As the leprechaun, Mike Brown leads the cheerleaders and marching band across campus to the football stadium before all home games. Brown hopes to repeat this performance in the 2000 season.

Brown's enthusiasm fits Leprechaun suit

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Associate News Editor

He's Mr. Notre Dame. The green suit fits like a glove. Everything about Mike Brown screams leprechaun.

While one would guess that Brown has always dreamed of the Golden Dome, Notre Dame only became his future during his senior year in high school. Brown, a Wisconsin native, thought he'd attend Marquette or the University of Wisconsin. But destiny stepped in. A Notre Dame alum realized that Brown was a football player pulling a 3.8 G.P.A and encouraged him to consider Notre Dame.

"I went with my heart, it was ND," said Brown.

His heart was on the mark.

"I made the right decision," he said. He also made the right decision when he decided to try out for Notre Dame's mascot, the varsity leprechaun.

"My roommates were the main influence," said Brown. They'd noticed Brown's enthusiasm at football games was a little above the average crazed Irish fan.

"I went nuts," he admits. He was usually too busy watching the games to notice the leprechaun, but his Greene's enthusiasm fits Leprechaun suit

As 2000 tryouts approach, mascot reflects on past year and wearing the green

By KATE STEER
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No skills, no hope

Bookstore Basketball is as full of its own traditions as the University itself. This is the story of a tradition: a site where hal­lowed halls of grace, in bygone days when Hotel Grace (1969-1996) was open for busi­ness and not the haven it has become. University offers it has become. The tradition is not of obscure names or ath­letic superiority, but one of dedicated individuals who realized their special lack of gift and made the best of it.

It's the spring of 1998 and five members of section 9-C realize that they've got no game. None whatsoever. Not only can't they shoot and score, they can barely dribble and wouldn't want to be seen from a distance if they were required to. So, tired of being ridiculed for their inability to perform, their team marched to the court to perform their version of the Shillelagh.

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This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary's History

Paulks: In love and out of homosexuality

Wednesday, April 15, 1998

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TUCSON, Ariz.

University of Arizona police evacuated the economics building Wednesday after an unidentified male called in a bomb threat.

At 12:50 p.m., the University of Arizona Police Department received a call on a non-911 line from a male who said that a bomb would go off in about 30 minutes in the Economics building, said UAPD Sgt. Mike Smith. By 1 p.m., university police had begun evacuating the building, forcing numerous students out of class and to the east side of the street by the University of Arizona Bookstore.

Some classes were in the middle of lectures and tests when the evacuation started.

"There was a guy in my class who said the cops were asking people to leave before the alarm was tripped," said Tanya Bilffe, a communication student, who was giving a lecture to her class during the evacuation.

At 1:15 p.m., university police officers pulled the fire alarm and began a cursory search of the building to determine whether there was a bomb. No one besides these university police officers were allowed near the building and the building remains closed.

UC regent discourages protest

In a move that angered some students, University of California regent William Bagley Wednesday said upper-level politics — not student protests — were the key to his drive to overturn the university’s ban on affirmative action. Bagley came to Boalt Hall School of Law as part of his campaign to drum up support for a reversal of SP-1 and SP-2 — the 1995 UC Board of Regents measures that ended the use of race and gender preferences in state hiring and admissions decisions. Wednesday’s event marked the first time Bagley plugged his campaign in front of UC students. Provoking anger from some audience members, Bagley urged possible demonstrators in support of the issue to remain in the background.

"Student demonstrations are worthless," he said. "They are counterproductive, my friends. We don’t want that kind of activity again." Gov. Gray Davis, Bagley added, is one person who can be swayed only by politics, not demonstrations. "Davis is not anti-affirmative action," he said. "Yes, we need him, but you’ve got to motivate him and I think we can do it.''

Security holds information on intruder

Wednesday, April 13, 1997

Security was unwilling to release information on the man who entered several of the rooms in Farley and asked girls to search beneath their beds for “pieces of a woman’s body,” said Joan Lenz, Farley residence. Kathleen Kelly, one of the victims, was told by security that “South Bend police had no jurisdiction over campus matters.” No statements had been taken by security from her or the other girls.

Outside the Dome

Arizona building evacuated after bomb threat

BUICKLEY, Calif.

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The AccuWeather® forecast for room, Friday, April 14.

NEW YORK

Columbia University has issued a five-day forecast for the Big Apple, with high temperatures ranging from 65 to 74 degrees Fahrenheit and low temperatures from 47 to 53 degrees Fahrenheit.
A new step was taken for women in science last week when Darlene Huffman, retired professor at the University of California, Berkeley, recently received the 2000 Priestly Award from the American Chemical Society. The award, established in 1922, "recognizes distinguished service to chemistry." The first woman to receive the award was Mary Good in 1997. Huffman is the second woman to receive it. Good had concentrated in all three aspects of science, industrial, education and government, while Huffman has spanned the areas education and government.

Mary's chemistry professor Deborah McCarthy reflected on her years at Notre Dame. "Recognition of women to pursue careers in science without sacrificing other important aspects of their lives." The recipient of the Priestly Award is given a gold medal which is designed to commemorate the work of Joseph Priestly, along with a bronze replica at the annual Spring ACS Awards Banquet. The recipient also delivers a Priestly Medal address at the time the award is given. In her Priestly Medal address, Huffman spoke of how far women have come in the past 50 years. A section of her speech was titled, "You’ve Come a Long Way, Baby," but Huffman feels that women still have challenges to overcome in regards with societal views on raising a family and working.

Huffman reflected on how far women have come since she graduated from college. "These women serve as beacons for younger women to pursue careers in science without sacrificing other important aspects of their lives." Deborah McCarthy, chemistry professor at Notre Dame, Good and Huffman have set an example to follow, according to McCarthy.

"We must also entice the aid of our male colleagues in those endeavors. In the past, they have taken the lead in proposing us. Now women must take a more active role in the process. Presently, McCarthy is the chair of the subcommittee on recognition and Promotion of Women in Science, Chairman of the ACS. Her subcommittee’s role is to have more women nominated and selected as award recipients for ACS’s administrative awards. For women pursuing science at Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame, Good and Huffman have set an example to follow, according to McCarthy.

"We can hold these women up as examples of the glass ceiling" in the recognition of women’s contributions to the field. One woman recipient of the Priestly medal was a career in Chemistry. This was also one of the first times that one of the scientific awards of the society had gone to a woman," she continued. However, Huffman thinks that today women have an equal opportunity to become scientists. Fifty percent of science and 33 percent of chemistry degrees are granted to women nationwide. Still, the percentage of women with their tenure professorships in chemistry still remains low.

"Now that our numbers have increased, women should take the initiative in proposing qualified women for awards as well as for the corresponding appointments and management positions in both university and industrial settings," Huffman said in her speech.
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friends were convincing and when spring tryouts came around, he was among the candidates.

"I said why not give it a shot," he said.

Brown paused a moment when asked what it’s like to be the leprechaun. He sat back in his chair and his easy grin crept across his face.

"It’s a humbling experience," he said, noting the responsibility that goes with wearing the green suit and representing Notre Dame.

The leprechaun has two jobs, said Brown. First, to cheer on the team and second to keep the crowd entertained.

He makes the Energizer bunny look lazy, running around the sidelines, leading cheers, doing pushups, lifting cheerleaders and brawling with an occasional opposing mascot.

Some days it’s more difficult than others, especially considering several less-than-stellar Notre Dame performances last fall.

But Brown has experience with adversity – he spent two years as tailback on an O’Neill football team that has yet to win a game.

O’Neill played far superior teams, and more often than not, Brown was pumped to the second he touched the ball. But he’s spring back up, with his unflappable grin, and get ready for the next play.

"You go into every game thinking this could be our game," he said. That effort is apparent in each appearance as the leprechaun.

The youngest generation of Notre Dame fans makes his role especially rewarding.

"The kids, they’re fun. I see myself in their shoes," he said. "I try to treat them like I’d want to be treated."

He means what he says. It’s not unusual to see a cluster of children crowded around Brown talking, laughing and just wanting to be part of the leprechaun magic.

During one football game, Mike climbed into the stands near a little boy wearing a green suit identical to his own. In minutes, Brown had the "Junior leprechaun" leading the crowd in a "Go Irish" chant.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Court issues stay in Elian case

MIAMI

Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle defied the government Thursday and the courtroom went silent, as thousands of people stood and applauded letting its deadline to collect the boy pass and agreeing to a delay that avers a law-enforcement showdown for now. In Little Havana, thousands cheered wildly at the news. Attorney for Elian's Miami grandfather Friday that the boy won't leave the U.S. for the time being. The Justice Department, though, said it had agreed to a delay of "three or four days." The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told the government to respond to the stay by 9:30 a.m. Friday, giving great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez's family another day with Elian at the very least. Lazaro "feels relieved," family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said. "At least until tomorrow morning."

Gunmen open fire, killing 12

KIGALI

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"It's hard to say why, it's still here," he said. "We use the term as a way of healing, education and prevention so it will never die."

The quilt's enormity is due to the near epidemic proportions of the AIDS disease. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 33.6 million people worldwide live with HIV or AIDS; 5.6 of them became infected in 1999. Despite these overwhelming figures, the quilt represents only about 20 percent of U.S. AIDS deaths.

St. Joseph's county is the third highest in the state in infection rates, Roxy said. Though the U.S. faces a growing infection rate, the problem is far worse in Africa, said Goode. "4,000 a day die from AIDS in Africa," she said. "It's a daily holocaust."

Conversely, Europe has the lowest infection rates, which Goode said is due to their management and education. "Prevention is the only way to stop it," she said.

Roxy and Goode have different ideas on the best approach to reducing the infection rate. Roxy is preventing further loss. Roxy advocates abstinence, which is the only way to ensure that one does not contract the virus. "Abstinence, loving relationshipships work in prevention," she said. If abstinence is not feasible, Goode urges people to listen to the second part of Roxy's message: "You can have as many relationships as you want, as long as you know how to manage your body fluids," she said. You can't judge people about behavior. Regardless of the circumstances, you have to be responsible as a way of healing.

Both Goode and Roxy said that not only can education and effort stop the spread of the disease, but they propose that the spread of the virus could be halted in 1996. It was then that the virus had been identified and publicized. As a result, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop commissioned the National Cancer Institute to prepare education materials for U.S. households describing the contraction of the virus and what steps should be taken to prevent its spread. Had this warning been heeded, continuous education supported, the world would not be facing the AIDS crisis it does, they said.

"There are two epidemics in the United States regarding this disease. One is prevention: there is none. There is no mandate for education. The second is the care of the people infected. Funding and services are almost null," said Goode. Goode also said that because the disease has been in the public domain for so long, it has adapted to the human body's defenses and medical treatments for the disease. As a result, the virus mutates quickly. "The average infected person has 11 different strains of the virus," she said. These mutations also make the virus harder to detect. "I am certain that there are people walking around these campuses who are infected but don't know it." Roxy cites the quilt as a form of education that can and does work in a preventative capacity. The goal of establishing a Michigan AIDS Project is not to produce more panels, but to prevent the disease and contribute to the quilt. "Let's get to the point where you're not a statistic, where you're not spending thousands of dollars to keep you around the point where you're not just a quilt panel," he said.

Roxy is holding meetings to establish the Michigan AIDS Project chapter on the third Thursday of each month, from 6:30-9 p.m. in 300 University Health Services. "We're going to be having sewing bees, making the panels, which are 3 x 3." We're also going to be doing a local project where we're going to be making smaller panels, 16" x 20" which will stay here in the community," he said. The clusters of panels will be loaned to various organizations for display.

Parts of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be brought to South Bend graduates as part of the 17th Annual International Candlelight Memorial and Remembrance Service on May 21.

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"In 1999-2000, as in the past 15 years or more, the Admission program has had a national and international focus," Nolan said. "Our admission counseling staff travels to over 30 states and 15 countries. We are supported by our alumni VBS (Volunteers in Support of the Admission) members who are visiting schools for us.

Admissions has a network of counselors assigned to regions in the United States, and also works staff out on visits, both national and international, throughout the year.

Once working to develop in the international market," Nolan said. "Our international population is growing. Yesterday we received an application from a student in Rome."

On the international level, Europe, Central America and South America are the focus of the Admissions office. Joyce Lantz, associate director of Admissions, will travel to eight different European cities: Istanbul, Athens, Berlin, Hamburg, The Hague, London and Rome, to visit several schools and counselors in order to generate more interest in the college.

Saint Mary's is also a member of the European Council of International Schools, which passes on several tours and a conference each year. Last year's conference was in Nice, France and cities on the tour included Jodam, Barcelona, Madrid, and a side trip to Florence. "A year from now, we hope to develop a tour in Latin America," Nolan said. Admission staff will travel to Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Guatemala, and Panama in September with the College Information Exchange's 2000 Latin America Tour, plant roots for this new venture.

"Exact numbers and characteristics of the class of 2004 were unavailable because of the intermediate stage of the admissions process. However, we hope to have some idea of what the class would be like."

"The core of the class is from the Midwest, Nolan said. "Our primary market states are Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. Approximately two-thirds of the applicant pool will be from those states. However, nearly 40 states are represented. Concerns for diversity within the student body also has spread to the Admissions Office." "To bring together women of diverse backgrounds is to enrich the education of all," Nolan said. "We are pleased to report that applications for multicultural students have increased by a few percentage points."

Nolan also stressed the fact that the involvement of current students, faculty and alumni in the recruitment and enrollment process is one of the reasons Saint Mary's is so successful in attracting applicants to the college.

"The applications for admission given applicants an opportunity to list factors important to their decision to apply for admission. Nolan said. "Among these most commonly listed are on-campus visits, current students, alumnae endorsements, but Mary's publications, meeting admissions counselors at high school visits and college fairs."

"What made me make my final decision was talking to Kelly (Armbrecht) and hearing about her experiences as a student at Saint Mary's," Meghan VanDeWater, a current freshman, said. VanDeWater and Armbrecht attended Shaw Memorial High School in Madison, Ind., together. Armbrecht is now a sophomore at Saint Mary's.

"Saint Mary's has agreed that the relationships that a prospective student develops through the admission process are very important as regards to their eventual college decision."

"We feel we are developing a relationship with each and every student. Once they are on campus, they feel like the message we gave was what they found. We like to get our current students involved — you're talking to someone who is living the experience. Our messages are the most relevant to them at this time. Everyone wants to get in on the act." For the class of 2004 and previous first-year classes, Nolan had nothing but praise. "We tend to attract students who are very active in their community. They feel that we can add to the quality of life in their high schools. They're a pretty special bunch."
SMC alumna publishes novel

By NELLE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Adriana Trijiani, an '81 Saint Mary's graduate, just released her novel "Big Stone Gap" with Random House Publishers two weeks ago and its already risen to fame. She will be visiting Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses tomorrow afternoon for a book signing and discussion. Her stop in South Bend is part of Trijiani's three-week, 22-city tour from coast to coast.

The novel, which takes place in the author's hometown in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, has potential for more than 3 million dollars in initial sales. The publishing house ordered a 150,000 -book printing for the first edition.

The novel is based upon the character Ave Maria Mulligan, a 35-year-old "self-proclaimed spinster," who is the town pharmacist, co-captain of the Rescue Squad, director of The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, the town's outdoor drama.

"She finds herself keeping busy with the town's secrets and discovers some of family secrets of her own," she said. The novel takes place in the year 1978 and Ave Maria finds herself in the midst of two marriage proposals and planning a life-changing journey to the Old Country. In the meantime, Ave Maria is helping a best friend plan a band half time show because Elizabeth Taylor, a Hollywood movie star, is coming into town.

Other characters in the novel include, "the sexpot Bookmobile librarian, Iva Lou Wade; Fleeta Mullins, the chain-smoking pharmacy cashier; Elmo Gaspar, the snake-handling preacher; Jack MacChesney, a coal-mining bachelor looking for true love; and Pearl Grimes, a shy mountain gal on the verge of a miraculous transformation." "Big Stone Gap" will soon be made a major motion picture directed and produced by Trijiani. Trijiani has worked as a television writer/producer, playwright, comedian and documentary filmmaker. She has also helped produce "The Cosby Show" and "A Different World," and "Good Sports." Trijiani was executive producer and head writer for the film show "City Kids" and she wrote and produced "Growing up Fanny," which was an Emmy nomination for Lily Tomlin and Lifetime Television.

She also wrote, produced and directed the film "Queens of the Bigtime" (1996), which won the Audience Award for Best Documentary Feature at the 1996 Hamptons International Film Festival. In her review of the book, Wsopo Goldberg said it is "one of my all-time favorite novels, unforgettable."

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Detroit police find links between prostitute, port deaths

Associated Press

DETOIT

A man suspected of going from port to port strangling women while in the Navy might have begun killing eight years ago, and his victim total could reach 20, police said Thursday.

John Eric Armstrong, 26, is accused of killing five Detroit area prostitutes and is suspected in at least 11 other slayings since 1992; three in the Seattle area, two in Hawaii, two in Hong Kong and one each in North Carolina, Virginia, Thailand and Singapore.

Detroit Assistant Police Chief Marvin Winkler said victims may total 18 to 20 worldwide, including prostitute strangulations in Japan, Korea and Israel.

"As the investigation keeps going on, bodies keep popping up. The numbers keep increasing," Officer Octaveious Miles said. "There is a similar pattern that ties them all together that creates a trail."

All the victims were women who were strangled, except one, a man killed in Seattle.

Winkler said the first slaying that police think is linked to Armstrong occurred in North Carolina in 1992. Armstrong is originally from New Bern, N.C. Police there said he has no criminal record and was not under investigation.

Armstrong was arrested in early Wednesday in an area of Detroit frequented by prostitutes. Police have been questioning him without an attorney present. He's cooperating and hasn't asked for a lawyer, they said.

Armstrong's wife was questioned but uncooperative, Winkler said. The couple has a baby boy; he is with his mother, whose whereabouts Thursday were unknown, Winkler added.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Robert Agacinski said Armstrong would be charged and arraigned Friday on five counts of premeditated murder and three counts of assault with intent to murder.

The murder charges carry mandatory sentences of life in prison if convicted.

The Navy began investigating after receiving a call from the FBI on Wednesday, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Larry Thomas said. He said they are still trying to confirm the suspect's identity and whether he was actually enlist ed.

Thomas said he could not say whether the slayings in ports of call coincided with times the Nimitz was docked there.

The suspect moved eight months ago to Dearborn Heights and has worked for the past month at Detroit Metropolitan Airport as an aircraft refueler.

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Because gas prices go up a little bit, suddenly trucks caravan to the Capitol and everyone is worried about the reserves of oil in the U.S. "Careful, we might run out." "We only have enough for a few years if we get cut off by OPEC." "We should research more oil fields in Alaska." What people didn’t notice is that OPEC had no right to cut production in order to survive. They were involved in a market and then, when asked by the American public: "Careful. What people didn’t notice is that OPEC: "What we want is $1.20/gallon within every country, they quickly caravanned the U.S.: "Careful. What people didn’t notice is that OPEC: "We want to cut production in order to survive. They were involved in a market."

Add to that the absurdity of "The Grandmothers" who made their trip up a few months ago to dance for the American media outlets and the massive diplomatic headache of the boy's father visiting accompanied by two of Castro's psychologists. With all of these you have as compelling story as the American public wants to stomach. The bottom line is that, oppressive regime or not, the United States has neither the duty nor the right to get involved in a child custody case between the natural father and distant relatives. We will not have hundreds of new homeless Haitians back home in an overcrowded ship to a government waiting to imprison them, but we have ethical qualmes about sending one boy back with his father in a private jet to an assuredly normal life as Castro's trophy citizen.

If every one of those people who were protesting down there this week even knew what the IMF was about and the specifics of its relief programs, they wouldn’t have time to protest.

But, people need something to do. They need something to keep them entertained.

I find the entire circle, the event and the people watching it, at the same time both repulsive and oddly appealing.

Matt Loughran graduated from Notre Dame in 1998 and is currently working for a publishing company.

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

harsh, hypocritical
with OUTreachND

Yesterday I received a letter from Joe Cassidy officially denying OUTreachND University recognition. It was obvious from speaking with Mr. Cassidy weeks before that this was the only possible outcome of applying. After denying his initial request that OUTreachND withdraw its application, we waited three weeks for a response. I don’t think that anyone is surprised with that response. However, in a telephone conversation with Mr. Cassidy, I asked for written reasons why OUTreachND could not be recognized. He gave his answers:

"Although the Student Activities office and the office of Student Affairs have denied official University recognition for gay and lesbian student run organizations in the past, we have stated publicly our desire to create and sustain support structures which meet the pastoral needs of our gay and lesbian students." 

Of course you have. I’m not denying that. The point is that structures suitable for meeting the pastoral needs of gays and lesbians were created decades ago. That is, the creation of any faith-based discussion group is sufficient. Why would gays and lesbians need their own? The lack of effectiveness, or more accurately, the lack of want for these groups, is evident by observing their low attendance.

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I can’t speak for everyone, but I personally don’t think that it is the university’s place to “work with” me. Quite honestly, I find that offensive.

The university wishes to “…educate and sensitize our heterosexual students.”

So does OUTreachND. That’s why OUTreachND initiated Solidarity Sunday, offers dorm talks, and offers its members to help out the university’s Stouncing Committee and Campus Ministry.

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Jeremy M. Bauer
Sophomore
April 12, 2000

Forn and rape are related

Having read all of the recent articles on rape, I couldn’t help but mention that which no one seems to wish to admit. A rather easy way exists to eliminate most of these date rapes that we have heard about.

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By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Scene Writer

True love can happen anywhere, at any time. No one is too old or too young. That is just one of the messages Adriana Trigiani sends in her best-selling novel "Big Stone Gap." The only event that truly dates this novel is a visit to the town by Elizabeth Taylor, stumping for her then-husband, Representative John Warner, in 1978.

Trigiani's work is not just a love story; it is a masterpiece of storytelling. As main character Ave Maria Mulligan narrates the story for the reader, her voice remains genuine and true. Through Ave Maria, Trigiani makes each and every character and place come alive. Even when Ave Maria relates a story from her childhood or past experience, there is always a connection between the tale and the overall plot. The reader feels connected to Ave Maria through her sorrows, her joys and her journeys, as well as those of her acquaintances.

Set in the Virginia mountains of Appalachia in the 1970s, "Big Stone Gap" is full of the antics of a small town life. Everyone knows everything about everyone else — or at least thinks they do. That is where the fun begins. Ave Maria is 36 years old as the curtain rises on her story. On the verge of middle age, she suddenly feels out of place in a town where so many of her peers are parents of teenagers and some are even grandparents. Ave Maria, named by her Italian mother, is set apart from the rest of the town — not only because of her heritage, but also because she went off to college. Most women in her generation married straight out of high school, stayed home and had children. "Let me blame life. Life keeps interfering with my plans," the spinster doctor, would never have imagined it — for the spinster does not seem capable of passion. She loves him and this love will change their lives forever, in ways that none of those involved could have anticipated.

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DODGERS OVERCOME GIANTS TO WIN THIRD STRAIGHT

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Adriele Belber drove in runs, 15 hours apart, and the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the San Francisco Giants 1-0 on Thursday night in the completion of a game suspended from the previous night.

The Dodgers scored three runs on three consecutive hits in the ninth inning, lifting Ben Werber (0-1) to erase a one-run deficit and win their third straight, including both games at Pacific Bell Park — the Giants' new home.

Rich Aurilia homered and drove in runs as the three-city Giants, who lost their fourth straight.

Terry Adams (1-0) pitched 1-2-3 innings of one-hit relief to earn the victory, and Jeff Shaw pitched a scoreless ninth for his third save.

Burks Aurilia and Earl Thomas each drove in runs in the sixth after the ninth inning was suspended due to a righthand injury to Chicago Cubs OF Barry Bonds.

The Giants fell to 4-3-4 in 4-3-4.

Belber's run-scoring single off Aaron Fultz highlighted the three-run rally. Mark Gubicza's pinch-hit double and Todd Holland also drove in runs.

With two outs, Piazza hit to left-center off Amaury Telemaco. Payton barefooted the ball to Mickey Morandini's relay throw from left fielder Ron Giant to score the winning sixth-inning run.

Dennis Cook (2-0) got Rico Broglin to pop out to two runners on the eighth, and Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his third save.

The Mets, 2-11-1 in their past 18 games, have lost 12 in a row and 13 in their past 14.

Mets 2, Phillies 1

Mike Piazza's tiebreaking, RBI double with two outs in the ninth inning lifted the New York Mets to a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Jay Payton singled with one out and pinch-hitter Johnusczyk pinch-hit for his first career three-hit game. The Mets scored six runs in four innings against Philadelphia.

"He wasn't going to get the start in St. Louis, so when he got in, I'm glad he did," general manager John Lettenberg said. "If it works, fine. If not, we'll see for him that he's here.

A four-time All-Star, Gooden won 18 games and amassed 2,239 strikeouts over 15 seasons with the Mets, Yankees, Indians and Astros. He was the NL rookie of the year in 1984.

Cook got the win — his sixth in four innings against Philadelphia.

"I haven't seen him since he pitched one time against us last year," Giants manager Larry Rothschild said. "You could tell he's had a good winter. We'll just see where he's at.

So far, Martino, coming fromrotator cuff surgery, will take the spot Gooden vacated in Houston's rotation.

The previous day, Sandbagged veteran Gooden to hometown Devil Rays

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Dwight Gooden is coming home.

Desperate for starting pitching, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays acquired the 35-year-old right-hander from the Houston Astros for cash Thursday.

Now, they'll doubtless if he can help them out of a tough situation.

"It's definitely overdue. It still hasn't really sunk in yet," Gooden said by telephone from Houston. "I just want to put the uniform on. I know it's official.

Gooden, who grew up in Tampa and lives in St. Petersburg during the offseason, will join the Devil Rays on Saturday and start that day's game at Detroit. He made one start for Houston this season, and was optioned to the minors in the decision April 8 after allowing eight runs in six innings against the Rays.

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Penn State's Arrington, Brown predicted to be top picks

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The Washington Redskins are expecting Saturday's draft to propel them to the Super Bowl. The New York Jets are hoping it makes them a contender for years. And the Cleveland Browns hope they'll draft a player to make them respectable in their second season.

The other 28 teams?

They're just trying to find the best player in a draft heavy on receivers and running backs but short everywhere else.

Three things are as certain as things can be at draft time:

1. Two of the first three players to be chosen will be linebackers. To San Francisco. The 49ers got a second-round pick to make the swap.

"We truly haven't made up our minds," said Dwight Clark, Cleveland's director of football operations.

2. The Redskins will get two high-quality players to add to a team that won the NFC East and made the second round of the playoffs.

They reached their draft position with a series of trades centered around the one at last year's draft that sent Ricky Williams to New Orleans.

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American League

Tampa Bay forces extra innings, breaks past Chicago, 6-5

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. Greg Vaughn's RBI single with two outs in the 12th inning gave the Tampa Bay Devil Rays a 6-5 victory Thursday over the Chicago White Sox, snapping a five-game losing streak.

Vaughn's line drive to left field felled Tanyon Sturtz (0-1) drove in Kevin Zeier from second base. The Devil Rays' bullpen held the White Sox scoreless over the last seven innings to keep Tampa Bay in the game.

Jim Meir (2-0), the fifth Devil Rays pitcher, got the win.

The White Sox took a 5-4 lead into the ninth. But closer Bob Howry couldn't finish off the Devil Rays, who loaded the bases with one out on two singles, a sacrifice bunt and an intentional walk to pinch hitter Fred McGriff. Gerald Williams grounded into a force play as second, driving in a run to send the game into extra innings.

Magglio Ordonez hit a solo homer, his second, off Tampa Bay starter Steve Trachsel in the third. Frank Thomas extended his season-opening hitting streak to 10 games with a RBI single that gave Chicago its 5-4 lead in the fifth.

Joe Valentin had a RBI double and Ray Durham drove in a run with a second-inning sacrifice fly for Chicago, which also scored a run when Trachsel hit Josh Paul with a pitch with the bases-loaded in the second.

The Devil Rays, who faced pitching coach Rick Williams on Wednesday, got another poor performance from a starting pitcher. Trachsel fell behind 2-0 in the second, then couldn't hold the lead after Tampa Bay responded with four runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Yankees 5, Rangers 1

Orlando Hernandez shut down Texas on three singles for eight innings and Jorge Posada hit a tiebreaking triple with the bases loaded, leading the New York Yankees past the Rangers.

The Yankees, who have won nine straight playoff games, now load up for the third piece of the World Series titles since 1996, completed a two-game sweep.

New York made it a rough homestanding for Kenny Rogers, who gave up eight hits in Texas' first complete game this year.

Back at Yankee Stadium for the first time since pitching in pin-striped in 1997, he walked two in the sixth to set up Posada's hit.

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Hideo Nomo gave up four hits in his season-opening hitting streak for the Yankees, who have won eight straight playoff games since pitching the second, a single to Hafael Norman after a wild pitch.

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The Tigers took two of three games in the first series in Comerica Park.

Nomo played escape artist throughout his first Comerica Park start. He got out of a bases-loaded, non-out jam in the sixth en route to his third start. He walked two in the sixth to set up Posada's hit.

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**Track and Field**

Notre Dame looks to qualify at Mt. SAC

By BRIAN RURKE
sports writer

Last weekend Notre Dame's men and women runners and jumpers were sent home from the Miami University Invitational in Miami, Ohio, after weather conditions were deemed too harsh to compete. Weather should not be a problem when the Irish take a smaller squad to Walnut, Calif. for the Mt. SAC Relays Saturday and Sunday.

The Mt. SAC meet is one of most competitive on the Notre Dame schedule, and combined with the warm weather, gives several athletes the optimum conditions for earning NCAA qualifications.

"This is one of the bigger meets as far as the quality and depth of the competition," assistant coach John Millar said. "We're trying to get qualifying times for the NCAA, and the level of competition should give them that opportunity. The weekend off shouldn't be a problem, for some I think it might help. I'm pleased about where we're at, we expect them to do well."

Ryan Shry is the only member of either team to qualify automatically for the NCAA's — in the 10,000 meters — but several other men's distance runners such as Phil Mishka, Luke Watson, and Antonio Arez will look to improve upon provisional qualifying times. Those times were earned in Arizona three weeks ago at the start of the season, and the return trip West will be the first time since the Irish have high expectations of notching qualifying bids.

Allison Klemmer is the only woman to qualify (10,000 meters) thus far and will try to better upon her provisional time of 34:30. Patty Rice is another distance runner with NCAA hopes in the 1500 meters.

"The competition definitely makes it easier to qualify," Klemmer said. "It's been 70 [degrees] out there so the conditions will be better than here."

Of the women sprinters, Liz Grow looks to have the best shot at earning a qualifying time in the 200 or 400 meters after setting a meet record track record in the 400 meters and winning the 200 meters two weeks ago in a home dual meet.

Marshua West will seek to improve upon his provisional leap in the long jump, and Chris Cochran goes for a qualifying time in the 400 meters for the men.

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**Softball**

Irish split doubleheader with Devils

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

**Why is TIAA-CREF the #1 choice nationwide?**

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In their effort to exorcise the DePaul Blue Devils, the Irish softball team finished up in purgatory Thursday, winning the first game 5-1 before falling in the second game of the double­header, 4-3.

Notre Dame, 32-10 overall, ended its nine-game winning streak with the loss while DePaul moved to 16-15 overall.

"This is gonna be really important for us," said head coach Liz Miller before the games. "They have good pitching and we need to see how we adjust to strong pitching."

And adjust they did, as Irish freshman Andria Bledsoe gave Notre Dame a start with a fifth-inning double and scored on a single by Lizzy Lemire. Freshman Andrea Loman sent the ball over the fence for the fifth time this season, driving in three runs. Then Lemire, batting for the second time in the inning, slammed another home run, putting the Irish up 5-0.

Pitcher Jennifer Sharron struck out ten and held the Blue Demons hitless until the seventh inning. Sharron is now 17-5 on the season.

In the second game, DePaul jumped out to an early lead with two runs in the first and added another in the fifth. Notre Dame rallied in the bottom of the inning as junior Melanie Allaire swatted her seventh homerun of the season, a three-run blast that tied the game.

DePaul, however, came back in the seventh to take the lead, and held on for the win. The Irish will face rival Boston College Saturday. The Eagles, 8-13 on the season, were picked to finish second in the conference, behind Notre Dame, in preseason polls. Sunday Notre Dame takes on Loyola (16-11) in a doubleheader.

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**Fulbright Information Session for Graduate Students**

An information session for graduate students interested in the 2001-02 Fulbright Fellowship Competition will be held today Friday April 14, at 4:00 PM in the Notre Dame Room, LaFortune.

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The Fulbright Information Session will take place in the Notre Dame Room at 4:00 PM today, Friday, April 14. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and materials for the session. The Fulbright Program provides opportunities for US citizens to teach and conduct research abroad and international students to come to the US to teach and conduct research. Applications are due by May 21.
Irish wins highlight young pitchers, sophomore talent

By BRIAN TRAVERS
Sports Writer

Racked by strong performances by young pitchers, the Notre Dame baseball team (24-8) won two of three non-conference home games this week, beating Toledo and Bowling Green, while falling to Purdue. Sophomore right-hander Drew Duff (2-1) pitched six impressive innings and Andrew Bushey bashed his first home run of the year as the Irish defeated Toledo 6-3 Thursday.

After hitting an RBI double and scoring in the third, sophomore third baseman Bushey knocked an opposite-field home run over the left-field wall. Bushey’s home run was the third of his career, and his first at Eck Stadium. Fellow sophomore Ken Meyer also cranked in with a pair of RBIs and has seven hits in his last 11 at bats.

Freshman Brandon Vitoriia started for the Irish, setting down the first six batters before being relieved by Duff. Sophomore Duff allowed six hits and three runs over the next six innings while striking out two. Senior John Corbin pitched the ninth for his seventh save of the year and school record 16th of the year.

The Irish pitching staff, which entered the week ranked sixth in the nation in team ERA, lowered that number to 3.02 with Thursday’s victory. A two-run second inning was all the Irish needed Wednesday as they defeated Bowling Green 2-1 behind five strong relief innings by sophomore Matt Buchmeier.

The Irish scored their only two runs in the second despite having no hits in the inning. Bowling Green pitcher Aaron Nease (1-1) loaded the bases, hitting Bushey, walking sophomore Matt Strickroth, and hitting senior captain Jeff Perconte. Bushey then scored on a sacrifice fly by sophomore DH Ken Meyer.

Bowling Green second baseman Kenny Bundine then made an errant throw on Steve Stanley’s ground ball, allowing Strickroth to score the winning run.

Buchmeier (3-1) earned the win for the Irish, throwing five scoreless innings of relief, and combined with three other Irish pitchers to limit the Falcons to four hits. Bowling Green’s only run of the game came on a Sean Ryan home run off starter J.P. Gagne in the second.

Head coach Paul Mainieri described the performance of the young pitchers as one of the highlights of the week. “We had several young guys who really pitched well,” Mainieri said. “Matt Buchmeier pitched fantastic for five innings.”

Senior righty John Corbin pitched the ninth for Notre Dame, collecting his sixth save of the season. Corbin’s third strike to first batter Alan Gilhousen skipped past the catcher, allowing Gilhousen to reach first. Back to back infield grounders moved the tying run third before Corbin retired Matt Marron on a groundout to third.

Two costly errors were all that kept Notre Dame from an undefeated week, and the Purdue Boilermakers took advantage of Irish mistakes and won 7-5 Tuesday.

Five Boilermaker batters drove in runs in the victory, and freshman Chadd Blasiko (2-1) tossed six solid innings. Freshman Matt Laird (3-2) took the loss for the Irish.

Trailing 7-5 in the ninth, the Irish rallied and had two runners on base before Purdue’s senior closer Andy Helmer came on with his 1.45 ERA. Helmer got junior shortstop Alec Perzel to line into a double play — ending his 15 game hitting streak — and retired Paul O’Toole to end the game.

This weekend the Irish will travel to Morgantown, West Virginia, for three games against Big East rival West Virginia. Alec Perzel will look to continue his hot hitting this weekend. The junior shortstop is coming off a career-long hitting streak and has four home runs in seven games against the Mountaineers.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series 18-9 and has won eight of the last ten meetings between the teams — including wins in each of the last three Big East tournaments. However, Mainieri does not expect the Mountaineers to roll over.

“Every time we play a conference game it’s a dogfight,” Mainieri said. “We know we’re going to have three dogfights this weekend.”

The Irish will play a double header on Saturday and another on Sunday in West Virginia before coming home to play a twilight double header Tuesday vs. Chicago State.
Webber adds driving violation to list of legal troubles

Associated Press  
Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber has been cited for reckless driving and teenaged Jason Williams could face a similar charge.

Webber was stopped after Wednesday's home loss to the San Antonio Spurs, the California Highway Patrol said Thursday. A CHP officer said Williams was driving recklessly in the same area at the same time. Williams was not stopped, but Officer Nick Salmeron said reckless driving charges might still be sought.

Drivers can erase such citations from their driving records by attending traffic school. Webber and Williams each received speeding tickets Jan. 2, after they were stopped at the same location in Sacramento County.

Webber has had other legal problems. In 1998, Webber paid a $500 fine after being accused of carrying marijuana in a carry-on bag at an airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Webber, through his agent, denied any wrongdoing and said the bag belonged in a female companion.

Later that year, a Maryland jury found Webber guilty of failing to display a driver's license on demand, failure to display a car registration on demand and willful disobedience of a police officer. He was fined $560. After the same traffic stop, he was found innocent of marijuana possession, driving under the influence of the drug, resisting arrest and second-degree assault.

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Corrigan, Irish prepare for NCAA tournament

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has been on a roll lately, winning two straight to clinch yet another league title. This run has been led by the outstanding play of the Irish attack, which has combined for 16 goals and six assists in the last two games. Top scorer Tom Glatzel, junior Jon Harvey and assist leader Dave Ulrich are among the biggest contributors. They have all stepped up their play in the recent weeks after losing two straight games to Loyola and Hofstra.

"Tom Glatzel and Jon Harvey have really been stepping it up lately," said Coach Kevin Corrigan. "They are making plays and beginning to follow through and make their shots. Also with Dave Ulrich playing well our attack is really coming together."

This is the perfect time for the Irish to be pulling it together, after winning last week at Butler the Irish have all but guaranteed themselves an NCAA tournament bid. Last week's win was their fourth straight league victory as they pulled out a close one to beat the Bulldogs 12-11.

"Last week we played well and got the win but we made a few mistakes that could have cost us the game," Corrigan said. "We can't make those mistakes if we expect to continue to keep winning."

Heading into his ninth NCAA tournament with the Irish, the coach believes his team has to keep playing well and needs to learn from their mistakes from early on and not repeat them when it really matters.

"We need to be patient and keep improving," he said. "We have to keep getting better and better each week and we need to continue to do that if we get to the tournament."

Last year in the NCAA tournament the 14th seeded Irish lost 14-10 to No. 3 Georgetown. This young Notre Dame team hopes to head back once again and get a few wins and possibly make a run at the championship.

But first, Notre Dame must play well in their last four games, all against non-conference foes. The Irish face the Army Cadets in West Point, N.Y., Saturday. The No. 17 Cadets lost to the Irish last year by a score of 15-7. Corrigan said his team will have to play physical to win this time.

"Against Army we need to play tough and work at getting ground balls. Army is an aggressive team and we need to be aggressive to win," he said.

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Irish, Hurricanes meet to decide top seed in Big East

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It's like the old saying goes; if it ain't broke, don't fix it. The Notre Dame women's team has been firing on all cylinders of late, so head coach Jay Louderback doesn't want to tweak anything for this weekend's important home match against the Miami Hurricanes.

"We've been really playing well lately. We'll be going with the same lineup against Miami this weekend." Jay Louderback head coach

The team has been well against its Big East opponents. This weekend's match will be crucial when it comes to seeding for next week's Big East Championship. While winning will be important, Louderback said, "They're lost with win to surpass Jennifer Hall as the school's all time singles wins leader this weekend.

The Hurricanes will be hoping to storm in and catch the Irish looking ahead in postseason play, with that charge being led by junior Alanna Broderick, who is 20-12 in dual singles matches on the year. If the Hurricanes are to take the luck of the Irish, they will need strong singles play right on through.

"I'd say their strength is in singles," Louderback said. "They're sold in doubles too.

Junior Michelle Dasso has cataloged recent wins with her strong play. Not only has she played brilliantly in singles, she is also undefeated in doubles since renewing her partnership with sophomore Becky Varnum just over a month ago. "They've played exceptionally well together," Louderback noted. "Our doubles as a whole are playing really well.

The tandem of Dasso and Varnum will be tested by the Hurricanes' solid coupling of Katie Bogomolova and Marry Horvath, who have won seven of their last nine matches.

In other tennis news, senior captain Kelly Zaloski will look for one win to surpass Jennifer Hall as the school's all time singles wins leader this weekend.

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ACROSS

1. Some school excursions
5. "Leave!"
6. Show interest in
10. Musical soloists
12. Crossing
18. Parts of tearing, perhaps
20. Operator's singer
22. Operator's singer
32. Kind of Italian
37. Afternoon
39. Ancient Greek com
40. Finalist
41. Candle-lighting occasion
45. NBC debut of
46. "What does the Observer say today?"
47. Hook shape
48. Stay
50. "They may be spending too readily on"
52. "It's so to speak"
53. "Their financial situation and"
54. Statistical
testing
56. APEC land
57. Stationed
59. Statistical grouping
60. Wishy-washy
61. At the end
62. Put to sleep
63. Cause of
64. "It's the way out"
65. towels
66. They may be
68. and take care of your own

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DOWN

1. Wind instrument
2. Reaction to a prairie fire
5. Ushered out
11. Once-a-year show
14. Astonishedouldest
15. Statue
16. Lost
17. As a result
18. Parts of
21. Once-a-year show
23. Wind instrument
28. Kind of
30. "It's so to speak"
31. Ushered out
32. Kind of Italian
33. Herd members
34. Operators, e.g.
35. Fries, e.g.
36. Duty
38. Top of
42. Studied in a
43. Wife of Saturn
44. Indignation
46. APEC land
47. Hook shape
48. Stay
49. Stationed
50. Wishy-washy
51. Mountain nymph of Greek myth
52. "You won't be standing for long..."
53. Look up
54. Teeth
55. They may be
56. APEC land
57. Stationed
58. Distinction
59. Statistical
testing
60. Wishy-washy
61. At the end
62. Logical
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Julius Caesar, Rod Steiger, Loretta Lynn, Pete Rose, John Shea, John Cazale. Happy Birthday! You will have plenty of opportunities to help people in need, but you must also be careful not to let anyone take advantage of your kindness and generosity. Do your homework and steer clear of organizations that are not worthy of your time or money. You will have better luck at home and take care of your own needs first if you want to get ahead this year. Your numbers: 7, 12, 28, 31, 33. Enjoy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You had better make plans to get out and have some fun. You will be in the mood to party and will have no problem attracting love interests. Be cautious; you won't be sorry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let emotional limitations hold you back. Problems with loved ones must be dealt with if you wish to avoid a possible break-up. You may want to give someone you least expect a second chance. Be prepared to do a little traveling if you wish to follow your interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may feel financial limitations if you have been spending too readily on children or your love. Try to organize your financial situation and stick to your budget. You will want to take a position that will allow you the freedom to work at your own pace. It is best not to argue. Get along with clients or co-workers, you can have your work cut out for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be able to pick up some valuable information if you are willing to listen to those who have more experience. Be prepared to do a little traveling if you wish to follow your interests.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have ample opportunity to meet new partners. You must get out and make new friends. You will be able to pick up some valuable information if you are willing to listen to those who have more experience. Be prepared to do a little traveling if you wish to follow your interests.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You may have a tendency to spend on credit that are not a necessity. Think twice. You are not likely to get a good deal and may find that you've spent on credit in the day.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX

Competition surges as first-round games continue

By BRIAN KESSLER
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During the Notre Dame-Oklahoma football game last season, a sign with the message "Nobody Likes You Anyway, Kutylo" flew high above Notre Dame Stadium. While no one may have noticed senior Ben Kutylo, he found four pseudo buddies to join his bookstore team. The five formed "Nobody Likes You Anyway, Kutylo" which knocked off YourMom.com: Quirk, Easy and Affordable, 21-13. But after the game, the verdict still stood: nobody likes Kutylo.

"We were able to get rebounds and attacks, but I think our size was what dictated the game," said Kutylo.

Conklin's five points in a losing effort for Oklahoma

"I don't think anyone is really here to like a part of the people on the court," said Conklin.

Sophomore Bob Hagan had nine points in a losing effort for Vinnv's Backdoor Fantasy.

"That was legal," said Hagan.

The defense was putting pressure on the players for the Strawlana team struggle for the ball during a first-round game on McGlinn courts. First-round play concludes Sunday, and the second round will begin later that day.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Experience proves crucial for Boiman, young linebackers

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Rocky Boiman is much more comfortable as he surveys the offensive set just now placed before him. The reads are more familiar, the feel more at home.

It's only spring practice, but Boiman is confident that the linebacking corps of which he is an integral part, have already made a marked improvement over last year's group which struggled toward the end of the disappointing 5-7 campaign.

The defense would tend to show big gains in the later stages of games. Tennessee and Stanford are just two of the teams that defeated Notre Dame by way of huge second half scoring outputs. Boiman chalks up much of that to lack of experience.

"Last year was a learning year," Boiman said. "It was my first year at the position, and it took some getting used to.

"Rising senior Anthony Denman was quick to echo his fellow linebacker's sentiments. He too was playing a new position for the first time.

Boiman is now a bona fide veteran outside linebacker, while Denman also exudes a confidence that stems only from experience.

"We want to win this year," Denman said. "Our goal is to win the national championship."

While Denman's goals may seem a reach to anyone who witnessed the team's sub-par play last season, an influx of new talent that blends nicely with returning experience has the linebackers in particular believing that anything is possible.

The unit loses senior leaders Ronnie Nicks and Joe Ferrer to graduation, but Boiman believes this year's group is more than ready to step up.

"Nicks was great, and he'll be a big loss," said Boiman. "But we have to step up, and make sure the defense doesn't skip a beat."

In addition to seasoned veterans like Boiman and Denman, the unit returns up corner Tyreo Harrison and Carlos Pierre-Antoine, sophomores who could be poised for breakout seasons.

Harrison saw spot duty last year, amidst several injuries to Nicks, and that experience, though limited, will no doubt help him.

"Tyreo got a lot of valuable experience last year," Denman noted. "I think that'll be really important."

Blue chip recruit Mike Goloshy, of Chicago's Joliet Catholic, is ranked by numerous services as one of the top 20 recruits at any position, and could compete for a regular spot in the rotation.

With the personnel base for an excellent linebacker corps set, the men that compose the heart of the Irish defense are concentrating on the little things that they feel will make the dream of a national title a reality.

"We've been working on passes, drops, reads, and footwork," Denman said.

"Little things like that are what the coaches are really getting us on about. Even though we've only been practicing a couple of weeks, you can already see improvement."

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Linbackers are often overlooked. It is the responsibility of the defensive line to stop the run, and that of the secondary to derail an opponent's passing game. It's not infrequent that those units get the lion's share of the praise in good times, along with the blame in the bad.

What makes a linebacker unique is the versatility that is inherent to the position.

"It takes a special athlete to play linebacker," Boiman said. "You have to be both strong and fast."

It will be this unit's primary focus to stop the run, though third down passing situations will often force at least one backer to drop back into coverage.

"Stopping the run is our priority," Denman noted. "That's how you shut them down."

Boiman can't wait for the season to get underway. The only thing more electrifying than the color of his rich red hair is the intensity with which he plays. While he and Denman will be the lifeblood in the heart of the defense, the unit's success will hinge on the ability of Harrison and Pierre-Antoine to contribute.

Boiman just wants to play. He is anxious to show people that this year the linebackers will be nothing but an asset. If it's up to him, the defense won't be suffering any more late-game collapses.