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Structural repairs close parts of Stadium



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Repairs to cracked concrete and failed hand rails will close parts of the stadium during this weekend's Blue-Gold game. Construction should be completed this summer.

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The upper bowl and concourse of the Notre Dame Stadium will be off-limits to spectators at Saturday's Blue Gold Game as a result of repairs to the stadium the University begun in December.

The repairs are addressing structural problems that appeared after the expansion and renovation of the stadium in 1997, including cracked concrete and failed hand rails and joints. The University is paying for the repairs at the same time they are pursuing litigation against Ellerbe Beckett, Inc, the stadium project's architect and engineer, and Casteel Construction Corporation,

the general contractor of the project. The outcome of this litigation will determine who ultimately pays for the repairs.

According to Director of Public Relations Dennis Moore, construction equipment will remain on site Saturday so repairs can resume on Monday, but construction debris has been cleaned up.

"We're going to make sure the equipment doesn't impede fans going in and out of the stadium. The area will be cleaned up and any dust will be eliminated," Moore said.

The University first became aware of design flaws during the addition's inaugural game Sept. 6, 1997 against Georgia Tech, when the stadium flooded with water and sewage before the start of the

game. The suit alleges Ellerbe Beckett failed to design an adequate water supply system for the stadium and did not notify the University that the sewage line in place needed repairs or upgrades. The suit claims the company erred in estimating the expected volume of toilets flushing at peak times before, during and after the game. The suit also claims that Casteel did not test the water and sewage systems before the first game to insure they worked properly.

Fans should not become accustomed to seeing the stadium under construction because this stage of work will be completed during the summer and construction equipment and supplies will be removed before the first game of the year on Sept. 22.

University plans for new, modern engineering building

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

In an effort to have facilities of a caliber equal to the faculty, the University plans to construct a new multidisciplinary engineering learning and research facility to open in four years.

"We have a very distinguished faculty, but our current facilities are far less distinguished," said Frank Incropera, Dean of Engineering. "Our facilities lag seriously behind those at other schools and this kind of space is imperative to retain and attract students and faculty."

The building will contain a commons area on the first floor, a large learning center, a nanotechnology laboratory and a materials synthesis laboratory, each occupying about one-third of the building's space, projected to be approximately the same size as the current law school.

According to Incropera, the new building will emphasize interactive learning using hands-on projects and testing, working in teams and working on projects that incorporate the curriculum of multiple engineering schools.

In addition to serving a lab and learning facility, the goal is that the building's commons area will be inviting and facilitate discussion.

"We want to make it a building people want to be in and will stimulate interactions. We hope the facility will encourage communication, community and collaboration," said Incropera.

The learning center will occupy the rest of the space on the first floor, and at 16,000 sq. ft. will be almost four times larger than the current learning center that opened this year in Cushing Hall to support the new Introduction to Engineering program for first year students.

"The learning center will continue to service the needs of first year students and with the new building, we would not be surprised if the number of first year students increases from 300 to 400," said Incropera.

The new Learning Center will also be used for multidisciplinary activities that require collaboration between curriculum of more than one department in the college of engineering.

A large grant from the General Electric foundation will support the development of these multidisciplinary modules to be used in the new facility. Work on the design of the modules will begin now so that when the new building opens there will be programs ready to use the facility.

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Recycling program grows

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's News Editor

After a year of planning, the Saint Mary's Student Environmental Action Coalition [SEAC] has reached a pivotal stage in instituting a campus wide recycling program. Currently working with the administration, SEAC hopes to see action taken soon.

The idea for a recycling program spawned from inquiries during Activities Night in the fall of 1999. It was the first time SEAC set up a booth and the response they got was favorable. Students were interested in Saint Mary's recycling program, especially questioning why there was no one program for recycling plastic and glass on campus. Teresa Lorenz, president of SEAC and other members knew they had to respond.

"So many of the people that signed up for the club would ask us if we could do something about glass and plastic recycling," said Lorenz.

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EVELYN GONZALES/The Observer

Saint Mary's students collect plastic and glass on campus. After a year of planning, the Saint Mary's Student Environmental Action Coalition [SEAC] has reached a pivotal stage in instituting a campus-wide recycling program. Students were interested in Saint Mary's recycling program, especially questioning why there was no program for recycling plastic and glass on campus.

INSIDE COLUMN

Covering the CLC

Seth Whetzel had a few things right about parietals.

Pushing for an extension to the opposite-sex visiting hours, Whetzel, a Campus Life Council member and sophomore St. Edward's Hall resident, made sense in action and in speech at the CLC meeting Monday.

"This is simply a request for members of the opposite sex to have more hours each day to interact with each other in the privacy of their own rooms," Whetzel told the council composed of Notre Dame faculty, staff and students. Right on, I say.

Of course, he didn't get everything he wanted on Monday. Whetzel watched, pleased, I'm sure, as the group voted 13-3 to push parietals back an hour to 9 a.m. every day. But his pleas for a 60-minute extension to the hours through the week fell on 10 seemingly deaf ears, as Whetzel and each student CLC member saw that move shot down 10-6 — a vote short of the majority needed for passage.

Depending on whom you looked at following the rejected resolution, the scene — members representing all facets of University life seated, hands clasped or, in some cases propping up heads — was either oddly disturbing or strikingly familiar.

On the one hand were students visibly deflated by the failed measure. Moving morning parietals to 9 a.m. was a no-brainer, but garnering support for the late-night parietals change was the challenge. It failed. They failed.

And as far as they were concerned, they failed the student body. In March, a senate survey polled undergraduates' opinions on changing the long-standing hours. According to the results of survey, 2,429 of 3,038 respondents said they were in favor of extending parietals past midnight. That's about 80 percent of surveyed students who think an extension would be beneficial.

"When 80 percent of students make it perfectly clear that the extension of parietals is in their best interest, I'd like to give them the benefit of the doubt," Whetzel said Monday. He was right. But he was also speaking to a group of University staff members who were sitting pretty happy with themselves after their defeat of a proposal that, according to one Notre Dame official threatened "a healthy lifestyle" in residence halls.

It's a low blow to write off as unhealthy something of as much importance to students and on-campus gender relations as parietals, but Whetzel — and probably most students — saw that coming. Even before a vote moved to the floor, Whetzel got another point right: "There is a pervading sense that administrators don't allow students to think for themselves. If this resolution gets shot down, don't pat me on the head, say I did a good job but tell me that daddy knows best," he told the body.

It screamed boldness. I'm not just talking about Whetzel's comments directed at Bill Kirk, the University's vice president for student affairs.

What I'm getting at is the move to bring the parietals votes before the CLC in the first place. The issue certainly found a home in the Student Senate; the proposals came after months of surveying students and talking with administrators.

But for Whetzel and other student CLC members to introduce and advocate the measures into a body far less welcoming than the senate, was an act of courage and true student leadership. That makes the results of their efforts — even if expected — no less a service to the student body.

And at a time when many criticize student government representatives' initiatives as insignificant and unneeded, this should serve as an example of what's right with the Student Union and with fighting the good fight.

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

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THIS WEEK IN ND/SMC HISTORY

Record store proposal approved
Monday, April 23, 1979

Director of Student Activities John Reid approved a proposal to establish a Student Union Record Store. The approval marked the end of nearly a year of efforts on the part of Bill Roche, Student Body president, and the Student Union to make albums available to students at low costs in a student-operated record outlet.

Domino's comes back to campus
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Domino's Pizza was banned from delivering their products to the University for almost a month after failing to abide by regulations concerning posting their signs on campus. The Domino's Pizza corporation illegally posted signs without approval from Student Activities. As a result, the University prohibited Domino's from delivering pizzas to any University owned buildings.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Fire destroys Rotunda, office buildings

FARMVILLE, VA

A huge fire destroyed Longwood College's historic Rotunda on Tuesday and damaged additional buildings in the school's Ruffner Hall complex.

No injuries or fatalities were reported in the incident.

East and West Ruffner Halls, used for classrooms and offices, were completely gutted in the blaze, and Grainger Hall suffered severe damage to its roof and top floor.

About 400 students also were evacuated from the Tabb, South Tabb, French and South Ruffner residence halls, which are part of the same complex of buildings destroyed by the blaze.

"Students still can't go back into their rooms," freshman Michelle Kravitz said. "People were sleeping in

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our room last night because they had nowhere to go."

The residence halls suffered heat and smoke damage and possibly some water and fire damage as well, Longwood spokeswoman Judy McReynolds said. "The important thing is that no students were injured."

All classes and final exams at Longwood are canceled for the rest of the semester, and students have been asked to leave campus by noon Saturday.

The historical Ruffner complex, dating back to the 19th century, had been undergoing a major \$12 million renovation for the past year.

According to fire department officials, the cause of the fire remains unknown. Initial speculation centered on the possibility that the fire was related to the renovation efforts.

More than 150 firefighters fought "flames reaching 20 feet in the air," said Walter English, a Farmville firefighter and sophomore student at Longwood. "The fire was extremely large ... the biggest I've ever seen."

Despite the extensive damage to classrooms, offices and residence halls, classes over the summer and next semester will continue as scheduled, McReynolds said.

"There are things that are going to have to be adjusted, but there is no strategic plan at this point," she said. The college "is committed to rebuilding Ruffner."

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Health services: abortion prohibited

LEXINGTON, Ky.

University of Kentucky Health Services can't provide certain procedures — abortion happens to be one of them, as well as the distribution of RU-486, a drug that blocks the action of the hormone necessary to sustain a pregnancy, thus terminating the pregnancy. And in the event a patient needs medical advice concerning an issue like abortion, University Health Services will help the student find the type of medical attention needed. "If we don't offer the service, we will help patients find the service they need — that's our job," said Dr. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services. Even though Turner said health services helps patients as much as possible, he said it couldn't refer the student to a specific place — health officials simply give the patient a list of referrals for various options. The statute implies that no publicly owned hospital or health care facility can perform or permit the performance of abortions, except to save the life of the pregnant woman.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Students to play role in bonfire

AUSTIN, Texas

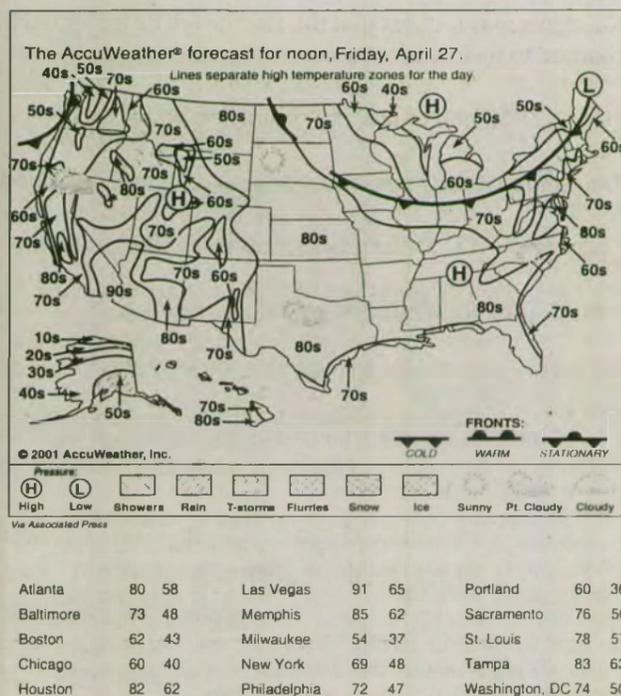
Aggies will have a larger role in the construction of the 2002 Bonfire than many of them had feared following the 1999 disaster. Members of the Bonfire 2002 Steering Committee, a group formed to oversee the 2002 Bonfire, assured students in Tuesday and Wednesday meetings that they would play a significant role in the design selection and construction processes. The bonfire was postponed until at least 2002 after 12 students eventually died and 27 others were injured when the 59-foot high structure collapsed Nov. 18, 1999. Schuyler Houser, Texas A&M University student body president, said students were at first worried that they might not have a role in the bonfire's construction. "There was initially a lot of concern because many of the students misunderstood and thought they weren't going to be able to help construct the bonfire at all," she said. "We just have to come up with a structure that's safe and that's designed by professionals."

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NATIONAL WEATHER



Senate hears Malloy's concerns

Special to the Observer

In testimony to a U.S. Senate Commerce Committee hearing Thursday on the Student Athlete Protection Act, Father Edward Malloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, voiced strong support for the legislation, saying "it is a crucial step" in the battle against gambling on college, high school and Olympic athletic events.

The act, which was originally introduced last year, specifically closes a loophole in the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act that exempted Nevada, Delaware, Oregon and Montana from operating sports betting systems.

Reps. Tim Roemer, D-Ind., whose 3rd District includes Notre Dame, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., are the principal sponsors of the House version of the bill.

Father Malloy's testimony was submitted in written form. The text follows:

"Just more than three weeks ago, a very talented Notre Dame student-athlete, Ruth Riley, stood at the free throw line in an arena in St. Louis with the score tied, 5.8 seconds on the clock, a full house and a national television audience watching, and the NCAA women's basketball national championship in the balance. Ruth — the player of the year in women's collegiate basketball, the student-athlete of the year, and the recipient of numerous other awards for her accomplishments as an athlete and as a student — had two free throws coming. Both shots rattled around the rim a bit —

actually, a lot if you were one of us from Notre Dame — but both eventually settled through the net, and Ruth and her teammates held that slim lead to become the national champions.

"The point is that never in the course of those dramatic few seconds was there any reason for anyone to think that Ruth Riley cared about anything other than winning that basketball game.

"We must be able to take this step, this modest and moderate — but vital — step."

Edward Malloy
University president

fact that's well known at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and to most of the nation's college and university presidents, athletic directors, and coaches: There were more point-shaving and game-fixing schemes involving college and university athletic teams during the 1990s than in all previous decades combined. One of those schemes involved a former Notre Dame student-athlete. He's now putting his life and reputation back together, and among the ways he's doing that is by telling those of us in collegiate athletics — administrators, coaches and students — how it happened to him, what the pressures and the attractions were, how a good person came to commit criminal acts.

"His story is what those of us who support the Student Athlete Protection Act are trying to prevent.

"Is it any doubt that the NCAA, college and university presi-

dents, athletics officials and coaches stand united in support of this legislation? Gambling is the great cloud that throws its shadow over the games our students play. How many more scandals will it take before a Ruth Riley can't go to the free throw line in such a situation without spectators wondering about the legitimacy of what's about to unfold? How long will it be before a fan, seeing an excellent free throw shooter miss in the final seconds when his or her team has a comfortable lead, wonders if that miss was about lack of concentration or the point spread? Is it any wonder that in Nevada, which is the subject of this legislation, state law prohibits gambling on Nevada schools, even while the federal loophole that this legislation would close permits legal gambling on Notre Dame's and other institutions' athletic events. "I, and all of us who support this legislation, know that its passage isn't the end of our battle with gambling. Far from it. But it is a crucial step, because it enshrines in federal law the principle that the athletic victories and defeats of amateur athletes — student-athletes — often, teen-aged athletes — should not be a legal source of revenue for the professional gambling industry.

"We must be able to take this step, this modest and moderate — but vital — step. All of those people and groups who are most intimately involved with the well being of student-athletes favor passage of this legislation; only those whose sole interest is money oppose it.

"Please give us this victory for the well being of our student-athletes and help us to preserve and protect the integrity of the games they play.

"Thank you."

Judge rules 'Irish' offensive ethnic slur

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

Although 20,000 fans will scream "IRISH" this Saturday at the Blue-Gold Game, they cannot print "IRISH" on their license plates in Vermont, a judge has ruled.

Superior Judge Matthew Katz upheld a decision by the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles to prevent Carol Ann Martin from purchasing a vanity plate with "IRISH" printed on it. Katz ruled "IRISH" could be considered offensive or confusing to the public, according to court documents.

"Even in the context of IRISH — evocative as it may be of leprechauns, shamrocks and Galway Bay — the need to avoid viewpoint discrimination can be quickly apparent," Katz wrote in his decision. "If IRISH is permitted, because most Vermonters would not find it offensive, is NOIRISH? Although cinema buffs might consider this latter example intriguing, more folks would probably find it evocative of 'No Irish Need Apply,' an employment notice actually and reasonably offensive to many."

Martin found flaws with the judge's logic.

"This decision, I don't see the common sense in it," she told the Barre Montpelier Times-Argus. "I didn't apply for

NOIRISH. If someone applied for I-T, would they deny it because someone else might apply for S-H-I-T?"

Peter McQuillan, a professor of Irish studies at Notre Dame, believes Irish is not offensive.

"[The ruling] sounds like nonsense to me — that's my gut reaction," he said.

Denny Moore, director of public relations, agreed.

"That's outrageous," he said. "That's like saying you can't use Jewish or Polish because someone might use No Jewish or No Polish."

Although Notre Dame uses a former British stereotype of the Irish as its mascot, Moore said it rarely receives complaints — usually one or less a year. When Notre Dame does receive a complaint, Moore explains that the Irish-Americans who made up most of the students, administrators and faculty of the University adopted the symbol themselves.

"It is a British stereotype turned into an Irish-American icon," Moore said.

The Notre Dame Bookstore sells "quite a few" items with "Irish" written on it, according to Jim O'Connor, director of the Bookstore. He has yet to receive any complaints about items with "Irish" printed on them.

"Irish" is also used several times on the Embassy of Ireland in Washington DC's Web site.

University honors service to youth

Special to the Observer

Elizabeth Bird, a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, will receive the 2001 William D. Reynolds Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association during halftime ceremonies of the Blue-Gold football game April 28 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Reynolds Award is given annually to a Notre Dame graduate for distinguished service to young people.

Bird, originally from Tahlequah, Okla., is an advocate for youth and elder issues in the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council. She currently works as a program manager for American Indian Development Associates in Albuquerque, N.M., managing the development of juvenile justice training and technical assistance project plans.

As second chief of the Cherokees of New Mexico, Bird has worked to call for a review of the Cherokee Nation children's code and of the juvenile justice system within the nation. Bird served from 1991-94 as the national service-learning coordinator for the National Indian Youth Leadership Development Project in Gallup, N.M., where she provided training for teachers and administrators of schools that participated in a pilot project which incorporated traditional cultural teachings with service-learning. She also worked from 1994-98 as a Johnson O'Malley Program field specialist for the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, managing some 25 school and community programs designed to meet the educational needs of Native American students attending public schools.

After earning her bachelor's degree in American studies from Notre Dame, Bird went on to earn a second bachelor's degree in 1998 from Oklahoma Baptist University. She serves as a mentor for Native American students considering higher education, and currently provides support for three students now attending Notre Dame.

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Recycling

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In the Beginning

In response to the student body call for action, SEAC sent out a petition in April 2000. It wanted to determine student and faculty interest in adding plastic and glass to Saint Mary's aluminum and paper recycling. The petition returned with more than 400 signatures in favor of adding plastic and glass to the recycling program. From the overwhelming response, the club knew it had the backing to propose changes to the existing program.

To institute a full-fledged recycling program, SEAC drafted a proposal to present to the Board of Governance (BOG) on Oct. 21. The SEAC proposal outlined the reasons why the college needed a new recycling program. One reason rested on the existence of the 1999/2000 BOG endorsed Student Environmental Policy and a change in vending machines.

"We saw the need when the

campus started replacing the aluminum dispensing pop machines with plastic dispensing machines," said Lorenz.

The Proposal

Along with reasons to activate a recycling program, SEAC also outlined the initiatives needed to produce such a program. Initiatives included three main actions: contract an off-campus recycling pick-up service, provide clearly labeled and accessible bins for recycling in all buildings and educate students on how to properly dispose of recyclables.

The last point requested cooperation and commitment from dining hall services, to participate in the effort of a campus wide recycling program. SEAC spent its time coming up with a concise proposal that would get the backing of both student body and administration.

"We heard a lot about proposals for glass and plastic recycling being rejected in the past so we had to put a lot of time and effort into coming up with a proposal and rallying support from students and faculty," said Lorenz.

The group's work paid off when

it got the needed approval from the Academic Council to proceed with its proposal into committee form. Holding its first meeting March 23, SEAC not only named a program coordinator for the committee, Jerry De Damper, but also proposed future steps the committee should take.

With the formation of a committee, SEAC definitely sees the potential to reform the existing recycling program. As explained by Marilyn Rajski, director of building and services, the weekly aluminum recycling is handled by building service workers, making the task time consuming. Especially the time staff spend cleaning out each of the cans before recycling.

"The 55 containers are emptied and one of our floaters picks up all the bags from every building and takes the cans to South Bend's recycling center," said Rajski.

And even though the campus does not officially recycle plastics and glass, SEAC has been doing it on its own. The members have been emptying, cleaning and recycling any plastic and glass

containers that have deposited around the dorms. The hope is that in establishing the four-point plan SEAC, along with the recycling committee, can make the process of recycling a lot more efficient.

The only kink in SEAC's proposal for a recycling program may lie in the numbers crunched by Saint Mary's financial department. As it stands, building services pours in at least five hours a week per person to carry out the aluminum-recycling project.

However, as Rajski pointed out in the recycling committee's minutes, most of the revenue is lost in the labor. They receive \$2,500 in revenue a year from recycling the cans but end up dumping at least that much back into paying a Saint Mary's worker to clean and transport the cans.

Even though the aluminum recycling may actually result in a loss of money for the campus, SEAC is keeping hope alive. Awaiting a rough estimate on costs versus benefits, members of SEAC cross their fingers hoping Keith Dennis, vice president of finance, will flag them on to the

next cycle of actions.

The Next Step

Dennis said the budget for the next fiscal year has already been completed and SEAC's proposal for the recycling program was not figured in. He said that if the project costs are insignificant, the program may start next fall. But if the costs are large, the program will have to wait for the next budget cycle, meaning there may or may not be enough money to get the program started for fall 2001.

"We have already completed the budget cycle for next year," said Dennis. Dennis did however assure that the College would start some reform next year that would involve little to no cost. This reform would ease the individual efforts SEAC has been doing to recycle plastics and glass by combining the SEAC recycling job with that of college resources.

Regardless of the budget decision, SEAC sees recycling more than about dollar figures and revenue amounts. They started this project in response to student concerns and their goal has always been simple: effective recycling with campus aware-

Engineering

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When the current learning center in Cushing Hall is vacated, it is earmarked for use by the Computer Science and Engineering Department, and most likely will be used for a Virtual Reality Laboratory.

"The space would be ideal for a major virtual reality facility available to anyone on campus doing research," Incropera said.

The laboratories to be contained on the

upper floors of the building require special equipment not available in Cushing and Fitzpatrick, the current Engineering halls.

"When Fitzpatrick was built 30 years ago, there was little understanding of the needs of certain research today," Incropera said.

Nanotechnology research involves working with electronics much smaller than the size of a human hair and therefore requires ultra-clean space. The nanotechnology laboratory will contain 7,000-sq. ft. of Class 100 space for this purpose. Incropera said the equipment to achieve this extremely high standard of air quality is one of the

major costs of the new building, but "you can't afford to have contaminants to muck up the works."

The materials research laboratory will require installing chemical hoods, a device designed to prevent toxic fumes from entering the building's airspace, and other sophisticated equipment.

"We reached a point in Fitzpatrick where we can't install another fume hood. We were sucking too much air out of the building and can't get more in," Incropera said.

The location of the building has not yet been decided, but the department hopes it

will be built in close proximity to the current buildings so it is easy to access.

"It is very important that the building be situated in close proximity to Fitzpatrick and Cushing so it is easy for professors to walk from their office to the Learning Center and commons area," Incropera said.

The building will be funded by a combination of federal government funding, which is earmarked for the research facilities, and donations solicited by the development office from alumni and friends with an interest in the future of engineering at Notre Dame.

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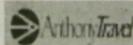
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Fighting in Chechnya leaves 17 dead: Fighting in Chechnya over the past 24 hours has left at least 17 Russian soldiers dead and 28 wounded, an official said Thursday, and the rebel Chechen leader warned his fighters planned more large-scale attacks. "Russia has found itself in a deadlock," rebel Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov said in videotaped remarks seen in Grozny.

Israel leader receives award: Yitzhak Shamir, a former prime minister who once fended off U.S. efforts to convince Israel to compromise with the Palestinians, on Thursday received his nation's highest award. In a ceremony marking the close of independence day festivities, the taciturn former underground fighter received the Israel Prize for his life's work.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

NASA postpones robot-arm operations: For the second day in a row, astronauts aboard the linked space shuttle Endeavour and international space station had to put off critical robot-arm operations Thursday because of computer problems. The trouble prompted NASA to extend the shuttle's space station visit by two days.

California still risks blackouts: Federally ordered caps on wholesale electricity prices do not guarantee California will escape blackouts this summer, experts say. In fact, analysts and state officials said Thursday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's suggestion the state join a regional transmission organization could be "a poison pill" attached to the price-cap order. Michael Shames, executive director of the Utility Consumers' Action Network, said until details of the order are disclosed, there's no way to predict if commissioners have lessened the threat of blackouts.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Woman claims demons forced her to start fire: A Michigan City woman says she was driven by demons to start a fire in the Michigan City police station that caused \$250,000 damage, police say. Police say the cause of the fire early Sunday has not been officially determined. But Carolyn Tinsley, 47, told police she started the fire because "I wanted to burn. The devil, Satan and Lucifer made me do it." Tinsley was arrested shortly after midnight Sunday on criminal mischief and trespassing charges related to a disturbance at a former boyfriend's home.

UKRAINE



Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada (parliament) Ivan Plyushch, background right, gestures at the meeting at which Ukraine's parliament voted no confidence in the government on Thursday.

Parliament ousts Premier Kuchma

Associated Press

KIEV
Ukraine plunged into political disarray Thursday as the communist-dominated parliament ousted the government of Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, the nation's most popular politician.

The dismissal of the most economically reform-minded government in Ukraine's short post-Soviet history was seen by analysts as a threat to further reforms and a bad signal for potential foreign investors.

"Democracy in Ukraine has suffered a serious defeat," Yushchenko said after lawmakers voted 263-69 to approve a Communist-sponsored resolution accusing the government of failing to improve the economy and leading Ukraine to ruin.

About 10,000 protesters took to the streets of Kiev to denounce the no-confidence vote and demand the dismissal of President Leonid Kuchma, whom they accused of tacitly sponsoring the drive against Yushchenko and his Cabinet.

Pro-government legislators chanted "Yush-

chenko! Yushchenko!" while others called for Kuchma to be thrown out of office.

Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in recent months, demanding Kuchma resign over a scandal involving the death of critical journalist Heorhiy Gongadze.

Thousands of Yushchenko supporters marched from parliament to Kuchma's headquarters later in the day, shouting "Down with Kuchma!"

The Constitution requires the prime minister to hand his resigna-

tion to the president, and Kuchma is unlikely to reject it.

The Cabinet will then become a caretaker government for a maximum of 60 days.

"As the head of state, I cannot like this decision. But what has happened is done," Kuchma said, visiting the Chernobyl region on the 15th anniversary of the nuclear disaster.

But Yushchenko backers and opposition parties seeking Kuchma's ouster suspect the president was only too glad to be rid of the popular premier, whom he allegedly saw as a potential rival.

SUDAN

Ethiopian plane hijacked to Sudan

Associated Press

KHARTOUM
Nine university students armed with hand grenades and pistols seized an Ethiopian plane carrying at least 50 passengers and diverted it to Khartoum on Thursday, state-run Sudan television reported. Hours later, the attackers released 11 women and children.

Government negotiators managed to persuade the hijackers to free six women and five children, said Ghazi Salah el-Din Atabani, Sudan's minister of information.

Atabani told reporters that the hijackers were seeking political asy-

lum, but did not elaborate.

The television report said the hijackers, students at Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University, demanded meetings with U.S. and British diplomats. But it wasn't immediately known if that was possible.

The United States is represented in Sudan by charge d'affaires Glenn Warren, but it was not clear if he was in the country. And a British diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that he wasn't aware of any call for involvement by his country.

Sudan's Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail told Qatar's Al-Jazeera satellite television that the hijackers

landed in Khartoum because they were running out of fuel, adding he did not know what their intended destination was.

Ismail said the situation on board was "extremely bad."

The Antonov 12 aircraft originated in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, and was heading to northern Ethiopia when the hijackers seized the plane, the TV report said. It landed at Khartoum airport at 6:20 p.m., it said.

A crew member who managed to escape out the back of the plane said the hijackers were armed with hand grenades and pistols, the TV report said.

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Students fight eating disorders

By ALYSON TOMME
News Writer

Anna had a dream. It was a dream of a haven for women, a place of support and understanding for eating disorders. Though Anna was forced to leave the University and return home because of her illness, her vision for a faith-based meeting of women finally became a reality this semester because of other dedicated students.

With the help of Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, A Life Uncommon, which draws its name from a Jewel song of the same title, was formed by sophomores Sarah Shacklett and Allie Swiacki, and juniors Darcy McLaughlin and Amy Wodoslawsky to combat a common campus problem: eating disorders.

This organization of women, co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center, recognizes eating disorders as an illness of the soul, not simply a problem with food. It confidentially gathers women struggling with a disorder or an obsession with food, friends of those with a problem and any woman who express a desire to learn and understand this widespread dilemma.

"We didn't want it to be from a clinical standpoint at all —

every woman can benefit from attending," said Shacklett.

After much discussion and planning with the administration last semester, A Life Uncommon conducted its first meeting on March 28 and has since held four additional meetings. The initial meeting was successful with approximately 80 students participating. Since then, the number attending has ranged from 40 to 75 students.

A typical meeting opens with a prayer by Johnson and a speaker to talk about the week's theme. Past themes have included pre-anorexic tendencies, isolation versus connection and relating to God. The goal is to have each woman discover a comfort zone to share experiences and increase understanding in all aspects of eating disorders.

"It creates an environment where girls can help each other. By talking about it, women realize everyone is doing unhealthy things," said Swiacki.

Subsequently, the women break into small groups for a more intimate discussion. A group leader uses three focus questions to facilitate the discussion, but it will often head in whatever direction the women decide to take it.

"It's girls talking and finding healing in each other," said Shacklett.

Everyone is also given a piece of paper to write down anything they wish at the end of the meeting and these prayers, hopes, and struggles are all taken to the Grotto. To conclude, the meetings always end with a prayer and a song.

Though this past Wednesday marked the year's last meeting, plans for next school year are already in motion. As of now, A Life Uncommon does not have official club status, but they are currently going through the progress to become a club. The women also hope to gain recognition and increase membership by speaking at Freshmen Orientation and offering a retreat.

The meetings will continue every week next year, and organizers plan to incorporate males into some meetings as well.

"It's important for guys to be more informed," said McLaughlin.

As students aimed at fighting eating disorders, improving personal growth and acceptance, A Life Uncommon is a unique resource at Notre Dame.

"The fact that we have it is amazing," said McLaughlin. "It's an opportunity for girls to get together. It's a place where people can come and get support."

Dutile receives service award from alumni

Special to the Observer

Fernand N. "Tex" Dutile, professor of law at Notre Dame and chair of the University's Faculty Board on Athletics, will receive the 2001 James E. Armstrong Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a dinner reception on campus Friday.

Established in 1978, the Armstrong Award recognizes outstanding service to the University by an employee.

A 1965 Notre Dame Law School graduate and member of the faculty since 1971, Dutile also serves as Notre Dame's faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Dutile has served for more than 25 years on Notre Dame's Academic Council, including 10 years on its executive committee, and has been a member of the Provost's Advisory Committee and the search committees for the University's two most recent provosts. He also served as acting dean of the

Law School from 1991-93, while then-dean David Link served as chancellor of the University of Notre Dame-Australia.

Dutile codirected Notre Dame's London Programme in 1991, and taught from 1994-96 in that program. He also has served as faculty editor of the Journal of College and University Law, the hallmark publication of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. He has been a member of the journal's editorial board since 1986 and was honored in 1994 as a lifetime fellow of the association.

A graduate of Assumption College in Massachusetts, Dutile was admitted in 1965 to the Maine Bar and practiced law in the Honors Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, then taught law at the Catholic University of America before returning to Notre Dame. He also has served as a senior visiting fellow at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland and scholar-in-residence at the University of Queensland in Australia.

NEWS BRIEFS

Weekend features several music events: Tonight's 8 pm performance of the Collegium Musicum at Moreau Seminary Chapel has free admission. On Sunday, the Concert Band and the Glee Club will be at the Morris Performing Arts Center at 4 pm. Admission is \$1-5.

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Alumni Association honors alum for service

Special to the Observer

Michelle Strathman, a 1996 graduate of Notre Dame received this year's Young Alumni Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a luncheon yesterday on campus.

The award honors an outstanding recent graduate who has shown leadership and inspiration to young alumni through Notre Dame Club participation in events of a social, spiritual, community service or continuing education nature.

Strathman has served since 1999 as president of the Notre Dame Club of Houston, where she has led numerous successful fund-raising campaigns and organized several new programs, including the Young Families

Initiative, a group dedicated to providing events and activities for families with young children. She also introduced an annual Christmas party for young alumni and the "Great Gift Gathering" program, which collects toys for children in need.

Strathman earned her bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and business and served as a resident assistant in Cavanaugh Hall at Notre Dame. She also volunteered at the Center for the Homeless and El Campito child-care center in South Bend, and participated in the Christmas in April and H.U.G.S. programs. Since graduation, Strathman has worked as a benefits consultant for Hewitt Associates in Houston, where she also is active in her church and volunteers for numerous community programs.

Conference examines prisons

Special to the Observer

In the wake of a startling new report by Human Rights Watch [HRW] documenting extensive abuse in the 2-million inmate U.S. prison system, prominent scholars, advocates and practitioners in the field will gather here today for a conference on the topic.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School's Center for Civil and Human Rights [CCHR], the conference is titled "Accountability in the Treatment of Prisoners" and will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the school's Barry Moot Courtroom.

Among the conference participants will be Joanne Mariner, deputy director of the Americas division of HRW and author of the new report published last week titled "No Escape: Male Rape in U.S. Prisons." Her ground-breaking 378-page study charges that prisoners in the United States suffer from "severe overcrowding, chronic violence, rampant sexual abuse

and inhuman conditions," and she has called on litigators and advocates to seek new means by which to protect inmates' rights.

Conference participants will examine four main issues: trends and problems in the treatment of prisoners, the role of government in ensuring accountability, the limits of legal remedies, and the role of civil society in prison monitoring.

Sir David Ramsbotham, chief inspector of prisons in the United Kingdom, will deliver the conference's keynote address, "The Value of an Effective Prison Inspector," at 12:45 p.m.

The conference comes at an especially pivotal time in Indiana. The state legislature is considering several reforms in the treatment of prisoners, including the creation of an ombudsman for corrections. Among the conference participants will be Marshall Lux, the ombudsman in Nebraska, and Robert Ohlemiller, deputy commissioner of the Indiana Department of

Corrections.

Other participants include:

- ♦ Baroness Vivien Stern, secretary general of Penal Reform International
- ♦ Jamie Fellner, associate counsel for HRW
- ♦ Mellie Nelson, deputy-chief of the Special Litigation Section in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice
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UKRAINE

Former Soviets mark anniversary

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine
With prayers and flickering candles, people across the former Soviet Union honored those killed and sickened 15 years ago by the world's worst nuclear disaster at Ukraine's Chernobyl power plant.

In Moscow, hundreds of people mourned firefighters who died after the radioactive explosion and were buried in radiation-proof coffins. In Kiev, hundreds more people attended an overnight memorial service at a chapel built to commemorate the disaster.

The scene was repeated in the Belarusian capital and in Slavutych, a town of Chernobyl workers near the plant. In Rome, Pope John Paul II prayed for the victims. The pope is scheduled to visit Ukraine in June.

The April 26, 1986, explosion and fire sent a radioactive cloud over much of Europe and contaminated large areas in then-Soviet Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

The Ukrainian government says more than 4,000 people involved in the hastily and poorly organized Soviet cleanup effort have died, and that more than 70,000 Ukrainians were disabled by the disaster.

In all, 7 million people in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine are estimated to suffer physical or psychological effects of radiation related to the Chernobyl catastrophe.

At the chapel in Kiev, mourners held burning candles as priests prayed for the dead. The chapel bell rang shortly after 1 a.m., the time the reactor exploded. Some in the crowd broke into tears.

Early Wednesday, Ukrainian

leaders laid wreaths at a monument to firefighters and emergency workers next to the chapel. A similar service was held in Slavutych, where President Leonid Kuchma said the disaster continues to hobble Ukraine's development.

"Human calamities and problems born by the disaster remain," Kuchma said. "For 15 years, Ukraine has borne the cross of Chernobyl practically alone. We had to do everything on our own in unfavorable economic conditions."

In Belarus, some 10,000 people turned out for an evening rally in the capital, Minsk, to commemorate the tragedy.

"We are a sick nation and we must do everything to become a normal nation," opposition politician Pavel Severinets said.

In the Vatican, the pope prayed for the Chernobyl victims at a service attended by Ukrainian children.

At Moscow's Mitino cemetery, hundreds of relatives and friends paid tribute to dead firefighters.

"We have come here for 15 years and I will come with my husband as long as we have our health," said Valentyna Lopatiuk, whose son was a Chernobyl firefighter.

Following the explosion, other reactors at Chernobyl continued operating until shutting down in December under intense international pressure.

At the plant itself, workers still monitor the now-idle reactors, and they are building a heating plant and facilities for nuclear waste disposal and reprocessing.

They are also involved in a \$758 million internationally funded project to repair the leaky concrete and steel sarcophagus over the ruined reactor.

Judge orders woman's feeding

◆ 11-year coma victim's husband's wishes denied by Florida court

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

A judge Thursday ordered that a comatose woman be placed back on a feeding tube, two days after her husband won legal permission to remove it.

Circuit Judge Frank Quesada granted a delay requested by Terri Schiavo's parents, citing new allegations that Schiavo's husband lied in saying his wife didn't want to be kept on life support.

"I don't think there is anything more final or irreparable than death," Quesada said.

Attorneys for parents Bob and Mary Schindler told Quesada that their daughter, 37, had not received the liquid nutritional supplement that has kept her alive during her 11-year-coma since Tuesday morning.

After the judge's order, Michael Schiavo called hospice officials as requested to have the feeding tube replaced, his attorney said.

"I don't think there are words that can express the outrage that he feels and the pain and the hurt," said Micheal Schiavo's lawyer, George Felos.

Earlier Thursday, the Schindlers sued their son-in-law, alleging he has lied in court so he can end his wife's life and collect her money.

They also cited new allegations by Michael Schiavo's ex-girlfriend, Cindy Shock Brashers, who told the couple that Schiavo lied in saying his wife wished not to be kept on life support.

"Mr. Schiavo has engaged in a course of conduct so he can kill his wife and inherit her estate," said Pat Anderson, the Schindlers' attorney.

Michael Schiavo, who stands to inherit \$700,000 from his wife's medical malpractice trust fund if she dies, has denied the allegations.

He has said he is carrying

out wishes his wife expressed long before a heart attack caused her severe brain damage.

Felos said Schiavo describes Brashers as a "disgruntled ex-girlfriend."

The injunction came at the end of a day of furious legal action waged by the

Schindlers, who took the case all the way to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy earlier this week. Kennedy refused to intervene.

But Thursday's lawsuit against Michael Schiavo opens up new legal avenues and a new round of appeals.

Quesada granted the injunction after an emotional hour-long hearing and after earlier refusing to give jurisdiction in the case. The Schindlers' attorneys argued that the judge shouldn't wait until the new lawsuit is litigated because there is no time to delay.

"Mr. Schiavo has engaged in a course of conduct so he can kill his wife and inherit her estate."

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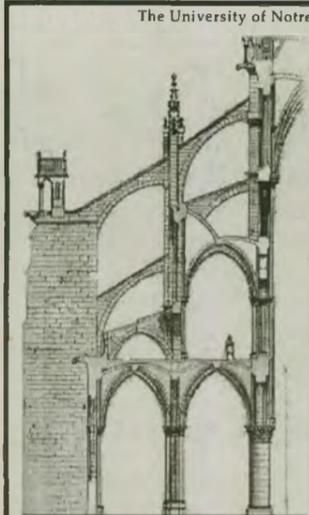
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McVeigh considered killing Reno

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Timothy McVeigh said he considered assassinating former Attorney General Janet Reno and others instead of bombing the Oklahoma City federal building to retaliate against the government.

"I considered, among other things, a campaign of individual assassination," McVeigh said in a letter to Fox News released Thursday.

McVeigh said "eligible" targets included Reno, "making her accept 'full responsibility' in deed, not just word," for the deaths as a result of the federal raid on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

Other targets included federal Judge Walter Smith, who presided over the Waco trial,

and Lon Horiuchi, an FBI agent involved at a shootout at Ruby Ridge, Idaho.

McVeigh said he bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City as a retaliatory strike against a government that he believed had waged violence against its citizens.

"I decided to send a message to a government that was becoming increasingly hostile, by bombing a government building and the government employees within that building who represent that government," McVeigh said in the letter.

McVeigh, 33, is scheduled to be executed by lethal injection on May 16 for the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people, 19 of them children.

Until recently, the former Gulf

War veteran had not admitted his involvement in the bombing or explained his reasons for doing it.

Last month, though, in a book about the bombing written by two reporters who interviewed him, McVeigh admitted his actions and called the children killed "collateral damage."

Asked about the passage, McVeigh told Fox: "Collateral Damage? As an American news junkie; a military man; and a Gulf War Veteran, where do they think I learned that [It sure as hell wasn't Osami Bin Laden!] — he wrote, misspelling the name of a suspected terrorist.

As in the book, McVeigh said he bombed the federal building to avenge the deaths at Waco and contended his actions were justified.

"Bombing the Murrah Federal Building was morally and strategically equivalent to the U.S. hitting a government building in Serbia, Iraq or other nations," McVeigh wrote. "Based on the observations of the policies of my own government, I viewed this action as an acceptable option."

House passes fetus harm bill with support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The House voted Thursday to make it a federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on its mother, urging action on behalf of "unborn victims." Abortion rights advocates decried the bill as a foot in the door toward legal recognition of fetuses as people.

After a lengthy and sometimes testy debate that included pictures of a woman holding a stillborn baby who died after she was assaulted, the House passed the bill 252-172, almost identical to the 254-172 margin by which it was passed a year ago.

Unlike last year, this bill has the support of the White House and its new occupant. Former President Clinton had promised to veto it if it ever reached him. It didn't, largely because there was little support for it in the Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, now evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, has yet to set a hearing on the issue this year.

"This legislation affirms our commitment to a culture of life, which welcomes and protects children," President Bush said in a prepared statement as he traveled to Houston on Thursday.

House supporters characterized the bill as an anti-crime measure, not an abortion issue.

"The law must not look upon a violent criminal's unborn victims with an indifferent eye," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. "Every young life must be acknowledged. And every young life must be protected from predatory criminals."

DeLay assailed a Democratic amendment that would have stiffened penalties for harming a pregnant woman but not made harming a fetus a separate crime. "Life and death should not be subsumed beneath a semantic fog," he said.

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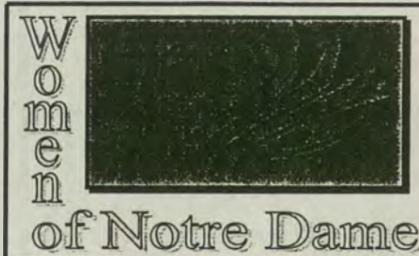
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

McVeigh's execution will help to preserve justice

"I'm all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let's start with typewriters." — Frank Lloyd Wright.

I've read some crazy things in The Observer Viewpoint section over the years, but Kelly Kingsbury's essay on Tim McVeigh's execution takes the cake, narrowly beating out the one I read a week ago by the fellow who lost his inflatable dinosaur.

I know most of you are busy chewing your lunch at the dining hall while you're reading this, so I won't waste your time. I'll get right to the point: Comparing Tim McVeigh to Jesus is not only offensive and outrageous but entirely inscrutable coming from a Notre Dame student nearing the end of her career.

While the events of Jesus' life are open to interpretation, most everyone would agree that he was not a mass-murderer. It is therefore not "ironic" that Our Lady's name appears on the degree G.W. Bush will be receiving on May 20th. It would only be "ironic" if Jesus Christ were somehow to be revealed as a mass-murderer or Tim McVeigh to be the son of God. Don't hold your breath for either.

As for Ms. Kingsbury's indictment of the law degree being presented to George W. Bush, I would ask only one question: What else would we present to a man, who on May 16 will uphold the laws of this country by seeing to it that the sentence handed down to Timothy McVeigh is carried out? Some people might think that a law degree would be the bare minimum for such a man as this.

The only people who will be weeping on May 16th will be the families of the victims, who have waited so long for jus-

stice. Yes, that's right, justice. Not pay-back, not retaliation, not revenge.

Justice.

Everyone in this county, you, me, George W. Bush, everyone, has an obligation to see to it that justice is meted out to criminals, especially heinous ones. To do anything less would not only dishonor the memory of those who were lost in the blast but undermine the basic social contract that we all live under.

Without the respect for that contract nothing that we take for granted in this country would be possible. No government, no basic rights, no freedoms — nothing. I probably wouldn't even be able to write self-righteous editorials to my old school newspaper.

While I suspect that most seniors will be thinking of their friends, the past four years or the future during commencement, if some of you must think of Tim McVeigh, I implore you to also:

Think of his victims. All of them, not just the 168 who died. Remember he's shown zero remorse. None. Try and think of a more just punishment.

I encourage all of you, those of you who slept through both of your philosophy classes anyway, to brush up on your concept of capital punishment.

Personally, I feel that executions are not about vengeance or retaliation or even punishment. I feel they are a matter of justice, to which each and every one of us has an obligation. But don't take my word for it, read for yourself or talk to your local Philosophy Major or PLS ne'er-do-well.

Finally, to Chris Fuchs — I know who has your inflatable dinosaur.

Gordon M. Butler
Class of '00
April 26, 2001

Defending the legitimacy of certain campus clubs

There is a new kind of club on this campus. It is what I like to call a "We will ruin any fun you may attempt to have" club. As a member of the Boxing Club, Climbing Club and ROTC, I seem to encounter these people whose sole purpose as a club seems bent on ruining any fun I try to have.

Let me give a few examples. Just yesterday I found out that people are protesting the Bengal Bouts because it is too violent. Don't worry, I don't think they're protesting the violence of football yet. The claim: it's wrong to go into a ring with the sole purpose of hurting another person. Never mind that we raise thousands of dollars in a charity effort. Never mind that we have one of the safest-run activities in the University. Never mind that hurting another person isn't the purpose.

Another example: I recently took a climbing trip down to Kentucky. We, as a club, frequent the Red River Gorge. It's a beautiful place and the climbs are excellent. However, this year some activists decided that climbers are harmful to the environment. So, instead, they're going to block off the area to all humans. Apparently, mankind was never meant to see nature up close, rather just read about how great it is in National Geographic. Any closer would be just too devastating.

My last example: I am a member of the ROTC program. I will not go into any of the politics of who is right and wrong, but merely posit a question: Is it really true that the primary goal of one of our clubs struggling to gain recognition on this campus is to take away recognition from another? It seems that there is something fundamentally flawed in this concept.

I was listening to the famous Denis Leary song, "A**hole," last night, and started to wonder, "Am I that guy?" I never meant to cross the line from wanting to have a good time or joining a distinguished organization or helping out the needy, into the realm of drinking Natural Ice while driving down the highway in my highly pollutant gas-guzzling automobile while flicking off old ladies and singing the lyrics to the latest Eminem song as I drive by the local Catholic kindergarten.

All this time I just thought I was innocently doing the things I love in life. But perhaps I shouldn't complain, I may be taking away some of the fun of those who continue to pick on me.

Shawn Newburg
sophomore
O'Neill Hall
April 26, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Putting the post-graduation job search into perspective

ITHACA, N.Y.

I called my old boss yesterday to cash in on what I thought was a standing job offer at a Long Island media company. At first we did a lot of small talk ("What's the new gossip around the water cooler? Ha, ha."), but eventually we got down to business.

Devin Smith

Cornell Daily Sun

Me: I can't believe that I'm finally graduating, Mr. Bigshot. I'm really excited about starting work this summer.

Mr. Bigshot: Gee, Devin, I'm sorry to have to break it to you, but I don't know if that's really going to work out like we planned.

Me: (Trying to generate saliva) Ummm. Mr. Bigshot: You see, we're in a hiring freeze right now so I can't offer you anything. I'm sure you understand.

Me: (Understanding that I'm going to live with my parents until I'm 35) But I've worked there for so long. Human Resources even called me "a top priority" and "a company investment." You guys told me that I could even have my old desk by the ladies' bathroom after graduation.

Mr. Bigshot: It's out of my hands. Give me a call when the economy picks up a little.

And then it hit me, primarily because I'm deft at picking up subtle cues: Mr. Bigshot was talking about the economy of the United States of America.

I wish we had kept talking about the water cooler.

Most college graduates agree that landing a job is a tricky business. It involves a lot of hard work, like going to the mall and buying a lot of crap, preferably stuff like computers and designer shoes. Although these things can clearly help you during your job interview they can also do a lot of good behind the scenes.

When the technology and retail sectors are in high gear the rest of the economy gets a big boost from their profits. Big boosts are good because companies have to hire young pissants like us to keep the economic ball rolling so they can have more big boosts. In the business world this phenomenon is called a "cycle."

Of course, this implies that landing a job has nothing to do with being qualified. Instead, it's based on the growth rate of the GNP, the DNP and the Dow Jones industrial average, all divided by two-thirds pi and then plugged into the quadratic equation. It's based on market speculations (read: some sweaty guy on the floor of the NYSE yelling and waving slips of paper around), the price of eggs in Denmark and most importantly, whimsical percentage point surgery by a balding economist named Alan Greenspan.

As evidenced by my conversation with my boss yesterday, these formulae are apparently not working out in my favor. And I don't seem to be the only one singing the unemployment tune.

Two weeks ago, The New York Times ran a story headlined, "Job Loss in March Biggest in 9 Years." According to the article, "The nation's employers shed 86,000 jobs in March, the largest loss for a single month in more than nine years and an indication to many economists that the United States may be on the verge of a recession."

Those guys at the stock exchange need to work up some more lather because this sucks.

In fact, I called my dad last night to tell him this sucks and after he lectured me on the finer points of tuition payments (namely that I owe it all back to him if I don't find a job) he said, "I guess you don't have it so bad, at least you don't have to compete with a war economy."

At this point, the deft readers out there realize that my pops was referring to Vietnam.

Although he didn't graduate until 1973, a year after the Selective Service terminated the draft, my dad felt the pinch of the post-Vietnam economy just as profoundly as every other college graduate of that era. The government's so-called Guns And Butter campaign, a pledge to maintain both domestic and military spending, was an ideal recipe for an economic recession.

After bumming around jobless in Connecticut for a few months, he and my mom bought a hollowed out van (which doubled as their lodging in the warm months) and rumbled off to Maine. My dad, who had won several writing awards in college, could only find work as a mechanic in a motorcycle "chop shop," and my mom, who graduated with a perfect GPA, answered phones for Ma Bell (which in Maine means that she read a lot of books).

After hearing this little vignette from my father, I started to feel really silly. I realized that I'm so busy bemoaning my joblessness and lamenting a little slowdown in the economy that I don't even realize how much worse it could be.

Does it really matter if I find my dream job before I even leave Ithaca? Does it matter if I don't have a 10-year plan before graduation day?

For those of you who prefer logic to idealistic pep talks, rest assured that although the market might be a little sluggish right now, the Fed's baldest surgeon, Alan Greenspan, has just introduced a surprise half-point interest rate cut that promises to create enough jobs so we don't all have to move to Maine.

And who knows, maybe some of us will even get our own desks, even if they're not next to the ladies' bathroom.

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KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

The cast of "Gypsy" has put together an astounding show that will be gracing the stage of the O'Laughlin Auditorium this weekend. Recreating the popular 1960s musical by Arthur Laurents, the story follows the trials, hopes and dreams of a show business-bound family.

'Gypsy' roams onto O'Laughlin stage

With its first musical in six years, SMC lights up a spectacular performance

By MATT KILLEN
Scene Theatre Critic

Musical theatre returns to South Bend this weekend as the Saint Mary's Theatre Department performs "Gypsy" at the Moreau Center for the Arts.

This 1960 musical by Arthur Laurents, Jule Styne and Stephen Sondheim follows the story of Rose (played by junior Beth Gervain) and her daughters, June and Louise. Set in the 1920s, "Gypsy" is about Rose's desire for her daughters to pursue careers in vaudeville. Rose focuses her attention on the daughter she sees as the most talented, June.

Vaudeville is fading from popularity (particularly as the depression hits), however, and the rising tension between Rose and June eventually causes June to leave. Rose then turns her focus on her other daughter, Louise (played by junior Jen Simantz). Rose views Louise as far less talented than June, but her opinion soon changes as the two begin to work with each other.

"The musical is a big deal here," Gervain said. "We haven't done one in about six years, and we're putting it on in O'Laughlin [Auditorium]." Because of this, the Theatre

"Gypsy"

SMC Theatre Department
Production

◆ O'Laughlin Auditorium

◆ Fri. & Sat. 8 p.m.

Sun. 2:30 p.m.

◆ Tickets available by calling 284-4626; \$16.50 for adults, \$14.50 for seniors, \$8.50 for the ND/SMC community, \$7.50 for students

Department is pulling out all of the stops for the production. "It's a big production," Director and Saint Mary's Theatre Department faculty member Mark Abram-Copenhaver said. "Whereas a lot of plays and musicals explore minimalist approaches, we wanted to explore what we could do with more, to maximize almost everything. From the start, we've tried to expand the edges of a musical theatre production." The crew has even pushed the limits of the O'Laughlin Auditorium. Set and lighting designer Tom Boelman actually designed and built the turntable used on the stage.

The Theatre Department chose "Gypsy" because of the production value and the music. "'Gypsy' was chosen because the music is really fun," Abram-Copenhaver said. "One of the things we've tried to capitalize on is that the music be an appropriate extension of the play."

Gervain said what drew her to "Gypsy" was her character, Rose. "Rose isn't a typical musical character," Gervain said. "She's quite complex. The character has a lot of depth to her."

This is one of the musical's strongest aspects. The plot is a fascinating look into Rose's attempts to fulfill the dreams she has for her daughters. The

musical takes the time to explore the complex relationships, and the result is rewarding. This is a rare instance in musical theater when the audience is as involved in the fate of the characters as they are in the songs and dances.



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

The story of "Gypsy" focuses on the relationship between a mother and daughter — one's hopes and the other's rebellions.

In fact, there are some quite tragic moments in the play. The whole first act shows how June is unhappy doing whatever her mother asks. The audience feels a sense of pity and almost sadness for the whole family as they try to make it performing their vaudeville act wherever they can.

The music and the story lines complement each other nicely. Since the play is focused around vaudeville, this serves as an easy and natural transition to many of the musical numbers, which are vaudeville acts performed on the "stage" in the musical.

Even scenes that take place outside the musical's stage have rousing and powerful numbers that seem to fit naturally, like Rose's "Everything's Coming Up Roses," a highlight of the musical. The songs don't come out of nowhere — they arrive during the musical at the appropriate times. The

musical is not rushed, yet at the same time moves along at a comfortable pace.

Simply because "Gypsy" is rich in plot and substance doesn't mean it loses its production quality. In fact, the Saint Mary's Theatre Department's production is so highly detailed and demanding that it rivals even some professional productions. One of the most exciting aspects of the production is the turntable employed. This device allows for a variety of scene changes in a relatively expedient manner.

The result is an incredibly entertaining show that has large musical numbers, powerful acting and rewarding production values. "Gypsy" is certainly worthy of being the first musical at Saint Mary's in several years. With a strong cast and a rousing score, "Gypsy" is a show with a wide appeal to many people.

"Gypsy" is showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee performance Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16.50 for adults, \$14.50 for senior citizens, \$8.50 for members of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community and \$7.50 for students. Tickets can be reserved by calling Special Events at (219)284-4626.



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

Full of the flash and color of vaudeville, "Gypsy" is sure to please the eyes and the ears.

The monster in the mirror

FTT's production of "Oedipus Rex" explores the timelessness of this tragedy

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Theatre Critic

The stage is bathed in a chilling crimson, which casts dark shadows across the actors' faces that glare menacingly into the darkness. Their bodies pulsate to the rhythm of frenzied drumming and their solemn voices cast the room into a dizzying hypnotic trance.

"Oedipus Rex"

ND FTT tragedy

◆ Washington Hall

◆ Fri. & Sat. 7:30

p.m. Sun. 2:30 p.m.

◆ Tickets available by calling 631-8128; \$9 general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students

The grating sounds of ancient Greece pierce the air, a place smoldering in its own horror and beauty.

The drumming crescendos, and as the lights go out, the stage is washed in the soothing silence of the blackness. When the

lights return, the stage is a tranquil blue. And, for the moment, the dire feelings of catharsis, of emotional purging, have subsided. Of course, the real tragedy of Sophocles' "Oedipus Rex" has yet to begin.

Obviously, this production of the Greek tragedy of tragedies is anything but usual. To avoid being a "museum piece" of theatre, one that people attend but only pretend to enjoy, the FTT production staff has given Sophocles' 2,500-year-old show a face lift. Instead of being the mythical king of Thebes who solved the riddle of the Sphinx, Oedipus is transformed into the President of the United States. Creon, Oedipus' brother-in-law, is presented as a fellow political adversary and sometime ally.

The modern translation of the text by Luci Berkowitz and Theodore Brunner closely follows the original Greek text. However, sometimes the lines show up more in the spirit of the text than in direct translation. Overall, this looser style makes the show a lot more entertaining to watch,

although classicists would complain that some lines have been translated with a specifically modern spin.

The presentation of the show in United States politics works alarmingly well. Although the lines still refer to Oedipus as "king" and Jocasta as "queen," the actors convincingly portray their modernized roles.

Staging the show is not all patricide and self-mutilation, though. Tony Lawton, the director of the play, has a wonderful relationship with his cast on and off the stage. During breaks and cast dinners, Lawton (although he never has anyone refer to him in such formal terms, a simple "Tony" will do) is constantly seen joking around with the rest of the cast.

Lawton, an '89 Notre Dame alum who majored in the Program of Liberal Studies, is a visiting theatre professor for two years. Although Lawton was a full-time actor in Philadelphia, he jumped at the chance to return to the Dome to teach theatre.

Lawton was not the original director of the show but was selected when the first director took an unexpected leave of absence.

Lawton has, however, stayed mostly to the original concept of the show, "[the original director] wanted to go modern dress with it and have Oval Office imagery, and I think it works well," Lawton said. "The important luxury modern dress affords us is that we are less removed from the story."

In Lawton's mind, it is extremely important for the audience to identify with the protagonist in a tragedy. He feels that the arch of the story is reflective of human experience. "It's a great story for a Catholic school," Lawton said of the moral teachings the show presents. Oedipus goes looking for evil, finds it in himself and then must perform penance to purge it.

"The problem people have with 'Oedipus [Rex]' is that they have the irrational anxiety that any one of us can [potentially] become a monster," Lawton said.

Critics may assert that this production's interpretation of the classic modernizes not only the dress but also the message. Lawton, however, does not believe that he has imposed his interpretation on



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Following the famous prophecies of Oedipus' life, Washington Hall will come alive this weekend with the ancient Greek tragedy — with a twist.

the story. He feels that parallels exist because the story is truly a classic. "I think a thing is true regardless of what culture discovers it," Lawton said.

The real triumph of "Oedipus Rex" is not its novel interpretation, but its acting. Junior Matt Lee, who plays Oedipus, is remarkably convincing in his portrayal of the king/president. And the audience will certainly enjoy senior J.J. Area's performance as the sallow-faced Creon. A considerably talented chorus performs sophomore Kat Walsh's enchanting choreography, and freshman Tom Connor's portray-

al of an elderly messenger is sure to please, as well.

Theatre lovers will find that "Oedipus Rex" is one of the best theatrical presentations on campus this year. It is a production not to be missed.

"Oedipus Rex" will be performed at Washington Hall Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$9 for general admission, \$8 for senior citizens and \$6 for students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office or order by phone call (219) 631-8128.



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The modernized version of "Oedipus Rex" portrays the infamous King of Thebes as the President of the United States.



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The emotions and morals for which Sophocles' tragedy is so well known are not trivialized or lost in this innovative staging. Perhaps they are made even more understandable with a setting to which the audience can easily relate.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX

Bosephus won't be overlooked this time

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

Last year, Please Call Us Bosphus took the Bookstore Basketball tournament by surprise, with the all-freshmen team going from virtual unknowns all the way to the final eight, where it lost to eventual champion Keyplay.com.

By the end of the tourney, Bosphus had earned the respect of their competitors, with Keyplay's Cas Schneller predicting Bosphus would be the team to beat the next three years. This year, No. 5 Bosphus has no such anonymity. Bosphus backed up its seed with a 21-16 victory against No. 12 seed Five Degree Guarantee Thursday.

"This is the first game where we really played as a team," Bosphus' Evan Maher said. "We really moved the ball around."

The five sophomores of Bosphus — Morrissey's Pat O'Brien and Alumni residents Maher, Brian Ostick, Jason Sullivan and Andy Bozzelli — shot their way to a 7-3 lead, with O'Brien doing the bulk of the scoring.

But Five Degree didn't give up that easily. Blake Sanz led the assault on Bosphus, scoring half his team's points.

"We got it to 11-9 and then rushed shots," said Josh Bilz of Five Degree, which also made it to the Sweet 16 a year ago. "We took a lot of perimeter shots, and didn't get it inside. I thought we had an advantage inside. We lost where our game was."

Bosphus reeled off three straight points to pull ahead 17-11. Ostick was a big key in the second half with two free throws and several field goals.

"We moved on offense the whole time," Sullivan said. "Before, we just sat around and let two people try to take over. Today everyone was playing well, cutting through lanes."

As Bosphus closed out the game, it got a little fancy. O'Brien swiped the ball from the opponent and tossed it behind his back to Sullivan, who got it to Ostick for an in-the-lane bucket. After three more Five Degree buckets, Sullivan finished the win off for Bosphus by sinking a free throw.

"We plan on being back," Bilz said. "Everyone's coming back, so we'll be back."

Versatility edges Killer Boots

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

It takes heart to come from behind for the 21-19 victory like Versatility did Thursday.

"When you get down to the final 16," said Versatility's Chris Dillon, "you expect every game to be close. Obviously, it was a little closer than we would have liked."

Versatility entered the match-up against Killer Boots, Man! as the decided favorite. Versatility held the No. 2 seed in the tourney, and has taken its game into the Final Four each of the past two years. Killer Boots, Man! was the No. 15 seed, and only got into the Sweet 16 when Boat Club, which defeated Killer Boots in the round of 32, was disqualified for using an ineligible player Tony Rice.

The rankings didn't mean much in the Versatility-Killer Boots contest, as Versatility held its last lead at 3-2 and trailed by as many as four midway through the game. Dave Marchiano, Mike Eades, Andrew Orosz and Mike Hoefling received a huge height boost when they replaced an injured player with 6-foot-8 assistant men's basketball coach Evan Preston Thursday

afternoon.

But betting on Versatility to make its free throws would have made a jackpot of money. Versatility, down 16-14, scored six of its last seven points on free throws, with four players getting in on the charity work.

"They hit their foul shots," said Killer Boots' Dave Marchiano, a lights-out shooter in the first half. "The foul shots were really clutch."

John Hiltz of Versatility, a walk-on for the Irish men's basketball team in 1999-2000, brought the heart to nail the final two free throws. His heart may have been beating a little bit faster, but it was nothing compared to the way it used to race back in high school.

"When I would play basketball," Hiltz said, "my heart would race and go up to like 250 beats a minute, and I would get tired."

Although Hiltz kept playing high school ball, the heart problem hampered his game.

"The doctors couldn't diagnose it until my freshman year," Hiltz said. "Once I had surgery to fix that, I was able to play. My endurance was a lot better and I was able to play at a much higher level."

The surgery took place just in time for Hiltz to play Bookstore Basketball as a freshman in

1999. He and three Keough Hall sectionmates — Joe Lillis, Jason Childress and Chris Dillon — teamed up with James Cochran. The unseeded Versatility squad went all the way to the championships, where it lost to Malicious Prosecution.

As a sophomore, Hiltz was in good enough shape to try out for the varsity men's basketball squad. He made the team, and saw action in several games for coach Matt Doherty.

"It was something I'd wanted to do my whole life," said Hiltz.

No walk-ons made the team this year. Mike Brey's first as the head coach for the Irish.

"I was disappointed, but I understand that it's his philosophy," Hiltz said. "He's the coach and he didn't take anybody. That's his prerogative. The bottom line is, if you're a good enough player, you make the team."

Without Hiltz last year, Versatility advanced to the Final Four before losing to eventual champions Keyplay.com. This year, Lillis, Childress, Dillon and Hiltz are reunited, with the addition of senior Tim Greene.

"Both years, we lost to the champions, so this year, we're hoping it will be us," said Dillon.

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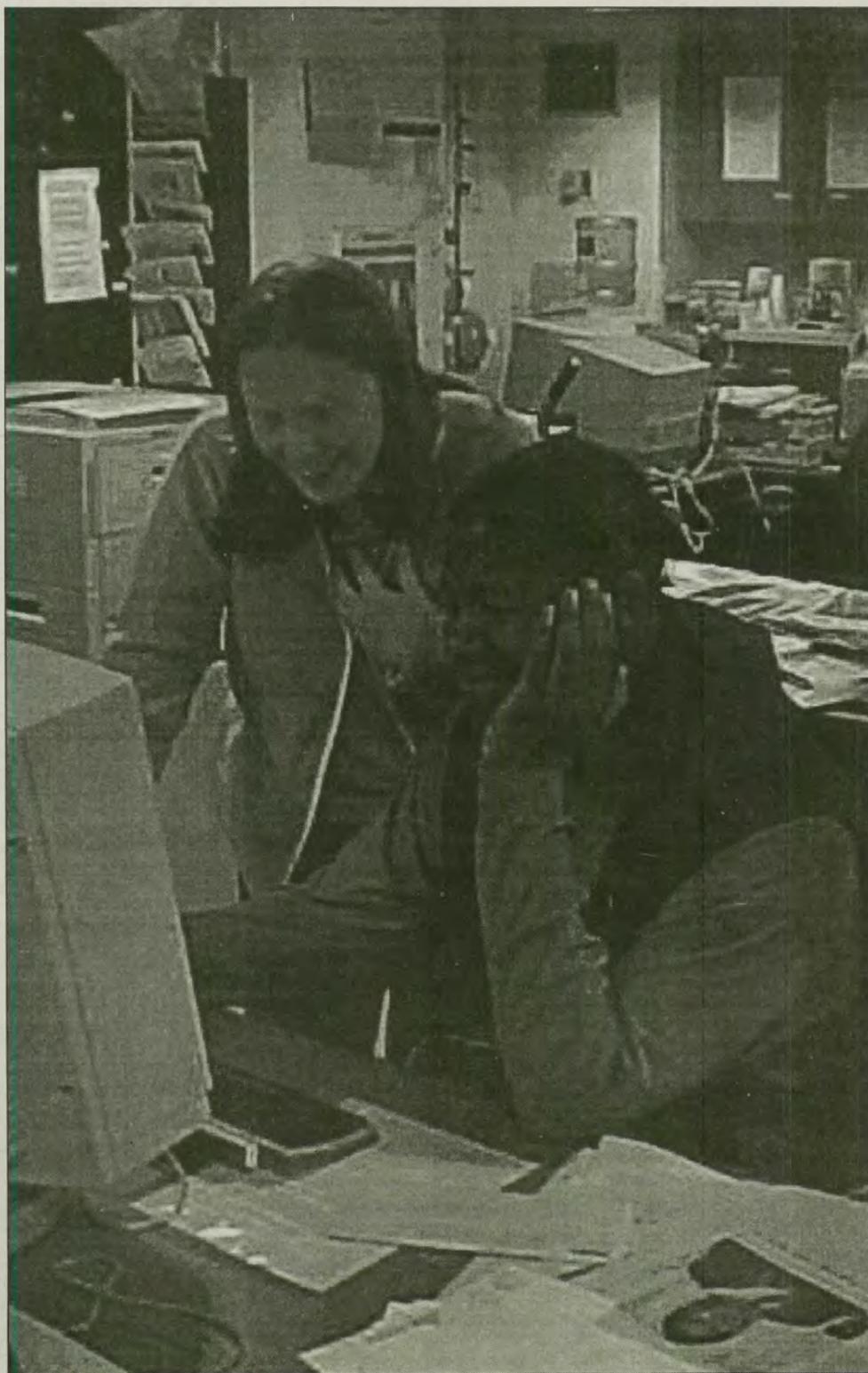
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX

Top-ranked Five Reasons rolls over Check Your Head 21-7

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

Five Reasons Your Girl Left You could have given itself another name: Five Reasons We're Going To Dominate You.

Dominate is what No. 1 Five Reasons Your Girl Left You has done all through the tournament. It did it once more Thursday night, running past Check Your Head 21-7.

"In my mind, we have the top guys in all five positions," said Five Reasons' Dan Reidy. "We're the best at all five positions — I mean, that's why we put the team together."

The game might have been a little closer if Check Your Head, the 16th-seeded team, hadn't had to play without its top player. Six-foot-10 varsity basketball player Hans Rasmussen, left Thursday for a camp for pro prospects in California.

"It makes it a totally different kind of game without having Hans," said Check Your Head's Aaron Crall. "They were just a lot bigger than us. Size was a big factor because most of the shots they got were tip-ins or off of rebounds."

Reidy, Dan Lustig and Kevin Muempfer all came to Five Reasons from the dismantled Franchise team. The three Franchise transfers were basketball junkies, the guys seen every afternoon playing pick-up games at Rolfs. With Franchise's best player Steve Craig gone to graduation, they began scouting out replacements in the fall, hoping to put together a championship-

level Bookstore team.

The first new player cemented on Five Reasons' roster was Pete Ryan.

"Dan [Reidy] and I always wanted to play together," Ryan said. "Last year, we played against each other, and we eliminated his team to go to the Final Four. That's when I played for Majestics. So he was like, well, we're not doing that again. We're going to play on the same team next year."

Ryan, at 6-4, is an all-around athlete. He captured four straight Bengal Bouts titles as a captain of the Boxing Club. With his older sister a Saint Mary's graduate, Ryan's been watching Bookstore since early in his high school career, counting down the days until he could compete.

"My brothers are the ones that give me a hard time about it," Ryan said. "like I should be a RecSports athlete of the year, but I'm not quite varsity athlete material."

Ryan had another request for the team — his roommate Paul Raih, a 6-8 Irish Guard member who missed Bookstore last year while studying in London. Raih made Check Your Head pay last night, as his younger brother, John, was a sophomore on the other team.

"Today's his birthday, too," said Paul Raih. "I had to beat him up on his birthday."

Five Reasons has been beating teams up all tournament long.

"We've scrimmaged against the top teams," Lustig said, "and we know what's ahead of us. I haven't known one person who we've played against

so far."

Reidy, a senior, is a midsize player who can hit from inside or outside. He's gotten more than his share of time in scouting out his competition as a head Bookstore Commissioner.

Lustig, a 6-4 sophomore, brings an inside presence to the team. The Irish Guardsman from Alexandria, Ind., turned down a host of offers from Division II and III basketball programs to come to Notre Dame. It wasn't a difficult choice.

"I'm the sixth one in my family to come here," said Lustig, who is the sixth of nine children.

Muempfer, a junior and the team's point guard, took his

playing beyond Rolfs this year. He practiced against the Notre Dame women's basketball team, along with No. 2 Versatility's Chris Dillon. The daily grind kept Muempfer's game at a peak.

"If their starting team played Bookstore," Muempfer said of the women, "I think they'd be a teen seed probably. They're really good."

Muempfer, like Lustig, chose to follow a family tradition of attending Notre Dame rather than play basketball for a

Division II or III school.

"My dad and my sister came here," said Muempfer. "That's the only application I filled out was Notre Dame."

So far, it looks like Five Reasons has put together the dream team of the tournament — Check Your Head was the first team to score more than five points on Five Reasons. The team to beat still considers the tournament wide open, though.

"I think, personally, the tournament is up for grabs from here on out," said Lustig.

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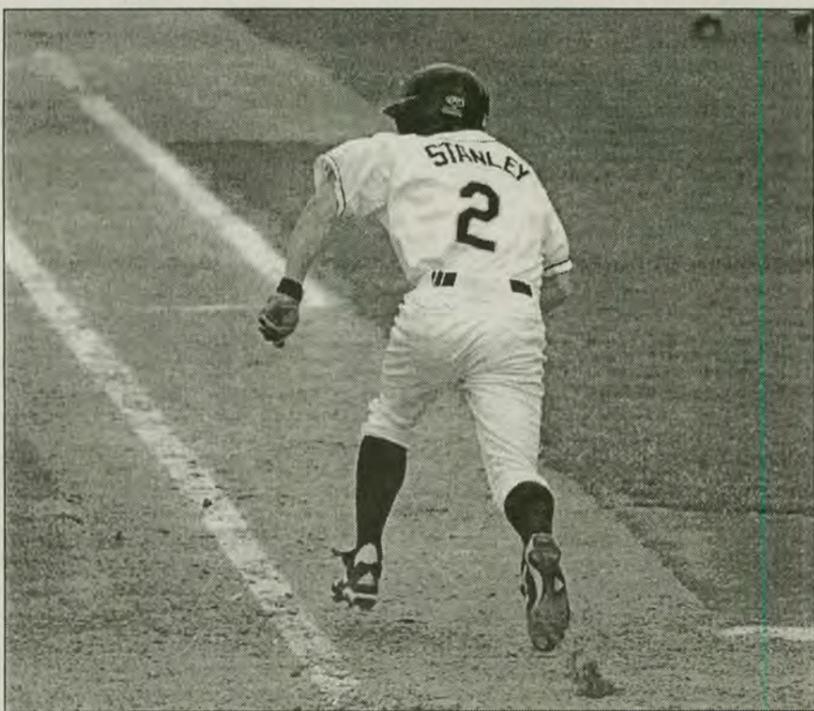
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BASEBALL

Top-ranked Irish look to bounce back against Red Storm



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Notre Dame junior Steve Stanley sprints down the first base line during a game last week. Stanley was named the Big East Player of the

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 1 Irish enter this weekend's series against St. John's on a losing note, having dropped the second game in a doubleheader with Valparaiso on Wednesday night at Eck Stadium. That loss snapped Notre Dame's nation-leading 16-game winning streak.

Even after the loss, the Irish boast an offense that is clicking after sputtering early and a pitching staff as dominant as ever. With just nine games left on its Big East schedule, the team looks to take a bite out of the Big Apple this weekend in a three game series against conference foe St. John's in Jamaica, N.Y.

Notre Dame has made this year's Big East race look like a 100-meter dash between Michael Johnson and Al Roker, as the Irish

have raced out to a five game lead over the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers and the Red Storm.

"If we can have good success this weekend, it would be possible to clinch the regular season Big East title at home against Connecticut, which would be nice for the home fans," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

The Irish feature the Big East player and pitcher of the week in Steve Stanley and Danny Tamayo. Stanley was recognized for an 8-for-14 performance last week and his first career home run.

Tamayo earned his honors with an eight-inning outing against Villanova on April 21 where he held a no-hitter until the seventh stanza. Tamayo, a senior from Miami, was one of the players Mainieri singled out as someone who needed made a considerable impact on this year's squad. Mainieri

also noted the accomplishments of freshman Steve Sollmann, who leads the team in batting average and homeruns.

"Danny has given us a dominant second starter," said Mainieri. "Steve Sollmann had been very consistent, he's hit in the clutch, he's hit for power. They've been the big difference in us taking the next step up."

That next step up for the Irish has been the spotlight of being ranked No. 1, with all the prestige and annoyances of an honor the program has never experienced.

Mainieri isn't worried about any ill effects from Wednesday's home loss to Valparaiso.

"Our players are smart enough to know that anything can happen in a game," said Mainieri. "I'm really proud how we've handled the No. 1 ranking."

More importantly, with the program's new status comes a very good possibility of hosting a NCAA regional on May 25-27. "We're in the stretch run," said Mainieri. "We're in a great position in the conference, and also nationally."

The Red Storm enters the weekend series at McCallen Field with a 25-15 record (13-7 in conference play). St. John's defeated Pace 11-3 at home, Wednesday.

The Irish are ready to hit the road.

"We're upbeat, positive, and excited right now," said Mainieri.

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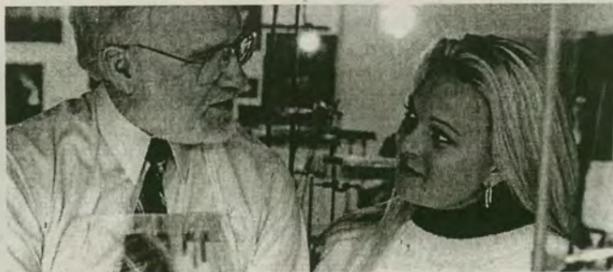
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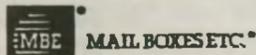
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MEN'S GOLF

Irish to participate in Big East tournament

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The Notre Dame men's golf team will look to extend its season when the Irish travel to East Providence, R.I., this weekend to participate in the Big East Golf Championship at Metacomet Country Club. On the line for the tournament champion is the Big East's automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championships, which begin with regionals the weekend of May 17-19.

The Irish, the tournament's No. 3 seed, will play a practice round on the par 70, 6,464-yard course today. The two-day, 54-hole event begins on Saturday at 8 a.m. with 36 holes, followed by the final 18 holes of play on Sunday. Notre Dame has won Big East titles in 1995, 1996 and 1997 since joining the conference in 1995, while finishing second in 1998 and third last season.

Coach George Thomas' team heads into the tournament playing its best golf of the spring, as it finished in a third place tie in last weekend's First Energy Intercollegiate tourney at Kent State. The Irish finished the rain-shortened tournament just one stroke out of second after firing a 36-hole total of 585.

The Irish come into the tournament with two of the top players in the Big East in Alex Kent and Steve Ratay. Both played in last year's Big East Championship. Kent leads the Irish with a 74.00 average for the spring and has a 73.96 average for the entire season. His best finish this season came at the Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate during the fall where he finished fourth with a six-under par total of 210 (67-71-72). Kent has been Notre

Dame's top finisher in three of the team's five tournaments this spring. He finished fifth in last year's Big East Tournament with a three-over par 145 (77-68).

Ratay has a 74.31 average for the and for the year leads the team with a 73.96 average. Ratay is coming off his best finish of the spring as he tied for second at the First Energy Intercollegiate with a two-over par 142. During the fall, he tied for first at the Wisconsin Invitational with a four-under 212. Last season, Ratay finished in a tie for ninth at the Big East Championship with a five-over par total of 147 on Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course.

Another Irish golfer with Big East experience is sophomore Kyle Monfort. He played in the 1998 tournament before sitting out last season. As a freshman, Monfort finished in fourth place with a 10-over par 152 at the TPC Course at Avenel. Monfort has a 75.77 average for the season with his best finish coming at the Kepler Intercollegiate at Ohio State where he finished 19th with a 10-over par 226.

A pair of Texans round out the Notre Dame lineup. Senior Pat Schaffler stepped into the lineup in the fall and has given the Irish consistent scoring all season long as 19 of the 22 rounds he's played have been counted towards the team score. He owns a 76.92 average for the fall and a 76.45 mark for the season in the eight tournaments he's played.

Sophomore Brandon Lunke saw his first action of the spring last week at Kent State and turned in his best rounds of the season as he tied for fifth with a three-over par 143. For the year, Lunke has appeared in five tournaments and has a 76.21 average.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

No. 4 Notre Dame prepares for final regular season match



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Tom Glatzel competes during a game against Butler earlier this year. Glatzel, a captain, will play his last home game Saturday.

By **JOE LICANDRO**
Sports Writer

With a six-game winning streak, an 11-1 record and the No. 4 national ranking, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has had an incredible regular season, but it's not over yet.

There's one more regular-season game to play.

After a one-game road trip to Fairfield last weekend, the Irish will have an opportunity to close out their final regular season with a win when they take on Harvard at home this weekend before heading into NCAA tournament play. If the Irish win on Saturday, they will have the highest regular-season winning percentage in the history of Notre Dame men's lacrosse.

While winning the NCAA tournament is their ultimate goal, the Irish realize that

they cannot look past Harvard.

"Harvard is an excellent team," said Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan. "We're not worried about the NCAA tournament yet. Our only concern right now is preparing to play Harvard on Saturday."

While the Irish have feasted on their Great Western Lacrosse League divisional foes in their recent games, Harvard, coming from the traditionally tough Ivy League, will be a good test for the Irish.

Although Harvard's record is a modest 6-6, they should provide the Irish good preparation for the NCAA tournament.

"Harvard is a very good team," he said. "They beat Duke, and Duke just won the ACC tournament last week so we're not taking them lightly."

For the 11 seniors on the

team, Saturday's game marks the end of a remarkable four years. Despite being a Midwest school in a predominantly East Coast sport, the Irish seniors are responsible for elevating Notre Dame to one of the best lacrosse teams in the country. The game will be especially bittersweet for Corrigan because this is his last chance to coach the seniors in a regular season game.

"These guys have been outstanding over the last four years," said Corrigan. "They are a great group of kids. I'm going to miss them on so many levels. I'll certainly miss coaching them, but I'll miss them as people even more."

Notes

♦ Senior attack and all-time Notre Dame assist leader David Ulrich was named Great Western Lacrosse League player of the week. Ulrich scored four goals and added nine assists to lead the Irish to wins over Butler and Fairfield. Ulrich joins teammates Kirk Howell and Tom Glatzel as the third Irish player to win this award this year.

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Lazy Boyz

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Walz, Matt Fox, Dave Yeager, Dan Boston and Ditch, took an early lead on the favorites.

The crowd was almost evenly divided between the two teams, with both sides receiving vocal support. Dan Boston's block fired up the LazyBoyz supporters and propelled his team to a 7-5 lead. But NDToday, which consists of B.J. and Joey Kloska, Todd Titus, Mike Oesterle and Rob Joyce, went on a run of their own to make the score 10-8 in their favor.

Then the momentum turned again, and it was Boston's free throw that sent the game to half-time with LazyBoyz up 11-10.

The second half featured more of the same disciplined basketball. A couple of turnovers by LazyBoyz helped NDToday open a 15-13 lead. Eventually NDToday stretched that lead to 17-14 for the first three-point lead of the game. The teams traded baskets with NDToday in control until the score was 20-18.

But NDToday just couldn't put the game away. Instead,

LazyBoyz tied the game at 20 thanks to a Tom Walz free throw. NDToday

scored to make it 21-20, but that would be their last points of the game. Kloska had a chance to win the game on the free throw line, but his shot rattled in and out to give LazyBoyz a chance.

With the score tied at 21, an NDToday turnover gave LazyBoyz a chance to pull ahead. LazyBoyz got the ball to Ditch on the right side of the key where he nailed a 15-footer to put LazyBoyz ahead 22-21.

On NDToday's next possession Ditch stole the ball and headed for the LazyBoyz basket, where he was fouled and

went to the free throw line. Ditch made the basket that B.J. Kloska couldn't and LazyBoyz walked away with a 23-21 upset.

"We didn't have anything to lose coming into this game," said Walz.

In other action Nylon Stokers were able to hold off a late rally by Candy Rain to pull out a 21-19 win. The game was undisciplined from the start, with neither team hitting their baskets.

Candy Rain, with Zack Sackley, Chris Mahoney, Luke Ratke, Van Giles and Rocco Piacentino, held a rebounding

edge over Nylon, but couldn't use it to their advantage.

Nylon, with Al Vitter, Brian Oleniczak, Courtney Watson, Chris Conway and Ryan Wood, grabbed an early 2-0 lead and played well enough for an 11-8 halftime edge.

In the second half Candy start-

ed playing a fast break game. They got several turnovers and turned a 14-9 deficit into an 18-17 lead.

Nylon didn't fold though, and after a Candy turnover, they took a 20-19 lead. Another Candy turnover then allowed for the game winning shot by Oleniczak.

Nylon got the ball to Oleniczak on the right side, where he drained a game-winning basket from just inside the 3-point arc.

"I was just thinking to shoot with confidence," Oleniczak said. "We aren't a big team, so we had to compensate for their [Candy Rain's] size."

"We didn't have anything to lose coming into this game."

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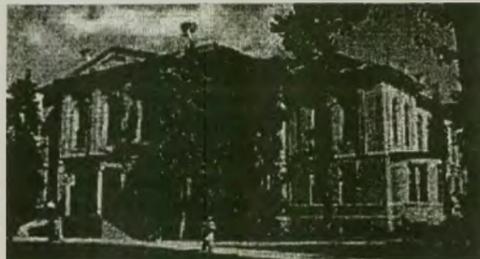
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Verzatility

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star player, couldn't find his scoring touch. Wolbeck would never quite get his rhythm, scoring only two points the entire contest.

Still, the Majestics' Corey Hartmann hit two outside shots to keep the game close, and Verzatility had several weak trips down the floor.

As the teams settled into the flow of the game, it became clear that neither squad was gun-shy about playing rough.

"The whole game was getting rough, right from the beginning, but that's Bookstore," Hanover said.

Verzatility held an 11-8 halftime lead, and went on a run early in the half for a 14-9 tally, playing to an increasingly loud crowd. The teams started to exchange foul shots, but Verzatility's defense began to hold, and Kevin Murphy of Verzatility hit several clutch shots as the fourteen seed gradually put the game away.

Wolbeck had a laundry list of things that the Majestics didn't do during the game.

"We played like sh*t," said Wolbeck after the game. "We didn't execute, we didn't rebound, we didn't get back on defense, they outplayed us."

Ninth-seeded Project Mayhem

took on the eighth seeded Diaper Dandies in the most well attended contest of the evening, and the two teams didn't disappoint as Mayhem won 21-19. From the opening possession it was clear both teams featured very athletic players, when the Dandies' Jerome Collins skied for a rebound over three mem-

bers of Project Mayhem.

But Mayhem would prove to be more efficient shooters. Jason Mayes was consistently fed the ball and con-

sistently scored, and Brian Rush and Doug Wilson were reliable on the inside.

But the Dandies athleticism would keep the game close. Quarterback turned point guard Carlyle Holiday showcased his court talents, chalking up eight points. Holiday repeatedly slashed through the lane past Luke Mueller of Mayhem.

"We should have had the game," said Holiday. "We didn't rebound well today."

But Holiday did not shut down Mueller on the offensive end. Mueller had four points at key junctures in the game.

Project Mayhem lead the whole game, and either team was always within striking distance of a game-winning run. The Dandies kept it close when

Abe Elam found his scoring stroke late in the game. He had five points overall.

"We know where each other are going to be, we played well as a team," said Wilson.

Wilson believes that fatigue played a role in the game, with several of the Dandies players competing after football practice.

"I think the fact that they were coming back from practice, they were a little tired help us out run them a little bit," said Wilson. "We were a little quicker."

The twin towers of former varsity player Tony Carney and Grant Gholsen took advantage of their size and guard Steve Byrnes had a strong outing as the seventh-seeded Freeballers took out 10th-seeded Strategy 21-14.

The Freeballers took control early, as Carney and Gholsen were fed the ball consistently, and Byrnes knocked down several outside buckets. The Freeballers were equally tenacious on the defensive end.

"Our guards were just dominating," said Carney. "Steve played great."

The Freeballers cruised to a 11-5 halftime advantage, but Strategy tightened their defense, lessening the Freeballers' dominance inside.

"They were tough inside," Carney said. "They had some long arms."

Byrnes was the late game star, playing inspired defense.

"The whole game was getting rough right from the beginning, but that's Bookstore."

**Hunt Hanover
Verzatility**

"We should have had the game."

**Carlyle Holiday
Diaper Dandies**

Round of 8 Bracket



Bookstore Basketball Results, April 26

Lazyboyz def. NDToday.com, 23-21

Project Mayhem def. Diaper Dandies, 21-19

Verzatility def. Majestics, 21-13

Freeballers def. Strategy, 21-14

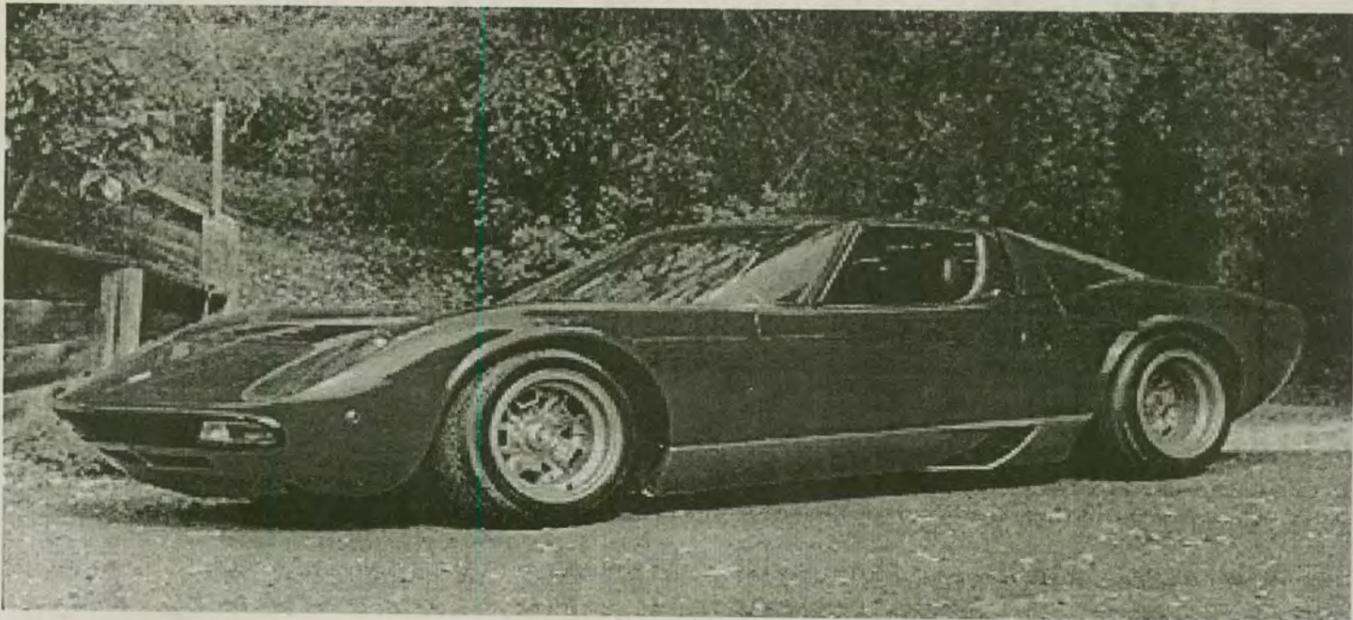
5 Reasons Your Girl Left You def. Check Your Head, 21-7

Verzatility def. Killer Boots, Man, 21-19

Please Call Us Bosephus def. 5 Degree Guarantee, 21-16

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Heilman

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this year because they want to show that they are just as committed to him."

The big senior has definitely made the most out of his decision to remain in South Bend. Heilman, who has won 20 of his last 21 decisions, is 10-0 this year with the nation's fifth-best ERA at 1.32.

So far this season, he has captured the Big East career records for wins and strikeouts. If he continues to pitch well, Heilman will own many other Notre Dame pitching records as well.

His 38-7 career record is just two wins shy of the all-time mark of 40 set by Tom Price from 1991-94. Heilman's career ERA is only .13 higher than the record mark of 2.36 set by Nick Palihnich from 1959-61.

"He's definitely a great pitcher. We always feel like we can win when Aaron is on the mound," said Mainieri. "In my mind, he may go down as the best baseball player in Notre Dame history."

Heilman, who likely stands to become only the 17th athlete at Notre Dame to be a four-time All American, is not content with just his past success. Make no mistake — he came back for his senior year to win.

"Playing in the tournament last year and hosting a regional a couple of years ago were great experiences for me," said Heilman. "Being ranked No. 1 this week has probably been the highlight of my career so far, but I have a feeling that the best times are still to come."

Heilman's return to Notre Dame will last far beyond his final season. While next year he will be playing professionally, the Irish will still feel the benefits of his decision to remain.

By reclaiming his role as the team's No. 1 starter, Heilman allowed several younger pitchers to develop and gain experience before being tossed into the fire.

Next year, when these pitchers step into the spotlight themselves, they will have an extra year of pitching under their belts. In the meantime, these younger pitchers will have benefited from learning under one of the game's best players.

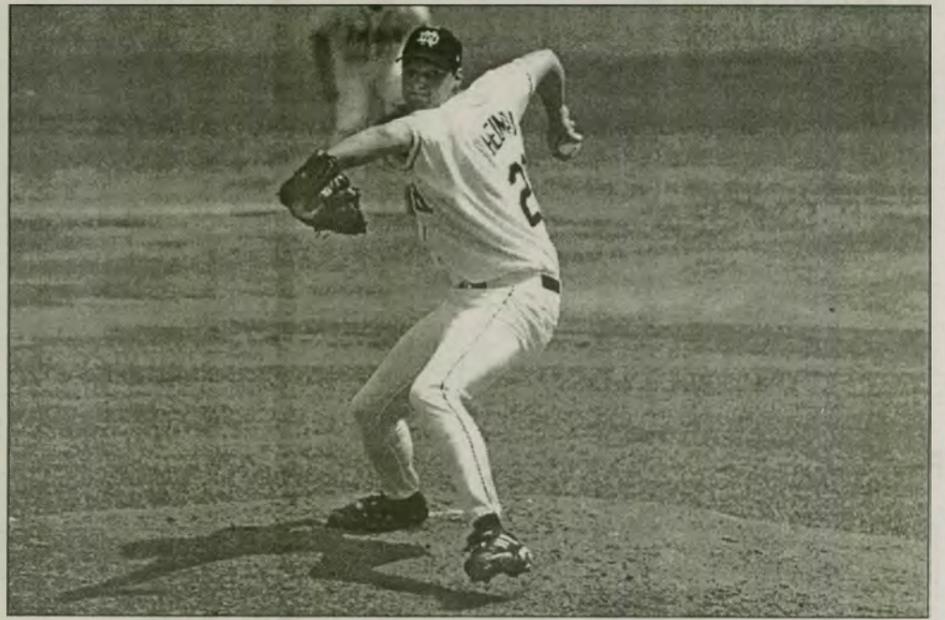
"Life will go on next year without him because he has laid such a great foundation for us for years to come," said Mainieri. "He has been a great leader and teacher to the younger guys by helping them to develop as players."

Mainieri believes what makes Heilman the special player he has become is not merely his talent — it is his personality and the way he leads his team. Even as a perennial All-American and nationally recognized ace, Heilman has never let his fame inflate his ego.

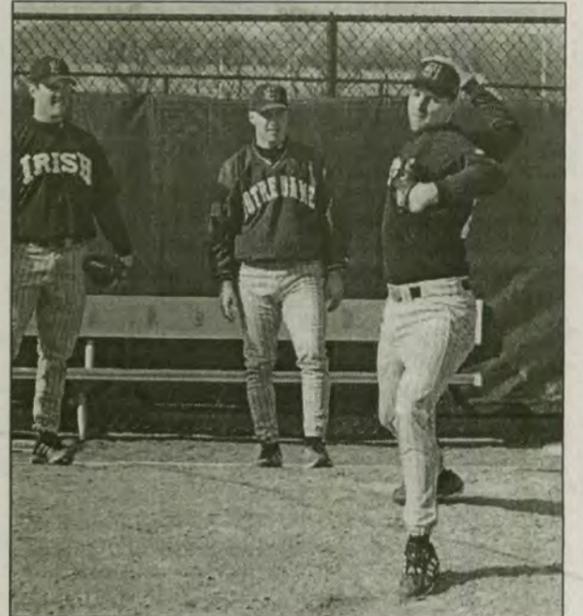
"He is one of the most unselfish players I have ever coached," said Mainieri. "So many guys feel they should be treated specially because they have talent, but Aaron has never been like that. He is the type of player that leads by example. He is always giving advice to younger players, raking the mound after games and practice and doing whatever he can to help out the team."

In Heilman, the Irish have everything a team could want in a pitcher and captain. He has the talent to dominate any hitter, the poise to take over a game and the personality to lead any team to a national title.

Mainieri sums up the Irish leader very well as he boasts with pride, "He is the type of player and person that you only get to coach once in a lifetime, and I feel very fortunate to have that opportunity now."



Since deciding to return for his senior season, Aaron Heilman has been the sparkplug on the Irish pitching staff. Above, Heilman pitches during a 7-1 win against Villanova. At right, Heilman throws while pitcher Danny Tamayo and Brian O'Connor look on.



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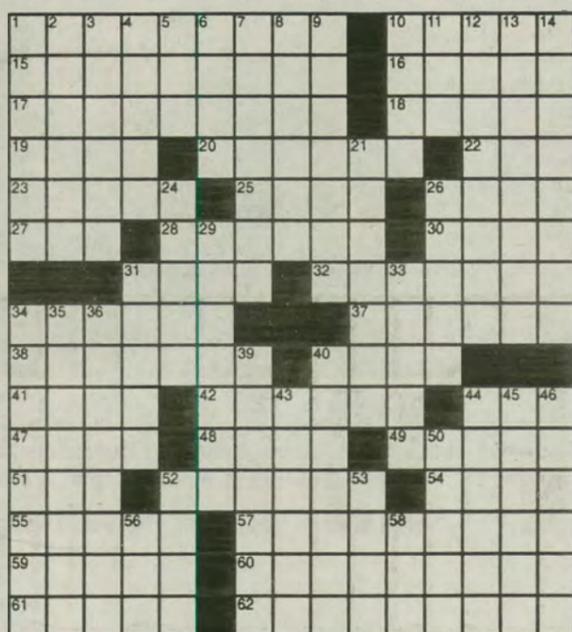
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- ACROSS**
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 - 10 Up
 - 15 It may have subtitles nowadays
 - 16 Conversation piece
 - 17 Comparison for some minds
 - 18 Dividing walls
 - 19 Carry
 - 20 Like tears
 - 22 Seaman's reference
 - 23 Describes
 - 25 "Pay ___ mind"
 - 26 First name in design
 - 27 Cannes heat?
 - 28 Lingo
 - 30 Part of a sitcom sign-off
 - 31 1984 skating gold medalist Gustafson
 - 32 Some exercises
 - 34 Favor
 - 37 Future ovum
 - 38 Anticipating
 - 40 Mild complaint
 - 41 Guffaw
 - 42 Start over on the farm
 - 44 Footwear, informally
 - 47 Attacks riotously
 - 48 Moments
 - 49 Condition
 - 51 Southwestern language
 - 52 Get to work on Time
 - 54 Deep blue
 - 55 Pro ___
 - 57 Depression phenomenon
 - 59 Sensation
 - 60 "Sugar Babies" co-star
 - 61 Sondheim collaborator on "Gypsy"
 - 62 Prepares
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 - 2 Capable
 - 3 Start of a lover's request
 - 4 Primp
 - 5 "Dog Day Afternoon" character
 - 6 Does loops and knots
 - 7 Call up to answer charges
 - 8 Classic theater name
 - 9 Access
 - 10 Stained glass locale, perhaps
 - 11 Seaman's reference
 - 12 Not well-balanced
 - 13 Revolutionary 1983 creation
 - 14 Get excited over?
 - 21 Love, in a way
 - 24 Put away
 - 26 Pass



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 - 34 Flap covers
 - 35 Drawing contest
 - 36 Wintergreen fruit
 - 39 Strapped-on item
 - 40 Rocket maneuver
 - 43 Games expert John
 - 44 1898 battle site
 - 45 Suggested
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A secret love affair will play havoc with your heart. Think before you jump into a situation that is emotionally devastating. Save your heart and put your energy into self-improvement. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your peers talk you into spending more than you planned. Catch up on correspondence that is long overdue. Make sure that the groups you join have the same beliefs. ○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You aren't seeing your position clearly. Step back and reassess your motives and your direction. It's time to consider your future plans and exactly who and what fits into them. ○○○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can sell your ideas to those who can supply the financial backing that you need. Small-business

projects will turn into a worthwhile venture as long as you don't try to expand too quickly. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make changes to your environment. You need to focus on what will bring you the satisfaction you require. Rid yourself of bad habits and nonproductive people. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Choose your activities carefully. If you take part in intellectual games you will meet individuals who can entice you. You're in the mood for love, so set the stage and be prepared to play. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans to do things with children or to be involved in outdoor activities. Travel will be in your best interests, but be careful not to overspend. ○○○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you live with will be impossible to get along with. Don't try to deal with important issues or make changes that will upset your household. Make plans to go out with friends. ○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Changes in your home will be hectic but beneficial. Don't count on much help from those you live with. Too much stress will result in disagreements. Do the work yourself. ○○

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The men's lacrosse team
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX

Upsets shake up Sweet 16

◆ Verzatality, Project Mayhem advance in tourney

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Bookstore showcases the top basketball talent at Notre Dame outside the Joyce Center, but at the Stepan courts, hustle and desire count for as much as anything.

Such was the case in 13th-seeded Verzatality's 21-13 upset against fourth-seeded Majestics. In a game where players got familiar with the concrete, former varsity walk-on Hunt Hanover led his squad past a bigger, but not taller Majestics team.

"We played tough," said Hanover. "Our defense was awesome we held them for a while at 13, and we hit our free throws."

Verzatality controlled the tempo early, grabbing rebounds right and left, as Matt Wolbeck, the Majestic's

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Kevin Muempfer (above) kept top-ranked Five Reasons Your Girl Left You from joining the ranks of high-seeded teams to lose Thursday night. Eight teams remain in Bookstore Basketball XXX, and will be pared down to two in time for the championship game Sunday at 2 p.m. at Stepan.

◆ No. 14 Lazy Boyz shocks No. 3 NDToday.com

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

When Jason Ditch was a freshman at Marian High School, the person he looked up to on the Marian basketball team was B.J. Kloska.

"I look up to B.J.," said Ditch. "He is one of the greatest players to come out of Marian. I wanted to be just like him in high school."

Fast-forward four years.

Kloska is now a senior at Notre Dame and leading his NDToday.com squad into the sweet 16 of Bookstore Basketball. Standing in the way was Ditch and the unseeded LazyBoyz.

But after LazyBoyz' 23-21 upset, it was Kloska who found himself looking up from the bottom of the scoreboard at Ditch.

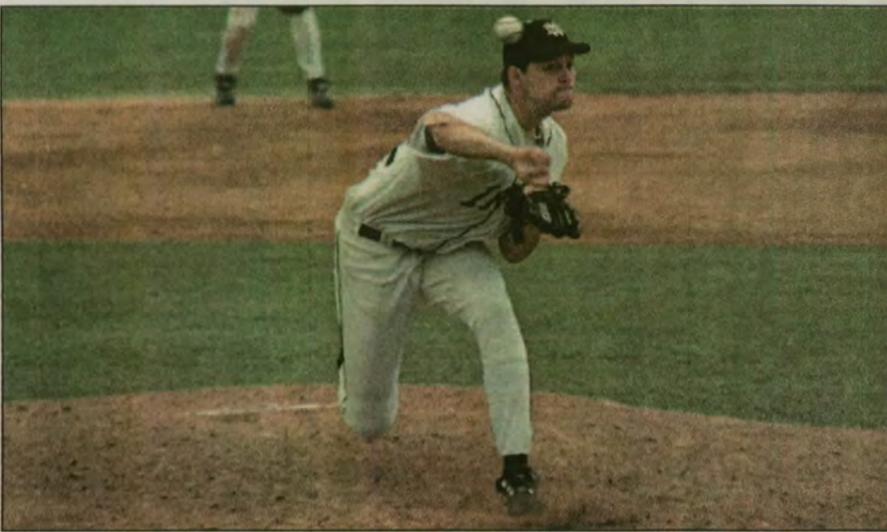
The game was hard fought to the final point, with crisp passing and disciplined play for both teams.

The game had a quick tempo, with both teams making good on their first several baskets. LazyBoyz, which consists of Tom

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BASEBALL

Heilman provides the spark for Irish success



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Aaron Heilman hurls a pitch during a game earlier this season. Heilman decided to return to Notre Dame instead of signing with the Minnesota Twins.

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Late last summer the Notre Dame baseball team got a taste of Christmas rather early.

No, it wasn't forced to practice in the snow because of a freak South Bend summer blizzard. Instead, the team received a gift — a big gift.

In fact, it was a 6-foot-5 225-pound gift in the form of three-time All-American pitcher Aaron Heilman.

Heilman, who was drafted by the Minnesota Twins over the summer in the first round, postponed a hefty signing bonus and a major league contract for a

chance to play one more year with his Irish teammates.

"I really wanted to come back for my last year and get my degree," said

Heilman, the two-time Irish captain. "I knew I'd be coming back to a strong team with a bunch of great guys, and I wanted to be a part of it for one more season."

It seems that Heilman's return has been the spark needed to ignite Notre Dame to national prominence in baseball. The No. 1 Irish currently hold the nation's best record at 37-6-1 and own the lowest team ERA at 2.55.

"Aaron's return this year has meant everything to us," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "Coming back for his senior season has made a stronger statement about his belief in this team than anything I could imagine. It provided a great boost of confidence to everyone on

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Baseball
at St. John's
Saturday - Sunday



Men's Lacrosse
vs. Harvard
Saturday, 1 p.m.



Football
Blue-Gold Game
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



Rowing
at Big East Challenge
Saturday - Sunday



Women's Tennis
at Alma
Saturday, 1 p.m.

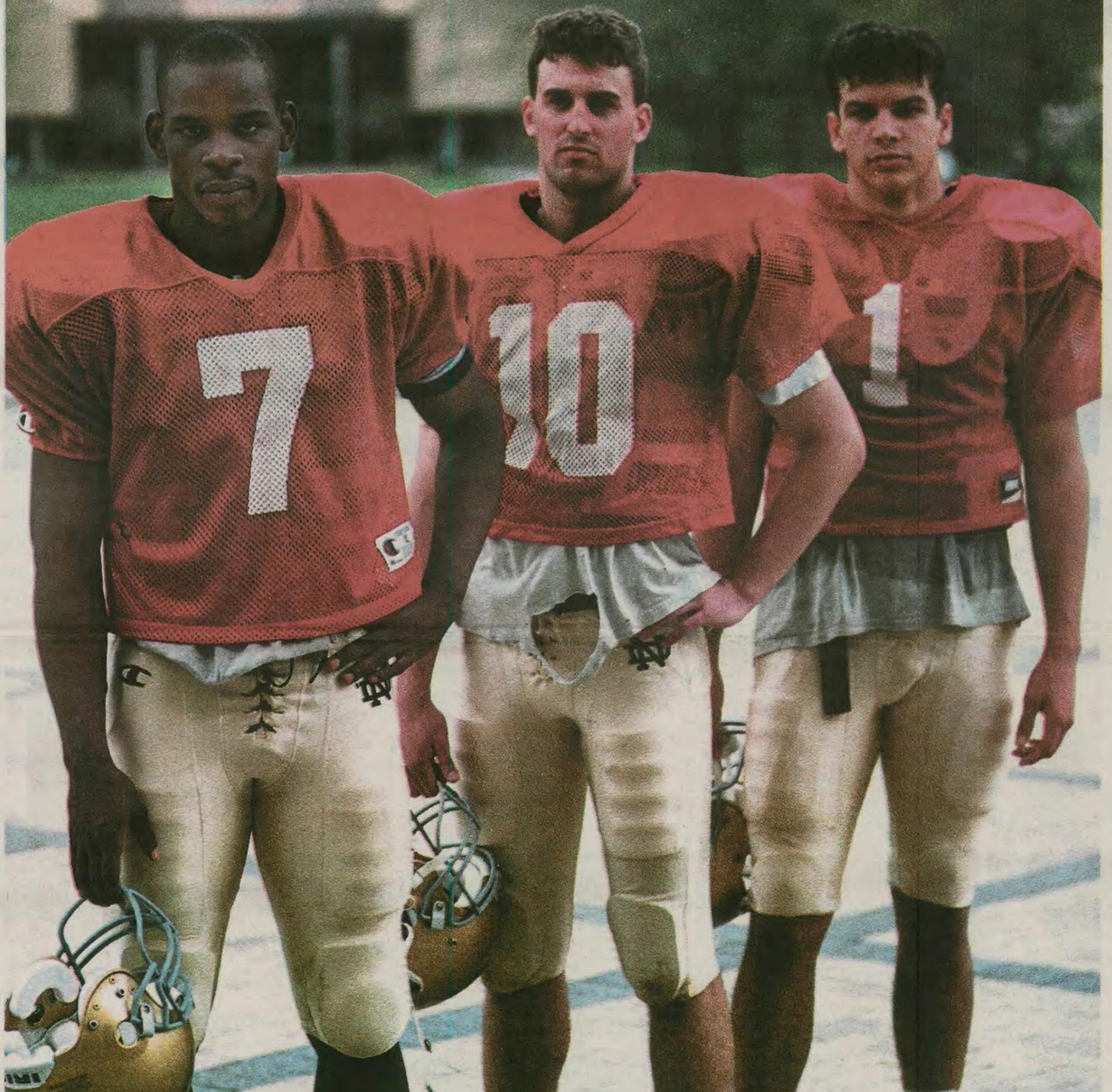


Men's Golf
at Big East Championship
Saturday-Sunday

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Blue-Gold game features less football, more fun



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Even Bob Davie, admits it's hard to tell a lot about a team based on what is seen during spring practice.

We met, for the first time, by accident, about a half-hour prior to last year's Blue-Gold game.

While waiting for an elevator that would stop at the third floor of the Stadium press box, I spoke with another writer.

"Not exactly the way I want to spend my Saturday afternoon," the scribe said.

Poor guy. What a tough gig. Receiving free admission to the nation's most famous college football shrine, watching the Irish scrimmage, eating free (albeit less than gourmet-quality, probably less than White Castle-quality) food, sitting in a relatively comfortable, unobstructed 40-yard line seat, and typing a 1,000 word recap sure sounds like an awful experience.

You hear this all the time. Sportswriters complain more than Frank Costanza.

Politicians lie. Salesmen bulls***. Sportswriters whine.

It's part of the job, I guess.

And this weekend's game brings out the worst in us.

Why? Because it's a glorified publicity stunt, a tradition that has little significance for next season. Because of injuries, the format will feature one offensive squad against one defensive

team for the entire afternoon. Not one of the spectators will understand the complex scoring system. Someone, perhaps Vince McMahon or Jesse "Don't Call Me the Body Anymore" Ventura, has devised a plan where even the defenders receive "points." Advice: Trust that the coaches won't cheat and frequently check the scoreboard.

Also, the game plan will consist of roughly 8 percent of the team's full playbook. (Maybe the Irish are scared that Nebraska coaches will rent out one of those planes, attach a 'Suckers!!' sign to its body, fly over the Stadium, and steal "secrets"?)

In last year's Blue-Gold game, quarterback Arnaz Battle, who had started only once in his career, said the entire offensive package had eight inside runs, five drop back passes and six play action passes. Pop Warner teams utilize a more detailed scheme.

Even the head coach downplayed the 2000 tilt.

"I don't know how much we can determine from the outcome of the game, if anything," Bob Davie said after last year's game. "But it was a good day."

Guaranteed Davie will repeat the same sentence on Saturday.

But he has a point.

It will be a good day. It certainly won't be one of the most memorable of games, but a game nonetheless.

The sports media forgets that a lot of the times. These are games. Games are supposed to be fun. Yet several others will agree with aforementioned

writer's assertion. I admit it's not the best assignment of the year. But let's put some context in here.

If your biggest complaint revolves around attending a meaningless Notre Dame scrimmage, then I'm thinking you're not living the hard knock life.

Roughly 20,000 fans will be in Rockne's House on Saturday. Every single one of them paid an entrance fee. (I know the student tickets are free. But I also know four years of tuition should qualify as having shelled out some cash.)

Some fans even paid \$50 per ticket to sit in the press box.

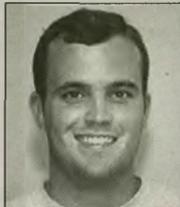
And guess what? No one will bicker, before the game, that he or she "must" go to the scrimmage.

For those who still have a problem, one simple suggestion.

After the scrimmage, the players and coaches stay on the field, autograph merchandise, and interact with fans. Instead of stressing over an impending deadline, look around. Watch as sons and daughters, mothers and sons, journey from player to player, hunting down signatures as if they were keys to a new Ferrari. It's safe to say 97 percent will feel privileged to be on the same grass where the likes of Hart, Hornung and Huarte starred on so many memorable Saturday afternoons.

Maybe then you can appreciate your "job."

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Senior Staff Writer



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Players to watch

Quarterbacks

According to Bob Davie, Matt LoVecchio will be the starter on opening day at Nebraska. But Davie also said that he will play Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark regularly, maybe even as early as Nebraska. Davie plans to utilize a multiple-quarterback system to begin the year. LoVecchio will take the first snaps in Saturday's scrimmage. The speedy Holiday will probably follow, and the strong-armed Clark will finish the day.

Running backs

With Julius Jones unable to partake in spring practice because for suspension and Tony Fisher out with an injury, the door is wide open for Terrance Howard (left) to seize the starting spot. But he could be challenged by Mike McNair, who has had a rather impressive spring. McNair, a highly touted recruit who has never fully developed only logged about 12 minutes of playing time last season, has shown considerable promise in spring practice. He is listed as a fullback, but the coaching staff has also experimented with him in the tailback slot.

Offensive line

The big offensive hole to fill is the pair of guard spots vacated by Jim Jones and Mike Gandy. Several players could step up to fill the gap, including Sean Mahan and Ryan Scarola. At tight end, Gary Godsey, who played quarterback for two games last season, and John Owens will replace graduating seniors Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary.

Wide receivers

David Givens and Javin Hunter are clearly going to be the main receivers. But Arnaz Battle (left) has done a remarkable job making the transition from quarterback to flanker. While he's had trouble learning the routes, Battle has proven to be extremely quick in the open field once he catches the ball. Also, a trio of highly touted rising sophomores, Lorenzo Crawford, Omar Jenkins and Ronnie Rodamer, have made considerable progress during the spring and have shown they are capable of replacing Jovon Getherall.

Defensive line

Anthony Weaver (right) and Ryan Roberts are the only two returning members of the defensive line. However, the Irish will get an added boost by the return of Grant Irons. The rising fifth-year senior, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury, will not play Saturday. At the nose guard position, Andy Wisne and Cedric Hilliard are competing to replace Lance Legree. Darrell Campbell will probably fill the gap vacated by B.J. Scott at defensive tackle.

Linebackers

With 2000 team MVP Anthony Denman graduating and rising senior Rocky Boiman hampered by injury, the linebacker corps are a thin this spring. Tyreo Harrison earned a lot of playing time this spring, and Carlos Pierre-Antoine also saw quality time on the field. Mike Goolsby, one of only three true freshmen to monogram last season, Patrick Ryan and Courtney Watson have also shown dramatic improvement this spring.

Secondary

The biggest question mark for the Irish is the secondary. Brock William's decision to leave early for the NFL hurt the cornerbacks greatly. The only other returning cornerback is Shane Walton, who hasn't seen much action this spring because of an injury. Most of the playing time has been split between Jason Beckstrom, Clifford Jefferson, and Vontez Duff (right). The fastest man on the team, Duff, is also working with the kickoff return team. At safety, Ron Israel has been injured, and Glenn Earl and Gerome Sapp have seen the most playing time.

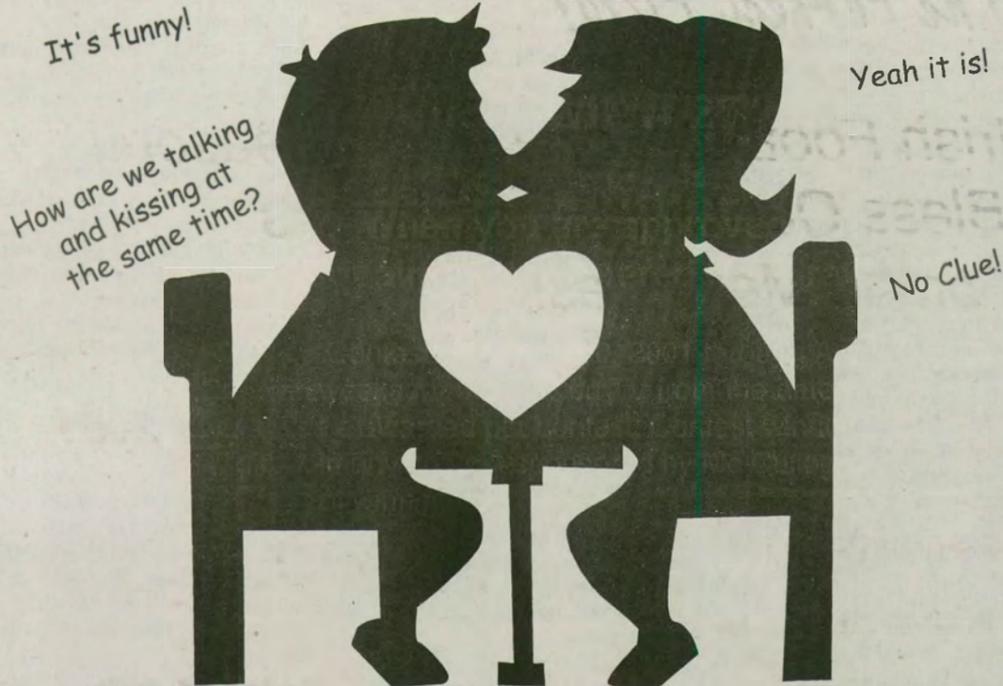
Special teams

Although fans won't see much of the special teams, the Irish have devoted an extensive amount of their spring practice toward this area. Nick Setta will most likely continue as the field goal kicker, and Setta and Joey Hildbold are battling for punting duties. However, Davie doesn't feel the Irish have a solid kickoff man. The primary contenders for return spots include Vontez Duff, Julius Jones and Arnaz Battle.



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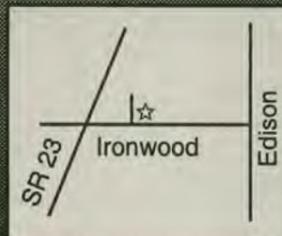
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Quick on his feet

Speed, versatility key to quarterback's game

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Kevin Rogers said it best. "The day and age of the immobile quarterback, the guy with cement shoes on, is gone," the Irish offensive coordinator said after a recent practice. The message is clear. No longer will the Irish stand for an immobile thrower. The future leaders in the Irish backfield will look more like Michael Vick than Ron Powlus.

Enter Carlyle Holiday.

The rising sophomore quarterback can throw, as he showed during his senior year at San Antonio's Roosevelt High School, passing for 719 yards.

"We tried to have the ball in his hands as much as we could," said Holiday's high school coach, Glen Hill. "We didn't have the receivers that I'm sure he has there but he was able to get the ball there regardless."

But Holiday's arm is only one of many aspects to his game. Ranked 48th on the Chicago Sun-Times list of the top 100 players in the country, Holiday totaled 876 yards and scored 13 touchdowns on the ground in 1999. And his skills extended beyond the gridiron.

Irish head coach Bob Davie loves to talk about Holiday's athleticism, and with good reason. A four sport letter-winner, the 6-foot-2 guard was a four-year starter on Roosevelt's basketball team, finishing with more than 1,000 career points. He also competed in track and field and baseball, clearing 6-6 in the high jump and starting in center field his senior year. Holiday also excelled in the 110-meter hurdles during his two years on the track squad.

Today, the 19-year old focuses on his goal of gaining playing time in the three-headed monster that is the Irish quarterback position this spring. But he still finds time to show off an on-court talent that led schools such as Oregon and Wake Forest to recruit Holiday as a basketball player.

A member of Diaper Dandies, along with teammates Abram Elam and Jerome Collins, Holiday's Bookstore Basketball team has advanced to the final field of 16 teams in the tournament.

"I've never really seen anything like it," Holiday said of the 30th annual Bookstore tournament. "The people go out there and play hard no matter what, whatever skill level they are and just try to win. It's really competitive."

So is the quarterback position.

Coming to play

After his stellar senior season, Holiday was a hot commodity in recruiting circles. After talking to a variety of schools — including Texas A&M, where his older brother Terrell Haynes played in the late 1990's — he narrowed his choices down to Nebraska and Notre Dame.

Although Nebraska had only Eric Crouch at quarterback and an offense that seemed more suited to his skills, Holiday chose to spend his college years in South Bend.

up close & personal WITH CARLYLE HOLIDAY



Holiday

birthdate: Oct. 4, 1981
hometown: San Antonio, Tex.
major: business
favorite movie: *Braveheart*
favorite TV show: *Spin City*
favorite food: Anthony's Pizza's bacon cheeseburger pizza
favorite car: Chevy Tahoe
dorm: Carroll Hall
favorite color: Blue
favorite type of music: "I listen to anything."

"I always wanted to come to Notre Dame and be a quarterback really," Holiday said. "Nebraska's a great program but I just felt this was the place for me really. Everybody wants to come here. It's basically been a dream of mine."

When he arrived in the fall, it soon became apparent that there was much to learn. In high school, Holiday was allowed to roam free and use his athletic ability to take his team into the end zone. The focus was on results and athleticism, rather than teaching skills.

"My high school offense really was based on mostly on athletic ability," Holiday said. "We didn't work on the fundamentals of being a quarterback really."

As a result, Holiday's throwing abilities were behind the other quarterbacks. While his arm was strong, he struggled to get in position to make the pass. With the Rogers' help, that ability is now harnessed.

"There was a lot of mechanical work," Holiday said. "Coach Rogers has helped me significantly on that. I've got a quicker release now."

Rising up

While most players from Texas get chills just thinking about the unseasonably cold South Bend weather, Holiday's childhood helped him prepare for his college years. With his father in the military, he spent his grammar school years living in Alaska.

"It was nice. It was cold but it was nice," Holiday said. "It was a great experience to go through really, just to say you were up there."

What Holiday didn't expect coming to Notre Dame was the amount of walking he would have to do. He was assigned to Carroll Hall, a small dorm roughly 10 minutes walking distance from the center of campus and nearly a mile away from the



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Carlyle Holiday runs the option during a recent scrimmage. Holiday is expected to share quarterback duties with Matt LoVecchio next season.

athletic facilities.

"It's a cool hall but it's not cool when you've got to come all the way across campus to go to practice or something like that," Holiday said. "I say they need to supply us with trollies or something. If you have a bike or a car it's cool. But I love it out there, the guys out there are cool."

It was as a youngster on that military base in Alaska that Holiday first set his hands on a football. Even at age 8, everybody knew that he had the skills and leadership qualities to play quarterback.

"That was something I wanted to do," Holiday said. "I had the ability to do it and everybody had faith in me to do that job."

While many focused on his athletic accomplishments, the place where Holiday felt he needed to excel most was in the classroom. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor society as well as taking part in a group that worked with the local city council.

"We went to all their meetings and we partnered up with a commissioner. There were about 11 of us and 11 of them. We just partnered up and saw what they did, what it was like to run a city. It was fun."

Holiday came to Notre Dame intending to major in computer engineering, but like many intended engineers, changed his mind and switched to the College of Business Administration, where he intends to major in marketing or finance.

Still, Holiday contends that academics were one of the deciding factors in his decision to choose Notre Dame.

"Without that I wouldn't even be here right now," he said. "That was the first thing that I

concentrated on in high school. That got me here. That's what I really like about me — my academic accomplishments before my football accomplishments."

Friends, not foes

This spring, the Irish coaching staff decided to give each quarterback an equal amount of repetitions in practice and let them battle for the starting spot. With Battle moved to flanker and Godsey now at tight end, only the three freshman compete only with each other for playing time.

In fact, Davie has suggested a situation in which two, or possibly all three, will take snaps at critical moments during the season.

"We're going to have to use two in a game," Davie said. "There's too much ability at that position to say, OK, this guy's the quarterback and that's it. I could almost go out on a limb here in April and say you're going to see two quarterbacks playing; you may see three."

Such a platoon system is just fine for Holiday. "It's OK with me," he said. "If it does happen you've just got to get in there and do whatever you can. Some people run it. It's worked and it hasn't worked. It's up to Coach Davie really."

While the coaches still say the position is wide open, Holiday concedes that it is unlikely either he or Clark will wrestle the starting spot away from LoVecchio.

"Matt's played eight games," Holiday said. "He has a lot of experience and he's a smart kid. It'd be hard to say somebody could take his spot right then. You've just to go out and compete and try to get whatever you can."

Holiday now feels more comfortable playing the offense with the first team, as a result of his increased reps in practice.

"Now this spring we're getting the same amount of reps," Holiday said. "I'm learning a lot more, I'm starting to pick things up a lot faster."

His only struggle so far is maintaining the same level of play day-in and day-out. In a scrimmage earlier this spring, he completed only one pass, fumbled a snap and was "touch sacked" twice. He did, however, have two rushes for more than 10 yards.

"My thing right now is that I need to develop a little bit of consistency," Holiday said. "It's been up and down in the spring. I just need to go out and keep competing and when the game comes up try to do what I can."

Despite the battle for playing time, the three freshman quarterbacks remain close friends off the field.

"We're friends," Holiday said. "We talk about each other in a good way. It's a competitive thing at the quarterback situation right now. It's a friendly thing, it's a friendly competition really. We just chill and when football's here we do that but when it's over, we just hang out."

While Holiday looks forward to the chance to impress coaches in Saturday's Blue-Gold game, he is most excited about playing in front of a cheering crowd once again, an experience he missed for the first time in over 10 years last season.

"I'm looking forward to playing in front of fans, really," he said. "It's been a long time."

Getting comfortable

*Clark learns offense,
awaits chance to shine*

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

For Jared Clark, this spring is not about a quarterback competition. It's about getting comfortable.

Although he is one of three freshmen battling for a spot under center Sept. 8 in Lincoln, Neb. Clark said he is focusing more on learning the offense than trying to beat out his fellow classmates — Carlyle Holiday and incumbent starter Matt LoVecchio.

"I am trying to learn everything," Clark said. "Right now I am just trying to get better at every part of the game. I am getting better at reading the routes and the defense better now."

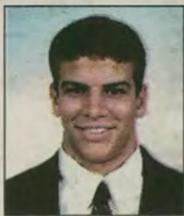
It's hard to imagine that Clark couldn't feel comfortable under center. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound freshman from Sarasota, Fla. was one of the most heralded high school seniors in the country when he signed with the Irish in February, 2000.

But upon arriving at Notre Dame, he quickly learned that college football is much faster and complex than anything he experienced on the high school gridiron. While his arm strength and athleticism made him successful in high school, his mind would become his most important attribute in college football.

"You have to read the defense and know where to throw the ball," he said. "Everything has a purpose here rather than in high school when it was just 'go down and out and I'll throw you the ball.' [In college,] you have to read people because everything they do here is for a purpose."

Although Clark is still waiting for his chance to shine under the Dome, he was

up close & personal WITH JARED CLARK



Clark

birthdate: Oct. 10, 1981
hometown: Sarasota, Fla.
major: business
favorite television show: Friends
favorite food: sushi
last movie Clark saw: Blow
favorite color: blue
favorite music type: any music
favorite car: Chevy Tahoe

almost an immediate star at Cardinal Mooney High School. He started the first game of his high school career in the opening round of the playoffs his freshman year.

His first start didn't go as well as expected. Tampa Catholic, led by former Miami Hurricanes quarterback Kareem Kelly, blasted Clark's squad 27-7.

"I didn't play real great," Clark said. "We ran like a wing-T offense so I didn't really do anything. I think I threw about three passes."

Clark admits being thrust into the starting spotlight was a bit overwhelming for a 15-year old.

"In high school, you are just a little kid when you are a



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Jared Clark hurls a bomb downfield during practice last Saturday. Head coach Bob Davie recently announced that he planned to use Clark as part of a multiple-quarterback system.

freshman. It's kind of the same way here," he said. "You are just kind of in awe of how big everyone is. I was pretty nervous for that first game. I got used to it and I got better as the years went on."

After starting as a sophomore, Clark became the undisputed leader of the team his junior and senior season. As a junior, he threw eight touchdowns and rushed for 11 while throwing just six interceptions.

He was even better as a senior. He accounted for 27 total touchdowns his senior year — 10 rushing and 17 passing — as he led his high school to one of its best seasons ever. Cardinal Mooney advanced to the third round of the playoffs before losing to the eventual state champions.

He was also named first team all-state quarterback despite missing 2 1/2 games because of pneumonia.

Despite his high school success, many colleges wanted Clark to play defense in college. He started as a linebacker and defensive end. But Clark's heart was always at quarterback.

"All those schools wanted me for quarterback and that is definitely the position I want to play," Clark told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune when he committed to Notre Dame. "I would've played defense only if there weren't any other options. Fortunately that wasn't the case."

Although Clark was a running and passing threat in high school, he believes his

best attribute compared to the other two quarterbacks is his arm strength. He gives the nod for rushing to Holiday.

"I feel like I can run the ball if I need to," he said. "I am not as fast as Carlyle so I can't run it as well as he can but I think I can get good enough at it that I can be effective."

Clark said he had no reservations about signing with Notre Dame even though he knew head coach Bob Davie had commitments from both Holiday and LoVecchio.

"I had no doubt whatsoever. The quarterback situation didn't really bother me," he said. "I mean if I am not going to win the starting job here, I am probably not going to be good enough to go to the next level anyways so I should probably try to get a good education."

Clark also had a pretty good idea about the competition he would face in the future.

"I was with Matt at the summer camp and I heard about Carlyle so I knew what I was up against," Clark said. "The better the competition, the better you have to step your play up. I just wanted to see if I could compete with these guys."

Clark, however, said the competition is not cutthroat

and the three potential quarterbacks, for now, are more interested in helping each other improve than making each other look bad.

"I think it's definitely friendly between the three of us. We're friends off the field and we're friends on it," Clark said. "We are all trying to do our best. When anyone comes off the field, we try to help them. They come off the field, they ask questions. When I come off the field, I ask questions. We tell each other what we are doing wrong and we congratulate each other when we do something right."

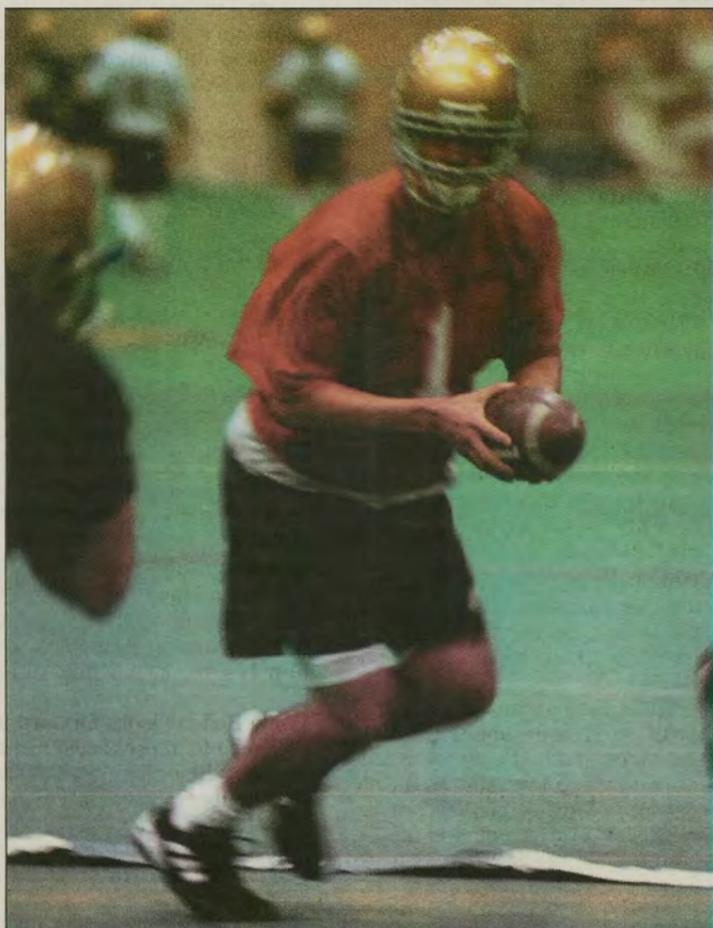
For now, it appears LoVecchio is still the starter and Holiday's running skills can't be ignored. But in the last scrimmage open to the media, Clark looked the sharpest.

For the freshman from Sarasota, this spring is all about getting comfortable, learning the offense and getting ready for a run at the starting spot this summer.

"I think I have learned a lot more than I did during the year because I am getting a lot more reps and everything," Clark said. "I am learning a lot more and I am getting more comfortable with everybody and with the offense."

"I feel like I can run the ball if I need to. I am not as fast as Carlyle so I can't run it as well as he can but I think I can get good enough at it that I can be effective."

Jared Clark
quarterback



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Jared Clark hands off to a tailback during the first day of spring practice. Of the three freshman quarterbacks, Clark is generally regarded as the best passer.

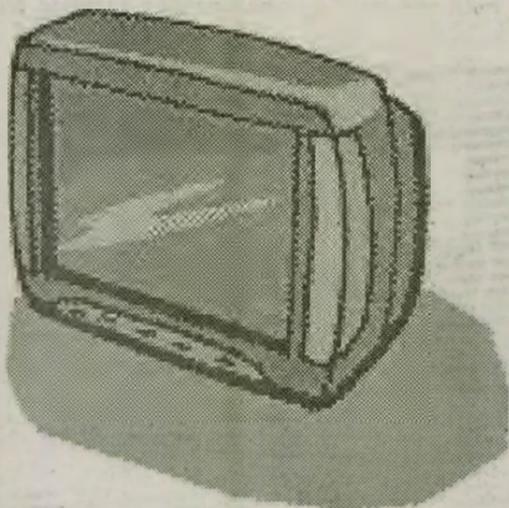


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From left, Irish freshman quarterbacks Matt LoVecchio, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday warm up before a recent scrimmage inside the stadium. Holiday and Clark are challenging incumbent LoVecchio for playing time next season. All are expected to play in Saturday's Blue-Gold game.

WARMING Up

Springtime is here. The snow is off the ground, trees and flowers begin to bloom and students retreat from their rooms to study on the quads. But perhaps the biggest sign of spring at Notre Dame is Spring Practice. The Irish hit the turf for the first time and players try out new positions. Saturday is the culmination of 15 challenging workouts — the Blue and Gold Game, in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday at 1:30 p.m.



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Irish players line up across from one another while running tackling drills before a recent scrimmage.



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Irish lineman practice blocking before a recent scrimmage. The competition is heating up for the spots vacated by NFL-bound Mike Gandy and Jim Jones.



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Quarterback turned flanker Arnaz Battle carries the ball towards the sideline in a recent practice.

Experience prevails

Coaches fall back on LoVecchio's experience in quarterback decision

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Last Friday, Bob Davie addressed one of the biggest controversies surrounding the Notre Dame football squad.

Who was going to be the 2001 quarterback?

Would he go with the calm, experienced Matt LoVecchio, who led the Irish to a Fiesta Bowl berth? Or would he settle on either Carlyle Holiday or Jared Clark, two highly-touted quarterbacks who haven't played a down?

He did neither.

"I could almost go out on a limb here in April and say you're going to see two quarterbacks playing; you may see three," Davie said.

But when asked to name the probable starter, Davie responded without hesitation.

His man: Matt LoVecchio

The Audition

It's hard to imagine that one year ago LoVecchio was getting ready for his high school prom. He took a 2-2 team reeling from a last-second loss against Michigan State and led them to seven straight wins. The experience LoVecchio gained last season is what made him the most attractive starting candidate.

"The advantage Matt LoVecchio has is he's played in high-profile games," Davie said.

The highest-profile game LoVecchio played in was the 41-9 loss in the Fiesta Bowl. But he said the pressure didn't faze him. Instead, he found himself in an unfamiliar position — trailing.

"We were just put in a situation where we got behind," he said. "One thing led to another and it just snowballed."

Despite the loss, Davie knew LoVecchio got something out of playing in the Fiesta Bowl.

"Part of becoming a successful quarterback is to get your butt kicked a little bit," he said. "Certainly he had it in the Fiesta Bowl. That's got to be worth something. It is in my mind."

Center Stage

The composure LoVecchio showed after the Fiesta Bowl loss reflected the calm demeanor that made him the preferred choice last season. Davie and offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers picked LoVecchio because he had the best grasp of the system, not necessarily because he had the most athletic ability.

LoVecchio didn't disappoint. He came out game after game and performed solidly. In his seven wins, LoVecchio threw for 11 touchdowns and just one interception. Had he been eligible, he would have finished seventh in the nation in passing efficiency.

But when spring practice opened, Davie made it clear the quarterback job was wide open. Although LoVecchio had the experience, Holiday and Clark could potentially overtake the freshman.

"If those other two quarterbacks play better than Matt, how much better are they?" Davie said. "That's the decision we have

up close & personal WITH MATT LOVECCHIO



LoVecchio

birthdate: Feb. 2, 1982

hometown: Franklin Lakes, NJ

major: business

favorite baseball team: Yankees

favorite food: steak

most memorable experience while attending Notre Dame:

playing in Notre Dame Stadium

favorite class: math

favorite non-football activity:

playing video games

two teams playing for the national championship: Notre Dame

and our opponent

to make. They're going to have to be a lot better to overtake the experience factor that he has. Are they capable of doing that? Sure, they are. They're both very talented players."

"As far as they're concerned, in their minds they believe they have a chance to be the starting quarterback here," Rogers said. "That's what I want."

Davie gave all three quarterbacks an equal opportunity to shine. But having to share snaps and watch didn't faze LoVecchio. He continued to do what he does best — stay quiet and work hard.

"I'm just going to go out there each day and get better this spring," he said.

LoVecchio had to share playing time with Holiday and Clark. He watched as Holiday and Clark, each with a year on the sidelines, showed just as much talent and potential.

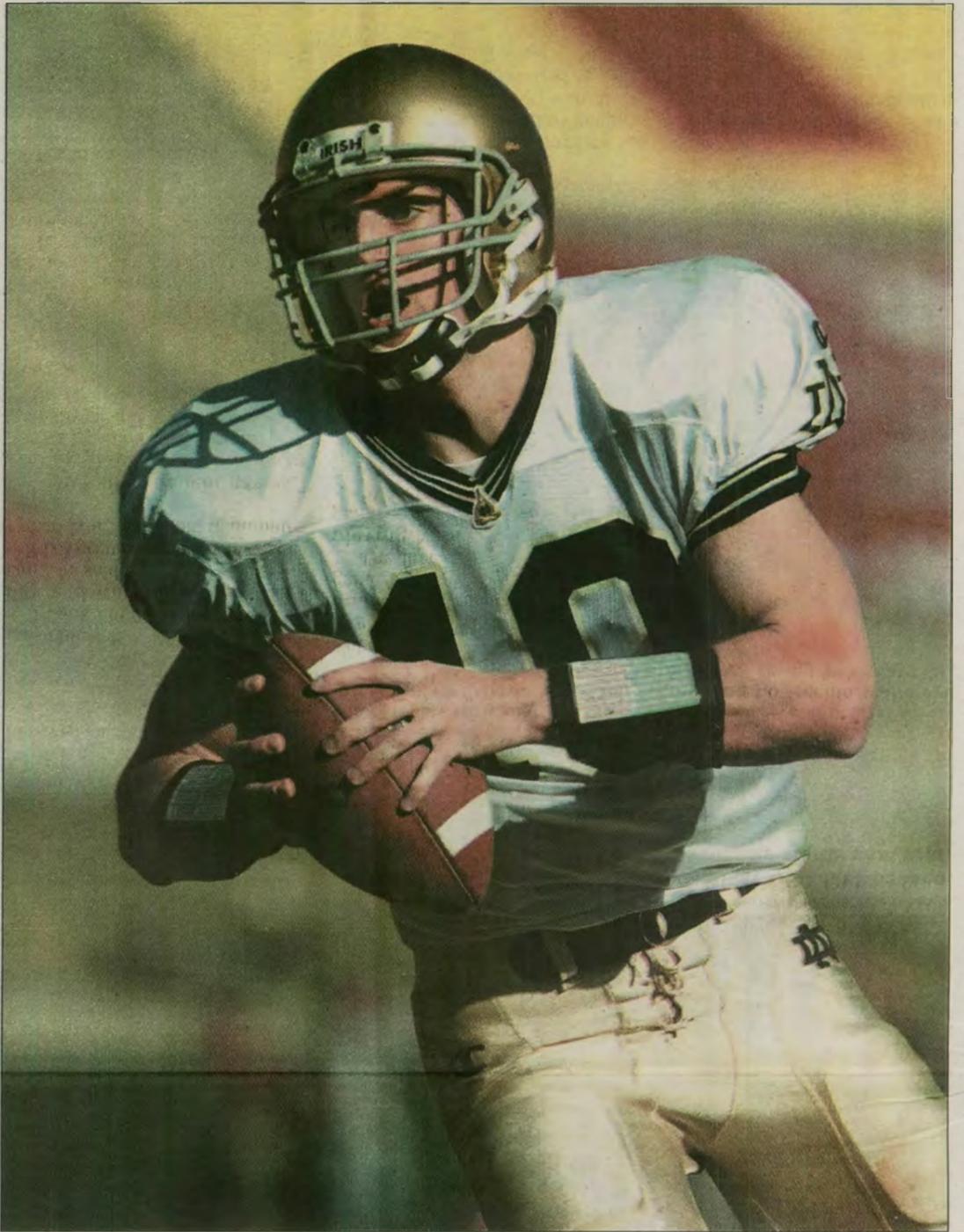
"You don't have to talk about competition at that position," Davie said. "There is competition."

"I legitimately am busting my tail to make sure everyone's getting equitable reps," Rogers said after one practice. "Some guys do better than others, but they're all getting better and they're all quality players."

Day after day, Davie said the quarterbacks kept getting better and better. One day, Clark would shine, and the next, LoVecchio would step up.

"There hasn't been one guy that has been consistently better than the others," Rogers said.

"Competition brings out the best in everyone," Davie said. "There's no question at that position, the standard has been raised because of those three young guys.



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Matt LoVecchio scrambles during Notre Dame's 38-21 victory against USC last season. LoVecchio's experience is the main reason why Davie named him the probable starter next year.

"Every day out here a different quarterback steps up and a different quarterback impresses you," he continued. "There's a fine line between each one of them."

Staying in the Spotlight

So how did LoVecchio distinguish himself — again?

"I think I'm just taking it day by day and working as hard as I can," he said.

If LoVecchio won't say his experience is a factor, his teammates will.

"Matt's played eight games," Holiday said. "That's a lot of experience and he's a smart kid. It would be hard to say someone could take his spot. You just have to go out and compete, and get whatever you can out of it."

There's no tension between LoVecchio, Holiday and Clark. All three are good friends on and off the field.

"It's a good situation," LoVecchio said. "Since we got here in August, everything's been good. We hang out on and off the field and we're there to help each other."

"We just push him to be a better person and player, just like he pushes us," Holiday added.

When Davie effectively named LoVecchio the No. 1 quarterback, it wasn't as much a matter of him playing significantly better in spring than the other quarterbacks. Talent-wise, all three

quarterbacks are very close. LoVecchio's experience sets him apart.

"It's the combination of where he's been where he's played, and who we play early that gives him the advantage," Davie said. "You think about going to Lincoln, Neb., going to College Station, you like the idea that you've got a quarterback that's been in a game."

"The fact remains that we are playing Nebraska in the first game — away," Rogers said.

LoVecchio admits there's a lot of pressure associated with being the quarterback at Notre Dame.

"If you actually sat down and thought about it, things can get pretty overwhelming," he said. "I try to avoid all the talk and just go out there each day and go to practice."

"Matt's been tremendous," Davie said. "Sure, all the conversation's going to be about those guys that didn't play. That's just what it is here at Notre Dame. I think Matt's mature enough to understand that."

It's this calm, confident demeanor that sets LoVecchio apart. Despite all the attention focused on him last season and the quarterback situation this season, he loves playing football and he loves Notre Dame.

"I'd never trade this for anything," he said. "Football got me to Notre Dame, and I love this

team. I'm happy."

Sharing the Lead

But is LoVecchio only happy because he played last year? It's hard to tell — and nobody knows how long LoVecchio will start. Davie isn't saying for certain that the quarterback job is just LoVecchio's.

"There's too much ability at that position to say, OK, this guy's the quarterback and that's it," he said.

Davie made it obvious LoVecchio will lead the Irish onto the field against Nebraska. But after that, it's up in the air.

"It's a long season, and all three of them have long careers here, so that can change," he said. "It all depends on performance."

Regardless of how much he ends up playing, LoVecchio plans on doing what he does best — working hard.

"We just mind our business and work hard on the field," he said about what the coaches plan to do with the quarterbacks. "I'm just going to go out each day and get better."

"Sometimes the guy that's played doesn't get as much attention," Davie said. "He's handled it great. He has a tremendous upside. He's made improvement this spring. I'm really pleased with him."

That's why LoVecchio is the No. 1.