Equality of the sexes?
Students and The Observer discuss the Irish Guard’s break with its all-male history in light of senior Molly Kinder’s induction.

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Student forum offers few football ticket solutions

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

It wasn’t the showing they hoped for, but Notre Dame student government representatives received an earful Thursday from students disillusioned by the current football ticket distribution system.

Eight University students joined student body president Brian O’Donoghue, vice president Brooke Norton and their chief of staff, Jay Smith, in a Student Union-sponsored forum to discuss this year’s ticket distribution program.

“We wanted to come together to show you that we want to listen,” Smith said. He said the forum was a means to garner student input and that nothing would be acted upon as of yet.

Still, throughout the hour-long session, Smith and fellow student governors were treated to a barrage of negative reactions to a system implemented largely through former student body president Micah Murphy.

“What we have now doesn’t work. This year there were long lines and a lot of confusion,” junior Brian Clemency said of the Aug. 21 ticket distribution event. Featuring a picnic at Stepan Center, this year’s lottery-type procedure — in which University ushers issued stickers for student’s ticket applications — proved cumbersome and confusing for many students. At Thursday’s forum, some mentioned that the system may have been a burden for first-year students in particular.

“They’re just coming off Freshman Orientation week...”

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Twenty-seven years after the University first admitted women, Notre Dame’s band will officially undergo the

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

As the organization’s first female, senior Molly Kinder says she intends to be ‘as full of an Irish Guard member as possible’

By COLLEEN MCCRATHY
Associate News Editor

From the painting of the gold helmets to the concert on the steps to the Irish Guard, football at Notre Dame is steeped in tradition. On Saturday, as the high-stepping Irish Guard leads the band onto the field, a new face among this group will signal an end to the 51-year all-male tradition within the Irish Guard.

Molly Kinder, a 6-foot-3 senior, said she decided freshman year she wanted to be a part of the Irish Guard. Until Kinder’s selection, the Irish Guard had been all-male mainly because of the height requirement.

“I was at activities night the other evening and saw a friend from one of my freshman year classes,” said Kinder. “He came up to congrat-

late me on making the Guard and said that he remembered that I had mentioned even freshman year that I wanted to be a part of the Irish Guard.”

Kinder first auditioned for the prestigious group of 10 students during the fall semester of her junior year.

“It was the most challenging thing I had ever done,” she said. “I worked out all summer but when the practices came in the fall, I found we were using totally different muscles groups and it was very physically and mentally challenging.”

The fact that she was female also added to her nerves going into the practices.

“I hadn’t gone to any of the meetings in the spring of 1999 about the Irish Guard so when I showed up on the first day of tryouts, the guys

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Senior Molly Kinder practices for her Irish Guard debut Saturday. She is the only female member in the group’s 52-year history.

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**Member for life**

It's that time of year again. Today begins a new year of Notre Dame football, complete with traditions, expectations and high hopes for this year's team. For some, this year marks the departure of someone whose presence will be missed, leading to a renewed feeling of understanding and appreciation for the game.

Annie Marie Mattingly  
**News Editor**


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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

U. of Virginia places female RAs in all-male halls

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.  Many things will be different for first-year 
guys in the University of Virginia's Kent dorm this year. They 
have a new woman in their lives:  
their RA.

"I thought she (Carra) was just one of the (Greeters) who kept using our bathroom constantly on Move-In Day. first-year College student Craig Kemper said of the woman he later learned was his RA.

This year, three female RAs — second-year College student Sudie Hodgins and Cara Coolbaugh and third-year College student Miya Hunter — will be in charge of halls of male residents.

Life in University residence halls has been changed. And it's all thanks to a statistical glitch.

"There was a mixup with the number of students" admitted to the University, said Sarah Chewing, fourth-year College student and co-chairwoman of Residence Life.

According to Chewing, the Admissions Office typically selects a class composed of 60 percent females and 40 percent males. The residence life department selected RAs in the spring, anticipating that the ratio of females to males would remain three to four.

"We made (resident) staff selections based on the composition of the typi- 
ical first-year class," Chewing said.

This year, however, the student body composition is 46 percent male and 54 percent female, according to U.Va. University Relations.

Because the number of males admitted 
was nearly equal to females, resi- 
dents found they had under- 
analyzed the number of males who would 

They had no alternative but to assign three female RAs to male halls.

"It was weird for the first half hour, but once I accepted it, everything was alright," first-year Engineering student Graham Burke said.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**

Task force aims to deter drinking

COLLEGE STATION, Texas  Texas A&M University's Alcohol Abuse Task Force is enforcing stiffer penalties for alcohol and substance vio- 
elations to deter underage drinking and drug and alcohol 
abuse on campus. Previously, a letter of reprimand was the punishment for a first minor in possession offense on campus. Now, conduct probation is the first punishment, entailing an official warning stating that one is in violation with AAMC. The task force is in collaboration with Alcohol and Drug Education Programs (ADEP), Residence Education, Student Conflict Resolution Services (SCRS) and the Corps of Cadets. "Three things can happen once an underage drinker receives an MIP," said Mike Collins, coordinator for SCRS. "In a hearing, a student can accept responsibility, the hearing officer can find him or her responsible, or the student may be found not responsible. The former two receive sanctioning." Sue Foster, assistant director for Residence Education, said the group's goal is to create a healthier, safer envi-

ment on campus.

**AUBURN UNIVERSITY**

Baseball player arrested for DUI

AUBURN, Ala.  Auburn baseball player Joseph Zanthos was arrested Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of alcohol after his Jeep Cherokee collided with Southern Union student Jeffrey Crockett's Toyota Supra around 5 a.m. on West Magnolia Ave., killing Crockett. Crockett, 19, was pronounced dead at 5:43 a.m. at East Alabama Medical Center. His passenger, 18-year-old John Credle, was treat-
ed and released from ECMC. Zanthos, 21, was leaving the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house when he hit Crockett's moving car and then three parked cars. Chris Strickland, president of Sig Ep, said he didn't know why Zanthos was leaving the fraternity's parking lot or why he was there. "It really didn't have anything to do with us directly," Strickland said. Zanthos, a junior in zoology from Vestavia Hills, was released on $500 bond for his DUI. Police said no other charges have been filed yet. Crockett's family can decide to press charges for manslaughter or the Grand Jury could decide to indict Zanthos.

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LINES SEPARATE HIGH/LOW TEMPERATURES FOR THE DAY.
University to help plan, create local community center

By LYNN OLSZOWY
News Writer

Notre Dame announced plans Thursday to to establish a Community Learning Center in the former Goodwill building on North Eddy Street. University President Edward Malloy made the official announcement to more than 90 people who gathered at the building site.

The Community Learning Center (CLC) is a collaborative effort between the University and the north-east community of South Bend. The center will offer educational programs, recreational activities and health care services to both the students of Notre Dame and the residents of the northeast side.

As evident by the press conference, the overall mission of the community center is to improve the relationship between Notre Dame students and the north-east residents. South Bend residents Cheryl Ash and Reverend Timothy House along with Notre Dame sophomore Margarette Clemency and senior John Meeck shared the stage with Malloy.

Meeck said the Center is a great stride in creating a meeting place for these two communities while Meeck stressed the importance for student involvement.

"This is an amazing opportunity for Notre Dame students to create an avenue bringing together the community and university," Meeck said.

The CLC will furnish a variety of programs and services for both University students and northeast neighborhood residents. The Center will include a Computer Teaching and Learning Center equipped with 20 computers, educational software and Internet access -- available to both students and residents.

Additionally, a Health Maintenance Center and Neighborhood Clinic operated by St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center will extend health services to the community. Along with informative health programs, the clinic will also give physical examinations, prenatal assessment and medical assistance.

The projected cost for the Center's completion is more than $300,000 and the annual operating budget is estimated at $80,000. The University has pledged to fund the renovation and the first year of the Center's staffing.

An ad hoc committee for the CLC is made up of numerous University administrators as well as local residents and religious, civic and government leaders. Currently, the CLC is applying for grants and performing a search for the Center's program director.

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"Molly met every requirement — height and otherwise," said I. "She had an excellent audition and her skills were first-rate. The only requirement that has kept the Irish Guard all-male is the height requirement. We've had other women try out in the past but they haven't had the skills or coordination. We had the opportunity to watch Molly at all the practices and those who observed her audition were unanimous that her performance was excellent."

Judy added that the assistant band directors give input into the decision of who is selected for the Irish Guard. Overall, the response I received from alumni, students and community members has run the gamut. "I've gotten everything from positive to negative responses, some of which are anonymous," he said. "She is the first female to have made the Irish Guard and it might be another 10 to 20 years before we see another female with her stature and skills who could make the Irish Guard."

Kinder said that she has heard only positive comments and "haven't yet heard one negative thing said to her face."

"There has been an overwhelmingly positive reaction ... I've received so many emails from alumni and people I don't even know sending me messages of congratulations," she said. "I've also heard from former Irish Guard members sending me congratulations."

The response from within the ranks of the Irish Guard remains unknown. When asked for comment on Kinder's selection, Captain Paul Rahl declined comment. Kinder, however, maintains that her gender has not been a distraction.

"It's definitely been an adjustment for everyone but we've really focused on learning our routine for the game Saturday and we're not focused on the media attention or derision," said Kinder. "It's been a very positive experience so far. We're pretty serious but we have a lot of fun together. After going through tryouts together, the guys know that they can be themselves around me and they know that I can take a joke."

Kinder said she intends to follow all of the traditions of the Irish Guard as closely as possible. Although she has not shaved her head as is the tradition of the Irish Guard, she has cut her hair very short, she said. "I really want to be as full of an Irish Guard member as possible," said Kinder, although she said she couldn't talk about many of the Irish Guard traditions.

On Saturday, Kinder will have her family in the crowd watching her as she makes history. "I tried on the kilt today and I'm excited to get on the whole uniform," said Kinder. "I'm nervous about Saturday because I don't know what to expect. I do know that there will be a lot of attention on me so I just want to do my best and I know that the rest of the games this season should be a lot of fun."

As a member of the Irish Guard, senior Molly Kinder practices with the University's band for several hours each day. "The guys told me they were cool with [my selection] because I did everything they did," Kinder said of her fellow Guard members.

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FRANCE

Workers vote to end Maine strike: Negotiators for Bath Iron Works and its company will vote to end the strike by 3.4.9, after all-night talks. A largest union tentatively agreed on new contract Thursday morning after all-night talks. All-night talks, negotiators said. Workers were expected to maintain picket lines until midnight Thursday. Both sides said the proposed agreement addresses the major concerns of union members, who voted to strike Sunday, but some workers seem engaged as details trickled out and they learned that wages would not be increased over the previous offer.

F-16 crashes, pilot survives: A military pilot ditched her F-16 fighter jet in the ocean off the New Jersey coast Thursday after its engine quit, ejecting safely before it crashed. The Air National Guard pilot chuted into the ocean, landing about 250 yards from shore, witnesses said. He was quickly picked up by a state police boat. The pilot, whose name wasn't released, suffered minor bruises and a backache.

Casinos hurt Apaches: The plaque outside the Apache Gold Casino declares the $40 million hotel, golf and gambling resort has opened - and four years after the debut of a $250 million hotel, golf and gambling resort has opened. The reservation's unemployment rate has jumped 5 percent in 1997, the latest year available. The number of tribal members receiving welfare has increased - and four years after the debut of a 5-year-old survivor of a shipwreck and the world's most publicized custody battle "just like anybody else" when he starts the second grade Friday. After recovering from his ordeal in the world's most publicized custody battle, just like anybody else, in the limelight, Elian's expected to make his public reappearance when he — and 2.2 million other Cuban students — return to classes.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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Fishing boats from Nice, Cannes-sur-Mer and Antibes block the entrance to the harbor of Antibes, France, in conjunction with a nationwide transportation protest against the rising prices of fuel.

Fishermen vote to end blockade

Associated Press

PARIS

French fishermen on Thursday called an end to a nationwide wave of protests, including an hours-long traffic blockade of the Channel Tunnel, after the Agriculture Ministry promised that will block traffic Friday. The group said it was asking members to send fuel bills to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin. A union of taxi drivers also warned they would block traffic Friday.

In the city of Perigueux in the southwest, truck drivers added their voices to the fuel protests, stopping traffic in the city.

The British government demanded action by French authorities to prevent a repeat of the blockade of English Channel ports.

Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott wrote in French Transport Minister Jean-Claude Gayssot calling for "new rules of engagement.

Britain "remains deeply concerned at the disproportionate impact on Britain of this kind of industrial action in France," he said.
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end, where they were getting overloaded with information, said senior Steve Harris. "Then they get bombarded with this complicated ticket system."

Smith, too, said he "didn't know what was going on, and I'm supposed to be the chief of staff."

A number was drawn to determine which student could buy the first ticket from his class, and sales proceeded in numerical order. Students with- out stickeres on their ticket applications, were placed last in line on days that tickets were sold.

"If I were the number that was drawn first, I'd have to get in line pretty early if I didn't want to be skipped," said graduate student Bill Cassidy, a transfer from Arizona State University. "I was using it as a penalty to me."

Smith also expressed concerns about lack of access to his ticket application. He said the University should consider mailing the applications to off-campus and graduate students prior to the beginning of the academic year.

That would be similar to the distribution system at Ohio State University, according to graduate student and OSU transfer Paul Vasquez. Vasquez said that OSU students receive ticket applications in the spring and their tickets by late summer.

He said, however, that a similar program at Notre Dame might pose problems for incoming freshmen, transfer and graduate students.

In the past four years, the University has made annual revisions to the distribution system. In 1997 and 1998, students ramped overnight outside the Joyce Center for tickets. But prompted by concerns about alcohol and student safety, the 1999 system featured a lottery similar to this year's, but students were still able to camp inside the stadium gates.

Although he believes the University will not return to the rampout system, O'Donoghue said, "If I could bring back the rampout, I would."

"A rampout to me sounds like the ultimate college experience," said Cassidy.

But while that system may be a no-go, Clemency expressed what he thinks is a very feasible idea.

Clemency's proposal is a procedure he calls "The Test," based on the distribution reform platform that Joe Priest and Bill Kaufman, both 2000 grad-

uates of the University, ran on when campaigning for student body president and vice president in 1999.

The test would be 100 points, with top scorers from each class receiving priority consideration for stadium seating. Clemency's program would also give automatic points, based on grade level, to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's sophomores, juniors and seniors. Clemency said Notre Dame students would receive an additional 10 more points than Saint Mary's students.

"This is not about gender discrimination. If Saint Mary's students know their stuff, they'll get good seats," said Clemency, who noted that "The Test" would weed out serious football fans from those who attend games to socialize with friends.

It would do so, he said, by quizzesing students on football trivia. One-third of the test would be based on Notre Dame football history, one-third on NCAA football history and the remainder on general knowledge of the sport.

There would also be statistical variation among scores to allow friends with similar scores to sit together, said Clemency. But he said that if one friend scores high on the test and another scores low, the top scoring friend would have to opt for worse seats if he wanted to sit by the other student.

"If you think it's about socializing, then you don't care who you sit," Clemency said.

Some students, though, expressed doubts about Clemency's recommendation, questioning how to administer it and how to make it fair for all students.

O'Donoghue said he was unsure if the University would move forward with a change as drastic as Clemency's recommendation. He said, however, that he valued the student input.

"I guarantee that there'll be some tweaking, but I can't say that it'll be an entirely new syst¬em," said O'Donoghue, who this fall begins his term on the University's ticket planning committee. "This is about what we can do to make the current system work better or to invent a new great system."

O'Donoghue vowed Thursday to keep students informed of his committee work saying he will not serve on it unless the planning for next year's distribution is made a public process.

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Students fall victim to summer crime

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

Away from the insulated Notre Dame campus, students living just one mile off-campus this summer in South Bend were the victims of crime.

Notre Dame students are learning the hard way how crime prevention techniques can make a difference. Senior Andrew Miller said that after his house near Molly McGuire's was broken into twice this summer he and his roommates disabled their security efforts.

"Our landlord came over and screwed some windows shut and installed some additional locks, and we keep our alarm on now," said Miller. "A third break-in was attempted but the guys couldn't get through the front door locks."

But the crimes this summer did not stop at breaking and entering. A group of Notre Dame seniors living on a nearby street were robbed at gunpoint by masked men. Two weeks later it happened again, this time at another house on the same block. No one was hurt and quick police action led to the apprehension of the suspects on the other side of town as they attempted another robbery.

"I don't want to think that it happened only because it was summertime and no one else was really here because that makes it too easy to let your guard down now that everyone is back. You still have to be careful."

Anonymous robbery victim

"What happened this summer is in my head probably 90 percent of the time," said one of the victims, who asked not to be identified. "I don't want to think that it happened only because it was summertime and no one else was really here because that makes it too easy to let your guard down now that everyone is back. You still have to be careful."

Even though the off-campus residents are technically out of the jurisdiction of the Notre Dame Security Police Department, the NDSP does work with the South Bend Police Department when it comes to protecting the students.

"Students may want to follow up with us after they contact the SBPD so that we can watch out for trends," said Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSP. "In areas where there has been a number of incidents we are doing what we can to make police presence more strongly felt."

Hurley also said it is important for students to report every crime and to be aware of what makes them easy targets, such as the fact that students are predictable and tend to follow the same schedule everyday. It is easy for anyone watching the house to know when it is empty, he said.

"There are certain implications to moving off campus," said Hurley. "A student looking to move off campus should research the neighborhood and hope their landlord will be honest with them."

"Or, they can also get in touch with the Crime Prevention Bureau of the South Bend Police Department and ask about crime activity for that area. There is a problem and people need to be aware of it, but the last thing I would want to see is more division between Notre Dame and the South Bend community."

Alumni gifts to establish scholarship

Special to The Observer

The University has received a gift to establish an Alumni Association scholarship fund. The gift was given by David Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., a 1971 graduate and former president of the Alumni Association; his wife, Carolyn; his mother, Mary Jane; and his sister, Susan. Johnson said that other former Alumni Association presidents and board members will be urged to contribute to the fund and that he hopes others will contribute.

"The gifts of the Johnsons and of other former Alumni Association officers wonderfully express the Notre Dame family's affection, respect and gratitude for some of our most dedicated students," said University President Edward Mulloy.

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Cheney plucks Balkan exit strategy

* Candidate says he’ll work for troop reduction

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Dick Cheney said Thursday that if he and George W. Bush are elected, they would look at crafting an exit strategy to get U.S. troops out of the Balkans.

"I haven't seen yet any proposal from the administration to get out of Kosovo or Bosnia," he said while campaigning for the GOP ticket at a southern Florida elementary school.

Cheney has been scaling back troops in the Balkans from the nearly 20,000 sent there in 1995.

About 4,600 U.S. troops remain in Bosnia, out of a total of 22,000 peacekeepers. There are about 6,200 troops in Kosovo, out of a total force of 44,000.

Administration officials have expressed hope for further reductions in U.S. presence, but have set no deadline.

The troop deployments that Bush and Cheney criticize, meanwhile, have generated more than $2 billion in federal contracts for Halliburton, the Dallas-based oil services company.

Cheney ran from 1995 until just a few weeks ago.

Halliburton's Brown & Root Services subsidiary repaid a large chunk of business in 1995 when troops were sent to Bosnia. The Army paid it $546 million to provide logistical support for more than 20,000 U.S. soldiers in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary.

The company had already earned $269 million on the contract.

Cheney said he had no role in that or any other contracts for Halliburton.

"I never approached the department about any contracts. All those contracts were competitively bid," Cheney said, adding that he didn't want anyone to criticize him for using his past assignment as defense secretary to get contracts for the company.

Kym Spell, a spokeswoman for Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore, defended the Clinton-Cheney administration, saying Bush "is not ready to be commander in chief. He hasn't shown he understands what is going on in the world."

Spell said U.S. troops make up less than a quarter of the peacekeeping forces in Kosovo and Bosnia. She added that there have been no combat casualties and that U.S. allies pay for 90 percent of the cost.

Cheney delivered a withering attack Wednesday on the Clinton-Gore administration, accusing it of letting troops, equipment, weapons and morale erode.

But as he spoke Thursday, specific additions should be made in defense programs, he couldn't say where or how he thinks the military should be built up.

"I'm not ready to say that yet," Cheney told reporters at Cruisiant Elementary School, where he announced a $2.8 billion proposal to build new schools and repair crumbling ones.

He said there first must be a "complete scrub" of overseas commitments and a look at future defense planning.

"That could conceivably lead you to the conclusion that you need larger forces, or you may want to change the mix in some fashion," Cheney said.

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Dick Cheney

Vice Presidential candidate

Gore pushes tough patient's bill of rights

Associated Press

SEATTLE — In person and on the air, Al Gore appeared on Thursday for the support of people who battle with insurance companies over medical coverage.

"We can win this struggle," he declared.

"Allow yourself to believe. Gore told a noisy downtown rally. He was running mate Joseph Lieberman spoke to more than 3,000 cheering backers, pushing for "a meaningful, real enforceable patients' bill of rights."

At the same time, the campaign began airing new commercials ripping into "some bean counter behind a computer terminal" who denies conditions that are relatively simple.

"It's a non-issue," he said. "It's not much ado about nothing."

While in Seattle, Gore and Lieberman collected the endorsement of the Seattle Nurses Association.

Gore has dwelt at length on the often arcane details of his health policy proposals and has had a cordial relationship with Bush, whom he accuses of offering only vague notions of what he would do if elected.

In Seattle, the vice president was seeking to light a fire under backers in a state important to his hopes of winning the election, defying his coat and offering a fiery pep talk.

"I want to ask you to open your hearts and allow yourselves to really, sincerely believe without reservation that we can make a difference in America," said Gore.

"I'm happy to pay for the point that disdains, reject the appeal of cynicism."
Study: drug may help asthma treatment

Associated Press

FLORENCE, Italy

A study suggests that an experimental drug could halve the number of asthma attacks suffered by people whose condition isn’t well controlled — with current treatment about 15 percent of all asthma patients, a researcher said Thursday.

The first major study of the injectable drug, presented Thursday at the World Congress on Lung Health, also found that it allowed half of patients to stop using steroid inhalers and the rest to reduce their dependence on them, said Dr. Stephen Holgate, who led the study.

Steroids have been linked to dangerous side effects, such as osteoporosis and stunted growth in children.

Tsalir, arts earlier in the cascade of reactions that lead to an asthma attack than other treatments, said Holgate, an asthma researcher with the Medical Research Council in London and a professor at England’s Southampton University.

“This discovery is really the first major step forward in the treatment of asthma that we’ve had in the last 20 years,” he said. Those taking the drug had half the number of asthma attacks as subjects who did not receive it.

Their lungs functioned better and they were less often admitted to the hospital with asthma attacks. Some of the patients started improving two weeks into the 18-month study, and no serious side effects were reported, according to the researchers.

The results of the study were presented at a session sponsored by one of the drug’s makers, Novartis AG of Switzerland.

“It’s an excellent result,” said Dr. Mitchell Friedman, head of the lung center at Tulane University in New Orleans, who was not connected with the research.

“It may transform asthma treatment, certainly in allergic asthma, but there are a whole host of things that influence inflammation in asthma. Whether this will be the major one remains to be seen.”

Tsalir is the first in a new class of drugs that target a chemical in the blood, called leukotriene, that is involved early in the string of events that lead to the development of asthma.

Greek Church fights ID card changes

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece

Greere’s powerful Orthodox Christian Church is taking its fight against the Soviet government back to the streets in a battle its fiery leader says pits the “sons of darkness” against the “sons of light.”

The church hopes it can force the government to revoke a decision eliminating the religion entry from state identity cards. It would like to collect nearly 5 million signatures — about half the total population — to force a referendum on the ban.

But the showdown resonates far beyond just ID cards. It represents an important crossroads for Greece: whether the nation can adopt European Union norms or remain under the influence of clergymen who are highly suspicious of the EU and the influence of the West.

“We will continue our struggle for Greece to remain a Christian state, as we know it and want to live it,” leader of the church, said this week during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. In June, he led huge rallies against the ID changes in Athens and the northern port of Thessaloniki.

While most Greeks vacationed in August, church printing presses worked overtime churning out millions of ballots that will be carried door-to-door as part of their campaign.

Christodoulos planned to formally open the signature drive Friday, the first day of the ecclesiastical new year. It will end on March 25, the day Greece celebrates its early 19th century war of independence from Ottoman Turkish rule.

By that time, however, the new IDs should be in circulation. The government said it will begin issuing the new cards in October.

Premier Costas Simitis has the government, arguing it abolished the religion entry because it can counter to Greece’s modernization efforts and European outlook.

Human rights groups and the country’s religious minorities, including Jews, Muslims and Roman Catholics, also welcomed the decision. They claimed the old ID cards allowed religious discrimination.

The government fears the church’s signature campaign could d o o p l y d i v i d e G r e e c e , where more than 97 percent of the native-born population is baptized into the Greek Orthodox Church but opinion polls show a near even split on the ID issue.

But many Orthodox church leaders are wary of the government’s drive to bring Greece into the mainstream of

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Clinton vetoes ‘death tax’ repeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton vetoed a bill Thursday that would gradually repealed inheritance taxes, saying it would have benefited the wealthiest Americans while threatening the nation’s financial well-being.

Republican House leaders vowed a prompt veto override attempt, hoping to keep the so-called “death tax” issue alive in the fall campaign.

Clinton, during a ceremony in the White House East Room, acknowledged the estate tax can hit some farmers and small businesses hard, but he said many Democrats favored tax law changes to exempt them without handing the richest 1,000 families an average tax cut of $7 million apiece.

“Your party is not against reasonable estate tax relief. But this bill is wrong. It is wrong on grounds of fairness. It is wrong on grounds of fiscal responsibility,” the president said.

The White House said the $105 billion cost during the 10-year phaseout would explode to $750 billion in the decade after full repeal, rapidly consuming budget surplus dollars needed to shore up Social Security and Medicare, pay down the national debt and increase spending on education.

The bill, like the marriage penalty tax cut Clinton vetoed a few weeks ago, was part of last year’s vetoed $792 billion tax cut that congressional Republicans are now trying to pass by bit by bit.

The president said these smaller, more popular bills could “snowball” into the same huge tax cut, threatening a return to deficits and higher interest rates for consumers.

Unless someone stops it, the snowball will turn into an avalanche and you’ll have the same impact you had before,” the president said. “This bill suffered the inevitable fate of a snowball in August.”

Only about 2 percent of estates in a given year pay the tax that reaches 55 percent, but sponsors of the repeal won broad support on Capitol Hill by arguing that it inhibits business expansion, threatens bankruptcies of farms and forces millions of taxpayers to pay lawyers, accountants and insurance companies so they can avoid the tax.

“Working men and women across the country recognize that it is simply wrong that after paying taxes your whole life, the government can collect up to 55 percent of those same assets when the head of the family dies,” said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash. “This is a fairness issue.”

The estate tax veto assures the issue will be part of dozens of House and Senate campaigns and the presidential race between Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush, who told reporters Friday that Clinton’s argument about the wealthy amounted to “class warfare.”

“I would have signed the bill,” said Bush, who has proposed repeal as part of his 10-year, $500 billion tax cut plan.

In the House, 65 Democrats joined all Republicans in passing the bill this summer, just over the two-thirds threshold necessary to override the veto.

House GOP leaders tentatively plan next Thursday to put those Democrats on the spot — particularly those in difficult re-election fights — and some say they’ll vote against Clinton.

“President is wrong, and to his veto I say, ‘Thank you,’” said Rep. Ronnie Shows, D-Miss.

Judge halts hearing of suspected terrorist

Associated Press

BRADENTON, Fla.

A judge has granted a motion to halt a federal hearing on whether to introduce evidence of suspected terrorist Mazen Al-Najjar.

Trial Summary

- Al-Najjar arrested May 1997
- Spent three years in prison without charges
- His bond hearing Thursday was halted so a federal court can rule on the handling of that evidence.

The former University of South Florida Arabie instructor is seeking to be released while he appeals a deportation order. The Immigration and Naturalization Service arrested him in May 1997 after the order was issued.

At issue is whether immigration Judge R. Kevin Cole plans to order McNulty to provide Al-Najjar’s attorney, David Cole, a chance to view a summary of the government’s evidence.

Cole plans to ask U.S. District Judge Joan Lenard to order McNulty to give him a copy of the summary before the evidence is presented.

This is information being presented behind closed doors,” Cole told McNulty. “It should not be considered unless the evidence is necessary and appropriate.”

McNulty scheduled a Sept. 18 conference call with the attorneys.

None of the secret evidence against Al-Najjar has been introduced. The INS showed classified material to McNulty in May 1997, prompting him to order Al-Najjar detained as a national security threat.

Lenard ruled in May that Al-Najjar’s civil rights had been violated and ordered the bond hearing.


McNulty’s latest decision came one day after a federal agent acknowledged the government has direct evidence that Al-Najjar had raised money for a terrorist group or had helped organize any violence.

On Wednesday, INS attorney Daniel Vara played a 13-minute videotape of various gatherings organized by the Islamic Committee for Palestine as evidence Al-Najjar had consorted with known terrorists.

Al-Najjar was an officer in the committee and helped organize the conferences, some of which were attended by leaders of the terrorist group Islamic Jihad.

The tape was compiled from nearly 500 hours of video seized in 1995, but INS agent William West was unable to offer any example of Al-Najjar soliciting money for the Islamic Jihad.
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SOMALIA
New president calls for peace

Associated Press

MOGADISHU

Enjoying his first full day in Somalia as the troubled country’s head of state, President Abdisalam Salad Hassan warned Thursday that his new administration must work to avoid a repeat of the violent chaos that has been Somalia’s hallmark in recent years.

Hassan, who was inaugurated as the nation’s first president in almost a decade Sunday in neighboring Djibouti, said he wanted reconciliation with the armed factions that have been waging war in Somalia for decades.

“Through peaceful means and reconciliation, we can maintain our unity and achieve prosperity,” he told a jubilant audience of military figures they say were responsible.

Hassan had been in the small Djiboutian town of Arta where he was elected and where Somalia’s new assembly currently sits.

Neither the assembly nor the president were expected to return to Somalia — viewed as their staunchest test — until a prime minister and Cabinet had been appointed. The appointments have yet to take place.

But in a highly unexpected move Wednesday, the 58-year-old flew into the Horn of Africa nation, which has endured nine years of vio­lence and chaos, to be greeted by tens of thousands of ecstatic, flag-waving Somalis.

Hassan’s decision to go to Mogadishu was seen as a bold move to demonstrate to his assembly’s opponents, and a generally skeptical international community, that he and his legislators have the support of the Somali people, observers say.

“It’s very significant that he returned and proved the pundits wrong,” Babafemi Badejo, a senior adviser from the U.N. political office for Somalia, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Djibouti.

“Several of the factions leaders made statements with affect that any of the people who went to Arta would not be allowed to enter any airport in Somalia. It also demonstrates to the interna­tional community that the Arta process has support within Somalia.”

Throughout a peace process which began in Arta on May 2, there has been strong opposition among a number of faction leaders and skept­icism from the international community.

Brach of of Djibouti President Ismael Omar Guelleh, the Arta conference was the 12th attempt to find a peaceful solution to Somalia’s problems. So far it has led to the election of Hassan and a 245-member parliament — designed along Somalia’s clan structure — which is expected to lead the country through a three-year transi­tion period.

And for Somali, who have been glued to their television screens throughout, it has brought an optimism unmatched for years.

Hassan’s inauguration was attended by four African leaders and representatives of regional bodies. He also received a message of support from U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The country descended into chaos and has had no central government since opposition leaders joined forces to oust dictator Mohamad Siad Barre in 1991.

Factional leaders then fought with each other, turn­ing the nation of 7 million into battle­fields ruled by heavily armed militias.

Among those opposed to the peace process are the leaders of the breakaway regions of Somaliland and Puntland, self-declared President Mohamed Ibrahim Egal and Col. Abdullahi Igeed, respectively.

The pair have established relative stability and their own administrations in the northern regions and despite the apparent success of the initiative they remain indiffer­ent.
Gender is not a factor in tradition

In light of Molly Kinder's acceptance as the first female member of the Irish Guard, the traditions of the Irish Guard and this University have come into debate. Some have questioned if Kinder can fulfill the duties of a Guard member. No one should doubt, however, if women in general can fulfill those duties. Although a female member of the Guard changes its all-male history, it does not have to change the tradition of the Irish Guard as honorable representatives of the University. While there has never been a female member of the Irish Guard, the Irish Guard was not formed to represent malehood. The Irish Guard function as a visible symbol of the University. For 1972 years, the United States Supreme Court had a history of being an all-male body. With the appointment of Sandra Day O'Connor in 1981, that history changed. The tradition of the Court, however, remained the same. The Court still represents the justice and integrity of the United States, regardless of the Justices' gender.

Whether in Washington D.C. or under the Golden Dome, the principle should remain the same. As long as the spirit of a tradition is maintained, it should not matter whether a male or female upholds that tradition. The Irish Guard prides itself over respect; both of these qualities transcend gender lines. Tradition is only broken when a member of the Guard does not honorably represent the University. As long as Friday nights and the Irish Guard are not changed, then the gender of a Guard member should not matter.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voicing support for female on Irish Guard

Guard chosen because skill and talent

Last week a girl made the Irish Guard. A girl. Yesterday, Anthony Farina kept up with a lost, but not forgotten Notre Dame tradition: whining. He felt sorry for the current Irish Guard recruiters, not for its newest female member. He believed that Notre Dame broke with tradition in order to promote equality. That is what he said and this is why he is wrong.

The most important thing at Notre Dame is not tradition. Anthony he Agitated, it's excellence. I seriously doubt that Dr. Joe or the captains of this heralded team chose this "young lady" simply because she fits the six-foot-two-inch criteria. Did he ever cross your mind that she was the best person for the job? Were you aware that she tried out last year and had to try doubly hard to make it this year? I doubt it, because in your eyes everything must be politically correct.

Dr. Joe will not regret his decision, as you presume, because the excellence will not be lost. The duties and skills that the Irish Guards people will not have changed. They wont attempt "fit in better with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society." There is simply a girl on the Irish Guard. They will not exchange their big fluffly hats for upkeep-down back- wards covers and they will not let the band into the sta- dium doing the Roger Rabbit. What they will do, how- ever, is represent the University like those before them.

Every tradition, Mr. Farina, is inevitably broken. I am just glad that this female pioneer was chosen because she is ever- vigilant and deserving, not because of her sexu­ ality. This mid-1990s "Oh my god, when did woman leave the kitchen" phenomenon, which "causes feelings of anger and nausea to arise in yourself and every Notre Dame alum" means only that you are close­ minded. Many alumni, most students and even past Irish Guardsmen are happy for the team's greatest smile.

So when you get a chance to watch the new Guards lead the band into the stadium on any given Saturday, I advise you to look closely. I hope you aren't too proud to notice that nothing has changed. The newest female member will be marching proudly well and but don't get too close, my new friend, or she will unintentionally put you in your place. And deservedly so.

Christopher Howald
Senior
off-campus
August 31, 2000

Proud to be led by newest Guard member

This letter is in response to Anthony Farina’s let­ ter "New Guard Breaks Tradition." While I can understand Mr. Farina’s viewpoint that some tradi­tions should not be broken, he blatantly missed the fact that the criteria for the Irish Guard are: (1) the guard candidate should be over six-foot-two inches tall and (2) possess outstanding marching skills. No guideline for the sex of the candidate is ever mentioned.

The fact is that there are not many women taller than six-foot-two and even less women that would wish to represent the University as an Irish Guard member. Molly Kinzer is: (1) over six-foot-two and (2) she exhibits superior marching skills. Obviously she meets the criteria to be in the Guard. I have heard of women trying out in the past, but none have had marching skills strong enough to make the Guard. The fact that a woman has been in the Guard before is not a "time-hon­ e red tradition". It is a matter of cir­ cumstance.

Anyone present at band auditions would have observed that Molly marched an outstanding audition. Dr. Joe, the Assistant Directors and the graduate students all deemed that she had the qualities necessary to be a member of the Irish Guard.

Molly was not selected for the band "to be politically cor­ rect, or to try to bet­ ter with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society. Nothing about the decision was made to "promote equality." She was selected because she is a member of the Irish Guard because she possesses superior marching abilities and she will exhibit a strong presence on the field.

Since day one of her selection into the Guard she has excelled at band performances, demonstrating the half-time show and showing her complete dedica­tion to the spirit of the band.

I feel that Molly exemplifies the spirit of the Fighting Irish and I am proud to lead the band with Molly Kinzer as a member of the Irish Guard.

Jim McFaulin
Head Drum Major
University of Notre Dame Marching Band
August 31, 2000

Breaking traditions is progress

Out of the sense of spirit that so characterizes everything we do at Notre Dame and a desire to watch history being made, I attended Molly Kinzer's tryout for the Irish Guard. I saw her nail each and every complicated maneuver, easily out­classing most of her male competitors. Not only did she possess the necessary height and skill require­ments, she had more grace and presence than almost all of the men out there. If the other nine men on the Irish Guard have any insight at all, they will take advantage of what Molly has to offer. Instead of feeling sorry for themselves or excluding her as Farina suggested.

Furthermore I had the luck to live only a hall away from Molly last year in McGlinn and I was constantly amazed by how warm, friendly and inviting her personality was. Never did I feel inferior to her as a freshman and I was always impressed with her passion and sense of humor whenever I saw her. She truly does exemplify the best of what it means to be a Notre Dame student and could only improve, not taint, the hallowed image of the Irish Guard.

I realize that everyone does have an opinion, but it baff­ les me that anyone could possibly suggest we should deny an outstanding, skilled and quali­ fied person the opportunity to showcase her talents simply because it would break tradition. Many people always say as if breaking tradition were a cardinal sin, as if the entire infrastructure of Notre Dame would crumble if one of its "prized traditions" was changed. Guess what? Traditions are broken: it's every one's call. It's progress.

Meg Fitzpatrick
Sophomore
McGlinn Hall
August 31, 2000

President of “The Shirt” committee defends decision

As head coordinator of "The Shirt," I feel compelled to respond to yesterday's article entitled "Student questions 'The Shirt'’s new color concept." This article is full of false information and may be the least objective article The Observer has ever printed.

Contrary to the article, "The Shirt” is student-run. Every year, students choose the design of the shirt, the color and the manufacturer. They negotiate with vendors, deliver the shirts and handle marketing. University officials are not involved in any of these activi­ ties. As President, I am the one who, in the end, not only chose the design, but helped design it as well. I also was the one who chose the manufacturer for the shirt, Cadre Athletic.

No Notre Dame official made that decision, I did. Regarding Neil Fitzpatrick, we apologize that his administration, but that was beyond our control. This is the most visible shirt Notre Dame pro­ duces. Tens of thousands of these shirts will be seen on NBC weekly. The admin­ istration has the obligation to make sure "The Shirt" passes certain standards. I had the best interest of the stu­ dent body when I made the decision to use a new design. The design is origin­ al and uses photography that far out­ dates Mr. Fitzpatrick’s own compo­ nent.

The true purpose of "The Shirt" is to raise money for Student Activities and a great tradition at Notre Dame. It is the largest student fundraiser on campus raising over $200,000 annually. Half of this money goes to Student Activities to help fund such events as SYRs, con­ certs, speakers, etc. The other half goes to a charity fund to help Notre Dame students, faculty and administration who are experiencing catastrophe. For example, in the past the charity has helped very sick students who could not afford the medical attention they required. This year, part of the shirt’s profits will be distributed to rectors to help students who may be in need.

President of "The Shirt" committee defends decision

Dana Lewis
President of "The Shirt" committee
September 1, 2000
Texas A&M yell leaders Kevin Graham, Ben Cholik, Ricky Wood, their nationally known hand signals and cheers to motivate fans during the game versus Notre Dame. The Aggie cheers will surely make the stadium an intense place this Saturday.
mouth and yell!

Yellleaders will give Notre Dame fans some extra volume in the stands this weekend.

After the two Irish Cotton Bowl victories, his A&M friends have been itching for a chance for a rematch. "Notre Dame is kind of the evil northern aggressor who came down and trampled them one too many times," he said.

While Newhouse and his friends have exchanged friendly barbs, things have remained relatively calm in the home of Deigo and Christy Jimenez — Texas A&M Class of 1996 and Notre Dame Class of 1999, respectively. "I wouldn't say there is any extra tension," Christy said. "I hope Notre Dame wins but we'll see."

Although A&M is known for their intense fans, Christy says she takes her football more seriously than Deigo. Considering last year's record, however, Christy isn't making any bold victory predictions. "With the last couple of years, I am hesitant to say we'll win," she said. "Diego is a little more laid back than I am. He will be a lot less upset if Notre Dame wins than I will be if Notre Dame loses."

The couple met through their jobs with Spirit shortly after graduation and were married in 1999. While Diego and Christy have gotten along well despite the upcoming gridiron showdown, Diego is a little concerned with the way an A&M fan will be received at Notre Dame. "I am a little worried about how I'll be treated," he said. "With my A&M hat and shirt, I am going to try to keep it a little covered. I just have to be ready with some witty comeback.

Although the crowds at A&M are known for their spirit throughout the stadium, Christy has been disappointed sitting with the alumni since she graduated. "That's one negative about coming back to a game as an alumna," she said. "You don't feel the spirit of the stadium. You are with adults and they are much more relaxed. They just sit there."

Thanks to the yell leaders at A&M, however, the whole crowd gets into the games. "It's pretty intense," said Deigo. "It seems kind of silly to talk about but once you are there it's extremely powerful. They do the yells and so all the motions with the songs that the students do. There's a lot more movement at A&M."

He assessed the Notre Dame crowds as "pretty tame" in comparison. A possible reason for the leaders ability to incite a crazier crowd at A&M than the Irish cheerleaders can incite in the Stadium could be the physical preparations the yell leaders go through. Rather than attending separate cheerleader practices, the yell leaders all work out with the football team.

Although NCAA regulations prohibit them from suitting up in pads anymore, the yell leaders still run, lift and drill in the hot Texas sun, right along side the football players.

Wood says the Aggies are ready to avenge the previous loses to the Irish. "Regardless of what y'all are ranked, it's still a big deal to beat Notre Dame," he said.

Other loud traditions

In addition to the yell leaders, the Aggies have several other traditions that may seem odd to Notre Dame fans. Here are some of the A&M traditions that you might see on campus this weekend.

Corps of Cadets

Although A&M students have not been required to join the Corps of Cadets since 1962, the military organization still is a power force in College Station. Some of the 2,200 students who are in the Corps may be walking around campus this weekend in their tan uniforms and black boots.

Gig 'em

This "thumbs-up" hand sign and cheer originated at a 1930 Yell Practice. Before a game with the Texas Christian Horn Frogs, Pinky Downs of the class of 1936 was asked what the Aggies were going to do to the Horned Frogs. Pinky responded, "Well the best way to make a frog jump is to gig 'em, and made a thumbs up sign."

This term for frog hunting has since been adapted as an unofficial school motto.

Scoring after the score

Following every Texas A&M score (if they do manage to cross the goal line), A&M students in the crowd will yell, "Texas A&M needs to kiss."

Other teams can range from a simple pick to a full-fledged get-out-of-town hike make-out session.

Revelle

The full-blooded college mascot of the Aggies has been a fixture on A&M sidelines since 1921. Named for the husky dog, who woke up call that awakens the Cadets, Reveille is one of the most highly revered figures in College Station.

Cadets must address the current Reveille, Brian VI, as "Miss Rex ma'am" and must sleep on the floor if they find her sleeping in their bed.

The 12th Man

The student section at Texas A&M is known as the 12th Man. Every student stands throughout the game signaling the readiness to enter the game at any time. In a 1922 game against top-ranked Centre College, A&M's new freshmen and injuries and the only healthy players remaining were the 11 players on the field.

Head coach Dana Bible called A&M student F. King Gill, a former football player, down to the stands and asked him to suit up in case of another injury. Although Gill never saw action, he was ready to play at any time for the Aggies. Today, every student stands throughout the game signaling their readiness to enter the game.
The Atlanta Braves fell out of first place in the NL for the first time since the 1992 season, dropping behind the Cincinnati Reds 4-3 on Sean Casey's walk-off single in the 10th.

Atlanta dropped a half-game behind the idle New York Mets. The Mets lost three of four in Cincinnati, going 2-6 on a homestand that began with a 14-13 record in August.

This is first time since 1993 the Braves have lost their first three games since they took the first place this late in the season. Atlanta's last win in April of 2005 was a 1-0 victory over the New York Mets.

The Reds, held hitless for four innings by starter Kevin Millwood, overcame a 2-0 deficit with a two-run sixth inning.

Millwood broke his nose in a hunting drill Monday and was not expected to make his scheduled start. But after throwing off the field Wednesday, he said he was ready.

 Rookie John Bowling got the win with 1 2-3 innings of relief helped by a timely blunder by Andrew Jones in the sixth. Rafael Palmeiro opened the Atlanta sixth with a walk and Jones, who earlier hit his 200th home run of the season, was hit by a pitch. Chipper Jones then flied out and Ryan Glynn at the left field wall and Anderson Jones raced out a double and touched it on his return to first and was ruled out.


 Sullivan walked the bases loaded with two outs in the seventh right before striking out Chipper Jones to end the threat.

 Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 24th save.

 The Reds had done little until the sixth, when, with Pokey Reese led off with a single and Chris Nywyn doubled. Ken Griffey Jr. followed with a RBI groundout, ainda Young singled home a run. Casey then flied out to lead and one out, Burke Davis hit an RBI single.

 Royals 2, Royals 1

 Bobby Smith doubled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Kansas City Royals, 2-1.

 Steve Cox, who went 3-for-5, hit a two-run single with a walk from Jeff Suppan. Pincher-fishman Tyner scored twice with one out and went to third on Frank McGriff's grounder. Smith, arrived at second base on a 1-6-3 double, shouled to center field.

 Tony Fiore worked a scoreless eighth to get his first major league win. Roberto Hernandez pitched the ninth as the Rays ended their 28th save in 34 opportunities.

 Soppa gave up two runs and seven hits in 7-2-3 innings. It was his second loss in seven decisions since the All-Star break.

 Tampa Bay has won 13 of the last 18 meetings between the teams.

 Todd Dunsworth's sacrifice fly in the second inning gave the Royals 1-0 lead. The Devil Rays scored the tying run in the third inning when Pringles hit a double with the bases loaded.

 Tampa Bay starter Paul Wilson allowed one run and five hits in seven innings in his first start of the season.

 The right-hander, acquired from New York Mets July 29, missed all of last season after elbow surgery.

 Tampa Bay got a run to third base in the first, third and seventh innings with two outs. Frank McGriff struck out to end the first, Greg Vaughn flied out in the third, but Kevin Appier and Gerald Williams hit an seventh-inning fly ball.

 Padres 11, Cubs 5

 Phil Nevin hurt the Chicago Cubs again, driving in runs, as San Diego pounded the Cubs for their 11th win in 13 games.

 Nevin single and struck out Javy Lopez peanut for his eighth home run of the season, and the 30th of his career. The Cubs were only six games below .500 on May 2. Since then, they've gone 9-17.

 They also lost the season series to the Padres for the first time since 1995. San Diego won five of the teams' eight games this season.

 Brewers 8, Dodgers 2

 Jeremy Burnitz and Luis Lopez each drove in three runs, leading the Milwaukee Brewers over the Los Angeles Dodgers 8-2.

 Glenn Braggs doubled, doubled and scored two runs. Lopez homered and announced another win, and Williams earned his sixth victory.

 Williams, who has struggled all season after being named to the NL All-Star team in 1999, raised his average to .565 and third in the league. He was hit by a pitch in the seventh.

 Paul Rigby allowed two runs on five hits in six innings, striking out five and walking one. Craig Perez gave up six runs and seven hits in two-plus innings.

 Milwaukee swapped Perez in for a pinch-hitter, but Loretta drew a one-out walk, Jenkins doubled and Richich Sexson and Burnitz hit BBI singles.

 The Giants didn't need long to ice Jose Silva (8-9), who was charged with 10 runs in 3-2 1-3 innings while falling to last in the NL West for the fifth time this season.

 The Brave's three-run lead to 3-1 in the seventh, after three runs in the sixth, when critiques scored on a two-out double by Rodriguez. The first hit a single to lead off the inning.

 After Charlie Hayes reached on an infield single in load the bases. Dunn belted a single and struck out Henry Blanco. Lopez followed with an infield single to increase the lead to 1-6.

 The Dodgers got a run in the fourth on Alex Cora's sacrifice fly. Jenkins' single and a two-out double by Pedro Martinez gave Martinez a 2-7-2 in the bottom half.

 Lopez homered in the eighth and Whitey Herzog erased a 1-2 deficit with two runs with two hits in the first. Jenkins tied the score for the fifth time in the series, and the Dodgers scored three runs in the fourth on two hits and three walks.
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Portland Trail Blazers trade for height

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers have been scheming and courting all summer long, trying to figure out a way to best Shaquille O’Neal.

In less than 24 hours, the Blazers added nearly 14 feet of brawn aimed at slowing down Shaq and disrupting the Lakers’ chances of repeating as NBA champions.

A day after acquiring 6-foot-10 Shawn Kemp from the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Blazers got 6-11 Dale Davis in a trade with the Indiana Pacers on Thursday.

“We’re elosed,” Blazers general manager Rob Whitissit said. “We’re close, and we’re trying to do all we can while we’re in that window.”

Kemp was traded Wednesday in a three-way deal that also sent Brian Grant from Portland to the Miami Heat, who dealt Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon in Cleveland along with a future first-round pick. To get Davis, the Blazers gave up a high-performing and unhappy forward Jerome O’Neal and 38-year-old veteran Joe Kleine.

The trades came right after Whitissit returned from a safari in Africa, and once again he bagged the high-profile star players he went after. Last season, Whitissit brought Scottie Pippen to Portland through a sign-and-trade with Houston, then landed Steve Smith in a deal with Atlanta.

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-- The Associated Press

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Davenport ignores scoreboard in comeback victory

**No. 2 player advances to third round of U.S. Open**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The scoreboard message was not encouraging.

Lindsay Davenport, seeded No. 2 in the U.S. Open, winner of three Grand Slam events in her career, was down a set and struggling against Kim Clijsters, who came within four points of beating eventual champion Serena Williams here a year ago.

Concerned?

Not Lindsay.

"I hadn't worried worried," she said. "I would probably think about going home if I was down a break or something. I wasn't thinking that yet."

And she never would.

Davenport pulled her game together Thursday and advanced to the third round with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Clijsters.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," she said. "It never got quite to that scenario where I was down a set and a break, really close to losing. I think it's tough for any younger player when they're about to beat a top player, especially at a Grand Slam, to really close it out. That's probably the toughest thing to do."

She knows that first hand.

In 1993, before she was a world-class player, Davenport was 17, playing the full Grand Slam circuit for the first time, and found herself facing Gabriela Sabatini at the Open. Sabatini had won the tournament just three years earlier and still was at the top of her game.

"I think I was up a set and 4-3, not like 5-1," Davenport said. "Lost in two tough sets. Probably let her off the hook. That's what happens. It's very tough your first time out there to win the match without thinking about it."

"I mean, you've probably worked your whole junior career to get to that situation. When you're finally about to have your big win, I would say like 80 percent of the players never continue with the win because it is tough to close matches out. I think you get a little too excited and not know how to play the points right."

So even when she was in a tough situation, down a set and 2-1 in the second, Davenport never thought about how close Clijsters had come against Williams a year ago.

Instead, she was searching higher-profile solutions. "Looking for a way to deal with players," she said.

"That's not a situation you want to find yourself in, down a set, even in the second set," she said. "Once I get that one break, then I felt like the whole match swung on that, and I never looked back from there."

"For me, I do feel like I'm hitting the ball well. I feel like I can get better. As long as you can get through, you never know what happens when you face a player later on in the tournament. I don't worry about that."

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Happy Birthday, Dana! We miss you!

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Mom and Dad
Weekend Events

The Following Events Are Happening At The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Author Events:

Nicholas Sparks, Class of 1988, author of three bestselling novels, will sign copies of his books on Friday, Sep. 1 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, including the newly released paperback edition of A Walk to Remember.

Also on Friday, Sep. 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., University of Notre Dame President Father Malloy will be signing copies of his book, Monk’s Reflections.

Professor Ralph McInerny will be signing copies of his newly released Notre Dame mystery, The Book of Kills, on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. McInerny is the author of over 30 books including the popular Father Dowling mysteries.

On Saturday, Sep. 2 the Stellaluna storybook character will appear periodically during the day - cameras are welcome.

Also appearing on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is Gerry Faust, to sign copies of The Golden Dream.

Storytime featuring a reading of Stellaluna by Janell Cannon, with craft and sing-along on Tuesday, Sep. 5 at 11:30 a.m.

Music Events:

On Friday, Sep. 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Sep. 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Pianist Emmeline Schoen, Class of 2003, performs.

On Friday, Sep. 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Sep. 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., nationally renowned Pianist Tim O’Neill, Class of 1994, performs and sings copies of his CDs.

On Saturday, Sep. 2 at 8:00 a.m., Bagpiper Joseph Smith, Class of 2001, performs. Also on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to noon., Pianist Joe Fremeau, Class of 2002, performs.

Acapella group, The Undertones, performs one hour after the game on Saturday, Sep. 2.
Clement knocks Agassi out of U.S. Open in straight sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK

There was no sadness in Andre Agassi’s eyes, no regret over the listless loss of his U.S. Open title, no excuse that his thoughts were on his cancer-stricken mother and sister more than his tennis.

Agassi stared straight ahead, his tears clear, his voice firm, and gave all the credit to Frenchman Arnaud Clement for ending his reign as champion Thursday, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

“It was just a brutal day,” the top-seeded Agassi said as he followed No. 2 Gustavo Kuerten and two-time champion Patrick Rafter to a quick exit.

It has been a brutal summer for Agassi after a brilliant year. From a run of four straight Grand Slam finals and three titles, he stumbled to second-round exits in the French and U.S. Opens, and a stunning semifinal loss at Wimbledon. It was a summer when he hurt his back in a car accident and learned his mother had breast cancer, just as his sister did.

With all that, perhaps it was understandable that the 30-year-old Agassi would reveal a sense of perspective on his latest loss. "I'm not too worried," when someone sought to comfort him on the way to the players lounge.

When Agassi saw his girl-friend, Steffi Graf, minutes after the match, he smiled and joked a bit, performed a quick dance step with her, their hips bumping, and moved on to chat with other friends.

“There are obviously things that are clearly in play,” Perry Rogers, Agassi’s best friend and manager, said in reference to his mother and sister’s illness. "He hasn’t had the best summer, and I don’t think he came in here with the expectation that he would be able to impose his game on his opponents.”

Agassi didn’t even come close to imposing his game on the 37th-ranked Clement, who had lost to him in the French and U.S. Opens last year in their only previous meetings.

While Clement bounced jauntily around the court, whacking 36 winners to Agassi’s 19, Agassi looked leaderless, his feet barely moving, his usually quick hands moving slowly, his shots lacking pace and depth and accuracy.

They each made 27 unforced errors, but Clement’s usually came when he went for winners. “I didn’t think they were going to go in,” Agassi said.

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“It’s finding the balance between hitting offensively enough to control the point, but not playing too big.” Agassi said. “I struggle with that. Sometimes I played too big and occasionally I just took a little bit off of it. I never found my quality pace shot that allowed me to dictate without taking too many chances. It was a little bit breezy down there, tough conditions.

“Once you start second-guessing yourself, you’ve lost,” Agassi said. "If you don’t respond and hit with a lot of ball's moving around and your feet aren’t adjusting, mistakes are going to happen.”

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“For sure, he didn’t play a great match today,” Clement said. “He did a lot of mistakes. I don’t think about him. I just think about myself. I just think about how to win. This match ... it’s unbelievable because it’s on an unbelievable court. Maybe 15,000 persons. Everybody is for him. It’s my best victory in my career.”

Clement needed five match points before he put this one away, but there was never any real thought that Agassi might claw his way back after he was broken to 5-4 in the third set.

Clement celebrated prematurely when he hit what he thought was a double-fault serve across on his second match point, only to be told the ball had clipped the net cord. On his fourth match point, he thought he had won again with an ace, and he complained about a linesman’s call that it was out. But when the fifth match point came, Agassi simply dropped the ball and returned it to the net, shook hands and looked relieved that the ordeal was over.

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is far from inexperienced. The majority of the sophomores logged significant playing time as freshmen last season. Also, the eight freshmen joining the team are regarded as perhaps the best recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame men's soccer.

Apple has already used this depth to his advantage in the preseason. "We played 19 players last weekend [in exhibition play], we've never been able to play that many players in a game or in a weekend."

After a day off on Saturday, the Irish take on the host Rebels Sunday afternoon. The Rebels are coming off of a 1-0-1 preseason which saw them defeat Master's College 1-0 before playing to a 3-3 tie against Grand Canyon. Last season the Rebels finished 7-11-0 and placed seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, four places below New Mexico.

Junior forward Jason Melendez leads the Rebel offense. Melendez tallied eight goals and four assists last season, and already has scored twice in the two pre-season games.

Sophomore Tuomas Talvio added five goals and four assists last year, and also has put the ball in the net once this year in a preseason game against Grand Canyon.

The Irish counter with a defense that combines youth and experience. The team's other two tri-captains, Steve Malo and Connor LaRose, are both returning starters. They are joined by returning starter, sophomore Andreas Forstner who is known for his intelligent play which helps him to intercept passes.

The new man in the back is freshman Greg Martin. Like Detter, Martin is a Parade All-American and played on the 1999 Youth World Cup team. A hard-nosed player, Martin's maturity has impressed teammates this fall. "He has taken on a role in the back that is very difficult for a young player," said Pridmore. "He has been able to fit in right away."

The Irish return home to open their home season next Wednesday against Bradley at Alumni Field. The Irish hope to rely on on a strong recruiting class to add depth to their roster. They open their season today against the New Mexico Lobos, followed by a game with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Rebels on Sunday.

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NCAA hands 26 Wisconsin players suspensions

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The NCAA suspended 26 Wisconsin football players Thursday for one to three games for receiving unadvertised discounts at a shoe store, forcing the Badgers to bench 11 players for their opener.
The 11 suspended for the No. 4 Badgers’ game with Western Michigan on Thursday night included starting receiver Chris Chambers, and Nick Davis, cornerback Jamar Fletcher, offensive linemen Ben Johnson and Tightback Bryan Thompson.

Eleven of the 26, including Fletcher, Davis, Johnson and Chambers, were suspended for three games for receiving benefits of more than $500, school officials said.

Another 15 players, including running back Michael Bennett, defensive tackle Wendell Bryant, cornerback Mike Echols and Thompson, were suspended for one game and ordered to do 12 hours of community service.

Chambers’ suspension could be an especially tough blow to the Badgers. The team’s leading receiver from last season was already sidelined by a stress fracture in his right foot that was expected to keep him out until at least the end of September.

School officials aren’t sure if he will be allowed to serve the suspension while injured, meaning he could miss more than half the season.

“I think you have tremendous disappointment. You have to feel for them,” Wisconsin athletic director Pat Richter said. “We felt this was not warranted.”

The NCAA ordered all 26 players to serve the suspensions within the first four games of the season. The other six suspended players were Delante McGrew, wide receiver Travis Fisher, Jamar Williams, tight end Jeremy Thompson, running back Mike Echols and wide receiver Matt Zima.

Suspendations stem from reports last month that members of the football and men’s basketball teams may have received special credit for credit arrangements at the Shoe Box in Black Earth, Wis., that were not available to other clients.

Another 21 players, including starting quarterback Brooks Bollinger, were not suspended but were ordered to perform 24 hours of community service for the discounts they received.

Women’s soccer player Wynter Perez was suspended for two games and ordered to do 24 hours of community service.

All will be required to repay the discounts they received.

The school also investigated allegations that some athletes may have exchanged university-issued shoes for merchandise but found no evidence of that.

Chuck Schmitt said Thursday he was a “shock” to him as a booster under NCAA rules.

Newly added the university’s investigation was continuing and the school had made a recommendation to the NCAA whether the violations constitute a major or secondary violation.

If the purchases constitute a major rules violation, it would be the third such infraction within the last decade for the university.

The wrestling program was put on probation in 1994 for improper use of booster funds that included impermissible benefits to athletes, a major rules violation.

Last year, the NCAA found the athletic department had committed a major rules violation because coaching staff members received reimbursement for expenses from a booster fund without approval from the chancellor.

That program was scheduled to end in November.

Still, the NCAA Committee on Infractions did not penalize the university under repeat violator rules last year, partly because Wisconsin self-reported the violations.

Recycle The Observer.
Western Michigan's passing game was lackluster. Wisconsin's offense struggled to produce the quick-strike drives that had been the hallmark of the Badgers' first game since the NCAA sanctions and 31 lost scholarships between 1995 and 1997, the program had been redone and relieved with talent at every position.

Dayne, who missed most of last season with injuries and received a medical redshirt, took over this year for Heisman Trophy finalist Chad Pennington. Leftwich went 13-of-20 for 205 yards before sitting out most of the second half. The key was the most scored by Marshall in an opener since a 71-7 victory over Morehead State in 1994. It was the most allowed by Southeast Missouri since it moved up from Division II in 1991.

It marked the debut of Southeast Missouri coach Tim Billings, a Marshall assistant the past 10 years and its defensive coordinator last season, when the Herd ranked second in the nation in fewest points allowed at 10 per game. Billings was a part of those same schemes Thursday and they worked for awhile. The game was tied at 7 until midway through the second quarter when Rodgers and Leftwich helped Marshall score its final three drives for a 28-7 margin.

Early in the second half, Southeast Missouri backup punter Nick Beggs put his knee to the ground while fielding a low snap at his 3-yard line. Marshall took over and Rodgers threw two plays later for a 35-7 lead.

In a tuneup for Marshall as it prepares for non-conference games at Michigan State and North Carolina.
VOLLEYBALL

Irish start season with Shamrock Invitational

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Irish volleyball kicks off the season today as it faces Fairfield in game two of the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Tournament in the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame will be participating in the Shamrock Invitational for the fourth straight year. The Irish finished second last year behind Pacific and have an overall 14-3 Shamrock record in its six appearances.

Senior Denise Boylan led the Irish in last year's tournament, being named to the 1999 Shamrock all-tournament team. Boylan also earned honors this year as the 2000 Big East preseason player of the year, while fellow senior Christi Girton joined her on the preseason all-Big East team.

The Irish finished 20-9 overall last season while grabbing the regular season conference title with an 11-0 record in Big East play. The Irish controlled their home court last season, finishing with a Joyce Center record of 10-2. Since 1991 Irish volleyball has racked up 108 wins out of the 124 home matches for an outstanding homecourt advantage.

Notre Dame returns 10 monogram winners, including five starters and also gains five new freshmen.

“Our starting lineup looks like it’s going to be all returners so that’s good for us. We also have a lot of depth and versatility which seem to be our strengths,” said co-captain Girton.

Friday’s match will mark the second meeting between Fairfield and Notre Dame with the Stags having the upperhand defeating the Irish in 1998 14-16, 15-13, 6-15, 15-4 and 15-17. Fairfield combined for a 30-win season last year while gaining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title.

“Fairfield’s a revenge match from two years ago for those of us who were here,” said Girton.

On Saturday Notre Dame continues tournament play as they face No. 15 Brigham Young University at 7 p.m. BYU has a two-match advantage over the Irish with a 12-15, 7-15 and 7-15 success last year.

Clemson looks to gain the upper hand Sunday as it faces Notre Dame. The Tigers have played against the Irish twice, taking their last match in three games in 1999.

“We are going to go out and play well and take care of things on our side,” Girton said, “We are just going to play the way we know how and the games will take care of themselves.”

The Irish will play against Fairfield at 4 p.m. in game two of the Shamrock Invitational followed immediately by the football pep rally.

Correction: The tryout tennis tournament will be Monday, September 4, at 4 p.m.

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Saint Mary’s will face its other tough competition of the weekend on Saturday, when the women line up against Wittenberg College. Wittenberg finished the 1999 season with an 18-12 record.

“We’ve played well against Wittenberg, but things may change this year because our team is so young,” Butcko said. “Wittenberg will be another tough match.”

The Belles finish off two more matches on Saturday before heading home. Saint Mary’s will play Carthage and Aquinas Saturday afternoon. Carthage came out on top when the two teams met last year, winning the game 3-1. The Belles dropped the matches 17-19, 12-15, and 11-15. This season’s match promises to be a close one. Saint Mary’s has not played Division II school Aquinas previously. The winner of the tournament will be decided by the team with the best record after five games. The Belles are looking forward to this weekend’s tournament.

“We are all really excited for this weekend,” Butcko said. “This is our only overnight tournament so we’re going to play our best and really work on our skills.”

Because her team is so young, Schroeder-Riek has been working on the basics at practice.

The women, who have only had one day off since pre-season practice began, have been focusing on solid passes, aggressive net play and good passing.

“We’ve really been focusing on defense as well,” Butcko said. “We don’t have any big blockers this year, so that’s a main area to look at.”

The extensive practices seem to be paying off following a successful scrimmage against Lake Michigan College on Wednesday. Although they did not keep score, Saint Mary’s considered its performance on Wednesday to be a victory.

“We played very well on Wednesday,” Butcko said. “We are way ahead of where we thought we’d be at this point in the season.”

NCAA Football

Michigan starts new quarterback Navarre

Associated Press

At first glance, the situation at Michigan has disaster written all over it.

John Navarre, a redshirt freshman who has never taken a snap in a college game, will start the Wolverines’ season-opener against Bowling Green on Saturday. He was pushed into the quarterback’s job last week after Drew Henson broke his right foot.

Still, coach Lloyd Carr has been in this situation before. The results that time were dramatic.

In 1995, Carr’s first season after Gary Moeller was forced to resign, The Wolverines back. His touchdown pass on the final play of the game lifted Michigan to an 18-17 victory.

"Dreisbach was the last red-shirt freshman to start for us," Carr recalled. "He didn’t play very well for three quarters. But he certainly finished like a champion.”

This was supposed to have been Henson’s day. The talented two-sport star, who plays professional baseball in the summer, paid his dues as Tom Brady’s understudy the past two years. Henson passed for 800 yards and six touchdowns as the backup.

Henson’s potential, coupled with many returning offensive players from a team that went 10-2 with an Orange Bowl win over Alabama last season, earned the Wolverines a No. 6 ranking in this week’s AP poll.

It will be Navarre’s job to hold the fort until Henson returns. A tall order, to be sure.

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**Women’s Golf**

**Belles strike into action Saturday**

By STEPHANIE REDWANSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary’s golf team opens its season this Saturday at the Ferris State University tournament in Kaukauna, Wisconsin.

The Belles are returning seven members of last year’s team who finished the 1999 season with a strong third place finish in the MIAA.

The seven returning players and three freshman golfers will be competing against some of the top golfers in the area. Saint Mary’s will face tough competition from Tri-State, Ferris State University, Grant Valley State, Aquinas, Ashland, Dayton, Bepaw, Findlay, Indiana State, Louis University, Manchester, Nebraska-Omaha, North Wood and University of Saint Francis. Although all the teams the Division III Belles face are Division I or II, head coach Theresa Pekarek believes her team has a chance to come out in the top position in this two-day tournament.

“I have no certain expectations, but I think this team will surprise some of its competitors,” she said.

The Belles will look to experience from senior captain Kyle Veitri and team leader Natalie Cook. Cook, a returning senior, was named to second team All-MIAA last season.

The Belles have a good chance in this competition if they capitalize on their short game. Pekarek wants the team to be able to improve its putting, chipping and bunker play.

“We’ve really been focusing on our short game,” Pekarek said. “A good short game can win a match.”

With the short game goal being met, Saint Mary’s could be strong competition.

Pekarek believes, “Winning is not out of the question. It can be done, and we are capable of a first or second place.”

Pekarek is looking to this tournament as the beginning of a successful season.

“We finished third last year,” she said. “And I think we have a very good chance of finishing in the top two in the MIAA this year.

The Belles only finished six strokes out of second place last year.

Saint Mary’s will begin conference play at their home match at Brookwood Golf Course on Sept. 14 at noon.

Golfer Kyle Veitri returns for the Belles, who open their season at the Ferris State University tournament this weekend.

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scored six goals.

Waldrum knows that his squad will have limited chances against a Tubal team that has yet to yield a goal. He stresses that his team must convert the chances it gets on Friday night.

“We need to do a better job around the goal. We really do,” he said.

Junior Melissa McCormick and sophomore Julie Selvman — the Hurricanes’ best — will lead the thrust against the Irish.

Senior star Anne Makinen will do her best to prevent an Irish loss. After tallying one goal in addition to handling out two assists, Makinen already looks to be in midseason form.

Waldrum insists there is no sentimentality on his part as he battles his former team, but there are other ties between Tubal and Notre Dame.

Assistant coach Amy Edwards played at Tubal and then coached there from 1995 to 1999.

“There might be a bit more motivation for Amy,” he said. “She still has connections there and still knows a lot of the girls there.”

The Irish will get little rest before they begin Big East Conference play against the Lady Friars Sunday afternoon at Alumni Field.

Providence is off to a 2-1 start but played poorly in a 4-0 loss to Connecticut earlier in the week. Waldrum is unsure of what to expect.

“They’re (Providence) one of the teams we didn’t get a chance to play last year,” he said. “We don’t have much to go on other than stats.”

Even with the limited information he has, Waldrum believes that Providence is a threat to his Notre Dame squad.

With an attack anchored by junior forward Mary-Frances Monroe, the Lady Friars boast a potent offense that will have a young untested Irish defense on its toes.

Youth is a concern for Waldrum, who hopes that his team becomes more cohesive as the season progresses.

“Right now we are a bit young and inexperienced,” Waldrum acknowledged. “We’re still trying to fit the pieces together. We’re just hoping to play well and get the conference schedule off to a good start.”

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WOMEN'S SOCCER
Nation's No. 4 team preps for home opener

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The action at Alumni Field kicks into full gear this weekend for the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team.

After whipping the University of Detroit 6-0 in the season opener, the Irish anticipate much sternier competition from the Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa and the Lady Friars of Providence.

The Golden Hurricanes come marching into South Bend with its best start in seven years. The Golden Hurricane defeated Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to win the Oklahoma Shootout. Irish head coach Randy Waldrum, who coached at Tulsa, is eager of the team.

"They've been a real solid team over the years," he noted. "They're good enough to beat you if you're not ready. To be honest, I'm a bit concerned."

On paper, the match-up looks to favor the Irish heavily, but the Golden Hurricanes could strike back if given the right opportunity.

Waldrum hopes to strike early and prevent that situation.

"We need to convert our chances better than last week. If we do that we'll be in good shape," he said.

During last week's win over Detroit, the Notre Dame out shot Detroit 49-2, but only

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MEN'S SOCCER
Irish begin season beneath Las Vegas lights

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team plays under the bright lights of Las Vegas this weekend as it opens the 2000 season at the UNLV Fall Classic. The Irish take on New Mexico tonight at 9 p.m. at the host Nevada-Las Vegas at noon on Sunday.

First-year head coach, Chris Apple, is optimistic heading into the tournament.

"We've never played either of the teams," he said. "We expect to go out and win the tournament, though. That is our goal and that is our expectation." The Irish face their first test tonight against the Lobos of New Mexico. New Mexico is coming off a 1999 campaign that saw the team finish third in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with an overall record of 9-8-1.

The Lobos rely on an experienced offensive backfield. Seniors George Creamer, Hask Schwzyer and team captain Alan Watson combine to challenge the Irish defense. The Lobos' main offensive weapon is senior forward Ty Hibbert. Hibbert led the team in scoring season last despite logging only 1,318 minutes due to a variety of injuries.

New Mexico is coming off a loss in their only pre-season game falling to Colorado-Colorado Springs on August 26, 3-1.

The Irish bring in a revamped offense to challenge the Lobos. Returning sophomore Eric Braun was named the Big East Rookie of the Year in 1999 after leading the Irish in scoring with 24 points on nine goals. Braun is coming off a preseason hamstring injury, but is expected to take the field in Las Vegas. Senior tri-captain Dustin Pridmore ranked fourth on the team in scoring last season.

The biggest change from last season on the offensive end is a group of talented freshmen. Following the loss of Andrew Arisz and Alan Lykawka to graduation, the team found itself without its number two and three scorers, respectively from last season.

Enter a talented group of freshmen, who already have accounted for three of the five goals the Irish scored in wining two of three pre-season games. Two of those three goals were scored by freshman Justin Detter. Detter, a Parade Academic. Detter also assisted on two more pre-season goals, one to sophomore Justin Ratcliffe and the other to classmate Devon Prescod.

Although more than half of the team is underclassmen, it will be a tough match, Butcko said.

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"We've been licking our chops waiting for this season to kick around."

Kurt Voliers
right tackle

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Bob Davie
Irish head coach

"We'll put Notre Dame back where it's supposed to be."

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Aggie head coach

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Battle steps out from Jackson’s shadow

by Tim Casey, Assistant Sports Editor

Amaz Battle is no longer just Amaz Battle. He is now Ar-naz, Ar-naz, No. 3, Battle, "the quarterback; "Jarious’s successor" and "the guy who can run but can’t pass."

Amaz Battle, shown here in Notre Dame's 1998 10-0 loss to USC, saw action in four games as a freshman. After playing in seven more last year, the junior will start his first game Saturday.

He is the quarterback who handles football media relations, "I guess it all comes with being the quarterback at Notre Dame."

"That leadership is not limited to the practice field. Battle has made a conscious effort to help his younger teammates, especially the three freshman quarterbacks, Carlyle Holiday, Jared and Matt LeVoric, deal with the transition to college."

In the season opener a year ago against Kansas, Battle got his second chance, albeit one with much less pressure. He quarterbacked 12 plays, mixing poor throws with sensational running in the 48-13 Irish win. "But that may only be a defeat. But that may only be a defeat."

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No. 3, Battle, backed up Jarious Jackson his first two seasons, had 74-yard TD run in Kansas game in 1999.

"I probably knew 70 percent of the offense and that was mainly running plays," Battle said. "It was a tough situation to be in."

"This is a very untalented team," Battle said. "They're just bootlegs, rollouts and belly options. It was like backyard ball."

If he throws interceptions, pitches errantly on the option, is chased down by defensive linemen and leads the Irish in defeat, he will be constantly criticized by the same triumvirate.

All for tossing and running with an oblong shaped pigskin. All for being the quarterback at Notre Dame.

"I never thought I'd be here," Battle said. "I envisioned myself playing at a southern school, an Arkansas or a Mississippi State or somewhere like that."

The will to win

On a cold, November afternoon in 1998, while gathered with his family, Battle's life took a turn. That day, Battle's brother Brandon was found dead in his grandmother's swimming pool. A few hours later, Brandon Battle died. Battle was 13. Brandon was 3. Arnaz was 9. In the summer of 1998, Arnaz Battle, shown here in Notre Dame's 1998 10-0 loss to USC, saw action in four games as a freshman.

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He has taken it a step further with Holiday, a neighbor at Carroll Hall.

"Every morning I go there and wake him up," Battle said. "I make sure he gets to class and makes it to practice. I'm not going to turn my back on them just because they're competing with me."

But that may only be a defeat. Battle hopes the Irish fans will heed his advice of sticking with the 2000 Irish in victory or defeat. But that may only be a dream.

"If I was under the gun, until he picks up those newspapers Sunday morning after the game and goes through the whole thing it takes to be the quarterback at Notre Dame you just don't know for sure (how he'll handle it)." Battle said. "You never know."

His future is uncertain, but one thing is clear. Amaz Battle.

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Oct. 7 at Stanford  
Oct. 14 Navy (Orlando, Fla.)  
Oct. 21 at West Virginia  
Oct. 28 Air Force  
Nov. 1 at Boston College  
Nov. 8 at Rutgers  
Nov. 15 at USC  

IN POSITION: kicking duties

David Miller is the most experienced returner at the highly competitive kicker position heading into the 2000 season opener.

One of the few truly contested positions on the Notre Dame football team this year is that of kick/punter. The Irish hope to finally gain some consistency here after the roller coaster Jim Sung era.

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Sep. 23 vs. Tulsa Tech  
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Oct. 25 at Kansas State  
Nov. 4 at Oklahoma State  
Nov. 11 Oklahoma  
Nov. 24 at Texas

12th season at Texas A&M  
career record: 102-22-2 at Texas A&M: 0-0 against Notre Dame

Irish kick off on right foot

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Roster

Deep Chart

No. Name Pos. Ht. Wt. YR
1 Christian Bubon LB 6-2 225 SR
2 Christian Rodriguez LB 6-3 228 FR
3 Dean Goyen WR 6-1 179 SO
4 Dwayne Gunsby WR 6-2 219 JR
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"Wrecking Crew" looks to crush Irish hopes

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The "Wrecking Crew" of Texas A&M hopes to demolish Notre Dame's hopes of a season-opening victory Saturday.

Senior outside linebackers Hoylin Bradley and Jason Glenn tallied 27 tackles for losses and 12 sacks a season ago. Along with two experienced inside linebackers in Cornelius Anthony and Brian Gamble, the Aggies' linebackers have their sights set on breaking up the Irish offense. Notre Dame's offense must counter the Aggies despite having a rookie quarterback and an unproven offensive line.

"Every time we touch the ball on offense, there's going to be someone new handling it," Irish coach Bob Davie said. "Whether we're in the shotgun or whether the quarterback is under center, that's a concern."

Texas A&M finds itself in a similar position, with a new quarterback in sophomore Mark Farris. Farris virtually mirrors Notre Dame quarterback Arnaz Battle at 6-foot-2 and 212 pounds, and both players will have all eyes on them every time they set foot on the field.

Running back Ja'Mar Toombs led the Aggies in rushing a season ago, racking up 583 yards and nine rushing touchdowns. In the air, the best options are Chris Taylor and Bethel Johnson, the top two wide receivers in 1999.

While the Irish starters at linebacker — Tyreo Harrison, Anthony Denman and Hocky Boiman — form a solid block, Davie is concerned about the opposition.

"The question will be, can we block really explosive players like A&M has, [a really] explosive scheme like they have?" Davie asked. "How do we handle their quickness up front? How do we handle their experience up front?"

The Aggies' offensive line, like that of the Irish, has suffered from injuries which struck at their consistency. The defensive line, on the other hand, starts an experienced trio in noseguard Ron Edwards and ends Ronald Flems and Rocky Bernard.

Texas A&M will be hard-pressed to replace All-American punter and kicker Shane Lechler, but punter Terence Kitchens and Timm Gergeni will give it their best shots.

Texas A&M and Notre Dame, both schools with storied histories, are coming off less than satisfactory seasons. The Aggies finished last year at 8-4, while the Irish were 7-5.

Head coach R.C. Slocum, a member of the 100-career victories club, was Irish coach Bob Davie's mentor a few years back.

With close parallels in the two teams, Saturday's matchup should be well balanced and hard-fought. Texas A&M is ranked 25th while Notre Dame is looking to break into the top 25. Both teams are looking to raise their rankings with a season-opening victory.

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fast facts

ABOUT TEXAS A&M

- Location: College Station, Texas
- Enrollment: 43,422
- Colors: Maroon and White
- Nickname: Aggies
- Conference: Big 12
- Founded: 1871

- Aggies' coach R.C. Slocum is one of seven Division I coaches to reach 100 wins in just 11 seasons.
- Texas A&M's home stadium with 89,656 seats is slightly larger than Notre Dame Stadium.

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Texas A&M's Jay Brooks, a defensive back, is shown here returning an interception last year. The Aggies hope to give the Irish offense fits with their talented defensive crew.
Associated Press Top 25

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Alabama's Shorttua Ray (No. 33), shown here knocking down a Vanderbiit punt returner in last year's 28-17 victory over Vanderbilt, returns at comeback for the deep Crimson Tide squad.

Observer experts

By PETER BERG

Crimson Tide return talent-laden team

Alabama coach Mike DuBose started last season denying allegations of sexual misconduct. He finished by beating Florida in the SEC Championship game en route to a 10-3 record.

The Crimson Tide lost its two best players to the NFL but the roster is far from depleted. Alabama comes back loaded at every position and expects to return to the SEC title game.

The Tide go two deep at quarterback, a luxury few teams enjoy. Andrew Zow will start, but DuBose won't hesitate to play sophomore Tyler Watts. The tailback position is a question, where Shawn Bohanon takes over for the departed Shawn Alexander. Wide receiver Freddie Milona is a deep threat and probably the most talented offensive player in the SEC. Look for him to see action at quarterback, receiver, and kick returner throughout the year.

The defense is strong and quick, with trade-mark Alabama defensive ends and linebackers putting heat on opposing quarterbacks. Linebacker Saleem Rashied reminds Tide fans of 'Bama great Derrick Thomas.

Two years ago, Cade McNown and Company were contenders until the Bruins' defense missed the flight to Miami and surrendered 550 yards to the Hurricanes. Coach Bob Toledo parlayed this successful season into a stellar recruiting class, which now enters its sophomore year. Injuries, a handicapped parking permit scandal and the departures of McNown and Danny Farmer hurt the Bruins last season.

This year, however, the Bruins will make a statement. Offensive threats Brian Poli-Dixon and DeShaun Foster return from injury to inject speed into what was, at times, a dormant 1999 offense. Promising defensive end Kenyon Coleman will lead an improved defense. Look for the Bruins to contend for the PAC 10 Championship, provided they can survive their final two games against Washington and USC.

OTHER TOP GAMES

Colorado vs. Colorado State

Once upon a time, this "rivalry" was thought to be an easy victory for the vaunted Buffaloes. Gone are the days of Kordell Stewart, Rashan Salaam, and Hail Marys to beat Michigan in the final seconds.

The Rams humiliated Gary Barnett in his coaching debut last year 41-14, so revenge will be a motivating factor.

Colorado State can still be the first of six tough teams in a row on Colorado's schedule, giving the Buffaloes the toughest schedule in the nation.

Barnetti, must find a new quarterback and break-in an inexperienced secondary quickly. He has talent at the skill positions, most notably prized recruit tailback Marcus Houston and wide receiver Javon Greene.

Colorado's linebackers may be the best in the Big 12. Jason Sykes has All-American potential, and follows a great CU linebacking tradition that includes Chad Brown, Greg Biekert, and Ted Johnson.

So. Mississippi vs. Tennessee

Tennessee was decimated by seniors graduating (quarterback Peyton Manning) and leaving for the NFL. Ural Lewis. But a rebuilding year for the Volunteers means losing two games. The Golden Eagles return an experienced crew and should make the top 25, but are not talented enough to overcome the Volunteers.

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Game of the Week
Unpopular Davie deserves a fresh start in season opener

Here we are again, at the start of the 112th Notre Dame football season. The Bookstore is on pace to earn more in six weekends than the entire yearly GNP of Malaysia. Alumni-Senior Club is occupied by 10 times as many of the former as the latter. VIP’s are seen mingling with RV drivers. Otherwise fashionable alumni are clothed in a crude combination of blue, green and gold.

And, since school commenced, there have been 467,923 “Davie sucks” chants (or variations of it) on campus. Another million or so rants will be heard this weekend.

When I arrived here three years ago, freshmen were immediately programmed to despise two evils: Zahm and parietals. Back then, Davie was driving his golf cart distributing advertising T-shirts to each dorm and convincing people he would return the program to national prominence. Davie had yet to utter the infamous words about Notre Dame’s hand, cheerleaders, alumni, German professors, Board of Trustees, dining hall employees and janitorial staffs all being the best in the country.

Now, as the freshmen experience their first football weekend, the dubious duos of Zahm and parietals have some company — a fourth-year head coach and former defensive coordinator who graduated from Youngstown State University in 1976.

Davie has reached the depths of unpopularity not seen here since before any of the undergraduate student body was born. Gerry Faust? At least he was a devout Catholic. Ron Powell? He had an excuse, the pre-freshman year broken right clavicle injury. Jim Sanbox? Maybe. But in sheer magnitude, from Anchorage to Athens, from Portland to Providence, Davie’s Q rating is lower than John Rocker’s. Already, rumored replacements for Davie are being mentioned. Most of the speculation is as reliable as a Shaq free throw. I suggest a new one — any coach whose first name does not begin with ‘L’ or ‘B’ cannot be considered. Or else the 1812 Overture will be terminated.

Is all the criticism justified? Of course not. It never is. But it’s convenient. Plenty of question marks exist on the 2000 team besides Davie’s 21-16 career record. The defensive secondary features Clifford Jefferson, the Clifford Jefferson of 1998 (Brock Williams), a former star soccer player (Shane Walton) with four minutes of college football experience and two senior safeties (Tony Driver and Ron Israel) who have nine combined starts in three years. Only two defensive reserves hold defensive end Ryan Roberts, and Jefferson, who is competing with Walton for the starting right corner position) played more than 35 minutes in 1999. David Miller is the lone place kicker with any game experience after finishing 2-for-5 on field goals, including misses from 25 and 29 yards out last year. The top returning wide receiver (Joey Getherall) stands 5-foot-8 and weighs less than 180 pounds. Arnaz Battle has never started and the quarterback backups have never played in a college contest. All pretty gloomy facts. I can hear the grumblings:

Aren’t those players the same recruits Davie mentions every February as “talented” and “outstanding”? But isn’t Davie’s ultimate responsibility to surround him with the best possible athletes? Is there any way Notre Dame should ever go 5-7? Yes, Yes and No.

Yet, place some of the blame on the player’s shoulders and on the other members of the coaching staff. Even better, don’t place any blame at all on this team. Given the 2000 Irish time, say four or five games. Then judge.

We’ve all heard enough, spoken enough and read enough about last year’s debacle. ESPN’s Bean Cook likes to say the three toughest jobs in America are, in order, being the mayor of New York, President of the United States and Notre Dame football coach. This is the same guy who predicted Ron Powlus would win two Heismans so his “expertise” is questionable.

But he has a point. This season, whether fair or not, will probably have a major impact on the 26th Irish head football coach’s future. Borrowing a line from a white rapper not named Snow or Vanilla Ice, “will the real Bob Davie please stand up?”

If it’s the Davie of ’97 and ’99, he can take solace in one fact. There’s always Zahm and parietals.

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