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Saint Mary's students face parking problems

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
News Writer

At 10 p.m. on Sunday, Francena DePalma was faced with a dilemma. With no spots available in the McCandless student parking lot north of Angela Athletic Facility, she could leave her car in the Le Mans parking lot and face a potential ticket, or she can wake up at 7 a.m. to move the car.

Neither choice appealed to her. "I didn't want to move it at night because it was raining, and I don't like walking by myself in the dark," DePalma said. "My first class isn't until 10, and I didn't want to wake up.

The 420 parking spaces available in the lot are not enough for all the cars registered on campus. There are 508 residence vehicles and 137 off-campus vehicles registered with security, according to Richard Chlebek, director of security at Saint Mary's.

The lack of parking spaces forces students to make a decision between facing a ticket or parking illegally in the lot. "I've noticed a general trend that every night when I come back, I drive around and can't find any spots," DePalma said.

A committee comprised of student body members, faculty and the student body president gave recommendations last year to the administration about parking problems. Over the summer, the administration took the recommendations and implemented some of the new parking policies.

The new parking policies do not allow students to park in the Le Mans parking lot from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on weekdays.

"The student body needs to be more understanding and willing to make sacrifices to inconvenience during this process," Richard Chlebek, director of security.

Commuting students may park in either lot by the Sciences Hall or the McCandless Lot and resident students may not park in any other lot beside the Le Mans and McCandless lots.

Chlebek said that one reason for the new parking policies is because of campus changes and renovations that will take place on campus this year. "(The student body) needs to be more understanding and willing to make sacrifices to inconvenience during this process," Chlebek said. "There have been a few complaints of an individual looking at their situation and not looking at the whole community on campus, even though changes have affected everyone."

Many of the students upset about the policy are student teachers and off-campus students. Melissa Gornick, a senior who will be student teaching next semester, is concerned about the bike to her class es. "The walk is not so bad now and won't be so bad in the spring," she said, "but in the winter it will be."

A commuting student, Shannon Root, is also concerned about parking far away from her class buildings in the winter. While there was nothing that was really bothering her about the parking right now, she said, "If we have five feet of snow, she

Rampersad: Interest grows in black bios

By MIRABEL MOREY  
New Writer

Arnold Rampersad, a Stanford University professor, spoke Tuesday on African-American biographies at the first lecture of the Joseph M. Ruffalo Lecture Series.

Only in the past century have any full-scale African-American biographies appeared, Rampersad said. Beginning modestly with Franklin, thoughts as the subject of most biographies, there is now an "unprecedented interest in the black man," he said.

The main challenge of African-American biographies is to "find the African-American life interesting in its complexities and morality," Rampersad said. The question explored what makes an authentic African-American biography? He also asked, can only an African-American justly portray the life of another African-American? It is the equation of a good biography: keeping an identification and judgmental distance from this mix of social science and art will ultimately, demand authenticity, Rampersad said.

Biographies are a "lesser form of history," Rampersad said, because they are a mysterious mix of "both social science and art."

History in university life has a vested interest in black culture, and hopefully the viewpoint is changing alongside this community. It was only after World War II that biographies of African-Americans were even presented, and even then it was only because African-Americans have "a freedom to choose a life and write about it," said Rampersad.

The public was not interested in black history until Jackie Robinson became MVP in the National League. Robinson, according to Rampersad, led the way to modern culture's own fascination with African-American athletes and entertainers such as Muhammad Ali, Tina Turner and Michael Jordan.

With the biggest challenge of African-American biographies being to "find the African-American life interesting in its complexities and normalcy," Rampersad, every generation "needs to reexamine the past and write their own biographies."

11 bid for SMC frosh elections

By KATIE MILLER  
News Writer

Competition for Saint Mary's freshman class elections will be tougher than usual due to an unusually large pool.

Eleven tickets are running for the president and vice president of the Class of 2003. Another 18 women contend for the 13 class board positions.

The freshmen have more candidates running than any class in recent history, according to Chrissie Henner, elections commission­er.

Prior to the campaign launch, one-fourth of the freshmen class showed interest in holding an office in the student government. More than 100 students attended the two mandatory informational meetings held to explain the roles of student government officials.

Henner said she is excited that so many freshmen are interested in getting involved regardless of their experience in high school student government. "Everyone is starting off on a clean slate," Henner said.

In addition to coming up with promising platforms, the freshmen candidates must be creative.

According to Henner, each candidate was only allowed to spend $25 on campaigning supplies such as posters and candy. Henner said that the candidates have been very resourceful.

There will be a campus set up in front of the dining hall for the Wednesday elections. Voting will take place between 7 a.m. - 9 a.m., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Freshmen will vote for one president and vice president and will be asked to choose 13 or fewer of the candidates for the class board.

In order for a ticket to win, it must take 50 percent of class votes plus one individual vote.

"The chance of a run-off is almost definite because there are so many candidates," Henner said.

The run-off will take place Monday; voting times will remain the same.
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**My Body is a Temple**

"My body is a temple, not to be defiled by the sacrilegious act of consuming alcohol."

C. R. "Teo" Teodoro

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**Columbine**

President Clinton was met with MadDog 20/20 at a fashion that most of my associates do. However, since that time, my attitude toward alcoholic beverages has changed slightly (particularly after my first experience with MadDog 20/20).

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Muscle Enhancers Suspected in UNC Death**

Muscle enhancers were found in Ketchie's apartment when he was found dead in his University Residence apartment.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Supremacist Hale Not Involved**

In their investigation of anti-Semitic pamphlets distributed in the Law Building Sunday, University of Illinois' police have dismissed white supremacist Matthew Hale, who was banned from campus, as a suspect. University Police Capt. Kris Fitzpatrick said Hale, who heads the white supremacist World Church of the Creator, was suspected of distributing the pamphlets but was cleared Monday. Hale said he was unaware of the disturbance because he was not involved in distributing hate literature. It's what's inside you that is important, said Hale.

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**Outsiders Dome**

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Philosophy professor receives Book of Year Award

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

James Sterba, Notre Dame professor of philosophy, received the 1998 Book of the Year Award from the North American Society for Social Philosophy for his book "Justice for Here and Now." Sterba's book was recognized at the 15th Annual Social Philosophy Conference in Philadelphia this summer. "Justice for Here and Now," was the first book to have Author Meets Critics sessions at all three American Philosophical Association Meetings this year.

In his book, Sterba argues that a "peacemaking" approach rather than the overused "warmaking" approach to philosophy indicates that the notion of rationality requires morality. The peacemaking approach searches for a common concern that can enable opposing parties to understand their disputes.

Sterba says that libertarian morality can be embraced by welfare liberals, socialists and feminists even though they support equality for different reasons. Feminist, racial, homosexual and multicultural justices are interrelated, and advantages exist when they unite to defend against injustices. "There is not one form of justice; the arguments are interconnected," he said.

Sterba elaborates by demonstrating that similarities also exist between the anthropocentric and biocentric environmental ethics because both can be moral and defended to produce the same conclusions. Sterba said he uses these arguments as a way of "building a complete ethical and moral philosophy." The culmination of Sterba's reasoning is that there exist very few circumstances that reconcile going to war.

A group of 21 essays on "Justice for Here and Now," will be published this fall. Also, a conference focusing on the book will be held on campus this spring. Sterba is structuring the conference to include an interactive discussion between representatives from different groups in today's society who are fighting for equality.

Sterba published 20 books and written over 150 articles in addition to teaching moral and political philosophy at the University since 1973. Two books, "Three Challenges to Ethics: Environmentalism, Feminism and Multiculturalism," and "Ethics: Classical Western Texts in Feminist and Multicultural Perspectives," will be available soon.
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Furthermore, parking needs
are not being addressed.
"It doesn’t look like we will
get the parking spaces we
need. We don’t have that far
to walk on campus. We need
to be patient with everyone
and the fact that we don’t
have the spaces," Beauty said.

Beatty also noted that "stu-
dents can go to the security
director for special needs and
they can be dealt with — the
College is trying to work with
everyone."

As for the problem of over-
flow parking, Midden hopes
that the Science lot will be
used.

"It is an important issue; we
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York City.

Haimo will introduce the con-
cert by discussing his work at
7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall.
General admission for the event
is $10, $8 for Notre Dame and
Saint Mary’s College faculty and
staff with an ID, $6 for senior
citizens, and $3 for students.

The concert is made possible
by a generous grant from the
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The Lydian String Quartet,
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al repertoire including Schubert,
Haydn, Beethoven and Ravel,
as well as a flair for contemporary
music. Recordings by the quar-
et include works by John
Harrison, Lee Hyla, William
Schuman, Charles Ives, Irving
Fine, Allen Anderson, and
Thomas Oboe Lee.
China arrests four Catholic priests

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15, 1999 (AP) -

China arrested four Catholic priests who had been held without trial for 20 years, the Vatican said Wednesday, Sept. 15, and his house was ransacked, the foundation said. It did not know the whereabouts of the four men, nor details about their cases. China has frequently imprisoned priests and worshippers who remain loyal to the Vatican and refuse to participate in the state-approved church.

Home-schooling mother released from prison

BURLINGTON, Vt., Sept. 15, 1999 (AP) -

A home-schooling mother was released from jail Tuesday after spending nearly two weeks behind bars in a dispute with public school officials over her son's special education needs. In a case closely watched by advocates of school choice, Karen Maple was set free by the judge who had jailed her on contempt charges on Sept. 1. She had refused to follow an order to take her 15-year-old son, Trevor, to Vermont's child protection agency so his education needs could be evaluated. In writing Maple free, Judge Michael Kopperman limited her to fine her $100 a day if she doesn't take Trevor to the agency on Friday. If she doesn't lock up and treat the way I've been treated for the last two weeks," the 36-year-old single mother said.

Plane crash kills Greek foreign minister

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) -

Greece's deputy foreign minister and five others were killed late Tuesday when their executive jet hit heavy turbulence and plummeted thousands of feet before leveling off, Greek and Romanian officials said. Deputy Foreign Minister Yannos Kranidiotis, his 25-year-old son Nikos, and four others were killed, said Romanian police. The compound was searched immediately. The monster, 600-mile storm — bigger than the whole state of Florida — threatened to roll ashore early Thursday, probably in Georgia or South Carolina.

U.N. believes militia burned compound

Associated Press

DIJL, Sept. 15, 1999 (AP) -

Rampaging militias were believed to have set fire to the abandoned U.N. compound in East Timor today, hours after 110 U.N. staff and 1,300 refugees left for safety in Australia, a U.N. official said. However, a U.N. spokesman in New York said he was told a small nearby house — not the compound — had been burned. The conflicting reports could not be reconciled immediately.

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Forecasters expected the eye of the storm to come within 50 miles of Daytona Beach early Wednesday afternoon as it moves north.

Floyd causes massive evacuation

Associated Press

COCOA BEACH, Fla., Sept. 15, 1999 (AP) -

From Florida to the Carolinas, evacuees fleeing Hurricane Floyd streamed inland in bumper-to-bumper traffic Tuesday as one of the most fearsome storms of the century threatened to wreak havoc. Nearly 2 million people were said to get out of the way as Floyd skirted the north-central Florida coast, menacing an area from Cape Canaveral to Jacksonville with its 140 mph winds.

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Merrill: Solitary O’Keefe differed from Taos artists

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Georgia O’Keefe was an outsider among her contemporaries, Christopher Merrill, a professor of English at Holy Cross College in Worcester, Mass., said in his lecture Tuesday. “She was really a solitary; she’s the quintessential outsider,” he said.

According to Merrill, O’Keefe’s style and outlook differed especially from the Taos artists, despite the fact that she spent a large portion of her life living and painting in New Mexico. “O’Keefe wanted to bring what was far away and unfocused up close so we could see it anew,” said Merrill.

Unlike the Taos artists, O’Keefe focused her attention on inanimate objects like her well-known flowers, bones and landscapes as opposed to images of individuals. Merrill said that this difference proved to be beneficial to O’Keefe’s work. “I think the distance from mainstream, her distance from what ‘the boys’ were doing was crucial for her,” he said.

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For O’Keefe the process of uncovering a spiritual meaning behind her subjects was key to what Merrill called “her need to make known the unknown.” O’Keefe often painted her subjects several times. She usually began with realistic interpretations and moved to abstract compositions in what Merrill called an effort “to focus on what was most remote.”

“She was not going to confines herself, and therefore moved in between the two methods of painting,” he said.

Merrill also emphasized O’Keefe’s remarkable attitude regarding the relationship artists have with their work. “She understood how as an artist you do your work and then leave it behind,” he said.

He also said that in the 1950s, O’Keefe kept a garbage can specifically for the burning of her artwork, and that she burned between 700 and 800 paintings during that decade.

Dole criticizes Clinton’s plan for ban on nuclear testing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican presidential candi
date Elizabeth Dole urged Congress on Tuesday to reject President Clinton’s plea for a global ban on nuclear test explosions. She called the long stalled Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty “ill-conceived” and a threat to national security.

“With Russia in turmoil, with North Korea and other threats, with other rogue nations moving forward, I think the U.S. will need — for the foreseeable future — a credible deterrent,” the former American Red Cross presi
dent said in a telephone interview. “A credible deterrrent means you have to have confidence in that deterrent — and that means testing.”

Dole, who lags well behind Republican front-runner George W. Bush in presiden
tial polls, also released a statement opposing the pact. Clinton wants the treaty approved by a Sept. 23 dead
dline.

Former Vice President Dan Quayle also urged the Senate to reject the treaty. “If rejection ... sends the message that the United States will never be will
ing to give up the weapons we deem to be vital to preserving our national security, then that is exactly the right signal to send,” Quayle said in a state
tement Tuesday.

The 1996 treaty has been signed by 152 nations but so far ratified by only 18 of the 44 nations with nuclear capa
cilities. The nuclear powers must approve the pact for it to take effect. Russia and China are among the nations that have not ratified it.

Supporters of the treaty say it would lock in U.S. superiori

ty gained in over 1,000 nuclear tests during the Cold War, while failing to ratify the pact could open the door to nuclear tests by other nations.

Opponents argue it could threaten America’s ability to deliver an effective nuclear strike, if one is ever needed. The treaty is bottled up in the Republican-led Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The United States has not conducted a full-fledged nuclear test since 1992. Mrs. Dole said a long period of non-testing could create “potential defects” in the U.S. arsenal. “Why the rush” to sign a treaty? Mrs. Dole asked.

Daryl Kimball, executive director of the Coalition to Reduce Nuclear Dangers, cited public polls that show huge majorities of Americans favor the treaty.

“This is a perilous political position to take,” he said.

“I get her more on the side of the bipartisan Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman Jesse Helms and less on the side of moderates like (former Sen.) Bob Dole.”

Dole, who is married to the former senator, said the polls underscore a lack of knowl
dge about the treaty. “We need to educate people about it,” she said.

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in the basement of SDH.
Many students hold stereotypes about African-Americans

By MAUREEN SMITHEE News Writer

When Irish tailback Tony Driver walked onto Notre Dame’s campus as a freshman, he noticed a disturbing pattern of thought by many of Notre Dame’s students.

“The students here think any African-American student is an athlete — that’s all that’s here,” he said.

But like many of the African-American students on campus, both athletes and non-athletes, Driver was forced to deal with the situation.

“When I first got here my freshman year it really bothered me, but as you go on, you get used to it,” Driver said.

Last year, 14 percent of male African-American students and 39 percent of female African-American students participated in sports, according to Iris Outlaw and Kevin Flue, directors of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

As a result of these figurative high percentages, the stereotype that all African-American students are athletes is evident.

The popularity of football and other sports fosters that stereotype. The fact that sports — particularly highly publicized ones — are how the public will encourage stereotyping, according to Outlaw and Flue.

“The perception comes because the majority of players on the football team are African-American,” Outlaw said.

The two most visible teams are football and basketball, and you do see a lot of African-Americans involved in those sports,” Flue said. “A large majority of famous players in the NFL and NBA are African-American.”

Furthermore, the stereotype infers that African-American students are admitted to Notre Dame solely on athletic, not academic merit.

The stereotype has not gone unnoticed for junior track runner Reggie McKnight.

“Obviously most African-Americans are athletes, and with that stigma it is assumed that you are not here because of your academic abilities,” he said.

It also affects international students. Nigerian sophomore Kabir Audu looks at the stereotype from a different angle than some of his American counterparts.

“African-Americans are perceived different from people like me,” he said. “When I first got here people assumed I played a varsity sport. They didn’t understand that I was here completely on merit.”

This fact bothers Outlaw and Flue.

“To assume that folks can be here only because of their athletic abilities is an insult,” Outlaw said.

“I think it isn’t the stigma, but the athlete status. Some people think athletes are not inclined to be at Notre Dame — that they are here only for their athletic ability. There is a perception that the University is trying to fill quotas and that is just not the case,” Flue said.

The rationale, students say, is due to the homogeneous back-
grounds from which many Notre Dame students come.

“I think a lot of the majority students here have gone to white schools and the only African-American image they have is of athletes,” said non-athlete sophomore Irene Goygogochu.

Driver agrees.

“Notre Dame has a tradition of upper-middle class white students — it is part of the tradition and mystique of the University,” he said.

Yet some African-American students say they don’t notice prevailing stereotypes on campus.

“I know a lot of minority students have a sense of how they are seen, but I really don’t notice anything,” said junior Jersha Outlaw.

Diversity within the student body, something Notre Dame students often feel the University lacks, could alleviate the stereotype of African-Americans and athletes.

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Fostering the stereotype

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He said the University neither promotes nor addresses the stereotype.

Senior Melissa Balchunas and junior Patrick Fisher, however, said the lack of diversity in the student body strengthens these stereotypes.

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Controversies arise about sources of stereotypes

By JOSHUA BOURGOIS In Dean Editor

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suburbs, have experience with

minorities. He said he thinks

the stereotype stems from cer-

tain events that place a spot-

light on the African-American

athlete. "Certain events in the past

with African-American ath-

letes will burn in the back of

our minds and that becomes

the lens at which the students

see through. If they [other stu-

dents] see a black student,

then they will assume athlete," Fisher

said. Senior Kellee Hazell sees the

dominance of the African-

American on the athletic field

and the scarcity of visibility in

the classroom as the root of

the stereotype. "It is visual things," she

said. "We go to the football games

and the majority of the

starters are African-American.

It is a visual affirmation of the

stereotype."

Abolishing the stereotype

Caucasian students’ opinions

vary on how to reverse the

stereotype toward African-

American athletes. Many,

however, agree that the

answer lies in increasing
diversity in the student body.

"The only way to end the

stereotype is to attract more

minorities to come to Notre

Dame," Balchunas said. "We need to

let minority high school stu-

dents know that there is a

place for them here."

Balchunas said that the best

way to attract minority stu-

dents is by "developing pro-

grams that will allow more

minorities to come to Notre

Dame." Fisher agrees with

Balchunas’ opinion that they

need to recruit more minori-

ties. Diversity within the stu-

dent body comes from diversi-

fying the applicant pool, he

said. "What does Notre Dame do to

make the contact before minori-

ties apply?" he added. "The Notre

Dame family needs to reach out

before the applica-

tion process."

Fisher said maybe Notre

Dame should rework its admis-

sion priorities in order to allow

diversity without stereotyping.

"If you make the admission

requirements very rigorous,

such that no one can get in

without meeting those require-

ments, then all Notre Dame

students will be admitted

because of their merit and not

athletic ability. It is the incon-

sistency that makes the stereo-

types," Fisher said. "Which will

better our education? A
diverse, average 1300 SAT stu-

dent body or a predominantly

white, 1360 SAT student body?"

Hazelz disagrees that Notre

Dame should lower its academ-

ic standards to promote diver-

sity. Eliminating the discrepan-

cies in test scores among races

is the answer to the diversity

problem, she said.

"The more the nation can make the test scores more even, the more diverse our col-

lege will be," Hazelz said. "But we shouldn't lower our stan-

dards. We should make the

tests ISAT and ACT fairer."

The stereotype will occur

until there is more diversity in

the student body, Clement said.

But he questions what the

University can offer minorities.

"Until we make minorities

feel comfortable here," Clement

said, "we will never have a
cross campus, and the athlete

stereotype will continue."
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PAKISTAN

COLUMBIA

U.S.-trained battalion set to battle guerrilla drug trade

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD
The International Labor Organization launched a program Tuesday to help more than 7,000 Pakistani children who work with dangerous chemicals to make surgical equipment, much of which is sent to the United States.

The ILO and UNICEF designate $500,000 — donated by an Italian trade union federation — to send the children to school, monitor the work force, increase awareness in Pakistan and protect children who do work from hazards on the job.

The groups hope to end the use of child labor in the industry, said Sheeje Li, the ILO's program officer in Pakistan.

The production of surgical instruments is dangerous because of the chemicals used, as well as the metal cutting, grinding, heat treatment and sandblasting involved.

For their effort, the children are paid from $5.50 to $28 a month.

It is estimated that 3.3 million children under the age of 14 work in Pakistan. The government says about 7,000 workers in the surgical manufacturing industry.

The ILO said eliminating child labor in a poor country like Pakistan, where the average annual income is barely $800, would be a long and arduous task. As a result, a main focus of the program is to get the children out of danger.

Pakistan exports more than $125 million each year in surgical instruments, the government says.

The industry has come under pressure from American rights groups and trade unions, which have demanded a total ban on Pakistan-made instruments because of the use of child labor.

But one ILO official said banning the imports was not the answer because manufacturers were trying to eliminate their use of child labor.

Since 1996, guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) have extorted over $150 million from drug growers and distributors to finance their operations. FARC and other rebel groups have been responsible for a large increase in drug smuggling and production.

In 1998, the United States gave the Colombian government $100 million to combat illegal drug activities.

The number of births in the United States grew in popularity.

The new battalion will be based in the heart of that zone at Tres Esquinas, a base where the armed forces are said to be a "hotbed of child labor and drug production," according to a report released Tuesday by the National Center for Health Statistics.

"Imagine being 48 years old and having quadruplets," said John Kiley, a professor of pediatrics at Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati. "Up until recently, women that old couldn't even get pregnant."

Overall, the increase in multiple births between 1980 and 1997 is unprecedented, researchers say.

The number of infants born in twins jumped 52 percent to more than 104,000 babies in 1997 than in all of the 1980s, according to a report released Tuesday by the National Center for Health Statistics.

"We're very excited about the report," said Joyce Martin, a researcher at the National Center for Health Statistics. "It's definitely a trend."
Once Nikki Douillet turned down scholarships from Dartmouth and Middlebury for Notre Dame, she never looked back, although that is where she would have found her competition. Nikki starred for the Ski Club last year, capturing five of six first place finishes in the giant slalom, and sweeping all six slalom races for the Irish. Nothing short of beating Michigan State in the Divisionals and Michigan Tech in the Regionals, two rivals and powers, and a trip to the Nationals will satisfy the Pittsfield, MA native and the club this year. Club President, All-Division and All-Region honoree, Nikki gave up a trip to the Nationals last year for a once in a lifetime experience. A senior Finance major with three appearances on the Dean's List, Nikki also finds time to play soccer and football for Pangborn, while also working on this year's Business Career Forum. The one time Junior Olympian is preparing for a career as a financial analyst.

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Investigator reveals mismanagement in AmeriCorps

**Jordan testifies on financial problems, poor monitoring**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Serious management problems continue to trouble what President Clinton has called one of his administration's great achievements, a program that awards college tuition grants to students in exchange for community service, an investigator told a House subcommittee Tuesday.

Audits of the Corporation for National Service, which runs the AmeriCorps program, "revealed that the corporation's financial management is inadequate," said Luise Jordan, the agency's inspector general. That has resulted in a number of problems, including poor monitoring of the activities of volunteers at some sites, Jordan told the House Committee on Education and the Workforce's subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

For example, one volunteer continued to receive AmeriCorps stipend checks even though he was being held in an out-of-state prison. Jordan said. The volunteer and his project director stole a total of about $4,600 by failing to report the volunteer's incarceration and cashing the checks. The executive director of another AmeriCorps program falsely certified that his son had earned two education grants, although the young man had never served in AmeriCorps. That director also stole cash from volunteers by charging them bogus "activity fees." The corporation began an effort to straighten out its programs.


"Many AmeriCorps programs are spending taxpayer dollars inappropriately," Hoekstra said. One Indiana student told the Terre Haute Tribune-Star that program organizers told her that she could count baby-sitting, life-guarding and choir practice as AmeriCorps volunteerism. Now her education award is in jeopardy," he said.

A former chairman of the Corporation for National Service's board defended the program, saying it has been working hard to correct problems.

Furthermore, the program's decentralized structure gives state commissions a key role in management and oversight of local programs, said Bob Rogers, a Republican who was chairman from October 1996 to June 1999.

"Because there are literally thousands of sites at which AmeriCorps members serve, it is not feasible, nor was it ever envisioned, that the corporation would directly monitor every local site," Rogers said.

"In such a decentralized structure there will always be a small number of incidents of unsavory conduct by program administrators. And when those people are caught, they are dealt with accordingly."

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Clinton plans release of Antarctica images

President Clinton, stressing the need to protect the world's environment, announced the release of satellite images covering 7,500 square miles of a rare, pristine region of Antarctica to help scientists chart global climate change.

The data include seven previously classified images taken by U.S. spy satellites in the mid-1970s and early 1980s of the so-called Dry Valleys environment. Satellite pictures traditionally are classified because they reveal U.S. intelligence-gathering capabilities.

The new images are intended to give scientists a baseline for environmental studies, including the monitoring of the Antarctic ozone hole and the West Antarctic ice sheet. "Together with data gathered on the ground, the newly released images will help scientists better understand ecological dynamics in this extreme environment and their response to climate change," a White House statement said.

On the final day of a five-day visit to New Zealand, the president announced his action during a visit to Christchurch, the jumping off point for American expeditions to Antarctica. He was joined by Sir Edmund Hillary.

Hillary was the first person to make a land crossing of Antarctica in 1958. Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay were the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest in 1953. Shortly before leaving Queenstown, Clinton issued pre-emptive disaster declarations for Florida and Georgia as Hurricane Floyd plowed toward the southeastern U.S. coast. The president canceled plans to visit Hawaii in order to return home a day early to oversee emergency efforts related to the hurricane.

On the first leg of his trip, the president spent three days in Auckland for meetings with Asian leaders and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. He took a day off Tuesday in Queenstown to play golf before a state visit with Prime Minister Jenny Shipley. Some members of Clinton's staff used the free time for bungee jumping and jet boat rides.

Before Clinton's arrival in Christchurch, Shipley was preoccupied with a state visit by Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Clinton was the first president to visit New Zealand since Lyndon Johnson in 1966. The United States and New Zealand enjoy warm ties despite a breach caused by the government's decision in the mid-1980s to bar nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered warships from New Zealand ports.

The government's anti-nuclear policy, spawned by concern about nuclear testing in the South Pacific and arms control issues, clashed with the U.S. policy of refusing to conform or deny American ships carried nuclear weapons.

The rift caused the United States to suspend its security obligations to New Zealand imposed under a 1951 treaty that required participating nations -- the United States, New Zealand and Australia -- to consult in case of action in the Pacific and to "act to meet the common dangers."

The United States has urged New Zealand to reverse course on nuclear policy.

Clinton's speech Wednesday was scheduled to take place at the International Antarctic Center, the headquarters of Italian Antarctic programs.

The pristine areas of Antarctica are closely watched because scientists expect climate changes to be more significant in the polar regions. Moreover, the Antarctic ice sheet helps regulate the climate of the entire Earth, and preserves a climate history going back more than 400,000 years.

The pictures released by Clinton, taken by military satellite, show a detailed view of the Dry Valleys region of the Transantarctic Mountains, a 1,900-foot-long range that splits the east and west regions of Antarctica.

The region pictured is near the U.S. McMurdo Station, an observatory for the international global positioning system.

The newly released pictures are modified versions of fine-resolution images taken by spy satellites. The White House used Clinton's announcement to polish Vice President Al Gore's credentials as an environmentalist as he heads into the presidential race.

A White House statement said the administration, at Gore's urging, began an initiative in 1991 to declassify data for scientific research. Last month, Gore announced the declassification and release of 59 satellite images of the Arctic to help scientists study the interaction between polar ice caps and global warming, the statement said.

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Holier-than-thou debates bore

Cut it out. I am sick and tired of hearing people try to out-Catholic each other.

On the one side of the gay issue, you hear that God would not abide by the discrimination against homosexuals. On the other, the claim rises that the Catholic Church does not accept homosexual activity as normal and, in fact, believes it to be disordered.

This issue always seems to be at the heart of any "I'm more-Catholic-than-thou" debate. Many other issues come and go on these very pages that, in some way or another, are discussed by the Vatican in the Bible.

But here is the cold, hard fact: Much as any other religion, there is diversity in Catholicism — diversity of thought and diversity of purpose.

Just because someone doesn't think that a rape victim should lose her life attempting to bring about criminal justice doesn't make him less Catholic. Just because someone wants to save the baby's life is spared — regardless of the circumstances of conception — doesn't make him more Catholic.

Catholicism is not a nature of degrees. Catholicism is like Islam, Judaism and Buddhism. It is a group of human beings gathered together in the firm belief that God (Allah, Yahweh, Buddha) has a plan for their existence and that they are to follow that plan. But in every major religion, there is difference of opinion as to how that plan relates to the modern world.

I could be wrong about this, but the way that I remember being taught, you can quote Pope John Paul II all you want, but unless he has invoked the doctrine of infallibility for the particular statement, he is speaking only as a Catholic leader and not directly from divine inspiration.

Thus people are able to take the pope's guidance and the sometimes-changing teachings of the Church and reflect them in their lives. God never changes his mind on what is allowable and what is not. That the Church can change the format of the Mass and the way that prayers are said is only means leaders of the Church think the new way is closer to divine will. In the same way, when the Church decides that homosexuals are not inherently sinful but that the homosexual act is, it does not change God's view on what is sinful. It is only that Church leaders have reached what they believe to be a clarification.

Quoting the Bible at each other, digging up passages that support this view or the other's point and simply trying to prove how much of the Bible and the Papal documents he has read. Then, to top it off, each spends time thumbing his nose and using multi-syllabic and complex verbiage in order to extrapolate upon his theses. Thus, each side will only stand forward and say, "I am smarter than you and I am more Catholic than you, so I am right.""Stop it. What this debate boils down to is the University. Father Malloy is hiding behind our school's Catholic character and hoping those people who think they are are more Catholic than the rest will run to its defense.

The policy that limits ads for unrecogn­ized homosexual groups was always present. It was simply never in writing. Now that it is in writing, I worry for the same reason I worried three years ago when Father Malloy introduced the Spirit of Inclusion statement. I worried the statement was a way for the University to get good press and get out of the newspapers without giving homo­sexual students any real status or mention. It is a completely non-binding state­ment that simply indicates that no dis­crimination will be tolerated in a loving "Catholic" institution.

However at the same time, it allows the University to take a group of alumni and EXCLUDE them from simply saying congratulations to graduates in an ad. This group is a support group for gay and lesbian alumni. It is not a group that has tried to advertise changing the Catholic point of view on homosexual acts. It is merely a group that is trying to INCLUDE recently graduated students in the Notre Dame family and give them support because of who they are, not in spite of it.

So everybody just stop skirting the issue and throwing Catholicism into the argument. Let us all go with the basic understanding that homosexuals are not in-and-of themselves against Catholic principles. From there, on equal footing, we can discuss why some people think they are are more Catholic than the rest will run to its defense.

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

Forget football program

At the Michigan game two weeks ago, one of the commentators remarked that the five NCAAs have winning records against Notre Dame. Now noted for academic excellence rather than football greatness, the University of Chicago, Yale and Columbia were three of the five schools named in addition to the University of Michigan. After our performances the past two weeks, we hardly have a chance of finishing the season in the top 25, much less catching Chicago. This is the reason we suggest we cut our losses, earmark ourselves thegetRepository of further displays of inept time management and drop the football program. If we converted the football scholarships to academic ones, we might have a chance of catching Chicago, Yale and Columbia in the rankings that really matter.

Kyle Smith
Senior, off-campus
September 1, 1999

Respect lives of King, Beethoven – all children

Life does have the ability of homogenizing. That's why Catholics are there: to make us all right. And right, again. It's also to be witnesses of the truth in Christ Jesus, and to judge people but to judge them the way they take that we may better help others choose between good and evil in this world. That's why I am writing this letter in response to "Quality of life important in abortion debate," a letter published in the Sept. 10 edition of The Observer.

Before I proceed, I'm going to ask you all to take a short mental quiz.

It says: "We are taxing. Promise. Simply answer yes or no to the following situations: A. The mother of a family of 14 is pregnant again. Her husband — the father of all 14 of those children — has a history of alcohol abuse and mental disorders which frequently causes him to abuse other children. His right hand is already worn out from trying to care single-handedly for her large family and doesn't feel she can care for another child at this point. On top of all this, two sons in the family also have a history of alcoholic abuse, one of the children is in a mental institution, and none of the other children have steady, dependable jobs with which to support mom and dad. Abortion or Not? B. The poor black family in the South is expecting a fifth child. This family, because of its skin color, has already had difficulties receiving help and are already at the bare minimum poverty level. Their outlook for the future pastures does not look better. Their present children do not look better off. A. Woman is engaged to a man some years older than she. He tells her that is she is facing an unplanned pregnancy. The relationship has been definitely not the son of her family, and she doesn't have her sake and for their reputation in their community. This child could put a serious strain on their relationship and on any future children. Abortion or Not? C. Okay, everybody finished? Here are the results.

A. You answered Abortion for A. Congratulations! You just aborted Ludwig Van Beethoven! B. If you answered Abortion for B, congratulations. You just aborted Martin Luther King, Jr. C. If you answered Abortion for C, YOU WIN THE GRAND PRICE! You, my friend, have just aborted Jesus of Nazareth. The point is this: That yes, sometimes we are faced with circumstances beyond our control. Yes, sometimes we are faced with situations that are not our fault, but every life does have choices to make in this life. The way and the conditions into which you were born may have been completely beyond your control, yet your life is still your own, and you have it to do with as you will. And at the end of your life, you will have to account for your life to God, and life is the final call people. If you want to improve someone else's quality of life, does that mean that you deprive them the chance to live their life to its fullest and natural conclusion? Adoption is an option, though it can be very painful. Anything is better than not even giving someone the chance to live! Or at the end of your life you would like to stand before the Alpha and Omega and explain to Him why it was best for this child that you murder it? Forgive me, but I have never known you.

If you want to improve the quality of life for impoverished children that badly, why don't you look into counseling, mentoring or adopting a child? Anything's got to be better than the alternative: murder.

Katherine Hoppe
Freshman, Sociology
Lyon Hall
September 13, 1999

Booing at Davie is booing at team

In the words of the great philosopher John "King of Cocaine," "Get over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor."... Hell no, and it's not over now. I am writing partly in response to the article by alumnus Kevin Keane, and partly because I feel that something should be said regarding the rest of the final Notre Dame football season of this millennium. I am not writing in the defense of Bob Davie or the athletic director, but rather in the defense of all Notre Dame students and alumni. I feel that we very well should be 3-0 at this point in the season. Instead, we are 1-2. With many questions regarding our ability to defeat a team like Michigan State. Mr. Keane stated yesterday in his letter that, "I do not believe that it is a bad thing to have the men on their heels before we leave, the student body, have no respect for him. This is the reason that after the football season is finished, changes might not have to be made, but with many losses left in our season, this is the worst time to turn our backs on Coach Davie.

Coming to Notre Dame for the first time on a football weekend is an incredible experience for almost any fan, regardless of age, sex or association to this school. Going to the pep rally, tailgating and sitting in a stadium with 80,000 other football fans in a weekend that is not easily forgotten. I can only imagine what one of my friends or relatives would say to me if they went to the pep rally only to find the student body of this University booing the head coach of a football coach. Now, I'm not going to comment on school spirit or anything like that but simple respect, dignity and pride. If you feel so negatively about Coach Davie or the athletic director, shut your mouth and put your hands at your side when others cheer or do not cheer the pep rally. Often, the loudest sound is the silence.

We are not going to win a national championship this year, and we will most likely have some very close games before the season ends, but as mad as I am about the Purdue and Michigan games, I will still cheer for our school and for Coach Davie. If a few rafts were made in our favor and our last possessions in each game were orchestrated a little better, we could be 3-0, but that is just how it goes. It is done and part of the past. In the varsity weight room, this year's schedule is posted on the wall, and there are sheets of paper covering the door and name of every other team except for the name of the next opponent. Our focus is on Michigan State. I would like nothing more than to see the Irish pound the Spartans this weekend and continue into the season. Mr. Keane, you may be angry, but you are not right.

DeBartolo decor is deadly

I note with equal doses of exasperation and bemusement that the coronal display of Christ in the cathedral is further heightened in DeBartolo Hall. Spoiled with comic book images of Jesus and every classroom full of the introductory food and drink. While I do understand the way in which the prac­titioners of our sacred traditions converge cleanly and comfortably and the rest I am all the same distinguished from the rest of this building. In other words, just saying "no" to commodites and potables is symptomatic of a larger problem, namely the campaign against the signs of campus life.

DeBartolo is inferior to that is the sullied remains of people ever remain the furred place? DeBartolo is not the action and traffic are, and DeBartolo feels like a hospital. It is bare and antiseptic, it means that in terms of camp­us and decor, there are no imagination and, more importantly, the opinion of every stu­dent. In my opinion and, whom I have spoken about this issue, it is time to destabili­ze DeBartolo. While it is not something which could be scan­dalous to paper the interior of the walls with posters, these, not looking at all sacred about DeBartolo. It is time to un­mate its walls with the colors, the shapes and the promises of campus life. It is time to abandon vague ideals of cleanliness and order and to vital cacophony of information disgrace its stairways.

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can't be beat! It's an historic price that demands reminder. 'Yup, we used to putter about, that's what we called it back then, puttering around, and it's still the same.' thick lemonade was as good back then, and a green, hole in one for a wooden nickel you could get a box of Good N' Plenty's the size of a bottle of toiletse, and they were different back then, but the pink luscious wasn't introduced until the free-thinking 1950s.' The course is set right behind the Dairy Queen and is surrounded by a somnolent wooded area. Visitors well-kept putting greens bordered by crimson bricks and wood chips, an abundance of cartoonish animal sculptures and a laid-back atmosphere.

The course has a number of gnawing trees — big ones, a few walls, a rarely found in today's standard, streamlined courses. It also features a number of out-of-the-box benches where golfers can rest, chat and eat. Their Dairy Queen sits between holes.
The course design is just challenging enough to remain entertaining. It doesn't cause a whole lot of yawning, and it doesn't induce 'boredom' or bouts of foul sailor words. It's a happy medium. The second, hole is bordered by itself. It features the shape of the infamous mini-golf gorilla, fierce in visage, prowling his way through short grass in search of fiberglass bananas and the man who inadvertently slow this gorilla's older brother, Xaba, in a Detroit wine bar when the poor beast was taken for a defective electric ball.

There are untold stories in this course. Shadowy pasts boil beneath the surface of this fountain of youth. The earnest squirrel of hole 15, clenching his thick paws to his chest — he has a set to bestow on some of those who will listen. They need pause on this one and pluck their ears to his story shall rise through that paint- ed grat in the ears tingle.

This exciting, green dinosaur of hole 17 — what might his eyes have seen that make them burn black with knowledge? story, why, is that smile so sure?

Reasonably priced, pleasantly arranged and breathing with life's caged mystery, State Line Mini-Golf is surely the best bet for Michiana Putters.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

By KATIE WILHELM

Scene Winer

Just minutes from the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses, Siam provides avid and novice Thai connoisseurs a unique alternative to dining hall food.

Parking is a little out of the way, but once inside the restaurant, diners are whisked away from the metropolitan scenery of downtown South Bend. The restaurant is eerily quiet, but the peach walls and upholsters have an immediate soothing effect. Splashes of purples, blues and gold are woven into the colored pictures and statues scattered throughout the room, foreshadowing the authentic cuisine to come.

The wait for seats is short, even without reservations, and the small Taiwanese hostess easily accommodates a party of six. Though the restaurant's dining room is small, tables are spaciously situated and private conversations are ensured.

Siam's comprehensive menu provides a variety of tastes to choose from. For those not familiar with Taiwanese cuisine, the menu's layout is helpful. Diverse courses and styles are grouped in appropriate categories, including 'Seafood,' 'Vegetarian,' "Classic Curries" and "Typical Dishes." Each dish then is described in mouth-watering detail.

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Siam takes its Thai cuisine seriously, and the appetizers provide a preview of the diverse tastes packed into each dish. With eight selections, diners have the option of meats, vegetables, seafood or tofu, each made bold with Siam's sweet and sour, hot and spicy curry sauces. In the Lard Prik, a fillet of crab meat is deep fried until crispy with red and green onions, bell peppers and basil.

The Thai egg rolls and fried tofu are particularly worthy trying, as they have won acclaim even from those who had never before believed tofu had flavor.

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Entrees at Siam Thai Restaurant focus on a few basic elements. Chicken, shrimp, carrots, broccoli, onions and peppers appear in some form in almost every dish. However, depending on the order these can be made savory with fresh crushed garlic, basil leaves, pineapple, cashew nuts and coriander. Added to this is one of a variety of sauces prepared by Siam. Dishes are finished with any one of their traditional Thai hot and spicy curry sauces. In the curry sauce. In the Pia Lard Prik, a fillet of catfish is deep fried until crispy with red and green onions, bell peppers and basil. A special section of the menu exists primarily for vegetarians. Tofu and noodles are mixed with a rich assortment of vegetables, and salads unite both Asian and familiar dishes.

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from last year, when Tennessee came into the game with a five-loss streak to Florida. The Gators didn't have room to talk. We shipped up last year. They won in overtime and they won the national championship with an undefeated season. Great. Do it again. Beat us here and then you can get all the respect you want. We don't lose here."

The dig on Florida's talent was equally galling to several Gators who insisted Tennessee's last game was much different.

"That's extra incentive, I'll put that way," Manual said. "They had gotten a mull here, a mull there and win the game and they're superstars? We'll just go out there and do our job.

For the most part, the trash talks at Florida drowned out the calmer voices.

There were, indeed, several players who refused to get baited into the conversation. And there were plenty others who preferred to talk about not talking.

"If you're from a tough place and you talk a lot, you learn that talking down your opponents is the way to go," back Earnest Graham said. "You can talk, but when it's time to fight, you have to be tough and know how to win."

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Favre's fourth-quarter magic still amazes teammates

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Antuan Edwards had never seen Brett Favre's magic up close before.

The rookie cornerback didn't watch many Green Bay Packers games during his college years at Clemson. Like any football fan, he knew something of Favre's skills, but after watching him lead Green Bay on two fourth-quarter touchdown drives in a 28-24 win over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday, he had a new appreciation.

"He's something amazing," Edwards said. "He was just in control out there. I've hardly ever seen something like that on a football field. It was great to watch."

Favre saved Green Bay late, but the Packers say they need to save themselves next week. They had four turnovers, and didn't fumble in its four exhibition games.

Chiefsy, the Packers must cut down on mistakes and turnovers that allowed the Raiders to take a 24-14 lead in the fourth quarter despite managing only two offensive drives of any length. Oakland went just 32 and 21 yards after Green Bay turnovers to score 10 points.

"We had four turnovers, and very seldom do you win a game against the Raiders. Coach Ray Rhodes said.

After the team threw just five interceptions and didn't fumble in its four exhibition games, Favre had three passes picked off against Oakland. But only one was his fault, as the other two ricocheted off receivers Mark Chmura and Corey Bradford.

Dorsey Levens rushed for 78 yards behind an inconsistent offensive line, but he also dropped two passes and fumbled. Green Bay's lack of a solid running game last season, which many blamed on Levens' absence from nine games because of injury, had more to do with the line's play against the Raiders.

"We know we've got some work to do, but we're learning every day," said guard Mike Wahle, who made his first career start. "That's a tough front line they have, but we hung in there."

On defense, the Packers said Oakland's 153 rushing yards were misleading. Defensive tackle Santana Dotson said 48 came on one run by Napoleon Kaufman, and Green Bay's defense limited Tyrone Wheatley in 32 yards on 15 carries.

"If we don't allow big plays, the stat sheet looks different," Dotson said. "If you notice, in the last two minutes, if they could have run the ball they could have run the clock out, but they couldn't run it against us."
Lowe, O'Leary lead Boston past Cleveland, 12-3

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Derek Lowe (6-3) pitched 3 1/3 innings of hitless relief to give Boston its 11th win in 14 games, 12-3 over Cleveland. The Red Sox began the day 3 1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and two games ahead of Oakland for the wild card.

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Trot Nixon's two-run homer, his third in four games, led Boston to a 3-0 lead in the third off Gooden (3-4), who allowed six runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Wilton Veras singled for Boston's first hit. Nixon then lined a 2-2 pitch into the right-field seats for his 13th home run of the season.

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Lowe added a sacrifice fly in the third and Veras' RBI double made it 4-0.

The complete game was the 30th of Lowe's career, as well as his third this season and second in the past three starts for the left-hander, who also went the distance on Sept. 3 to beat Boston on six days rest. He walked one and struck out seven.

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Rangers 5, Twins 4

Rafael Palmeiro's two-out RBI double in the ninth led the Texas Rangers to a 5-4 victory Tuesday night over Minnesota, extending their winning streak against the Twins to 12.

Minnesota has lost the first 11 games to Texas this season and hasn't beaten the Rangers since Sept. 6, 1998.

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Ripken's second homer in two nights and 18th of the season highlighted a seven-run fifth inning that staked the Orioles to an 11-3 lead.

Ripken, who also singled, has 11 hits in his last six games and needs 16 over the next 17 games to get his 3,000th career hit this season.

Mariners 5, Devil Rays 1

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 45th home run Tuesday night to help the Seattle Mariners snap a four-game losing streak with a 5-1 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

The homer was the 395th of Griffey's career, as well as his third this season in 10 at bats against Rodano Arrojo (5-1).

Seattle's Jamie Moyer (11-6) allowed seven hits, none after the fifth inning, to improve to 6-6 with pitching on six days rest.

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Discernment Sessions
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Living A Faith To Die For
Mike Baxter, CSC
Thursday, September 16 - Siegfried Hall Chapel
5:00-7:30 pm

What's Next: Criteria for Decision-Making
Fr. Michael Himes (via video)
Thursday, September 23 - Siegfried Hall Chapel
5:00-7:30 pm

Senior Rap Up Groups
Small groups of seniors will meet 2-3 times per semester for dinner and conversation at a faculty or staff member's home. In a supportive and open atmosphere, you can discuss and reflect on questions you have about integrating social concerns into life beyond ND.
Sign up by Thurs., Sept. 23 at the Center for Social Concerns.

Information Sessions at the Center for Social Concerns
Notre Dame Program in Puerto Rico - September 20 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm
Inner-City Teaching Corps - September 21 at 4:30 and 7:00 pm
Holy Cross Associates - September 28 at 4:00 and 6:30 pm
Teach for America - October 6 at 7:00 pm
Farm of the Child - October 7 at 7:30 pm
Talking with Parents about Post-Graduation Service - November 17 from 5:00-6:00 pm

Please contact Andrea Smith Shappell, Director of Senior Transition Programs at 631-5779 or Shappell.l@nd.edu for more information. Registration for the Discernment Sessions is requested.
NFL

Sanders mulling return to football

Associated Press

Barry Sanders is interested in returning to the NFL but not with the Detroit Lions. ESPN reported Tuesday on its Web site.

The star running back, who retired in July, has offered to repay $5.4 million of his signing bonus if the Lions release or trade him this season, ESPN said. David Ware, Sanders' agent, said he made the offer to Detroit on Monday but that the team rejected it.

"I think he's ready to consider it, in the right situation," Ware said. "But the right situation is not the Detroit Lions. His career is finished there."

"We're trying to get him back on the football field, where he belongs." The 31-year-old Sanders "definitely would return," if the Lions would accommodate him, a source close to the running back told ESPN.

The Lions would not confirm whether Ware had contacted them on this matter.

"Our positions remains the same — that we honored his retirement wishes and we expected the repayment of the prorated portion," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said Tuesday.

Detroit filed a grievance last week to recover $5.4 million of the $11 million signing bonus Sanders got when he signed a five-year contract in 1997. Sanders, who needs only 1,458 yards to break Walter Payton's career rushing record, disagrees with Detroit's claim that he is required to repay a portion of the bonus if he doesn't play.

Sanders did not collect a $1.7 million deferred payment due this fall on the original bonus.

"We think this thing could go either way with an arbitrator," Ware said. "The fact that the Lions have pursued this course has burned any goodwill we'd need to buy more ad space."

"They've talked to us about the idea," Ware told ESPN he has contacted three Lions officials, including club owner William Clay Ford, asking to be released or traded if he repays the portion of the bonus.

If Barry ever plays again, he'll be back on the club, Ware said. "Our position remains the same — that we honored his retirement wishes and we expected the repayment of the prorated portion," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said Tuesday.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Foster arrested in Baton Rouge

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Larry Foster, a captain on LSU's football team, was arrested Tuesday on a purse-snatching charge after being chased down and identified by several students.

The starting wide receiver was booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, LSU Police Capt. Bicky Adams said. Bail was set at $10,000.

A student said her purse was stolen Monday as she sat on a campus bench. Several other students said they saw the theft and chased Foster into a bathroom in the music building about a half-mile from the bench.

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Shane Reynolds homered and
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Rockies 7, Mets 2
Vinnie Castilla hit his 200th
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Perez tripled twice and drove in
five runs as the Colorado Rockies
beat the New York Mets 7-2.

The Mets, who began the day
one game behind Atlanta in the
NL East, had nine of their
last 11. New York remained 2
1/2 games ahead of Cincinnati
in the wild-card race.

Castilla's two-run homer was
his 30th of the year, the fifth
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one. Today, Edgar Renteria
added a home run for the

Rockies, who won for the third
time in their last five games.

Jamey Wright (3-2) gave up
one run and five hits in seven
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Octavio Dotel (7-2), who hasn't
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Mirer gets one more chance with New York Jets

Associated Press

HEMPTSTEAD, N.Y.

Jets players have no choice but to have faith in Mirer as the replacement for injured quarterback Vinny Testaverde. And Mirer need look no further than last season to see a similar situation involving none other than Testaverde.

Before the 1998 season, the Jets signed Testaverde so they'd have a Green Team for Glenn Foley. When Foley faltered, Testaverde was elevated to starter and responded with the best performance of his dozen NFL seasons.

Now Testaverde, an underachiever for much of his first 11 years as a pro, is sidelined with a ruptured Achilles' tendon. Mirer, acquired three weeks ago, has been thrust into the spotlight far sooner than he expected.

How will Mirer, who has been with four teams in the last four seasons — he did next to nothing for the Seahawks, Bears and Packers — handle it?

"It's a pretty big challenge," Mirer said of replacing the AFC's leading passer of last season and one of the Jets' prime leaders. "There are high expectations for this team. I need to do my best to do what Vinny would have done and pick up where he left off."

"I could be in a little more of a comfort zone. I understand it is a tough situation for me, but good things could happen. It's just a matter of getting off to a good start."

That's not something the Jets have done. They'll be without Testaverde and running back-kick returner Leon Johnson (torn knee ligament) for the rest of the season. Star receiver Wayne Chrebet won't be back until mid-October and starting cornerback Otis Smith is out for another few weeks. Nose tackle Jason Ferguson's ankle almost certainly will sideline him for Sunday night's game at Buffalo, and right end Greg Zuerlein has a pinched nerve in the back.

Somehow, they will put all that aside and prosper with Mirer at the helm.

"We're going to keep rolling and Rick is going to get it done," Keystawn Johnson said. "Rick has obviously had some bad times in the past as a quarterback, but he is starting new. He has the weapons and the players who want to play for him. As long as he realizes that, he'll be fine." Mirer struggled in Sunday's opening loss to New England, going 4-for-11 for 28 yards and being intercepted twice in the fourth quarter, which was all he played because he was listed as the third quarterback.

Those numbers were in keeping with a career in which he went from the No. 2 overall draft pick in 1993 to a bust in Seattle and Chicago and virtually unused in Green Bay.

"I've been waiting for an opportunity to fix some things," he said, "but this happened before I thought it would. I'd like more time to get comfortable, but that is not true right now. I feel pretty good about a lot of things we are doing; it is reacting at game speed. But I can hesitate, and that is what happened (against the Patriots)."

"Right now, it is time to play. Every head coach and city is different, and this is a coach who does not hit the panic button like others I have been with who were on the hot seat," Mirer said. "Actually, it is Mirer who is on a very hot seat."

NBA

New Jersey loses centers until 2000

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

The New Jersey Nets will be without two of their centers until at least January.

Center Jayson Williams underwent arthroscopic knee surgery at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City on Tuesday morning to remove loose particles and a tiny kernel of bone from his right knee.

Nets general manager John Nash said Dr. Russell Warren, Williams' surgeon, advised that Williams shouldn't place any weight on his knee for another month, and gave a tentative date for Williams' return of Jan. 1. Williams will miss training camp and the first two months of the season, which begins Nov. 2.

The Nets will also be without backup center Evan Eschmeyer until January. Eschmeyer, the 43rd player pick in the draft, ruptured a shoulder muscle while working out in Illinois last month. Team officials said he would be out for four months.

The Nets re-signed 37-year-old center Michael Cage to a one-year deal late Monday to fill in, coach Don Casey said.

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Cubs re-sign Hill to one-year extension

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

Outfielder Glenallen Hill agreed to a one-year contract extension Tuesday with the Chicago Cubs, hoping he can be part of a turnaround in 2000.

Hill has been one of the Cubs' most important backups, starting 52 games in left field, right field and as a designated hitter. Hill has hit .332 with 14 home runs and 42 RBIs as a starter, and contributed three pinch hits.

"I like where I'm at," said Hill, who also got a contract option for 2001. "I love Chicago as a city. I love the stadium. I love the direction the team's trying to establish. I'm convinced they're moving in the right direction."

After making the playoffs last season, the Cubs have fallen to last in the NL Central at 56-87.

Hill is interested in seeing how many players the Cubs retain during the offseason.

"We've got some good players on this team," he said. "I think it's going to be a really tough decision on what players they bring back. It's going to be very difficult.

Hill thinks the Cubs started to struggle in large part because Lance Johnson went on the disabled list June 20 with a strained abdomen. The Cubs were in second place at the time.

They went into a tailspin after losing Johnson, their leadoff hitter and center fielder. When he was activated on Aug. 21, the Cubs had fallen into last place.

"What really hurt this team was when we lost Lance Johnson," Hill said. "When we lost Lannon, it took the sail out of our ship."

"We have rectified it as a team," Steele said. "We've challenged each other. It's been a great bonding experience and it's worked."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Baylor baffled by crazy losses

Associated Press

WAOU, Texas

Joe Jackson is trying to avoid contact with football fans this week, and not because he's afraid of being taunted about Baylor's two last-second losses.

Instead, Jackson said he and the Bears four something much worse than ridicule — pity.

"You get tired of being consoled," the sophomore center said. "You hear 'get 'em next time' a lot, but that's not something that you want to hear."

People are finding it easier than ever to feel sorry for Baylor after Saturday's bizarre 27-24 loss to UNLV. With less than 20 seconds to play, Baylor had a three-point lead and the ball inside the Heebes 10.

Instead of having his quarterback take a knee and run out the clock, first-year coach Kevin Steele elected to go for more one score by calling a running play. The Bears paid the price when Darrel Bush fumbled into the end zone and UNLV's Kevin Thomas returned it for a game-winning touchdown.

"It was kind of weird to hear 30,000 jaws drop at the same time," Jackson said. "That was really tough."

Baylor kicker Kyle Atteberry, who missed an extra point on the last play of overtime in the opening-week loss to Boston College, said he has taken several days for the reality of the sudden UNLV loss to sink in.

"Everybody was just shocked," Atteberry said. "You've got to go through some personal time of mourning, but you've only got a short while to think about it because we play again this week."

The Bears are trying to pick up the pieces in time to salvage what they insist can still be a successful season. Players and coaches all said that process starts with forgetting about the past two weeks, even though questions about the losses are sure to follow them the rest of the year.

Steele, who took full responsibility for the defeat Saturday, called it "a stupid mistake on my part," said Tuesday he no longer will talk with the media about the final play of the UNLV game.

"I'm afraid of going to public criticism from the public about my decision to run the ball," Steele said. "We've challenged each other. It's been a great bonding experience and it's worked."

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after coming off the bench midway through the half. A pivotal player in the win, he knocked a shot past Cleveland State goalkeeper Geoff Mauch with 7:43 remaining in the half to put the Irish on top 1-0. The goal came after a minute-long struggle against a scrappy Viking defense in the box. Freshman forward Alan Lyskawa tried to take advantage of a cross from the right sideline — his shot sailed past Mauch, but was deflected off of the right post narrowly missing a score. Cox, vying for position in front of the goal, capitalized on the rebound and kicked the ball into the back left corner of the net for the game-winning goal.

"We've got a lot of team unity — we support each other well, where that hasn't been so much the case during the past couple of seasons," Cox said. "When everyone's unified and on the same page that makes the job a little easier to get done successfully."

Despite dominating on attack and putting much pressure on the goal in both halves, the Irish had trouble finishing their plays. With 22 shots on goal and 11 corner kick attempts, Notre Dame only came away with one score on the night. "We're still working on our attack," said Cox. "But I think it's coming along quite nicely."

Even with a one-man advantage after officials ejected Cleveland State's Kareem Reynolds with a red card at the 83:25 minute mark, the Irish offense couldn't put the ball in the net. "Cleveland State's a good team," Cox said. "The number 10 shirt [Camponelle] was a real strong player. They'll be an even tougher team in a couple of years because most of the team is pretty young."

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Matt McNew (8) and the Irish defense swarmed the Viking attack last night. Notre Dame held Cleveland State scoreless in its third victory of the year.

lead. The starting defensive line of senior Matt McNew, junior Connor LaRose and freshman Andreas Forstner came up big, limiting Cleveland State to only two shots on goal and four corner kicks.

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**SOFTBALL**

Irish hire Wolverine as assistant

Associated Press

Two-time first team All-American and former Michigan standout Traci Conrad has been named an assistant softball coach at Notre Dame.

Conrad replaces Stephanie Henderson who took over the head coaching position at Loyola-Chicago. Conrad, a native of Frankfurt, Ill., will help coach the batters and infielders and assist Notre Dame head coach Liz Miller in all administrative aspects of the program.

The Big Ten career hit leader won numerous national awards while playing four years at first base under Wolverine head coach Carol Hutchins. As a senior in 1999, she was named a Honda Award Finalist and a third-team All-American, while receiving her second nod as Big Ten Player of the Year and Michigan team MVP.

As a junior, Conrad, a four-time all-district selection, helped the Wolverines to a national No. 2 ranking for 10 straight weeks, earning first team All-America honors. Her sophomore season, Conrad helped the Wolverines advance to their third straight Women's College World Series, earning first team All-America honors and her first of three selections to the Big Ten first team.

As a freshman, Conrad was named to the Women's College World Series all-tournament team and earned accolades as Big Ten Freshman of the Year. Conrad also earned a gold medal while playing for the 1997 Pan Am Qualifier team in Medellin, Colombia, and was a participant in the 1997 and 1999 USA Softball National Team Festival.

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MONTGOMERY THEATER
Brown leads Irish into start of three-game stretch

By MIKE CONNOLLY

The Notre Dame women's soccer team hosted the Butler Bulldogs tonight at Alumni Field without junior captain Kelly Lindsey. She has yet to recover from a knee injury she suffered against North Carolina two weeks ago. Even without their top defender, the Irish defense has remained strong giving up just one goal to Duke and shutting out St. John's. A big reason for the continued strong play of the Irish defense has been senior Kara Brown.

Brown is a four-year starter for Notre Dame and was named Big East defensive player of the year as the No. 3 football team at the end of the previous night. Davie referred to Brown's award-winning play

"Kara Brown is a great defensive player," she said. "She plays great whether I am there or not so I don't think my absence effected her one bit." While Lindsey has not seen Brown change her play since injury, she has noticed Brown become a better leader. Brown entered the 1999 season as the only senior on the Irish backfield.

In addition to Lindsey and Brown, the Irish defense features two starting freshmen Venessa Prusinsky and Nancy Mikacenic.

"She took on more of a leadership role in the back being the senior but she always plays a great game," she said.

With Lindsey still sidelined, the Irish face three games in five days. After Butler, Notre Dame travels to Houston, Texas, to take on Texas A&M and Southern Methodist University. The three games will test the fitness of the Irish.

"Coach [Randy Waldrum] has really stressed that we have three games this week," Lindsey said. "Three games in five days is going to be really difficult physically. I think we really want to go out against Butler and try to establish a good rhythm in the game early so we can rest a few players for this weekend." In addition to the physical tests, the Irish will also be tested mentally this week. With three games this week, Notre Dame has less time to prepare for each opponent.

[The schedule] makes a difference because usually we have a whole week to focus on two teams," Lindsey said. "With the game this past weekend, we only had Monday to focus on three teams. I think basically coach is just going to stress that we go out and play our own game and don't worry about our opponent."
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Cox’s goal sends Irish to 1-0 victory over Vikings

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The Irish looked for some confidence heading into this weekend’s Big East matchups and found it Tuesday night with a 1-0 win over the Cleveland State Vikings. “As for our confidence level, a win is a win,” senior forward Ryan Cox said. “We got the goal we needed and then hung in there tight at the end. We’re expecting some pretty decent results this weekend.”

The Irish and the Vikings traded possessions early on and had trouble clearing the ball past the midfield in the opening minutes of play. After the initial struggle for control, the Irish went on the offensive at the seven-minute mark and dominated for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame, building from the backfield and utilizing a patient attack, delivered 11 unanswered shots on goal in the first half. “Cleveland State’s a tough team to play,” Cox said. “They’re coming in here thinking ‘We’re playing Notre Dame.’ They get psyched up. A win is a win.”

Ryan Cox (13) battles with a Cleveland State defender in last night’s 1-0 Irish victory. Cox scored the game-winner for Notre Dame in the first half.

Davie addresses pressure and tough Irish schedule

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

When Bob Davie was appointed the Notre Dame head coach three years ago, he knew the pressure associated with his position. He realized Notre Dame fans expect to compete for a national championship every year and understood the tradition of Notre Dame. He also knew the schedule wouldn’t allow for any easy games.

“When you look at the next stretch of games, there’s not many coaches liking their chops to go do that now,” Davie said at Tuesday’s press conference. “I don’t care what they say. No one’s looking forward to that. And then next year with [Texas] A&M at home Nebraska, Purdue and Michigan State. It’s like that for the next four or five years. If we were looking for something easy, there’s a couple head coaching jobs that I could have had that would be easier than this one,” Davie said.

“And we have players that probably could have gone to easier places than Notre Dame. "But to say all things are equal, I don’t think that’s really the case when you look at some of the teams the other schools play," be said.

Coming off consecutive last second losses, the Irish begin a stretch where three of the next six opponents are ranked in the top 25. Two others received votes in this week’s Associated Press poll.

As defensive coordinator for three years before his position as head coach, Davie does not remember facing schedules as tough as the ones he has faced in his tenure. In the 35 games contested in Lou Holtz’s final three years, the Irish schedule featured a total of 11 ranked teams. Including the first three games of this year, the Irish have played the same amount of ranked teams in Davie’s first 28 games as head coach.

“Notre Dame’s always played an extremely competitive schedule,” Davie said. “To me, right now, it seems even more competitive than it did when I came to Notre Dame.”

Along with the negatives associated with the difficult schedule, Davie also sees that opportunities abound. “There’s something about going to Michigan and playing in front of 111,000 people and going down to Purdue and play against Drew Brees,” Davie said. “But it [the schedule] is a challenge and a concern particularly with the expectations as high as they are here and with trying to get into the Bowl Championship Series,” Davie said. “It would have helped if we had played some directional schools as I call them, instead of playing Michigan, Kansas and Purdue. But the reality is that it’s a challenge.”

While national title and BCS aspirations disintegrated the last two weeks, Davie said his team will respond in the com-