**Student questions The Shirt’s new design concept**

*Original design rejected for mixing football, religion*

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

When many students, alumni and fans don the 2000 "Shirt" for this football season, Notre Dame senior Neil Fitzpatrick will decline to follow suit.

The Shirt, which is designed by a student and sold in various campus venues, is an organization run by students. The popular piece of apparel is a tribute to the football team and worn as a sign of solidarity by the student body at the first home football game.

For Fitzpatrick, his ordeal with The Shirt began in the spring of 2000 when he submitted a design to The Shirt committee. When the then-senior led to much frustration for Fitzpatrick and made him question the extent to which students run the committee—or if the University's administration was calling the shots in the end.

The design I submitted had the football players in a group holding up their helmets at the base of the Dome with the words "Proudly in the heavens pleads thy gold and blue," said Fitzpatrick. Fitzpatrick was notified that his design had been selected as the 2000 Shirt.

 Peggy Iitakura, assistant director of Student Activities programs, said that although students are responsible for selecting the design of The Shirt, it has to go through various University offices to make sure that it meets University and NCAA regulations. It was during this process that objections to Fitzpatrick's design were encountered.

"I was told that my design violated the University's policy of mixing football and religion," said Fitzpatrick.

Fitzpatrick was then directed to Father William Beauchamp, who at that time was executive vice president of the University. Beauchamp said he was asked to look over the design although he normally did not view the designs.

"There is not a specific policy regarding the mixture of religion and football, but someone had questions about his design and I did make suggestions to Neil that the University was concerned about the design because it had the statue of the Holy Mother Mary in it," said Beauchamp. "We are very sensitive with the use of University religious symbols and wanted to be sure the use of any symbols in the design were in keeping with the appropriate use of that symbol," he continued.

Fitzpatrick detailed his conversation with Beauchamp.

"I wanted to meet with him to show him the design and ask what changes I needed to make for it to be acceptable," said Fitzpatrick. "I agreed that I would enlarge the Dome to make it a silhouette so that no details of Mary were visible and that would be acceptable. I know I repeated myself a few times as to the changes that were agreed upon."

Fitzpatrick said he was puzzled that the University would object to his use of the Dome with the football players since on the 2000 football media guide the football players are before the Dome in a design similar to his original design for The Shirt.

"I was frustrated because the school is inherently Catholic and known for football so it was frustrating not to be able to..." see SHIRT/page 4

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**Psychopathic killer hits the screen**

Reviewers say The Cell — starring Jennifer Lopez, Vince Vaughn and Vincent D'Onofrio — is bizarre, creative and horrifying.

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**Football ticket forum**

Students will have the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding ticket distribution and their recommendations for change.

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**New rectors bring unique experiences to halls**

By NATE PHILLIPS
News Writer

This year, as the infectious feeling of anticipation and optimism about the new year spreads throughout campus, perhaps no one is looking forward to the school year more than new "freshmen" rectors Father John Stoval of Marquette Manor and Sister Anne Dougherty of Howard Hall.

The two say they are eager for the experiences the next year will bring.

Dougherty came to Howard Hall after serving for 11 years in an AHS ministry in Tampa, Fla. She also served as a mental health counselor in Tampa's St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dougherty comes to Notre Dame with much experience in the educational aspect of ministry, including working with the campus ministry at the University of Tampa.

Despite her experiences in Florida, Dougherty had a strong desire to work at a Catholic school especially at Notre Dame. "I have always loved Notre Dame," she said. "Being an Irish-Catholic, it's in my blood."

Dougherty came across a job opening advertisement for a rector position at Notre Dame in the National Catholic Reporter and she said it seemed like a great idea. Even though she enjoyed her work at the University of Tampa and with the AHS ministry, she was anxious to experience a campus with a strong religious foundation.

"It's nice to get back into an academic field at a Catholic college," Dougherty said.

In addition to the academic environment, Dougherty will enjoy being with the students.

"I am looking forward to living in a community with students," she said. "I really want to be a companion to the girls. It's really exciting."

Dougherty describes herself as both flexible and understanding.

"It is easy for me to go with the flow. I find it to be very liberating," she said.

She also loves examining different perspectives, including those that do not necessarily mesh with her views.

"I love new ideas and new thoughts," she said. "I don't mind challenges because I think that I can learn from people."

Although Dougherty gained wisdom from the wide range of experiences in her life, she hopes that she can continue to learn while at Notre Dame.

"I think I can learn from the students, and hopefully I can share with them my experiences as well," she said.

Dougherty is focused on establishing more service projects through the dorm.

"As a dorm, we want to focus more on sponsoring social work and fund-raisers."

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**Board, alumni help interns explore law**

By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

With the help of the Notre Dame Law Association Board and the generosity of alumni, eight Notre Dame law students turned internships with public interest law firms throughout the country into a possible future for law school summer programs.

A few years ago, students came to the Board asking for more public interest work consistent with Notre Dame's mission statement," said Paul Matttlingy, chairperson of the Notre Dame Alumni-Funded Summer Stipend Committee.

"There weren't many resources available, especially to students trying to..." see SERVICE/page 4
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Duke, NACS forge compromise with Varsity

TEXAS A&M University

School policy angers gay activists

NACS — an association of 3,000 college bookstores, including Duke University stores and the Book Exchange in Durham. The NACS consolidated two of the allegations last fall, and Varsity representatives insist that the settlement of the second will have little effect on the company's goal of providing affordable textbooks for students.

"This suit and settlement will have no overall effect on business," said Varsity spokesman Sam Heiner. The current settlement contains no admission of guilt or liability by Varsity, but NACS members are declaring the settlement a victory.

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Renovations transform Fisher Hall's reputation

University plans to renovate Pangborn next summer

By FINN PRESLY
Assistant News Editor

It used to be said among residents of Fisher Hall that they had the best spirit but the worst dorm.

"Now we've got the best of both," said Fisher resident assistant Steve Doherty. "We went from being one of the dumpiest dorms on the campus to being one of the nicest."

Fisher underwent a full renovation this summer that included replacing carpet, windows, doors and floor tile, according to Deborah Murray, manager of maintenance and projects for Facilities Operations.

Many of the rooms in Fisher bore the remnants of a past renovation, when the walls between singles were partially knocked down to create doubles. During this summer's renovation, the remaining walls were removed — something Doherty says will dramatically increase the available floor space, as well as allow for more creativity in furniture arrangement.

Though Murray was unable to disclose how much the renovations cost, she estimated that their current budget would allow them to refurbish approximately two dorms every three years.

Next on the list for renovations is Fisher's sister dorm, Pangborn. According to Murray, students and staff of the hall are beginning preliminary meetings to determine what elements need special attention.

"We usually try to get the rector, some of the staff and some of the students — usually those in hall government — and see what kind of things they would like," Murray said.

After Pangborn, Murray could only speculate which dorms would come next.

"We may just finish out South Quad and do Dillon and Alumni," she said. "Putting in dorms that are reallocated yearly is going to address any pressing concerns that may prompt Facilities to turn its attention to a different building."

Fisher Hall was not the only dorm involved in remodeling this summer, however.

"We actually had 14 buildings that still didn't have sprinkler systems. After the fire at South Quad Hall, the University took a serious look at that," said Murray.

Three students were killed and many were injured in the Jan. 19, fire in a freshman residence hall at South Hall — an incident that brought about increased fire safety awareness on college campuses across the country.

Six dorms have already been outfitted with sprinklers: Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Dillon, Howard, Lyons and Pangborn. Sprinklers will be added to two dorms before Christmas Break and the remaining will be completed next summer.

SMC alters judicial process

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's College students who violate school rules will face a new judicial process this fall.

In the past, the students charged with rules violations had the choice of being reviewed by the Student Judicial Board or the residence hall director.

Now, when a violation of a College regulation occurs, "the residence hall director determines if the case will be heard by the Student Judicial Board or herself," according to the Student Handbook.

"The hall directors will make the decision case by case. Most cases will go to J-Board," said Dana North, director of Residence Life.

Many reasons led the hall directors to ask Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs, for a procedure that would make more use of the judicial board.

"There was a high case load with candle violations and J-Board was not being utilized," said Sara Scalzo, LeMans Hall director.

The school hopes that an increased use of the board will make students more conscientious.

"We feel that students will learn more from sanctions given by their peers. People who have gone to J-Board have learned their lesson," said junior Michelle Chandler.

"A lot of people do not feel comfortable receiving sanctions from their peers," Scalzo said. "I wished that I had the option, but it helps regulate policy. It's a smart idea," said junior Kathleen Nickson.

The board hears cases every Tuesday and Wednesday as needed. It consists of five to six trained students as well as a non-voting administrative advisor, according to Scalzo.

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In response, the Board proposed

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Law student Kristina Campbell said

that working with the Hamilton

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reinforced her post-graduate plans.

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Fitzpatrick redesign

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with Beauchamp.

However, Fitzpatrick

said he was surprised when he

found The Shirt in the

bookstore that did not

bear his design.

“In mid-April Neil and I

spoke and I notified him

that a University officer had not

approved the changes and The Shirt

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Rebels release British captives: Lions rebel faction on Wednesday released five British soldiers held captive in the country's jungle interior since last week, officials said. The troops were "in British hands and on their way to freedom," said Lt. Cmdr. Tony Crump, the British forces spokesman. Six others were still believed held by the small rebel faction, known as the West Side Boys, and their status was not immediately clear. The deal was made in good faith but obviously our thoughts and concerns still remain with those being held," Crump said. "Talks are continuing and we hope for early release of the remainder;"

God may rule Jerusalem: Israelis and Palestinians who have spent months wrangling over which side should control Jerusalem's holy sites are turning their attention to an idea floated after Camp David's failure: put God in charge. The proposal to declare God the sovereign over Jerusalem shrines is still tentative, but it has the potential to help defuse the most emotive dispute in the Mideast peace talks. It has won the guarded endorsement of Israelis's president and a top Palestinian official - marking the first time the two sides have found any common ground on how to share the city.

Texas loses Medicaid ruling: With his sweeping rulings, William Wayne Justice forced Texas to desegregate its schools, reform its prisons and educate undocumented immigrant children. Now the liberal federal judge known for his soft-spoken style and fierce commitment to the U.S. Constitution is taking on the state's Medicaid program. Justice, 80, ruled this month that Texas has not lived up to a 1996 agreement to make major changes in its Medicaid system.

USDA focuses on food safety: The government is overhanded meat inspectors spend too much time on jobs that processors could do themselves, such as checking scales and monitoring the water content of meat products, and wants to focus more on stopping harmful bacteria. The Agriculture Department, which has 7,500 inspectors, is responsible for regulating a number of consumer protection rules that officials say have little or nothing to do with food safety. The department is considering allowing inspectors to spend less time doing tests to enforce those rules. "We're trying to make sure that our resources are devoted to food safety. That's our first priority," said Phil Derfler, associate deputy administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

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"It's a year of change," said Dougherty. The women of Howard Hall embraced their role in history, according to Dougherty, and her daughter a welcome home and at home. "The girls are upbeat, motivated and caring," she said. "There is a real sense of community here at Howard."

Steele, the new rector of Morrisey, has a similar background of community experience in South Bend and in Hispanic ministry. He worked for four years at St. Steven’s Parish, a predominantly Hispanic church in South Bend. He also helped inmates receive a Graduation Equivalency Degree at a prison in Virginia. Steele is excited to be involved with an educational institution again, and says that his strong ties with the Holy Cross community strongly influenced his decision to come to Notre Dame. "They have always been a big part of my life," he said.

Norton also is a big sports fan and plans on being at most of the football and basketball games.

Norton, who enjoys spending time outdoors and hiking, plans on organizing a spring break camping trip at some point in the near future. "I am really excited to work with young people," he said. "The guys are really light-footed at Morrisy."

STUDENT SENATE

Group looks to accomplish ‘great things’

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

From establishing a Grab 'N Go site at DeBartolo to expanding the DART (Direct Access Registration by Telephone) system online, the Student Senate set several goals for the year at their first meeting Wednesday night.

"I think we can accomplish great things," said student body vice president Brooke Norton. "We just need to get the groups together, be efficient and get things done."

Norton also told the senators to remember they are representatives of their dorms and should make an effort to talk to the students.

"We need to be a cohesive team working to represent each dorm," she said. "We should not just worry about the number of accomplishments we have, but the quality. It would be great to do a lot of things, but more important is quality and execution."

Each of the seven committees offered a report of their agendas for the year. The committee on diversity hopes to distribute a survey to find out the general feeling on campus about diversity issues, said Brendan Dowdall. Dillon Hall senator. Dowdall also said the committee will look into the International Students' orientation and why ethnic background is questioned on teacher course evaluations (TCEs).

"It should not matter what race a person is," Dowdall said. "And because there may not be a large number of minorities in a class, a teacher could immediately identify who filled out that particular TCE."

The committee on residence life set five major goals for the year, according to Zahm senator Ryan Becker. The committee hopes to work on Lafortune improvements, as well as security issues such as parking; lights and phones that occurred last year.

Margaret Clarke, Lyons senator, said the committee on academic affairs hopes to establish online DARTing and have out-of-class requirements included in the DART book, said Kathleen Bufalino, Farley Hall senator. The committee also hopes to examine requirements for students studying abroad, tutoring for upperclassmen and faculty mentoring.

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Sam Butler, student body vice president, said that the Senate have been working closely with the administration. Butler also talked about the Senate's plans for the year, which include creating a Senate Web site, which will allow students to find information about Senate issues and Senators. The site will also allow students to contact their senators.

The Senate also discussed the possibility of creating a Senate newsletter, which will be distributed to all students.

In other Senate news:

- Veronica Kessenich was nominated to be executive cabinet representative to the student senate from Saint Mary's.
- Student body president Brian O'Donoghue informed the Senate that the Senator's Fund is no longer in operation because it received final approval from the Financial Management Board.
- O'Donoghue also urged senators to attend a forum to discuss concerns about the football ticket distribution at 5 p.m. in the Foster Room.

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Prof: Internet collapse is plausible

By KIFLIN TURNER

Growing fears over a sudden collapse of the Internet is not just an uncertain question, but it is a plausible event that could lead to mass communication failure, said associate professor of physics, Albert-Laszlo Barabasi.

"You never break the system — you deflate it."

Albert-Laszlo Barabasi
physicis professor

Barabasi describes the World Wide Web, or the Internet, as a complex, scale-free network that has multiple nodes, or places where links to other sites are initiated.

"The World Wide Web is a very complex network where the nodes are the World Wide Documents and the links are the URL links," said Barabasi.

Barabasi found that on average, two random Web sites are only 19 clicks away. For the average Internet user, clicking 19 times is still tedious and time consuming. Thus nodes or search engines such as Yahoo and Lycos become the high-traffic hubs for most Internet users.

"A node is linked with higher probability to a node that already has a large number of connections," said Barabasi.

Because of these highly frequented sites, Barabasi believes that if targeted by hackers, these sites could cause other links to shut down, and thus lead to a massive domino effect in the breakdown of Internet correspondence.

In addition, the Internet is continually growing and, in effect, making a possible situation increasingly worse in the event of worldwide disconnection.

"Real networks are not static, they are always expanding," said Barabasi.

"If a node breaks down, you can find another route; there are lots of other paths to take."

An occasional failure of a random node is not what is potentially harmful, said Barabasi. "You never break the system — you deflate it."

Instead, it is when highly frequented nodes are targeted that low survivability occurs, Barabasi said. Considered the "Achilles heel of the Internet," high traffic sites are the weaknesses of the Web, Barabasi said.

Barabasi based his conclusions on the idea of "complex systems made of many non-identical nodes connected by diverse links."

To understand the concept and behavior of complex networks, Barabasi said the "need to understand the topography of networks" are fundamental in relating and observing the frequency of links made between other sites, and pin-pointing particularly busy sites that may be easy targets.

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SMC group plans campus reinvention

By AMY GREENE

New Writer

Saint Mary's campus will be "totally reinvented," according to Joe Adey, member of the Planning Committee, who met with Saint Mary's Board of Governance regarding new construction plans.

"We are about eight months into the process now," said Adey.

A new dining hall will be one of the features of the new construction

"There will be much higher quality food, more efficiency and just a better place," Adey said. "The food will be prepared in front of you, rather than taken from the back room and placed in a steam tray.

In addition to the new dining hall, there will be an outside picnic area, terraces, courtyards and a fountain central to campus.

"The bookstore will be larger with extended hours and will also have a general book area with a Barnes & Noble atmosphere," said Adey.

There are also plans for a new lounge with a capacity to hold up to 400, a new bookstore and a copy shop, as well as a cafe and cyber cafe.

"The idea is to create a more welcoming, inviting environment that encompasses modern design without losing Saint Mary's tradition," he said.

Adey and other members will be meeting later today to discuss financing. The construction is scheduled to begin in summer 2001.

Other issues the Board addressed included the Student Center, which is planned to have a "Mystery Location" and freshmen elections to be held in mid-September.
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ND prof takes reins of coaching accreditation council

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

Notre Dame professor F. Clark Power, who has conducted research for 25 years in the areas of moral development and democratic education, will now oversee sport organizations as they become accredited coaching education programs by the newly established National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education (NCACE).

"There have been concerns about coaches because they are constantly working with kids, they have the opportunity to do both harm and good," said Power, an elected board member of the NCACE.

As the number of kids participating in adult-organized sport programs increases, Power is aware of the effect coaches have on the development of a child's psychological, moral and social being. Unlike teachers, who must be certified to instruct in a classroom, most coaches have few established standards to follow while directing kids on the field.

Although there are no specific or mandatory requirements established by NCACE, a program trying to become accredited must present its organization's plan and meet standards agreed upon by a national council of coaches.

A NCACE "seal of approval, according to Power, will give credibility and support to training programs committed to assisting kids through sports.

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Allison Reilly, Student Task Force Co-Chairperson, 243-1842
Center for Social Concerns, 631-5293
Keeping local reporters honest

As a service to Observer readers, I have appointed myself to monitor the daily paper in Liverhool and to correct misinformation. This column is about some recent items. When the NCAA assessed a two-scholarship penalty against the football program last year, a local sports scribe wrote that “it’s only logical to assume” Coach Dice would end the stated plan to issue one walk-on football grant-in-aid per year. The writer stated that the NCAA penalty would therefore hurt only a deserving young athlete—instead of the football program. Granted, this wasn’t as bad as their prior story stating we were losing five grants, but it was a slam nevertheless. I went an e-mail to the editor of the local paper protesting the unfairness of this predication. I told him I knew Coach Dice to be a man of his word. I confidently predicted that Bob would honor this pledge. I asked the editor if his reporter would apologize to Coach Dice. Dice’s answer was, “I would look into this.” Since the editor must have forgotten, I thought Notre Dame fans might like the final score of this integrity test: Coach Dice — 1; local paper — 0.

While most fans are going to be looking on Arman Battie, Tony Fields, Jeremiah Holloway, Grant (runs, et al.), I’m going to keep an eye out for linebacker Anthony Brannam, end Joe Herron and cornerback Dwayne Francis. I’m also going to keep an eye out to see if the local paper prints an apology to Dave.

Speaking of walk-on’s, I was pleased to bump into former walk-on stars Brendan O’Connor and Jonathan Hebert recently. They may have been able to go to somewhere like West Marietta Teachers’ College and major in revenue, but instead they’ll be wrapping up mechanical engineering degrees this year, after submitting themselves as football Visionary Fielder for three years. Hebert made some impressive special teams and defensive contributions, while O’Connor was an inspirational team member. I have no doubt about the success they will achieve in their lives.

When I heard that Molly Kinder would be trying out for the Irish Guard in 1999, I went to watch the tryouts. She looked pretty good, and felt short of making the squad. Not long after, I happened to see her and her dad, with a pretty smile and bright red hair; she’s hard to miss) and told her I thought she looked good in her tryout.

I was very impressed with the attitude she showed. She said she loved the experience. She went out of her way to comm­plain how the regular members of the Guard helped and encouraged her. I am pleased that Molly made the squad this year. She’s going to be a great addition.

Molly got some ink for her trializing achievement. Unfortunately, the reporter for the local paper brought some of her own baggage into the story. The Guard corps is described as “shocked” in “sherry” hue! The tryouts are in public, none of the members wear makeup, all of their names are readily available, and everybody can see them a mile away. We’re not talking CIA here. Anyway, this reporter couldn’t credit Molly for this accomplishment without throwing in a shot at this “secret” organization. The reporter stated, “Two former guards who are living outside South Bend had heard about her selection but had ‘no comment.’” Anonymous out-of­town sources with “no comment” — now there’s an item which needed to be in this story! An editor once said to me, “This story needs more substance. Get me some quotes.” If I had brought back a "no comment" from an uncredentialed source, he would have had me sleeping all day.

A couple days ago, the local paper assured us that Hospitor Jere Macura was indeed back in school. The reporter stated, “Some guessed, that wouldn’t happen.” Just who was it who “guessed” this wouldn’t happen? Yep. The local reporter,hypothetical, based upon his own “logical assumptions,” with no information from any source. This work, Jer­r­e told his friends. “I came back because I love Notre Dame.”

Reporters are supposed to write stories, not make them up. It’s a shame this rule didn’t make the local style book. Among the Notre Dame-students back on campus were a couple tall guys named Murphy and Hellman. Both put fortune (three million dollars or more?) and fame on hold, so they could be part of the college experience a little longer. Troy and Aaron showed character and guts. Whaddaya bet that the first time Troy scores fewer than 20 points or sprains an ankle, the local paper will have a story headline like “Murphy should have played.”

Tennessee has recruited a dorm room invader strapped before he could commit the rape he appeared bent upon; Florida State continues to fill up the polio blot­ters in Tallahassee; Greenwich basketball is still looking for its first degree winner since the 1980s; even Joe Paterno has sold his soul to a fellow Notre Dame, meanwhile, stands accused, by a national swimsuit magazine, of having high stan­dards and a tough schedule. And, it’s too much to ask our local key pounders to say something in our defense.

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

Cappy Gagnon, ’96, can’t wait to see Molly Kinder come through the tunnel before the Irish knock off Texas A&M. His column appears every other Thursday.

Cappy Gagnon
Cappy’s Corner

“Journalism is the last refuge of the vaguely talented.”
Walter Lippmann
writer
**Announcing forum on ticket distribution**

Since the last official "Football Ticket Camp-Out" in the fall of 1998, the administration of the University of Notre Dame sought to change the mechanism by which students receive their football tickets. In the wake of this decision, the administration appealed for student input. The outcome of this action was a collaboration between Student Government, the Class Councils and the administration. Following the 1999 event, which occurred within Notre Dame Stadium, students expressed discontent with the new "Football Ticket Camp-Out" system.

Consequently, a commission was formed with administration officials and the Student Union. The subsequent outcome of this commission work came to a close with the Aug. 21 ticket distribution that occurred at Stepan Center.

For months, we have followed the saga, "leaving behind their loved ones and all contact with civilization," to exist on that island with those people and to share in their joy and pain. Yes, the "ultimate human experiment" is finished. But the challenge for the new guard is to voice for the "fat gay guy," Richard Hatch (also dubbed "Machobilly"), who drove away in a new auto with a cool million. And in the wake of this conclusion, a voyeuristic nation is left behind in the throws of withdrawal.

After all, most of the castaways are being smothered by opportunities for public appearances and commercial endorse­ments, leaving countless numbers of rumors and spec­ulation abounding regarding "who" is doing "what" for "whom." Here's just a small example. A recent episode of VH1's "The Ultimate Beach Bash" depicted infa­mous scenes from the show, selling the works on eBay (the best, perhaps, bringing "Rudy" alloys lot to gay rich," a tiny five-by-five-inch painting that drew a final bid of $520).

A one-man band, named "Thirty-Nine Days," (the total time spent by the castaways on the island) emerged, recording ridicule, though admittedly funny, songs about "Survivor" episodes and posting them on mp3.com — the band has made more than $1,500 from the sales of its songs. What raises an essential question: Why? What is it about stranding 16 strangers on a desert island, watching them work simultaneously for and against one another and ultimately tearing each other to shreds that is so enter­prising?

Well, it probably has something to do with conflict and the degradingly sad presence of it in every day life. Archetypal con­flicts, the same ones that lurk constantly here on the mainland, emerged almost instantly on the island: old vs. young, men vs. women, corporate vs. blue-collar, gay vs. straight, mental prowess vs. physical ability, your lifestyle vs. my lifestyle and so on.

In the end, the real struggle wasn't so much surviving the unpredictable terrain of island life. Rather, it was surviving the unpredictable social climate that exists among human beings and in the product of human nature — the very same struggle that routinely aggravates and scours just about everyone, every day. The only different place on national television and boy did it reassure millions of Americans every week that humans will be humans, even on a desert island.

After all, isn't it reassuring to know that even far-removed from civilization, you will still hurt one another, will still connive and deceive, all for the sake of greed? Apparently so.

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**New guard breaks tradition**

Upon hearing news of the admittance of a female into the Irish Guard, I first felt disbelief. I wondered how someone, in this case Dr. Anthony Farina, could break a tradition that had existed since the Irish Guard's inception in 1949. At its inception, the image of the Irish Guard was created and beloved traditions at Notre Dame. I still do not understand why Dr. Dye would choose to end this tradition, especially at the University of Notre Dame, a university so steeped in tradition that it is a vital part of the university's existence and consequently, is one of the most important aspects of the university to Notre Dame alumni and fans. Was Dr. Dye's reason to be "politically correct" or is it to try to "fit in" better with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society? These are hardly reasons to end a 50-year, time-honored tradition. I am sure there are some people who disagree with me and feel this was a good decision because it "promotes equality." They are wrong. Although men and women should be treated as equals in society, this decision does not "promote equality" and therefore has nothing to do with the matter. Ending this tradition and forever defacing the image of the Irish Guard was the wrong decision.
MOVIE REVIEW

Comedic ‘Kings’ live up to their name

By MATT CACCAMO
Scene Movie Critic

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This light-hearted yet politically savvy film strikes at the heart of political ethics — if it truly exists. A funny, romantic film set in late-19th century England which follows the rise, and possible fall, of a supposedly young, morally pure member of parliament. Good pick for those interested in politics, romance or just an entertaining, witty movie. Starring Rupert Everett, Minnie Driver, Cate Blanchett and Julianne Moore.

Bob Roberts (1992)

Tim Robbins directorial debut casts himself as a right-wing Senatorial candidate who knows how to manipulate the audience and, especially, the media. This sharp, scathing satire of American politics succeeds where “Wag the Dog” fails. The film, whose tagline reads “Vote now. Ask questions later,” is most effective when it relentlessly truthful about the role of fact and fiction in political campaigns.

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Playing the role of Catharine Deane is Latin pin-up queen Jennifer Lopez (“Selena,” “Out of Sight”). All in all, her heart-felt emotion for the little boy is expressed well.

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BOX OFFICE

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Chirota's strong pitches pushing seas Past Al's

Associated Press

**OAKLAND, Calif.** Mike Sirota pitched seven strong runs, Jose Valentin put down four runs and the White Sox won the game in the seventh, as the White Sox beat the Oakland Athletics 8-3.

Sirota (13-10) limited 13 hits and 2 walks and hit one batter, including a solo homer by Mark Chirico in the fourth inning.

The White Sox scored four times in the third inning on a two-out sacrifice fly by Darrin Jackson, a two-run double by Jim Thome and a run-scoring single by Bill Kunkel.

Kevin Appier (12-10) limited the White Sox to one run through six innings and the Athletics were up 2-1 when the right-hander ran into trouble in the seventh.

Appier gave up consecutive, two-out singles to Chris Singleton and Mark Johnson and a walk to Steve弦son before Jeff Reardon got out of the inning with a 1-2-3 groundout.

Jim Meirec replaced Appier and Valentin greeted him with a double up the right-field line to left. Left fielder Ben Greer tried to throw out Johnson at the plate, but the ball got past him and both Singleton and Johnson scored.

Frank Thomas singled to drive in his 111th run of the season as Appier allowed four runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out six and walked three.

Chirota, who pitched in August for his mom one month in the end of the season, pitched to 1-0 pitch from Sirota over the right-field fence to score 3-1-1 in the fourth.

Singleton's sacrifice fly gave the Athletics a 3-1 lead in the second inning. In the bottom of the inning, Ramon Hernandez tied it with an eighth-inning single to left.

Both teams have struggled since the All-Star break. By winning two of their three games against Oakland, the AL Central-leading White Sox improved to 24-22 since the break, and the Athletics, still on the heels of AL West leader Seattle, are 24-22 over the same span.

**Royals, Twins Split 7**

Mike Sweeney hit a three-run double in the 10th inning to give the second most in Royals history, and Kansas City held on to beat the Minnesota Twins, 7-6.

The official temperature in downtown Kansas City in the seventh inning was 104. The game started the run-ended upper deck and let everyone move down to lower-level seats, many in the shade.

Temporarily adding to the dis­truition was a problem that broke disrupted water ser­vice at the Truman Sports Complex before the game.

Sweeney led Oakland 4-0 after those three innings, but drove in one with Denny Hocking's third home run homer in the ninth off Lefty Sphere-Hal Bottalico came in and allowed singles to Mike Cunningham and pinch-hitter Jay Tatum before getting Ortiz to hit into a double play to end the game. Bottalico earned his 14th save.

**Devil Rays, Red Sox**

Allie Lopez allowed only four hits in eight innings as the Devil Rays beat the Boston Red Sox, 3-0.

Lopez (11-9) tied the Devil Rays record of 21 career victories held by current Boston pitcher Rolando Arrojo.

The right-handers, who has the second-lowest ERA at 3.57, struck out six and walked three. Something like that rotation on May 28, Lopez is 9-5.

One day after being hit by Pedro Martinez, the Devil Rays had 1-2-3 with an RBI single and third inning. There was no repeat of the hit and walk as Lopez got the last of three Boston pitchers.

Bobby Smith snapped an 0-for-21 slump with an RBI single for the second straight game.

Boston first baseman also ended a hitting slump with a con­tribution of his left elbow in the frac­tion. Dacabash was hit when he ended a ground out during a firstinning batter that chased pitcher Bobby Martinez hit leadoff man Gerald Walters with his fourth pitch of the game.

Boston third baseman Lou Merloni was cited after missing Wednesday's game with a con­cussion in the left hand and hopes to return to the lineup Friday.

Robert Hernandez got the final three outs for his 26th save in 32 chances.

Tampa Bay took two of three from the payroll contender Red Sox. Tampa Bay has won a series against a team over .500 since June 13-15 against Athletics.

Boston starter Jeff Fassero (8-8), who complained after being hit by a ball that was hit by his last outing Friday at Kansas City, did not make it through the fourth. Trailling 1-2. Fassero was replaced by H Jeremiah.

Boston pitcher came behind Williams 2-1 with two outs and one out.

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Clark homers, doubles in Cardinals victory over Marlins

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Will Clark homered in the second inning and added an RBI double in the ninth, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 4-2 win over the Florida Marlins. Jim Edmonds snapped an 0- for-29 streak with a single in the sixth and added another base hit leading off the ninth with the game tied at 2.

Clark followed with a double to right-center, scoring Edmonds from first for the go-ahead run. Clark moved to third on a sacrifice and scored on Ray Lankford's single off Antonio Alfonseca (4-6). Dave Winfield pitched the ninth for the save in 29 chances. Matt Morris (13-6) pitched the eighth for the win.

The Marlins took a 1-0 lead in the first. Andy Fox singled, moved to second on a walk to Cliff Floyd and scored on Preston Wilson's fielder's choice. Fox scored from second as the Cardinals tried to turn an inning-ending double play. St. Louis went about 2-0 in back-to-back home runs to lead off the second.

Clark hit his eighth of the season on a 2-0 pitch from Mike Hampton. Craig Paquette followed two pitches later with his 10th. Corneliuas kept the Cardinals quiet after the homers. He retired 15 of the next 18 batters before getting pulled for a pinch hitter in the sixth inning. Corneliuas allowed four hits in six innings en route to his eighth no-decision.

The Marlins tied the game in the sixth. Floyd led off with a double and scored on Mark Smith's broken-bat single to right field. Florida loaded the bases with two outs, but pinch-hitter Kevin Millar struck out looking.

Braves 5, Reds 2

Tom Glavine pitched a three-hitter to become the NL's first 18-game winner. Andres Galarraga hit a two-run homer and the Atlanta Braves ended a four-game losing streak with a victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

The Braves held a closed-door meeting after batting practice and emerged from the clubhouse hardly looking like the team that lost five of its first six games on the homestand. The victory kept Atlanta tied with New York for first in the NL East. The Mets defeated Houston 7-0.

Glavine (17-6) won for the 11th time in 12 starts — including four in a row — as he closes in on the fifth 20-win season of his career. The left-hander retired the last 11 hitters for his third complete game of the season and 48th overall.

The Braves pounded Cincinnati starter Elmer Dessens (6-5) for 12 hits and five runs in five innings. Chipper Jones had an RBI double in the first and Jay Licegoz led off the second with his 22nd homer of the season, putting the Braves ahead for good. They put the game away in the fifth after Dessens retired the first two hitters.

B.J. Surhoff reached on an infield single and took an extra base when second baseman Pokey Reese threw the ball into the dugout.

Galarraga followed with his 25th homer, an opponent-field drive to the right-field bleachers. Cincinnati scored on Juan Castro's RBI single in the second and Dante Bichette's sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Otherwise, the Reds hardly touched Glavine, who retired five of the first six he faced. The Braves out-hit the Reds 14-3. Former Atlanta closer Mark Wohlers made his first appearance at Turner Field since he was dealt to Cincinnati in April 1999 with his career in shambles because of control problems. He pitched two scoreless innings and didn't walk anyone.

Mets 1, Astros 0

Rick Reed and two relievers combined on a three-hitter to make an early run stand up, and the New York Mets beat the Houston Astros to hold on to their share of the NL East lead.

New York, a major league-best 31-16 since the All-Star game, remained tied with Atlanta at 79-54. The Braves beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-2, Chris Holt (6-13) didn't allow much. But his wildness led to a first-inning run, and it was too much for the Astros to overcome as he dropped to 0-3 in four career appearances against the Mets.

Holt walked Benny Agbayani in the first and gave up a single to Barry Hamilton. Agbayani advanced when Edgardo Alfonzo bunted into a double play and came home when Holt bunted a wild pitch with Mike Piazza hitting. New York only advanced one more runner past second, but it didn't matter because Mets pitchers allowed no one past second and only one runner past first.

Reed (9-4) gave up three hits in seven innings, struck out six and walked two. Turk Wendell pitched a 1-2-3 eighth, and Armando Benitez struck out the side in the ninth for his 36th save in 40 chances.

The Astros lost a 1-0 game for the first time since Aug. 23, 1996, to St. Louis. New York tied with Atlanta since Monday night, improved to 26-15 in one-run games, while Houston dropped to 10-27, the worst in baseball. The Mets also played their fifth 1-0 game of the season, winning for the third time.

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Favre credits time off for healing injured elbow

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For maybe the first time in his career, Brett Favre is showing a little patience — and it might save his season.

After nearly a month out of action because of tendinitis in his right elbow, Favre said Wednesday that the extended rest has improved his condition considerably. He missed the Green Bay Packers' final three preseason games and only returned to practice last week.

Favre threw a dozen passes during practice Wednesday, and felt no significant pain. He expects to play in the Packers' regular-season opener Sunday against the New York Jets, though a final decision hasn't been made yet.

"There was no way I would have played this week if I hadn't rested," Favre said. "It was getting to the point where I couldn't even grip a football."

And even a month of rest might not be enough. When asked, the three-time MVP still didn't eliminate the possibility he might sit out Sunday.

Favre has started 122 consecutive games, a league record for his position.

"If I'm going to play Sunday, I'm going to cut it loose," said Favre, who wore a large ice wrap on his forearm and elbow.

Favre clearly has learned from his experiences in the last two years. Last season, he bailed ahead through a painful thumb injury that clearly affected his technique and decision-making.

He threw 23 interceptions as the Packers stumbled to an 8-8 record, but the experience left him wiser about his body's needs. This year, he and Green Bay's coaches are trying to modify the gambling, off-the-cuff playing style that made him a star by adding a little more common sense — both on the field and in the training room.

"Brett knows what we want him to do, and he's given us what we need," coach Mike Sherman said. "I also realize that Brett has a history of making something out of nothing. That's where we have to find the balance."

After taking Tuesday off, Favre threw about 50 passes on Wednesday, including several long passes during a morning walkthrough.

"I just saw him throw the ball down there just about as well as he can throw it," Sherman said. "You know how sometimes you see that smoke that comes off the ball when he throws? I thought I see that yet, but he's throwing hard."

Favre said he felt no significant pain in his elbow, even when he made a tricky cross-body throw — the one pass he said he was "afraid" of throwing.

"It was a little hesitant on some throws, just a little cautious," he said. "Every throw I had, it was thought out before throwing, as opposed to just letting it go."

The Packers listed Favre as probable for Sunday's game. Both publicly and privately, Green Bay's coaches expect him to play.

"If he doesn't (start Sunday), it will be a shock to me and a disappointment," Sherman said. "It's probably on playing. I'm planning on him playing. I don't see a reason why he won't."

Favre will test his arm more strenuously during Thursday's longer practice, but he doesn't anticipate any new problems beyond the vague soreness that occurs in most quarterbacks' arms.

Favre has managed to keep busy during his period of inactivity, and not just by eating more and gaining a few pounds.

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Thursday, August 31, 7:00 p.m.
Recker's African-centric Spirituality Freshmen Intro Reception

Sunday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel RCIA: Info Sessions for Candidates and Sponsors

Sunday, September 3, 1:00 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel Spanish Mass

Monday, September 4, 4:30 p.m
Basilica of the Sacred Heart Acolyte Workshop

Monday, September 4, 10:00 p.m
Basilica of the Sacred Heart Eucharistic Minister Workshop

Tuesday, September 5, 7:00 p.m
Siegfried Hall Chapel Confirmation Info Session for Candidates

Tuesday, September 5, 8:00 p.m
Siegfried Hall Chapel Confirmation Info Session for Sponsors

Tuesday, September 5, 8:00 p.m
LaFayette Ballroom "Fiesta de Bienvenida"

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 p.m
Basilica of the Sacred Heart Lector Workshop

Wednesday, September 6, 10:00 p.m
Basilica of the Sacred Heart Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Twentieth-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, September 3 Mass 8:00 a.m.
Rev. Nicholas R. Ayo, c.s.c.
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Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

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Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday
1st Reading Dt 4: 1-2, 6-8
2nd Reading Jn 1: 17-18, 21b-22, 27
Gospel Mk 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

We Are N.D.
By Fr. John Herman, CSC

In August of 1988, I ventured to Notre Dame for the first time to begin discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood in the Congregation of Holy Cross in the Candidate Program at Moreau Seminary (the big, curved building on the other side of St. Joseph's Lake).

Shortly after my arrival, my dad told me about a conversation that he had with our next door neighbor, Mr. Milton. Surprisingly, despite being a huge Michigan football fan and seemingly indifferent to Catholicism, Mr. Milton was incredibly positive about my coming to Notre Dame. He spoke glowingly to my dad about his one experience of Notre Dame.

Mr. Milton regularly followed the University of Michigan football team to their road games in the Midwest, many at other Big Ten schools and one special one at Notre Dame. He spoke of his surprise at being treated so well by Notre Dame students and fans, despite boldly dressing in all of his Michigan gear for the game. He was amazed that the students were so friendly and even helpful to "the enemy" and conducted themselves with such class. Mr. Milton saw a clear difference in the kind of reception that he received at Notre Dame compared with the other schools he had visited, and he could not have been any more impressed.

More than a decade of Notre Dame football has passed since then. On Saturday, the 2000 football season begins, and the long, storied tradition of Notre Dame football continues. Throughout the history of Notre Dame football, we have certainly had many more successes than failures and wins than losses, but we too have had our tough times like other schools.

One of the best and most enduring things about Notre Dame football, however, win or lose, has been the Notre Dame student body. There exists a strong tradition of Notre Dame students supporting their team to the end with dedication, energy, and as my neighbor, Mr. Milton, told my dad, "class." Class? Is it class that made the Notre Dame students stand out for my neighbor or was there something more to it than that?

One of the unique and very telling things about Notre Dame football Saturdays is the announcements made during every game that there will be Mass in the Basilica thirty minutes after the game ends. At a football game? Where else would a similar announcement be made or heard? These announcements are a reminder, even in the midst of intense, hard-fought football games, that there is something more than football that makes Notre Dame and its students special. We who are a part of the Notre Dame family know that this post-game Mass is only the tip of the iceberg.

Any outsider looking more deeply would quickly learn there are dozens of Masses each Sunday, most in each of the residence halls - and they are well-attended by students. An outsider would also learn of the impressive number of students who seek to grow in their faith by participating in retreats, faith-sharing communities and the many other programs put on by Campus Ministry and who act on their faith by engaging in service opportunities coordinated by the Center for Social Concerns, both in South Bend and throughout the country and world during fall and spring breaks and summers. Is it possible that it wasn't class that made Notre Dame students seem special to Mr. Milton but maybe the faith in God underlying the way that they conducted themselves?

Football weekends could provide an excuse for completely cutting loose, suspending our values and conducting ourselves in ways contrary to what our faith and the Gospel call us. The majority of students show us that it is possible to have a great time on football Saturdays without forgetting who they are and without separating football from the other parts of their lives which they allow their faith to inform and influence. It's clear that there will always be people around looking for reasons to dislike or even hate Notre Dame. Unfortunately there are some students who seem to go out of their way to validate the negative perceptions that these folks have of Notre Dame by drinking excessively, by yelling offensive things, by wearing inappropriate or derogatory t-shirts and by mistreating our opponents and even our own team at times. That's not what it means to be N.D. and fortunately not what most students communicate.

Each home game here on our campus this season will attract thousands of visitors from around the country and the world. Many will be alums coming back to the campus that will always hold a special place in their hearts. Many will be subway alumni who are connected to Notre Dame simply through their deep love of our team. Many will be other Mr. Milltons, whether from Texas A&M, Nebraska or the other visiting universities, people who have never been here before and may never come again. At each game, the eyes of the world will be upon us, watching, taking in everything and going forth to tell others what they have found at Notre Dame. This is the same dynamic that has been in place since the days of Rockne and that has helped to make Notre Dame known for the special university that it is. Each football game provides us with an opportunity to live our faith by treating our visitors with hospitality, respect and dignity and with the opportunity to spread the message of who we are at Notre Dame. Joe DiMaggio, the late, Hall of Fame outfielder of the New York Yankees, once told reporters why he played so hard each and every game. He said, "There is always some kid who may be seeing me for the first or last time. I owe him my best." Other Mr. Milltons will be here with us for the first or last time. We owe it to them to give our best, to uphold the illustrious traditions of the Notre Dame student body and, yes, to let the light of Jesus Christ shine through us - even on a football Saturday.
Runners

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be top recruit Todd Mobley, who placed 1A at the Foot Locker national cross country meet, and freshman Brian Kerwin, who won the New Jersey state cross country championship. In addition to Mobley and Kerwin, Flaherty hopes freshmen David Alber and Kevin Somak will make early impacts for the Irish.

The women lost four of their top seven seniors in graduation in All-American track runner Alison Klemm and teammates Patty Hare, Nicole LaSalle and Erin Lally. They also lost their No. 1 runner, All-American Jolana Devier, midway through last season to an injury. In 1999, the Irish squared into the NCAA Championships with an all-middle bid, but the youthful squad will be hard-pressed to repeat the feat.

In order to have a shot at a return to nationals, head coach Tim Connelly will need leadership and improvement from seniors such as Erin Olson, Chrisyn Kuenstler and Bridgette O'Brien. All are runners who have shown potential during previous seasons, but have not attained the level of success Connelly believes they are capable of.

"If we can get some of our older kids to fulfill their potential, we could be pretty good," Connelly said. "We're pretty solid right now. I think until we actually line up and race, I'm still not sure what I'm seeing, though."

Juniors Hillary Burn and Ann McGrath have turned on the heat. Burn is back to competition after suffering from mononucleosis in 1999, while McGrath blazed a trail of improvement this summer.

"She [McGrath] is probably the most improved kid we have on the team right now," Connelly said. "She had a great summer of training."

Sophomore Jen Handley stands out as Notre Dame's top returning runner, and classmates Kati Faison and Muffy Schmidt should also compete for spots in the starting seven.

"Jennifer Handley is probably our top returning runner," Connelly said. "She's a kid with just tons of potential. She's very fit."

At least three freshmen have impressed Connelly in early season workouts -- Megan Johnson, Beth Androsky and Rachel Endress. Johnson won track state champion in Washington in high school, while Androsky placed third in New Jersey's cross country championships and Endress took sixth in Illinois in cross country.

The Irish open their season with the Valparaiso Invitational Sept. 8.
The Legacy

Berticelli’s influence reached far past the games and practices. He was a father figure to his players, seemingly affecting every person he encountered in a positive way.

In the season-ending loss to Rutgers last season, Pridmore suffered a broken nose. The injury required surgery, after which Pridmore was confined to a room in the infirmary.

"He came and sat there and talked with me for an hour, just seeing how I was doing, making sure everything was alright," said Pridmore of his late coach. "He told me I’d needed anything just to call him at home. He sat there with me while I was alone in a lot of pain. He picked up my spirits and took my mind off of the pain I was in. It really helped me a great deal."

Berticelli had a unique ability to brighten a person’s day with the simplest of gestures. "He was very good to me," said Deiter. "I came to one of the football games and I was freezing; he let me wear his jacket."

The similarities between the two coaches have not gone unnoticed by the players. "Coach Berticelli was basically apprenticing under Coach Apple," said junior Brian Appel. "A lot of things are very similar," said M a i o. "So it’s a cool Apple has taken so much of what ‘Coach B’ taught him. Coach Berticelli would be very proud of Coach Apple for what he’s accomplishing already."

While the legendary coach is gone, the Berticelli name is still very much present within the men’s soccer program. Last spring Nino Berticelli, Mike's son, was named goalkeepers coach after serving in the program for four years. Berticelli's legend is with the players.

The decision to name Apple head coach was an easy one. Rather than being confined to a specialized set of tasks, Berticelli involved his assistant in all aspects of the program during their four years together.

"One of the greatest things Coach did for me was to give me the responsibilities that I would have as a head coach," said Berticelli, "I was involved in everything from recruiting to training the team to making the disciplinary decisions. He was the best mentor." I could have asked for the good because he gave me all the experiences before I took a head coach but was always there as kind of a life line."

The Irish's favor. we've got a small way to be a mentor to them each and every time they take the field. The strength and closeness forged in facing adversity together only reinforces the team concept. The traditions passed down from a veteran coach to his understudy, and from a father to a son will be influential throughout this campaign.

As the young team — the majority of the players are freshmen and sophomores — comes under a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with each day, he's a huge part of it. He was able to work with him. and in a small way be a mentor to him the way his dad was a mentor to me and in continuing Berticelli’s legacy at the University of Notre Dame."

The young Berticelli is equally excited about his involvement in the Irish program, "To be here at Notre Dame now, there’s no place I'd rather be," said Nino Berticelli. "First of all because this is my father's team."

Second, Chris was here with my dad. I don’t feel there’s anybody better to be with than Chris Apple right now.

Paying tribute

Leaving behind a legacy is the greatest thing a coach can do. Berticelli reflected on what he has accomplished, "I lost a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with each day for four years." As the young team comes under a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with each day, he's a huge part of it. He was able to work with him. and in a small way be a mentor to him the way his dad was a mentor to me and in continuing Berticelli’s legacy at the University of Notre Dame."

"We're bringing in a four-year commitment from some of the best soccer schools in the nation to come in and play in Mike's honor," said Apple.

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The decision to name Apple head coach was an easy one. Rather than being confined to a specialized set of tasks, Berticelli involved his assistant in all aspects of the program during their four years together.

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Irish tight end Jahari Holloway prepares to catch a pass during last year’s game against Michigan State. Holloway, along with Dan O’Leary, Grant Irons and Anthony Dennman will serve as captains for the football team this season.

Football

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nclure of college football — Notre Dame — you feel the pressure to win.”

Sparks have been flying in past seasons as the once lus-
trious golden dome has been tarnished by several consis-
tent tank campaigns.

The captains must now jump headlong into the flames and fire not only their critics but questions concerning their coach’s job stability as well.

“I think there’s more pres-
sure, definitely,” Dennman
said. “Any time you lose like we have, that’s unacceptable. It is our responsibility to turn this around.”

Rather than run from those expectations and questions, the 2000 captains plan to tackle head-on the skepticism that will be with them throughout the fall.

“We welcome the pressure,” Irons said. “It motivates us, and it makes every game more exciting. There’s a lot of negativity, a lot of doubters, but we can’t focus on them. We know we’re better than they think we are. We believe.”

Having four captains is rare, as most times the honor is bestowed upon the team’s sin-
gular outstanding leader, but Irons and Dennman think the idea has merit and feel that each has something to con-
tribute.

“We’re four different per-
sonalities and I think we fit this team and mix well together,” Irons said. “I like to lead by example and through my emotions. Dan O’Leary is kind of like that too. Anthony and Jahari, they’re a little quieter and they lead by example.”

“I think we just have so
many good leaders on this
team,” Dennman said.

“Coach Davin thought it
would be beneficial for all of
us to get a chance.”

Each of the captains is well
aware that the only way to
restore the program to
respectability is to command
respect on the gridiron, but
each is also certain that a

winning attitude begins in
the locker room. Irons is confident not only in this year’s team but also in the captains’ abili-
ty to get the most out of it.

“Without a doubt it’s the
best team I’ve been a part of,”
said the star defensive line-
man. “We’re fortunate to
have this group of guys, and
we know we have to set a
good example for them. Attitude really is everything.”

Facing high expectations and a schedule that ranks
among the nation’s most diffi-
cult, the presence of these
captains will be more impor-
tant than ever.

It’s quite possible that the fate of Notre Dame’s season
could hinge on the squad’s ability to rally during a time of ad-
versity, be it a fourth quar-
ter deficit or a tough loss.

In those instances it’s up to
the squad’s senior leaders to
lead the charge.

“This team can handle the
adversity,” Irons said. “I know myself and the other captains will stay positive and I know the
younger guys will follow our lead. We’re not planning on giving up ever.”

Davin’s big brother program has proved instrumental in
developing positive, never quit, attitudes in the team’s
younger players.

The program pairs an ex-
perienced veteran with a new
recruit and has already served as the basis for several bur-
gowing friendships.

“It’s a great thing,” said
Irons. “It gives us the chance to help the younger guys ease
in to college life, and it’s a good way to set an example
and show them what a posi-
tive attitude is.”

After wandering in college football’s harshest desert for
the better part of a decade, this year’s captain corps is
determined to lead the pro-
gram back to the promised
land. However, even if the
Irish do ambush the Aggies,
they’ll still have to part the
“red sea” to reach the land of
college football’s elite.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Berticelli spirit lives on under Apple

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Dustin Pridmore was strolling across campus the cold day last Jan. 23 when a teammate delivered the news. Dustin Better sat at his best friend's house, watching the words slowly flash across the bottom of the screen as ESPN broke the story.

Chris Apple was opening the door after waving his dog when they found out.

Mike Berticelli, the head coach who led Notre Dame Soccer to three of Notre Dame's four NCAA tournament appearances, had passed away suddenly at age 48.

"My initial reaction was I just couldn't believe it," said Pridmore, currently a senior co-captain. "I'd never experienced anything like it. I was in such disbelief. I didn't know what to do, I just felt like he was a part of my family."

Apple had served as an assistant coach under Berticelli for four seasons, with barely a day passing when the two men didn't see one another. Eight months later, the entire 20-year-old succeeding his mentor is still emotional when talking about Berticelli.

"I lost a best friend, a mentor and somebody I worked with every day for four years," said Apple. "It took every ounce of courage and strength from the team and I to keep things going and learn from it. It's one of those things, when you ask why and there is no answer."

The support after the tragedy was overwhelming. Phone calls, letters, flowers, and e-mails poured into the team. There were former players, community members, and many others that Berticelli touched during his 23-year coaching career, which also included stops at Thomas College in his native Maine, UNC-Greensboro and Old Dominion.

"For his funeral the Basilica was standing room only," said Apple. "It was just an amazing outpouring of love honoring a great man."

The administration acted quickly in naming Apple the new head coach. For the young, team reacting to such tragedy, getting back to the game was anything but usual.

"I felt really weird, really odd to look over and not see him standing there and not hearing him saying anything," said Pridmore. "It was really different. I always expected him to walk up eventually."

Gradually however, the team adjusted. Apple feels that working through the tragedy brought the young men closer.

"Nothing was done alone throughout that entire time. And that's kind of carried over," said Apple. "I feel that this fall we're more together and working as one rather than a bunch of individuals than ever before."

"The whole family comes together to support one another and the entire family," said Apple. "It's been a tough road, but we are ready to move forward."

The late Mike Berticelli works with children at a past summer camp. Berticelli coached the Irish from 1990 through his death last January.

Rested and ready

Packers quarterback Brett Favre returns from self-imposed rest and expects to start the season opener.

FOOTBALL

Quartet of captains set to lead Irish

By KEVIN BERCOU
Sports Writer

While the forecast for Saturday's season opening joust with Iowa State in Iowa City calls for sunny skies and smoldering temperatures, four men will be feeling an even more intense heat.

Newly-appointed varsity football captains, linebacker Anthony Dieman, defensive lineman Grant Irons and tight ends Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary have the hefty weight of a fallen program lying squarely upon their broad shoulders. It is their mission, their purpose as captains to raise that program back to its once lofty heights.

While being selected a captain of the Notre Dame football team is without question a fantastic honor, such an appointment also guarantees intense scrutiny and pressure.

"It's a dream come true," said Irons on being named a captain. "I couldn't ask for a better group of individuals to lead."

Being named a captain shows that your teammates respect you," Denman added. "But there's pressure that comes with that, too. They're counting on you to make plays."

Injuries, too, acknowledged the pressure he and his teammates are faced with. "I think it comes with the territory," he said. "Any time you play football at the pin-

CROSS COUNTRY

Squads race to rebuild

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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Thanks to graduation, the men's and women's cross country teams find themselves forced to replace more than half of the runners who brought them twin trips to the 1999 NCAA Championships.

If head coach Joe Plante's men's team hopes to continue to ride the wave of success from last season, he'll have to capture its second Big East cross country championship in three years, finished as the runner-up at the Big East meet and raced its way to eighth place at the NCAA Championships.

"That high-achieving team will be missing a few faces this fall," said Ryan Maxwell, Sean McManus, John Dudley and Mike Grewe all graduated.

"We're a little thinner than we have been in the past," Plante said. "But there's a ton of potential."

However, the cream of the crop is back and ready to compete in 2000.

Senior Ryan Shay will have a built-up target painted on his back after winning last year's Big East cross country championship and placing 12th in the NCAA cross country championship, topped by an impressive track season. He followed that up by placing 10th in the 10,000-meters this summer in the U.S. Olympic Trials, the top performance by a returning collegiate runner.

"He's one of the premiere runners in the country," Plante said. After Shay, juniors Luke Watson, Marc Sizemore and Pat Conway hope to step the pace for the Irish. Watson was the second Irish runner across the finish line throughout the 1999 season, while Sizemore won the Valparaiso Invitational a year ago.

Senior Sean Zandiein and sophomore John Koune will also help the Irish. Koune is in his first season running cross country after playing soccer and running track in high school.

"Running out the Irish lineup will be a big change," Plante said.

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