's more in control and confident."

Behind Battle's lead, the Irish showed a little of the bravado Notre Dame football has been missing. In 1999, the ND coaching staff took a timid approach, hesitating to go for it on a fourth down. Maybe it was

because they knew the 1999 Irish couldn't guarantee even a one-foot gain. Davie demonstrated more confidence Saturday, leaving his offense in to test their grit.

"We wanted to put the game away," flanker Joey Getherall said. "We were driving, and I don't think anybody wanted to kick the ball right there. We wanted to show that we were ready to put some points on the board. Coach showed a lot of confidence that our offense can make a first down."

On fourth-and-one, David Givens burst through for a six-yard gain and a first down. Jones, a dynamic young tailback, picked up where Givens left off. He escaped the grasp of A&M defenders and dashed 17 yards into the end zone to boost his team to a 21-10 advantage.

Once Notre Dame had the victory all but sewn up, Driver decided, for excitement's sake, to put some pizzazz in the win. The senior free safety capped off a much-improved day for the ND defense by intercepting Texas A&M's last chance at a touchdown.

Almost more remarkable in the win, however, was what the Irish didn't do.

The Irish didn't turn the ball over, a feat only accomplished twice last year. They didn't miss a field goal or a PAT, errors that have been recent hallmarks of ND football. And they didn't allow more than 10 points or 100 yards rushing by their opponent.

With the victory came a huge momentum swing. If Notre Dame had started its season 0-1 with a sixth straight loss, people would have all but written off the 2000 Irish squad. But with a win, somehow everything is different.

"We're feeling confident right now and just getting some momentum going," Battle said.

Notre Dame is undefeated — opening a season in which anything is still possible. Even beating Nebraska.

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Defense scores points with solid performance

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie and his staff spent the off-season retooling Notre Dame's defense, hoping to breathe life back into a line that struggled last season.

After Davie called the performance of the defense his number one concern last week, questions of Irish defensive ability hovered over Notre Dame Stadium Saturday in Notre Dame's season opener against Texas A&M.

With Notre Dame's convincing 24-10 victory over the then-No. 25 Aggie squad, Davie found some of the answers.

Some he liked. And some he did not.

"It wasn't a masterpiece by any stretch of the imagination," said the fourth-year head coach. "I don't know that we played particularly well, but the thing that is really encouraging to me is that we played with a lot of heart and I think the foundation for good football teams are built on that."

The Irish defense was in no way polished, causing three pass-interference penalties and missing key tackles during Texas A&M scoring drives, but the heart Davie was looking for shined through.

With the game tied 7-7 in the third quarter, Notre Dame's defense pulled out all the stops. After Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris led the Aggies down field on a 74-yard drive for the end zone, the Irish held them back on the goal line for three downs. The Aggies had to settle for a field goal after being called for illegal procedure on fourth and goal.

"We were close, but as our coach always says close is only good in horse shoes and hand grenades," said Aggie offensive lineman Chris Valeta. "We didn't get it done."

When you have first and goal inside the 10 and you don't score it is a moral victory for the defense. Fortunately we got a field goal out of it but that's not enough."

That goal line stand gives Davie a little more confidence on the other side of the ball.

"The thing I was impressed with was the momentum swings and the resiliency to bounce back ... and being able to have somewhat

of a goal line stand to hold them to a field goal," said Davie. "The defense is, let's be honest, not a tremendously confident defense but they came through."

The Irish defense did come through, holding the Aggies to just 10 points, while allowing only 90 rushing and 165 passing yards — a marked improvement over last season when the defense yielded an average of 27.6 points and 383.7 yards a game.

But Davie is far from convinced. "I thought we were average," said Davie. "I thought early in the game we were a little out of sync. I don't think we played nearly as good as we are capable of on defense. We need to play a lot better than that. It was a good effort. I thought we played with enthusiasm and hung in there but it was sloppy."

The three pass interference calls against the Irish Saturday concern Davie.

"We still have some huge question marks," said Davie. "Can we cover on defense? We had those pass interference penalties that I thought were inexcusable."

Irish strong safety Ron Israel was flagged for the first pass interference penalty in the second quarter, before Clifford Jefferson committed two penalties within five minutes in the third.

The defense suffered in the third quarter when senior captain Grant Irons left the game because of dehydration.

"With the heat the way it was we knew it would be a gut-check at the end," said Davie. "It was a battle and a lot of guys had to step up and be ready to play, but Grant is going to be fine now."

After receiving intravenous fluids, the senior defensive end returned in the fourth quarter to finish out the game.

With No. 1 Nebraska coming to town next weekend, Davie knows the defense has a lot of kinks to work out before next weekend.

"We realize we have a long, long, long way to go as a football team in a very short amount of time," said Davie. "The football team coming here next week is as good a team as I've seen in a long time."

But Saturday's win is one more step on the path to becoming a potent defensive threat.



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Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver dives toward Aggie quarterback Mark Farris during Saturday's season opener. Weaver recorded six tackles on the afternoon.

AP poll			
	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	1-0	1,736
2	Florida State	1-0	1,725
3	Michigan	1-0	1,513
4	Miami (Fla.)	1-0	1,493
5	Wisconsin	1-0	1,391
6	Texas	0-0	1,345
7	Kansas State	2-0	1,334
8	Florida	1-0	1,263
9	Georgia	1-0	1,245
10	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,119
11	Southern California	1-0	964
12	Tennessee	1-0	901
13	Alabama	0-1	824
14	Purdue	1-0	805
15	Washington	1-0	773
16	UCLA	1-0	766
17	Clemson	1-0	612
18	Ohio State	1-0	591
19	Mississippi	1-0	528
20	Oklahoma	1-0	487
21	Illinois	1-0	398
22	Texas Christian	0-0	354
23	Notre Dame	1-0	166
24	Michigan State	0-0	150
25	Southern Mississippi	0-1	125

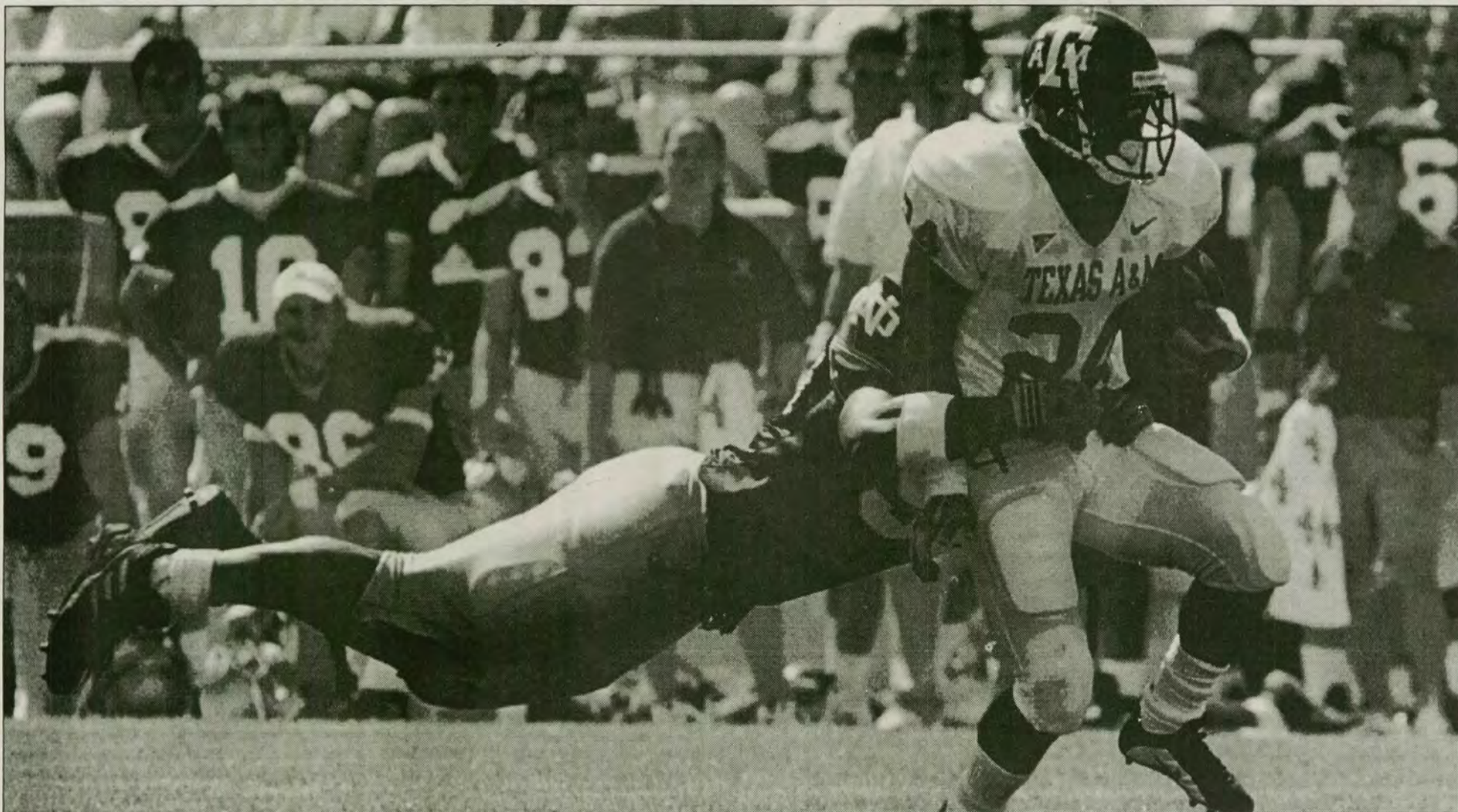
other teams receiving votes: Colorado State 121, East Carolina 92, Oregon 71, Mississippi State 41, Toledo 25, Auburn 24, Marshall 23, LSU 13.

scoring summary & stats					
scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
<i>Notre Dame</i>	0	7	3	0	10
<i>Texas A&M</i>	0	7	7	10	24
team statistics	ND		TAMU		
<i>first downs</i>	21		17		
<i>rushes-yards</i>	49-194		37-90		
<i>passing-yards</i>	133		165		
<i>comp-att-int</i>	10-16-0		16-28-1		
<i>return yards</i>	59		28		
<i>punts-yards</i>	6-266		8-337		
<i>fumbles-lost</i>	0-0		0-0		
<i>penalties-yards</i>	5-59		5-45		
<i>time of possession</i>	29:56		30:04		
individual statistics					
<i>passing</i>					
<i>ND — Battle 10-16-0</i>	<i>TAMU — Farris 16-28-1</i>				
<i>rushing</i>					
<i>ND — Jones 14-60, Battle 12-50, Fisher 10-30, Howard 7-29, Givens 4-16, Lopienski 2-9</i>					
<i>TAMU — Whitaker 13-71, Weber 9-23, Toombs 9-12, Goynes 2-6, Farris 4-(-15)</i>					
<i>receiving</i>					
<i>ND — Hunter 2-50, Lopienski 2-34, Holloway 2-15, Givens 1-21, Getherall 1-9, O'Leary 1-5, Black 1-(-1)</i>					
<i>TAMU — Ferguson 5-79, Taylor 4-35, Whitaker 3-25, Johnson 2-16, Toombs 1-6, Goynes 1-4</i>					
<i>Tackles</i>					
<i>ND — Driver 10, Boiman 9, Denman 8, Weaver 6</i>					
<i>TAMU — Anthony 10, Glenn 9, Kiel 7, Bradley 6, Bautovich 6</i>					

scoring summary	
1st	No score.
2nd	TAMU - 12:54 Whitaker 8-yd. run Kitchens kick, 7-0 ND - 1:31 Getherall 9-yd. pass from Battle Sella kick, 7-7
3rd	TAMU - 7:25 FG Kitchens 23 yd., 10-7 ND - 3:24 Hunter 46-yd. pass from Battle Sella kick, 14-10
4th	ND - 11:38 Jones 17-yd. run Sella kick, 21-10 ND - 7:17 FG Sella 32 yd., 24-10

ESPN/USA Today poll			
	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	1-0	1,456
2	Florida State	1-0	1,422
3	Michigan	1-0	1,303
4	Miami (Fla.)	1-0	1,205
5	Florida	1-0	1,175
6	Wisconsin	1-0	1,131
7	Kansas State	2-0	1,037
8	Texas	0-0	1,036
9	Virginia Tech	1-0	1,022
10	Georgia	1-0	901
11	Tennessee	1-0	822
12	Southern California	1-0	746
13	Purdue	1-0	719
14	Alabama	0-1	668
15	Washington	1-0	631
16	Ohio State	1-0	627
17	UCLA	1-0	491
18	Mississippi	1-0	458
19	Clemson	1-0	425
20	Oklahoma	1-0	355
21	Illinois	1-0	327
22	Texas Christian	0-0	234
23	Michigan State	0-0	232
24	Southern Mississippi	0-1	117
25	Notre Dame	1-0	115

other teams receiving votes: Colorado State 74, Mississippi State 68, East Carolina 59, Marshall 48, Arkansas 39, Georgia Tech 37, Minnesota 37.



Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver pulls down Texas A&M running back Richard Whitaker. Whitaker ran for 71 yards on 13 carries, while the Irish defense held the Aggies to just 90 yards rushing.

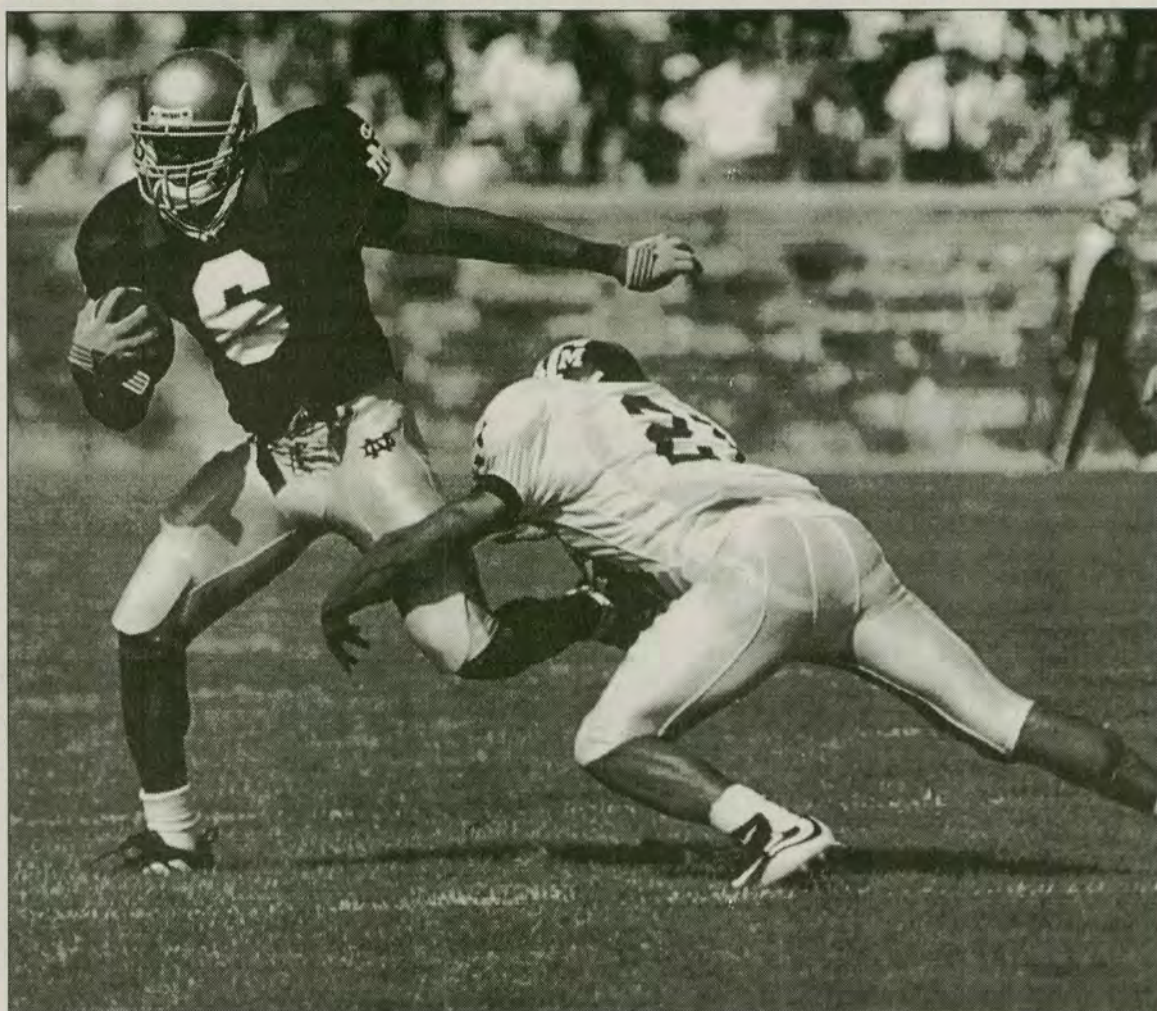


Irish quarterback Arnaz Battle debuted at the starting position completing 10 of 16 passes and throwing for two touchdowns.

Battling Back

Notre Dame ended a four-game losing streak and put a dismal 5-7 1999 season behind them with a convincing win over Texas A&M. Saturday's match-up got personal for Bob Davie — the fourth-year Irish head coach spent nine years in College Station with the Aggies before coming to Notre Dame. The win boosted the Irish into national rankings at the No. 23 spot in the Associated Press Poll. First-time starter Arnaz Battle put on a solid performance, leading the Irish to a 24-10 win.

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PETER RICHARDSON



Texas A&M linebacker Jason Glenn tackles Irish flanker David Givens. Givens rushed for 16 yards on four carries and caught one pass for 21 yards.

st a monumental weekend

re than just big buildings and big debates.
rich with food, music and ... bad driving.

Although the city is a mecca for political movers and shakers, there's more to D.C. life than who's up for re-election. Jazz and blues bands thrive in the city and most can be found in small, intimate bars and lounges. Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle put the hungry music-lover at ease with several restaurants and music venues to choose from.

Dupont Circle is also home to Kramerbooks, a bookstore and a cafe that's usually crawling with single people and is said to have sparked numerous relationships. After finding love in the stacks, couples can find coffee and chocolate at Xando, a coffee bar where customers make s'mores right at the table.

D.C. is home to hundreds of special events, stemming from political rallies to annual marches. The Cherry Blossom Festival, for instance, takes the less political and more aesthetic route when the white cherry blossoms bloom in the springtime. The blooms line the Tidal Basin surrounding the Jefferson memorial and visitors can paddleboat around the monument.

For the camera-crazed, hundreds of spots in the city make for postcard-like moments.

But those who make the trek to the top of the National Cathedral can get an amazing view not seen by most just hitting the usual hot spots.

Whether making it action-packed or relaxing and educational, the city has endless possibilities. And with enough patriotic gusto and sky-kissing buildings, Washington should have every visitor singing "America the Beautiful."

Things to know before making the patriotic trek:

◆ **The Metro is the way to go.** Generally cleaner and faster than a cab ride, the Metro is the most popular mode of transportation in the city. When staying for more than a day or two, it's best to buy a multi-ride pass. It'll save money and make it easy to just swipe the card and hit all the best stops.

◆ **Shopping can be expensive.** The streets of Georgetown are lined with shops and restaurants, and convenience costs. Places like Pentagon City and nearby Bethesda can also be pricey, so it's important to be a smart souvenir-shopper. D.C. memorabilia shops are a dime a dozen, so it's best to shop around for that perfect presidential T-shirt.

◆ **Cars should be left at home.** Driving in the city can be very trying for people not accustomed to the traffic circles. It's best to ride the Metro, or a bus when in Georgetown, since the Metro doesn't run there.

◆ **Skateboards are everywhere.** They went out with the early 90s, but somehow the city of the red, white and blue hasn't caught on. One should be prepared to catch the four-wheeled transportation along with bicycles and rollerblades, especially in the city's nicest parks.

◆ **The city has great parks.** A hidden treasure is Rock Creek Park, which is a haven for runners, walkers, rollerbladers and bicyclists with its large paved road closed off to traffic. The road follows the creek and is especially gorgeous in fall when the foliage change colors.

◆ **Maryland driving can be scary.** The traffic circles can be difficult enough, but it's even worse when few drivers know how to yield or merge. Just never forget the "look both ways" adage, and survival is guaranteed.

◆ **Everyone reads.** Young or old, business man or garbage man, The Washington Post is usually a common thread among the people in the city. It's the one accessory generally worn by everyone riding the Metro.



Things to do this week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
~ Cinema at the Snite, "His Girl Friday," Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7 p.m.	~ Chicago Brass Quintet, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 284-4626. ~ International Film Festival, Montgomery Theatre, 8 p.m.	~ Lecture, "Guadalupe: Prophet of a New Humanity," Virgil Elizondo, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.	~ "Latin American Area Studies Program (LAASP) Internship and Summer Research Experiences 2000," C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies, 5:30 p.m.
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
~ Pep Rally, JACC, 7 p.m. ~ Booksigning, "Monk's Reflections, A View from Notre Dame," Father Edward A. Malloy, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 4 - 6 p.m. ~ Art Exhibitions, Little Theatre, Hammes Galleries, Moreau Center, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	~ Booksigning, "Turning 50: Fifty Personal Celebrations," Olivia Wu, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ~ Storybook character appearances, "Where the Wild Things Are," Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, all day ~ "Lolita," Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 9 p.m.	~ Faculty recital, "Tin Pan Alley's Celebration of Love," Clayton Henderson, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, 2:30 p.m.	

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

White Sox come from behind twice in 13-12 victory

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Frank Thomas hit his 40th homer and drove in four runs as the Chicago White Sox needed to rally in the eighth inning despite scoring nine runs in the first to win their fifth straight game, 13-12 over the Anaheim Angels on Sunday.

Chicago led 9-4 after one before coming back from a 12-11 deficit in the eighth. Shigetoshi Hasegawa (8-5), Carlos Lee doubled with one out and scored on Herbert Perry's triple to tie the game. Paul Konerko hit a sacrifice fly to right to go ahead 13-12.

Hasegawa, who couldn't hold an 8-5 lead Friday, blew his second save in the series. Hasegawa entered the series having given up just one earned run in his previous 34 1-3 innings.

Kelly Wunsch (5-3) pitched two innings for the win. Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his 27th save in 32 opportunities.

Thomas hit an RBI double and a two-run double in the first as the White Sox scored nine runs off Ramon Ortiz, who retired only two batters in the shortest outing in his 22-start career. Thomas added a solo shot in the sixth to draw Chicago within 11-10. It is the fourth 40-homer season for Thomas, who hit only 15 in an injury-riddled 1999.

Troy Glaus set an Angels record by hitting his 40th home run, one of five homers by Anaheim. Tim Salmon and Scott Spiezio each hit three-run homers and Darrin Erstad hit a pair of solo shots.

Astros 9, Braves 3

Mitch Meluskey homered twice and Wade Miller won for the third time in his last four decisions as the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves.

The Braves have lost five of seven and eight of 11, but still hold a half-game lead in the NL East over the New York Mets, who lost 4-3 in 11 innings to St. Louis.

Meluskey led off the fourth with a homer off Andy Ashby (8-

12) and hit a two-run shot in the eighth for his first career multi-homer game. Meluskey has three homers in the last two games.

Miller (4-5) gave up two runs, nine hits and three walks in seven innings. He struck out seven.

Ashby (8-12), who lost his fourth straight decision, gave up five runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings. He did not walk or strikeout a batter. Ashby left his last start Tuesday after six innings against the Reds with a blood blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

B.J. Surhoff led off the second inning for Atlanta with a triple and scored on Javy Lopez's groundout for a 1-0 lead. Keith Lockhart's RBI single in the fourth made it 2-0.

Meluskey's first homer started a five-run fourth inning for Houston. Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Moises Alou followed with singles to tie it at 2. Richard Hidalgo added an RBI double, Chris Truby had a run-scoring groundout, and Bill Spiers had an RBI infield single to knock out Ashby.

Truby's sacrifice fly made it 6-2 in the fifth.

Spiers singled to center, driving in Julio Lugo in the eighth and Meluskey followed with his 14th homer.

Cardinals 4, Mets 3

Jim Edmonds beat the New York Mets with a home run for the second time in three days, connecting in the 11th inning as the St. Louis Cardinals completed a three-game sweep with a victory.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals have won seven of eight and are 5-0 in extra innings overall. The Mets swept St. Louis twice earlier in the season, but lost all three games of this series by one run on the final at-bat.

Edmonds hit a ninth-inning homer on Friday, and Fernando Vina hit a game-winning single on Saturday.

On Sunday, Edmonds led off the 11th by hitting a 1-1 pitch

from Rick White (5-8) over the right field wall for his 38th homer.

White was in his fourth inning of relief.

Matt Morris (3-3) allowed two hits in two innings and got the win. He got Mike Piazza to ground into an inning-ending double play after singles by Mike Bordick and Edgardo Alfonzo in the 10th, and retired the side in order in the 11th.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa tried to finesse the ninth with a two-run lead, using three pitchers, but Bubba Trammell foiled the strategy with a two-out, two-run homer to tie it 3-3.

Trammell, who also drove in the Mets' first run in the fifth, hit a 2-1 pitch from Dave Veres over the wall in left center for his third homer since joining New York from Tampa Bay.

Mariners 5, Red Sox 0

Paul Abbott pitched 7 1-3 innings of no-hit ball on to rebound from his worst start of the season and lead the Seattle Mariners to a victory over the Boston Red Sox.

A journeyman who has made 10 trips to the disabled list in a 10-year career with six organizations, Abbott (9-5) limited Boston to three baserunners — on two walks and an error — before Rico Brogna singled up the middle with one out in the eighth.

After Midre Cummings flied out to center, Abbott walked Scott Hatteberg and Trot Nixon to load the bases and was replaced by Jose Paniagua. Nomar Garciaparra popped up to right field to end the inning, then Paniagua retired the Red Sox in order in the ninth to finish the combined one-hitter and earn his fourth save.

Mark McLemore, who went 3-for-4, and Stan Javier had two doubles apiece for Seattle, while Alex Rodriguez was 2-for-3 with two walks and a two-run homer that made it 5-0 in the ninth. The Mariners won for just the fifth time in their last 20 games, and they won consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 10-

11.

Abbott, who allowed eight runs in seven innings against the New York Yankees on Monday, had no trouble with the anemic Red Sox, who managed just three hits in a 4-1 loss on Saturday.

Tomo Ohka (3-3), who had won three consecutive decisions, allowed two runs on six hits and four walks in six innings. But the Red Sox, who are 12th in the AL in runs and batting average, couldn't hit Abbott.

Javier doubled with one out in the first, Rodriguez walked and, one out later, John Olerud doubled to score them both. Seattle added one run off Rod Beck in the seventh when McLemore hit a leadoff double and scored on Javier's double.

Abbott was drafted by Minnesota in 1985 and debuted in the majors in 1990. He spent parts of the next three seasons in the minors before he was signed by the Indians as a minor-league free agent in 1993.

He spent the next six years in the minors — much of it on the disabled list for elbow, shoulder and knee problems. Even the Mariners, who signed him as a minor-league free agent in 1998, waived him before re-signing him sending him to Triple-A before last season.

Indians 12, Orioles 11

Kenny Lofton tied a major league for scoring runs in consecutive games, stole a career-high five bases and hit a game-winning home run for the Cleveland Indians on Sunday.

Can you tell his left shoulder feels better?

Lofton's solo homer in the 13th inning gave the Indians a 12-11 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

It also gave Lofton his fourth run of the day after he had already tied a major league record by scoring in his 18th straight game. Red Rolfe set the run-scoring streak record in 1939 for the New York Yankees.

Lofton's day was even more remarkable considering that when spring training began, the Indians weren't sure the center

fielder would return from a shoulder injury until the All-Star break.

Lofton dislocated his left shoulder sliding headfirst into first base during the AL playoffs against Boston last year and had surgery in the offseason.

He returned for opening day — a recovery considered a medical miracle by the Indians — but hasn't been feeling himself until lately. Since Aug. 8, he's gone 38-of-102.

"The shoulder's a big part of it," Lofton said. "I'm feeling a little bit more confident with my arm. It doesn't hurt as much as it used to."

Lofton singled and stole second base the first three times he came to bat and wound up scoring each time. He tied a club record for stolen bases in a game set twice by Alex Cole on May 3, 1992, and Aug. 1, 1990.

Mike Trombley (4-5), who pitched 3 1-3 innings, gave up Lofton's 13th homer, a shot into the right-field bullpen with one out in the 13th.

Cameron Cairncross (1-0) got two outs for his first career win in his sixth appearance. Cairncross said when he saw Lofton's homer land in the bullpen, "I didn't know what to do — jump, cry, sit down, stand up. It was magic, man."

Cleveland's victory, combined with Boston's 5-0 loss to Seattle and Oakland's 8-0 win over Toronto, put the Indians two games ahead of the Red Sox and the Athletics in the wild card race.

Chris Richard drove in six runs and hit two homers for Baltimore. His two-run shot to right-center field off reliever Paul Shuey tied the game at 11 in the seventh inning, capping a four-run rally which began with two outs.

Albert Belle reached on what seemed like a playable ball to Travis Fryman, then moved to third on Jeff Conine's double. Cal Ripken, playing in his second game since coming off the disabled list with back problems, doubled to left field to cut the Indians' lead to 11-9. Richard followed with his seventh homer.

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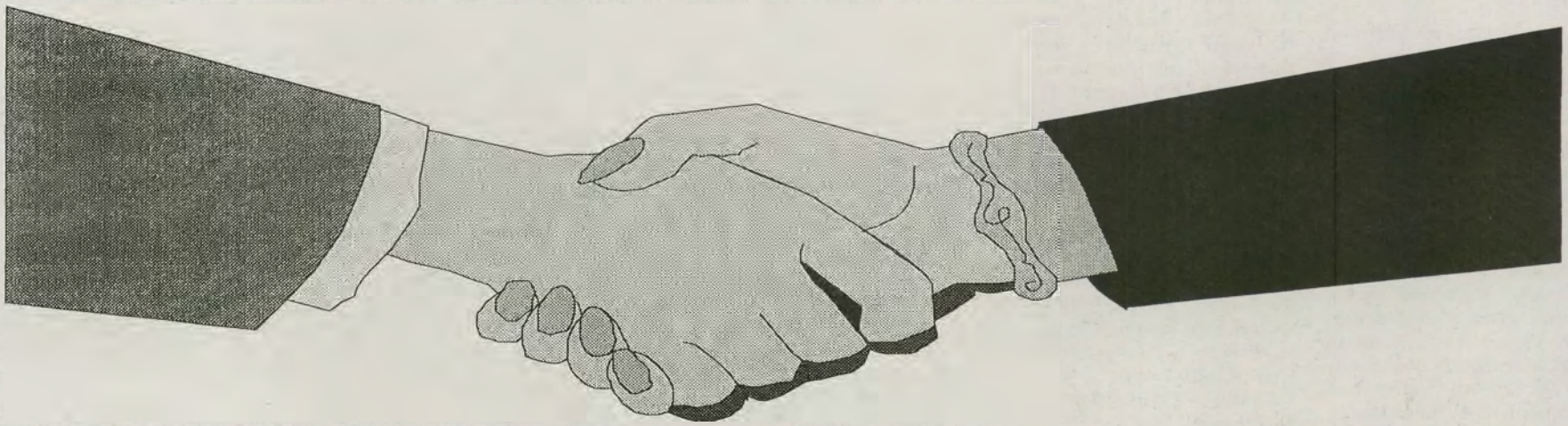
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NFL

Testaverde tosses game-winning TD in return

Associated Press

The New York Jets stopped Brett Favre from conjuring any last-minute magic.

Curtis Martin rushed 30 times for 110 yards and a touchdown and caught a 2-yard TD pass from Vinny Testaverde with 3:30 left as the Jets beat the Green Bay Packers 20-16 Sunday in the coaching debuts of Al Groh and Mike Sherman.

But it wasn't over until Favre was denied yet another comeback win. Victor Green made an acrobatic interception at the Jets 9 with 1:08 to play that robbed Bill Schroeder of a likely touchdown catch and clinched the victory.

Favre, who led the Packers to three last-minute victories at Lambeau Field last season — including the 1999 opener vs. Oakland — stood at midfield with his hands on his hips after throwing his only interception of the game.

The Packers lost at home in September for the first time since Sept. 3, 1995. Green Bay has four losses in its last six games at Lambeau after winning 44 of the previous 46 home games in Green Bay and Milwaukee.

Favre, playing for the first time in a month after missing three preseason games with tendinitis in his throwing elbow, didn't look physically limited, but was just 14-of-34 for 152 yards. He often grabbed his arm after throws late in the game.

Like Favre, Testaverde looked rusty and uncertain in the pocket in his first regular-season action since tearing his Achilles' tendon in the '99 opener. He overthrew several receivers and was called for two intentional grounding penalties before finishing 23-of-44 for 261 yards and a TD.

Martin carried the offensive load in the 29th 100-yard rushing game of his career. He left for one offensive series late in the first half with a twisted left knee, but returned for the second half and continued to pound at the Packers.

Raiders 9, Chargers 6

The Oakland Raiders provided

the scoring. Ryan Leaf provided the drama.

Leaf was battered and even bloodied, with three interceptions and two fumbles, as the San Diego Chargers fell to the Raiders.

Andre Rison caught a 10-yard scoring pass from Rich Gannon with 2:53 left to give Oakland the winning margin.

Leaf, making his first NFL regular-season appearance in 20 months, had led the Chargers on a 15-play, 80-yard drive that ended with Robert Chancey's 3-yard run. A two-point conversion failed.

Leaf hit 17 of 39 passes for 180 yards.

Rison, making his regular-season debut with the Raiders, had five catches for 49 yards. Gannon was 20-of-35 for 176 yards. He was sacked four times.

Neither team scored until 7:23 of the third quarter. With the Chargers on their 1-yard line, Darrell Russell tackled Chancey in the end zone for a safety.

Later in the same quarter, the second of Leaf's fumbles was recovered by Oakland defensive end Regan Upshaw — although the Raiders couldn't capitalize on the turnover. Leaf recovered his first fumble himself.

Leaf also had three turnovers in his last NFL game on Dec. 13, 1998, at Seattle.

Leaf did not connect on his first two passes of the game and was 6-of-19 at the half. Midway through the first quarter, he backed up on a play and appeared to simply fall over — for a loss of 6 yards.

On San Diego's third series of the game, Leaf effectively moved the ball to the Oakland 34. But a pass tipped off the fingers of receiver Curtis Conway and into the hands of Oakland safety Marquez Pope.

Dolphins 23, Seahawks 0

Even without Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins had the better quarterback Sunday. They also had the better running game and better defense.

Jay Fiedler threw for 134 yards and Lamar Smith ran for 145 in their Dolphins debuts, and Miami forced six turnovers

to beat the Seattle Seahawks.

The opener was Miami's first without Marino since 1983, and he was hardly missed. While Fiedler went 15-for-24 with no turnovers, Seattle counterpart Jon Kitna threw four interceptions and lost a fumble before being benched early in the third period.

Smith, a 29-year-old journeyman who has twice been released by NFL teams, carried 27 times and repeatedly took advantage of blocking by rookie tackle Todd Wade. Olindo Mare, who set an NFL record last year with 39 field goals, went 3-for-3, with kicks from 48, 25 and 30 yards.

New Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt improved to 2-11 against Seattle's Mike Holmgren. Their previous games came when Wannstedt coached the Chicago Bears and Holmgren the Green Bay Packers.

Ravens 16, Steelers 0

The Pittsburgh Steelers were convinced their offense couldn't possibly be as bad as it was last season. The Baltimore Ravens made certain it was.

Baltimore's pass-rushing defense didn't allow Pittsburgh to cross midfield until the second half, harassed quarterback Kent Graham into numerous misthrows and gave the Ravens' developing offense time to grind out a victory.

"We kind of played (old-style) Steelers ball," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "To do that in their backyard ... the toughest thing in sports must be shutting out a team on the road."

The shutout loss was the

Steelers' first at home since it happened twice in 1989. It was their seventh consecutive loss in Three Rivers Stadium against the AFC Central.

Tony Banks looked uncertain at times in a redesigned Ravens offense that now features short throws rather than deep passes. But he still found Qadry Ismail on a 54-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter, Ismail's fourth scoring catch of 50-plus yards against Pittsburgh in two games.

Banks was 18-of-32 for 199 yards in a turnover-free offense.

"Sixteen points is not going to beat many teams in this league," Shannon Sharpe said. "We just ran into a team that's having problems and they weren't very good."

Priest Holmes, who averaged nearly 90 yards as the Ravens closed last season by winning five of seven, pounded out 119 yards. The Steelers played the second half without run-stuffing linebacker Levon Kirkland, who sprained an ankle.

Lions 14, Saints 10

Desmond Howard knows what it means to make defenders miss at the Superdome.

Howard's 95-yard punt return Sunday gave the Detroit Lions the lead for good in a 14-10 victory over the New Orleans Saints in their season opener. It was reminiscent of Howard's 99-yard kickoff return on the same field in the 1997 Super Bowl that clinched the Green Bay Packers' 35-21 victory over the New England Patriots.

"The one in the Super Bowl was a little longer," Howard said. "But six points is six points,

especially when you're down and you can help your team out."

Detroit needed the help as it managed only a pair of field goals before Howard grabbed a punt with 2:06 left in the third quarter and rambled downfield, giving the Lions a 12-7 lead.

On the Lions' 2-point conversion, a pass to Johnnie Morton sailed over his head in the end zone, but the Saints were flagged for interference, giving Detroit another shot from the 1. On the second chance, James Stewart ran it in for a 14-7 margin.

"I just think about D&D," Morton said. "Desmond and defense. Without them, we might be going home with a bitter feeling."

Saints kicker Doug Brien closed the Saints to 14-10 with a 48-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, but New Orleans could get no closer.

"We've got a long way to go," Saints coach Jim Haslett said of his regular-season debut as an NFL coach.

If offense really does sell tickets, the Lions and the Saints might be playing in empty stadiums before midseason.

Detroit, with Stoney Case filling in at quarterback for injured Charlie Batch, had only 187 yards in total offense, 10 first downs and converted four of 16 third downs. Case was 13-of-25 for 100 yards, with one interception and two sacks.

New Orleans' newly installed West Coast offense went south. The Saints had only 252 yards in total offense, 13 first downs and converted six of 17 third downs.

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NFL

Culpepper runs in 3 touchdowns, Vikings win 30-27

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Daunte Culpepper's legs were more impressive than his right arm.

Culpepper, the final member of last year's heralded quarterback class to take over an offense, ran for three touchdowns in the Minnesota Vikings' 30-27 comeback victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

The 11th overall pick of the 1999 draft, who took just six snaps last season as a backup to Randall Cunningham and Jeff George, rushed 10 times for 78 yards before taking a knee on the Vikings last three snaps.

Before those final snaps, Culpepper had the second-most rushing yardage for a quarterback in the team's 40-year history, trailing only Fran Tarkenton's 99 yards against the Rams in 1961.

With 13 carries for 73 yards, he's third in team annals, behind Tarkenton and Wade Wilson's 75 yards rushing against Washington in 1987.

The elusive Culpepper struggled to get the ball into the hands of Cris Carter and Randy Moss, the fourth-best receiving tandem in NFL history last year. Culpepper was 13-for-23 for 190 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

But his scrambling ability and a 109-yard rushing day by Robert Smith made it a moot point.

Culpepper finally found Moss for 66 yards to the Chicago 7 early in the fourth quarter. On the next snap, Culpepper scored

on a draw, giving Minnesota a 23-20 lead with 10:59 left.

Culpepper, who also had a 1-yard touchdown dive in the third quarter, scored on a 4-yard keeper with 4:35 left to make it 30-20 after a 59-yard burst by Smith.

Cade McNown, who started six times as a rookie last year, ran for his first career touchdown, a zigzagging 8-yarder with 1:17 left that pulled the Bears to 30-27.

Jaguars 27, Browns 7

As long as Mark Brunell stays healthy, Jacksonville's window of opportunity remains wide open, even if it is a little cracked.

Brunell, one of the Jaguars' few stars who is not hurt, passed for 301 yards and one touchdown as Jacksonville opened another season of Super Bowl plans by beating the Cleveland Browns.

Brunell completed 24 of 34 passes, including eight straight to open the second half when the Jaguars scored 10 straight points following a crucial fumble by Browns rookie tight end Aaron Shea.

Playing behind an offensive line missing right tackle Leon Searcy, center John Wade and with right tackle Tony Boselli less than 100 percent after off-season knee surgery, Brunell still had plenty of time to pick apart the Browns' secondary.

Brunell hardly missed after halftime, going 11-of-13 for 148 yards. His two incompletions were on intentional overthrows.

Jacksonville's running game hardly missed feature back Fred

Taylor as Stacey Mack and Chris Howard both ran for scores.

Keenan McCardell had nine receptions for 115 yards, Jimmy Smith had a TD catch, and tight end Kyle Brady had a career day, catching five passes for 85 yards.

Mike Hollis added two field goals for the Jaguars.

Browns quarterback Tim Couch, ripped for his play during the preseason, finished 19-of-27 for 160 yards and one TD.

Cleveland managed just 249 yards of total offense, but the Browns did show signs they might be better than last year's 2-14 team.

Falcons 36, 49ers 28

The Super Bowl, it wasn't. Still, for a team desperate to prove last year was an aberration, the Atlanta Falcons had plenty of reasons for optimism.

Again, Jamal Anderson ran with his knock-'em-down, drag-'em-along style. Right away, Shawn Jefferson and Ashley Ambrose paid dividends on a hefty investment. And this time, the Falcons didn't have to wait until Week 5 for their first victory.

"Once we got rolling, it was very much approaching what we were able to do a couple of years ago," Chris Chandler said after Atlanta opened with a victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Two years ago, the Falcons made it all the way to the Super Bowl. Anderson isn't making his reservations for Tampa just yet, knowing this was the 49ers in name only.

"We've got some work ahead

of us before we can run around with banners," said Anderson, who rushed for 77 yards on 24 carries after tearing up his knee early last season. "But at least we're headed in the right direction."

Jefferson caught seven passes for a career-high 148 yards, while Ambrose returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown. Both were playing their first games for the Falcons, who signed them to contracts totaling nearly \$37 million after starting last season 0-4 and finishing 5-11.

"We wanted to show them what type of players they picked up," Ambrose said.

San Francisco still is picking up the pieces after going 4-12, ending a run of 16 straight winning seasons that included five Super Bowl titles.

Jeff Garcia, taking over formally as successor to the retired Steve Young, threw for 253 yards and three touchdowns. But he also underthrew Jerry Rice along the left sideline in the third quarter, giving Ambrose a chance to step in for the easy touchdown.

"I really believe we are going to be a good team," Garcia said. "We know where we have to go from here."

Atlanta's Morten Andersen tied a career high with five field goals, all in the first half, and broke Mick Luckhurst's team record for most career field goals with 119. Andersen has 421 overall.

Eagles 41, Cowboys 14

There was an onside kickoff to start the game, frequent blitzes and an endless dose of Duce Staley.

No matter what the Philadelphia Eagles threw at the Dallas Cowboys, it all worked.

Staley ran for 201 yards and a touchdown and the Eagles' defense knocked out Troy Aikman in the second quarter, carrying Philadelphia to a stun-

ningly easy victory.

Staley, who also had 62 yards receiving, became the Eagles' first 200-yard runner since Steve Van Buren in 1949. It was the first time the Cowboys allowed that many yards to a running back since 1984 and it was their worst opening-game loss since falling 28-0 in 1989.

The embarrassing debut for coach Dave Campo and his new offense was made worse by Aikman sustaining the ninth concussion of his career. He was taken to a hospital for observation.

Also hurt was Dallas' new \$42 million receiver, Joey Galloway, who was carted off the field with a sprained knee with two minutes left in the game.

In 109-degree heat — 171 on the artificial turf — Aikman misfired all five of his passes and was sacked for 30 yards in losses on his other four attempts. Three of the sacks came on the opening series, incredible considering he went down only 19 times all of last season. The Cowboys did not give up a sack in their final 94 pass attempts of 1999, when they allowed the second-fewest sacks in the NFL.

Aikman's only pass that was caught went to Philadelphia linebacker Jeremiah Trotter. He returned it 27 yards for a touchdown that put the Eagles up 21-0 early in the second quarter.

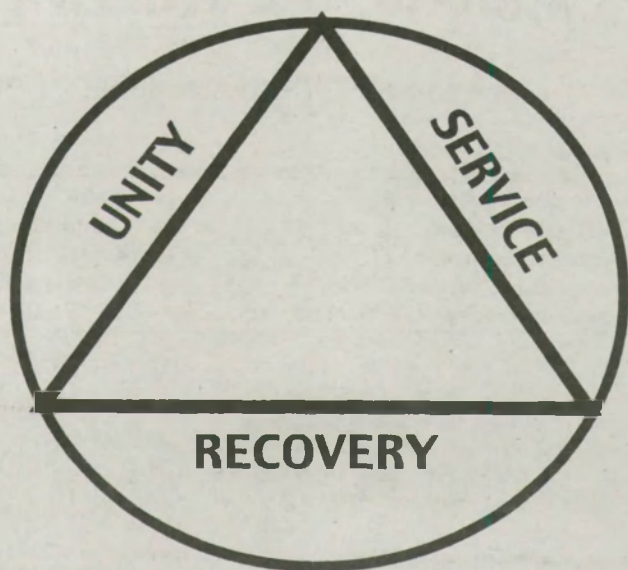
Aikman was KO'd on the next series and Randall Cunningham replaced him. His first two completions — which took five pressure-filled attempts — went a total of 2 yards and he threw an interception before getting a first down.

Philadelphia's offense started as smooth as its defense thanks to the 1-2 punch of Staley and quarterback Donovan McNabb.

On the opening kickoff, the Eagles caught Dallas by surprise with an onside kick. David Akers popped up the kick and Dameane Douglas caught it at the 42.

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WOMEN'S GOLF



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Freshman Jennifer Dewitt shot a 92 on Saturday at the Ferris State Invitational.

Hanlon leads Belles at Ferris Invitational

By STEPHANIE REDWANSKI
Sports Writer

Freshman Liz Hanlon led the Belles golf team to an eighth place finish in its first tournament of the year. Host Ferris State finished first out of the 15 teams but the emergence of Hanlon made the weekend a success for the Belles.

"The freshman did exceptionally well," said head coach Theresa Pekarek. Hanlon shot a first round score of 93 and a second round score of 86. Her second round score was the best single round shot for the team in the tournament.

Her overall score was very impressive considering she had never played competitive golf until this weekend. Jennifer Dewitt, also a freshman, shot a 92 on Saturday.

Veterans also contributed as junior Mary Claire Hathaway shot her best round on Saturday with a score of 87. Senior

Natalie Cook shot a 90 on Saturday and a 92 on Sunday.

"These scores are something I am very proud of," said Pekarek.

The team has nine members but can only travel with six or seven of them. Pekarek said deciding which players will travel each week be hard and the away roster will probably change from week to week — especially if the freshmen continue to play well.

From what she could tell from this tournament, Pekarek feels that she has a very competitive team with a lot of young as well as veteran potential. After this tournament she can see that there is much room for improvement.

"We need consistency and our putting needs a lot of work," she said.

Pekarek's goal is to get the team able to mentally prepare. If they have a bad hole she wants them to be able to move on and stay focused on each round.

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eran players to step up and be consistent enough day-to-day," Waldrum admitted. "We have some work to do."

After a sluggish, sloppy effort against Tulsa, Notre Dame entered play against Providence looking to put forth a sharper effort. After out-gunning their previous two opponents by a total of 84-4, and not having nearly as many goals as they would like to show for it the Irish were determined to make their chances against the Lady Friars count.

Indeed, that is exactly what they did.

Despite the defensive-minded Lady Friars packing the box, and playing very conservatively, the Irish were still able to strike quickly.

Freshman sensation Amy Warner scored her first two career goals in the game's first half before completing the hat-trick with just under 15 minutes remaining by volleying a ball from Makinen in to the top half of the net.

Freshman Amanda Guertin added a goal, while Dryer notched her first collegiate tally.

Waldrum was much more pleased with his team's latest showing.

"I think in the first half the rhythm of play was good," he said. "We're getting closer. We have no problems creating, we need to be more efficient."

Waldrum was particularly complimentary of Warner, a recruiting coup who had gone unnoticed until assistant coach Amy Edwards stumbled upon her in Florida last winter. Warner, who also ran track in



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Freshman Amy Warner scored her first career goals in style as she completed a hat trick against Providence. The Irish won the game 5-1.

high school, brings a great deal of speed and fire to the offensive attack.

"We thought she'd do it," Waldrum admitted. "She was kind of a sleeper. As a team we're so much more athletic than last year."

The concerns Waldrum has for his team are rooted in the fact that the schedule becomes much tougher this weekend as Notre Dame entertains third-ranked Santa Clara — the same squad it stunned in last year's NCAA semifinals — and Stanford, the nation's seventh-

ranked team. With Santa Clara having revenge on its mind, Waldrum knows his team will not have 32 shots as it did against Providence.

"We're not going to have that many chances," Waldrum said. "We're going to need to be more efficient."

Though still not all together pleased, Waldrum feels his team is moving in the right direction.

"Each game has been a bit better," he said. "I think our intensity level has been pretty good."

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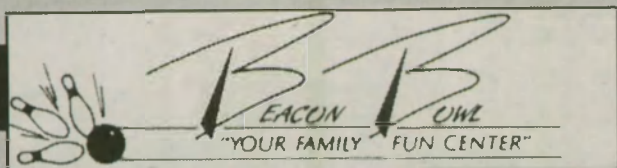


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Fortunately for the visitors, one of their tight ends got called for illegal procedure, meaning that the play, in effect, never happened. The referees moved the ball five yards back, and A&M settled for a field goal.

Seven minutes and 35 seconds off the clock, 79 yards, one lost defensive captain, and a field goal both sides knew the guys wearing maroon were lucky to get.

The Aggies never scored again, and Notre Dame of course went on to win.

I think the story would've been pretty good if it had ended right there.

But it didn't.

NBC has a camera right above the stairs going from the Notre Dame locker room down to the tunnel which it usually uses to show the players hitting the "Go Irish Go" and "Play Like a Champion Today" signs before the game.

Once Irons had left the field and started to come up the stairs, NBC cut away from the game to that stairway deep within side the stadium.

There I saw Grant, obviously worn out by the heat, his pads off, his leg stiff and causing a slight limp, and his gray undershirt drenched in sweat.

His head was down a little bit as he moved towards the locker room to get treat-

ment.

And then, when he reached the top of the stairs, just before he disappeared from view, I saw one big fist reach out to his left and tap the "Go Irish Go" sign.

Strength. Unity. Heart. Desire. That one simple gesture showed all those things are present in Irons and his teammates who elected him to be their captain.

Even if he hadn't been able to come back and play the last five minutes of the game, that sense of purpose and dedication would've pervaded all that he and the Irish did on Saturday.

But more importantly, even if NBC didn't have a camera above that stairway and no one but the two trainers behind him ever saw that fist tap, it wouldn't have mattered.

That acknowledgment wasn't so the public or the fans or the media would be impressed.

It was for his teammates, still doing battle in that 100 degree heat, saying, "I know you guys are going to get the job done, and I'll be back as soon as I can."

You have to think that no matter where they were on the sideline or the field, they all heard that familiar thud and smiled.

And then they went back to work, knowing this series would last a lot longer than just one game.

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

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles open season against Alma

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's College soccer team opens its 2000 MIAA and regular season with a home contest against the Alma College Scots on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

"This will be the start of a team who gets better every year," Belles head coach Jason Milligan said. "It will be action-packed."

Alma opened its season Saturday with a win against Manchester College. Paula Schwarz recorded the second shutout of her career as the Scots scored three goals in the first 25 minutes before cruising to a 4-0 win. Freshmen Megan Karchon and Sara Mensere led the Scots with a goal and an assist a piece.

Milligan fully intends for his team to answer the challenge of the Alma freshmen.

"We are much further along this year at this point than we were last year," Milligan said. "Our ability to move the ball quickly and precisely is excellent and we have many women who are not afraid to move the ball."

While the Belles' home opener may become a battle of freshman forwards, it will also be a duel between junior netminders, as Tia Kappahn, a veteran between the posts returns to the crease for the Belles after a year playing in the

midfield and on the front lines.

"Tia Kappahn will be starting in goal against Alma," Milligan said. "At this point Tia has the starting position but I am very impressed with the improvement in Laura [Metzger, the freshman goalkeeper]."

Kappahn will also share team captain duties for the season with juniors Jessica Klink and Katy Robinson and sophomore Heather Muth. Klink started at defense last season, while Robinson brings considerable experience at both defense and midfield. Muth was a standout at forward and midfield for the Belles her freshman season, and was honored with the

"This will be the start of a team who gets better every year."

Jason Milligan
Saint Mary's Soccer Coach

Coaches Honorable Mention All-MIAA for the 1999 season.

"They have all shown excellent leadership," Milligan said. "They complement each other well. It's a dynamic group that can lead us to success."

The Belles finished fifth in the MIAA with their best record yet, but had trouble finishing their scoring opportunities.

Alma was forced to forfeit two victories after it was discovered that an ineligible player participated in those contests. Alma finished the season with a 3-14-1 season record and went 1-6-1 in the MIAA to finish seventh out of the eight teams in the MIAA

women's soccer league.

With their decisive victory over Manchester, Alma comes to Saint Mary's with something to prove. The Belles are confident that they can withstand that challenge.

"I think the quality of our shooting ability is much better," assistant coach Jared Hochstetler said. "We have more people who can score."

"I am extremely optimistic about the future performance of this team," Milligan said. "Every day they have improved and victories over Bethel and the South Bend Fury definitely gave us a good picture of how good we may become."

Despite the fact that only 11 players returned this season to the Belles, the freshmen have filled the gaps well and the team is ready for some real action.

"The upperclassmen are doing an absolutely superb job preparing our young players for competition," Milligan said. "Their leadership on and off the field has hurried along the development of everyone on the team. I am also very happy that spots we had worried about are being filled effectively."

The Belles defeated the Scots last season on Alma's home turf 2-0. Now the Belles have the opportunity to continue their victorious trend in a contest in familiar territory.

"Last season's [game against Alma] was one of the best games all year," Milligan said. "The positive attitudes on the team are the key."

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VOLLEYBALL

Belles view winless tourney as success

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Relying on its young members, the Saint Mary's volleyball team finished this weekend's tournament at Alma with a record of 0-5.

However, the team views the weekend as a success.

"We're inexperienced," head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "[The team] played great. Even though they lost, it was a great tournament!"

The Belles, who began this season with only four returning athletes, had their work cut out for them as they faced five very talented teams with one player out injured, and junior Jolie LeBeau not playing at 100 percent because of illness. They did accomplish their main goal, however.

"Considering how little time we had in preseason, we gelled very well this weekend," freshman starter Leigh Ann Matesich said.

The weekend began with a 3-1 loss to Alma Friday evening. The Belles dropped the first game 10-15, but came back and won the second game 15-4. However, they lost the momentum and dropped the last two games 4-15 and 12-15.

The Belles had little time to recover before they faced Spring Arbor, a match they lost 3-0.

Saturday morning began with the toughest match of the tournament, as Saint Mary's faced off against regionally-ranked Wittenberg.

"Wittenberg is always regionally ranked and sometimes nationally ranked, so we knew it was going to be tough," Schroeder-Biek said. "But the first two games could have gone either way."

The Belles dropped the first two games 12-15 and 11-15. After that, Wittenberg tired the Belles out and took the third game 15-3.

"We were pumped up about how well we played against Wittenberg," Schroeder-Biek said. "So we were ready for Carthage."

Saint Mary's played its strongest match of the tournament against Carthage, losing 3-2. The Belles dropped the first game 4-15, but came back and won the next two games 15-5 and 15-6.

The last two games finished the wrong way as Saint Mary's dropped both games 10-15 and 8-15.

"We picked up the pace, and it was really close. The last game was a rally score and they just broke away," Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary's finished off the weekend with a 3-0 loss to Aquinas.

Regardless of the losses, some of the Belles turned in solid performances.

Leading those solid performances, was freshman Leigh Ann Matesich — who surprised her team and the competition.

"Even she doesn't realize how well she played," Schroeder-Biek said. "She's a very talented player."

Matesich made that adjustment well, leading the team with 12 aces, 80 digs and 43 kills.

Matesich wasn't the only Belle who turned in a strong performance this weekend. Returning junior Angie Meyers turned in a solid performance as well with 88 digs and 52 kills, leading the offense.

"Angela Meyers had an absolutely awesome tournament," Schroeder-Biek said. "She got her hands on whatever came near."

Saint Mary's will face Bethel College this Tuesday at 7 pm.

Schroeder-Biek will be working with her women on defense before that game.

"We want our defense transitions to be crisper and I'll be focusing primarily on front line defense."

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improved over last year and I think that's the aspect of the game that's probably improved for us the most," Brown said.

Down by two games, the Irish fought hard to gain control and eventually top BYU in five games (5-15, 10-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10).

After leaping back into action with a game three victory, the Irish fell behind by six early in game four, before striking back hard with a 10-point rally to take control.

Kreher led the match for the Irish with 23 kills and 17 digs.

"I think that one of the things, definitely in the BYU match, that helped us is our depth on the bench. We had people come off the bench and play very well and give us lifts at the times when we weren't playing very well," Brown said.

Notre Dame ended its weekend Sunday as it defeated Clemson in three games (15-7, 15-8, 15-6) to clinch the tournament title.

Boylan racked up 49 assists while Kreher earned 16 kills and eight digs.

Junior Marcie Bomhack also helped the Irish with 13 kills while Girton added 15.

"We walked away from the tournament with even better than we anticipated and I think it's just a great start for the team," said Brown.

"BYU is legitimately a top-15 team. I think they are very good. It was great for us to go up against a team like that and see what we could do. That win gave us confi-



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Senior Jo Jameyson hits the ball in Friday's game against Fairfield. The Irish won the match (15-7, 15-7, 15-10).

dence, especially since we have a lot of ranked teams on our schedule."

The Irish will have their strength tested this weekend as they face four nationally

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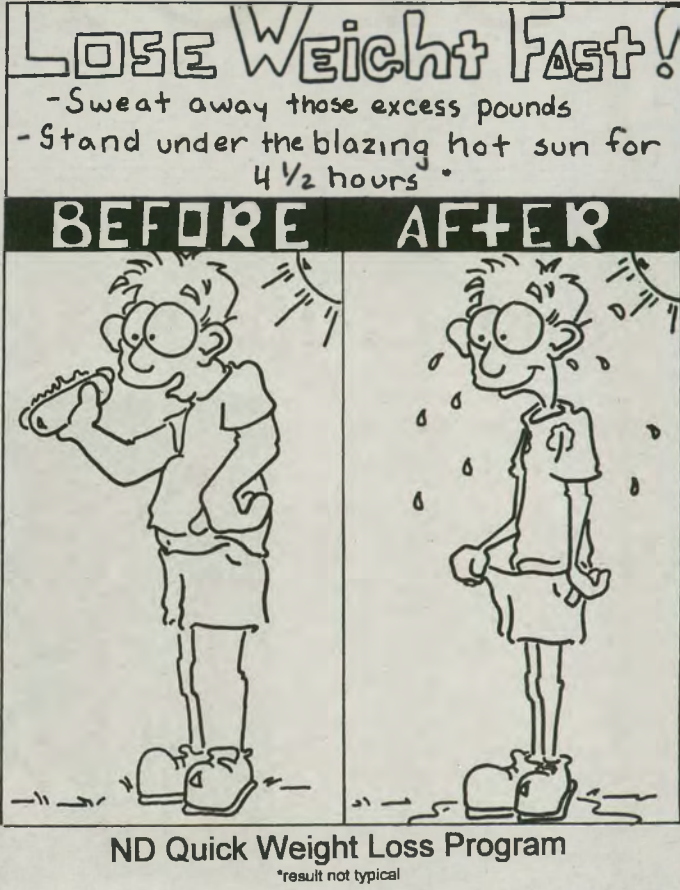
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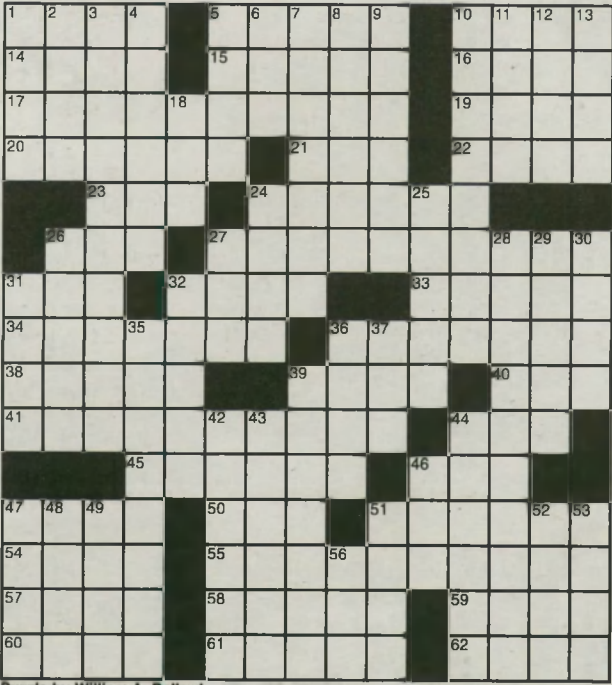


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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can expect things around home to be hectic. Friends who have problems may drop by looking for some advice. You may not want to get involved but the choice will not be yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have patience with the ones you love. Insecurities will lead to jealousy and discord in your relationship. Try to sort things out by talking openly and honestly about the concerns you have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get involved in other people's problems. You will find it hard to be faithful to your mate if you end up going to most functions by yourself. Opportunities for romance will be plentiful.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let depression get to you. Just because things aren't going according to your plans doesn't mean they can't turn out. Remember, things always happen for a reason.

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VOLLEYBALL

Cougars upset highlights tournament win

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball jumped into the 2000 season with a first place finish in the Shamrock Invitational tournament, including a win over No. 15 Brigham Young University.

The Irish, now 3-0, also topped Fairfield and Clemson to secure the tournament.

Senior co-captain Denise Boylan was named MVP of the tournament while fellow co-captain Christi Girton and junior Kristy Kreher were named to the all-tournament team.

"I think it was particularly important for all the freshmen to get on the floor and play and we were able to do that. You're always very very nervous for the first time as a freshman stepping out on the floor so it was good to get those first match jitters over with," said head coach Debbie Brown.

Notre Dame kicked off the weekend Friday with a three-game victory over Fairfield (15-7, 15-7, 15-10).

With a 2-0 lead going into game three against the Stags, the Irish fell behind 5-1. Notre Dame then rallied for 10 straight points to gain the lead and eventually the win.

Girton racked up 14 kills for the Irish while Kreher added 11. Boylan led Notre Dame offensively with 37 assists while also aiding the Irish defense with 10 digs. Sophomore Janie Alderete topped her career high with 15 digs.

"Overall, over the weekend our offense was very, very strong. Our defense has really

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Juniors Kristy Kreher (left) and Malinda Goralski defend against Fairfield on Friday. The Irish defeated the Stags in three games en route to the Shamrock Invitational championship.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Undefeated Irish look to fine tune play

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It's hard to find many coaches of undefeated teams who aren't entirely ecstatic with their teams' play, but Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum is such a man.

Even after watching his troops whip the Tulsa Hurricanes and Providence Lady Friars by scores of 2-0 and 5-1 respectively, Waldrum still feels the 3-0 Irish women have a long way to go.

"We have some pretty important work to do," Waldrum said. "We need to a better job converting our chances around the goal."

Notre Dame struggled against Tulsa in the first half, and for a while it looked as if the Golden Hurricanes might pull off an upset.

After failing to score on their first 23 chances, the Irish finally took a lead they would never relinquish in the game's 69th minute. Senior All-American Anne Makinen buried a feed from sophomore Ashley Dryer

to get the Irish on the board, then tallied again just minutes later — launching a rocket shot from 20 yards out for an unassisted goal, her third of the season.

Despite the favorable outcome, Waldrum was not at all pleased. After outshooting Tulsa by a count of 35-2, Waldrum felt his team had been wasteful in not scoring more.

"We put up big shot numbers and we only have two goals to show for it," he said. "It's just not a good situation to miss that many chances."

Waldrum was also deeply concerned with finding the right mix of players.

After blending so well last year, an Irish squad diminished by graduation has at times struggled in working a talented freshmen class into the lineup.

Waldrum is hopeful that the players will help to distinguish themselves.

"Right now, we are still not resolved in terms of what our starting team is and that's the problem. We can't even get vet-

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Irons inspires Irish

Did anyone happen to catch that one series during the game on Saturday?

No, not the one that featured a successful fourth-down conversion and was then

capped by a 17-yard Julius Jones touch-down run where he made like a pinball, bouncing off every defender in sight.

And no, not the

one where Arnaz Battle, making his first ever start at quarterback, took his team 70 yards on seven plays in just 2:09 to get the Irish on the board before the half.

These were both great stretches and essential in Notre Dame's 24-10 win over Texas A&M, a game that was played somewhere on the surface of the sun.

However, another, all of which you couldn't see unless you had a little portable TV summed up, at least for me, the attitude of this Irish football team.

We all saw captain Grant Irons come off the field due to dehydration on A&M's long drive to open the second half. That's when it all started.

Instead of backing down because it lost one of its leaders, the Irish defense stepped up. Facing a first-and-goal from the Irish 1-yard line, A&M lost yards on first down.

They gained a couple back but failed to get back to the original line of scrimmage, let alone crack the goal line, on second down.

Third down? Nothing doin'.

All of a sudden, it was fourth down from the 1, and the Aggies faced a dilemma. Kick a field goal and concede your offense can't punch it in, or go for it, and if you come up short, concede any momentum you've built.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum decided to go all or nothing. The Irish defense, fatigued after being on the field for more than half a quarter, opted for nothing, stuffing the Aggie running game for another loss.

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vs. Nebraska
Friday, 4 p.m.



vs. Bradley
Wednesday, 7 p.m.



Volleyball
at Bethel
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vs. Santa Clara
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Nebraska
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



vs. Alma
Today, 4 p.m.



Cross Country
at Valparaiso Inv.
Saturday, 10 a.m.