From the end zone to the press box shadow, some things never change. Freshmen and seniors reflect on the 2000 football season opener and...

Game day tradition

By LAURA ROMPF
News Writer

Seniors and first-year students not only sit on different ends of the student section during Notre Dame home football games, they also have different experiences throughout the weekend. Last weekend was no different.

7:45 a.m.

Senior John Dickas woke up early Saturday morning. His Turtle Creek apartment would soon be full of friends, and he had to start cooking breakfast. Like many seniors, Dickas’ football Saturday began with tailgating. Dickas served eggs, bagels and drinks to his guests. “I enjoyed hosting the tailgate a lot,” he said. “Freshman year I didn’t know the people throwing the tailgates I went to. I didn’t really know what was going on.”

“I’d rather have the condo freshmen in my living room than to be the confused freshman in the living room,” he said.

From Turtle Creek, Dickas continued tailgating in the parking lots surrounding the stadium before going into the game shortly before kickoff.

11 a.m.

Unlike Dickas, freshmen Lindsay Wind, Betsy Schroeder, Cara LeBlanc and Molly Donnelly were still asleep at 7:45 a.m. Their football Saturday began by watching their friend perform in the marching band’s Concert on the Steps at Bond Hall.

Wind said Saturday was the first time she truly knew she was a Notre Dame student. “I finally had the realization that I am here,” she said.

By JESSICA NEEDLES
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Saint Mary’s returns to top of rankings

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s College is once again the best Midwest Liberal Arts College, according to the U.S. News and World Report rankings.

In the issue that hits newsstands Monday, Saint Mary’s reclaimed its No. 1 position, after falling to No. 2 last year. “I am very pleased that we are back at the No. 1 position that we deserve,” said Maribou Eldred, the College’s president.

Before last year’s No.2 ranking, the College recorded five years at the No. 1 spot. Saint Mary’s has never been out of the top 10 of the rankings since the survey began in 1983.

“I think in our hearts and minds, we knew that we were always No. 1,” said Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions.

The rankings are based on a variety of factors including the school’s graduation and retention rates, student:faculty ratio and the acceptance rate. It is not clear where the College improved this year to regain the top spot.

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The Top 10

1. Saint Mary’s College, IN
2. Saint Norbert’s College, WI
3. Taylor College, IN (tie)
4. Hildesdale College, MI
5. Otterbein College, OH
6. Principia College, IL
7. Ohio Northern University
8. Simpson College, IA
9. Bethel College, MN
10. Millikin University, IL (tie)

No. 1 this year and not last year? “It’s just that we’ve always been strong,” said Mary Leilk, director of institutional research. “It’s just a matter of changes in the method of the rankings.”

Recently, the rankings have been under fire for their validity and consistency. In The Washington Monthly’s September issue of this year, a report was released that questioned the methods of the rankings. The publication

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INSIDE COLUMN

New ideas, new beliefs

I think that football games should only have quarters. Okay, that makes no sense. Three thirds? Or what about four quarters that last for 10 minutes each?

Sure, Saturday's game versus Texas A&M University was fun, but it was too long. It was too hot. A lot of students got sun-burned.

It's only football. We can just change the rules. I realize that some of the people reading this agree with me. I realize that some of the people reading this are thinking I'm a stupid girl who knows nothing. This last group of people will simply dismiss me.

Dismissing someone else's new idea is often very easy — much less time-consuming than reflecting on the idea. But easier is not always better.

In case you're wondering, this column is not about shortening football games. I only want to change the height that idea is to get your attention.

But what I want to talk about is embracing new and unfamiliar concepts. New ideas force us to examine and refine our old ideas.

Humans once thought that the Earth was flat. We'd still be thinking that today if no one had come up with the crazy idea that the Earth was round.

Examining new ideas is important in more than modern science. Looking at someone else's point of view on religion, politics, or just about anything else helps to refine our own ideas. Sometimes exploring new concepts will make us realize our old ideas were wrong.

Other times, we will grow to believe more strongly in the ideas we have.

It is a dangerous thing to accept ideas simply because they are traditional. A lot of Americans accepted Jim Crow laws and dismissed the Civil Rights movement.

Thankfully, a lot of other Americans examined discriminatory laws, realized they were wrong and embraced civil rights.

While America today is by no means perfect, it is a better place than it was a few decades ago during the height of segregation. Too often at Notre Dame — and in life in general — people avoid new ideas, points of view or experiences because what is new can seem irrelevant, strange or impractical.

You might think worrying about the length of football games is unimportant. Or you might think that shortening football games is a silly idea. I would have to agree with you.

But people used to say it was silly to think the world was round.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Planned bonfire divides Texas A&M community

COLLEGE STATION, Texas One week into the fall semester 1/2 months after the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse — the Texas A&M University community remains divided over the possibility of an off-campus bonfire for Nov. 22.

Student leaders, parents of the victims and the administration have denounced the idea of a "renegade bonfire as arguments intensify and Keep the Fire Burning (KTFB) finalize its plans.

The Aggie community is divided between A&M president Ray M. Bowen's decision for a two-year moratorium on Aggie Bonfire and KTFB's commitment to building an off-campus bonfire this year.

Several of the victims' families have written letters opposing the KTFB bonfire. Copies of the letters have been posted in several residence halls to discourage residents from supporting KTFB.

Ken Adams, father of Miranda Aggin, wrote that an off-campus bonfire would not bring closure to the tragedy. "There are 12 families that had 12 children taken from them," the letter stated. "They can never touch and hold their children any longer. There will never be closure for any of them.

His sentiments were echoed in letters written by the Hanks and Enkhans families. "Our love for our daughter cannot be expressed enough, and we can only hope and pray that the students and former Aggies will reconsider their actions in regards to having a bonfire this year," Adams wrote.

Student body president Forrest Lane, a senior political science major, said he is encouraging students to respect Bowen's decision and not to take part in the KTFB event.

University of Texas-Arlington

Texas students cheer 'Big Brother' star

Broadcast communication junior Eddie McGee is being cheered by his University of Texas-Arlington classmates. McGee was cast earlier this summer on CBS's reality television show, "Big Brother." "I've seen the show a couple of times, but I had no clue he went here," Ed Biek said. McGee and nine other housemates have their lives exposed on television six nights a week during their stay. The guests nominate two of their peers for possible expulsion, and viewers vote on who will leave. The last one remaining will receive $500,000. Now it's in its 9th day, only McGee and five others remain. Hooligan's Pub-N-Grub owner Jeff Burns said he favors McGee's chances because of the basketball player's "attitude. "It's going to win because I really do feel Eddie's a genuine guy," he said. "He's not putting on a front."

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Notre Dame wins CASE award for Christmas in April

Special to The Observer

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has presented a silver medal in its Circle of Excellence Awards program to the University for its long-time support of Christmas in April in South Bend.

Some 1,000 Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni annually participate in Christmas in April, a revitalization program that renovates the houses of dozens of elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners in the neighborhoods throughout South Bend.

Entering its 13th year, Christmas in April is jointly sponsored by Notre Dame, the city of South Bend, the St. Joseph Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County. Based in Washington, D.C., the national Christmas in April organization was founded in 1988 and annually assists some 70,000 homeowners in 720 cities and towns across the country.

The CASE award was in the category of individual student involvement projects.

Notre Dame received two other CASE medals this year. The alumni magazine for the Mendoza College of Business received a silver medal in the visual design in print category. Margaret Barry, the college’s director of communications, serves as the magazine’s editor.

Linda Dun, assistant director of photographic and television production, earned a bronze medal in individual photography for her body of work.

The CASE awards program identifies and rewards excellence in alumni relations and communications. The program includes 43 categories in the areas of alumni programming, institutional relations, student recruitment, electronic media, periodicals and publications.

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fixed, he said. "I would doubt that there are still any problems out there, but there's no way of knowing until a person has a problem."

herder said.

Prompted in part by this year's problems, the card­ making process will change next fall.

"Before the card is handed to someone, it will be checked, verified on the screen and visually matched up," he said. Right now, students are also encouraged to check monthly emails they receive containing current Dormer Dollar bal­ ances. Any inconsistencies dis­ covered will be reimbursed. Those still having difficulties should go to the Card Services Office in the basement of the South Dining Hall to have a new ID card printed.

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of the U.S. News rank­ ings. The report found that "the principal weakness of the cur­ rent approach is that the weights used to combine the various measures into an overall rating lack any defen­ sible empirical or theoretical basis."

U.S. News replied by explaining that they imple­ mented many of the recom­ mendations set forth by The National Opinion Research Center.

"There has been a lot of con­ troversy about these rankings and how much value they have," said Melanie Engler, director of public rela­tions for the College.

"But, the bottom line is, parents find them use­ ful and students find them useful."

"The rankings seem to serve parents and students well, and U.S. News prints its methodol­ gy in the issue for all to see, so people can decide for them­ selves whether or not to lend credence to the rankings," Eldred said.

Regardless of the controver­ sy surrounding the rankings, reclaiming the No. 1 spot is important to the College, espe­ cially for the admissions staff. "I think that anytime we can say we're No. 1, especially in something as well known as U.S. News, that's something people look at," Nolan said. Eldred agreed that these rankings may be most impor­ tant to prospective students and possible donors for the College.

"It helps us mainly in recruiting a fundraising because we have this recognition that we are No. 1," Eldred said.

Although the rankings are often aimed at incoming students, the reputation of No. 1 is something that affects the entire student body.

"The ranking is a prime example of how hard we work here," said Michelle Nangle, student body vice president. "It shows the rest of the world how special we are."

October 12 is an impor­ tant image for the college," Leilk said. "It's an honor to have that first place finish."

Last year's top college, Willamette College, fell to No. 4 this year. In turn, Saint Mary's pulled back to No. 1 and St. Norbert College and Taylor University jointly claimed No. 2.

"Being No. 1 is proof that Saint Mary's has earned a national reputation as a leader in education," said Crissie Renner, student body presi­ dent.

The top four spots are very close, once again, with only seven percentage points sepa­ rating No. 1 from No. 4. "Some very fine institutions are in our category and we're very happy that we're No. 1," Leilk said. Whether or not the rankings are valid or the methods questionable, the student body is proud of the College's return to the top.

"This ranking is something we achieve as a community."

Crissie Renner student body president

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For more info: Fr. John Conley, CSC or Amy Seaman at 631-3389 or stop by the office of Campus Ministry in 112 Badin Hall with any questions.
French protest fuel prices: French truck drivers and farmers prepared Sunday to block oil refineries and storage areas nationwide, the latest development in a national wave of protests over rising fuel prices. The Transport Ministry said negotiations with truck drivers' unions were ongoing, but truckers said they had suspended the talks this weekend to ready for the blockades. French truckers say the cost of diesel fuel has risen 40 percent in the past year to about 82.56 per gallon in the United States. After Britain, France has the highest fuel taxes in the European Union.

Colombia seize 3 tons cocaine: The Colombian navy intercepted a speedboat off its Pacific coast on Sunday and seized three tons of cocaine, the navy said. Two people were arrested in the operation, which turned up more than a hundred packages studded with cocaine, Admiral Carlos Pineda said. A recently approved $1.3 billion U.S.-aid package for Colombia is aimed at helping the country eradicate illegal drug crops and strengthen air, land and sea interdiction.

Texas refuses to surrender: For six weeks, a felony assault suspect and more than a dozen of his relatives—including seven school children—have been holed up in a remote spot some 50 miles southeast of Dallas. The adults stand guard 24 hours a day. Three-year-old John Boy Gray was charged with trying to take a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper's gun and hitting him after a traffic stop, says he won't surrender. He has a two-year supply of food and arsenal of weapons. Henderson County sheriff Howard "Nick" Alfred insists there's currently no plan to storm the property. "I really think he'll get tired of all of it," said Alfred.

Coast guard suspends search: One woman was confirmed dead and another 16 Haitians jumped from a boat and attempted to swim ashore in a suspected migrant smuggling attempt. The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search for the missing woman Sunday. Authorities seized an abandoned 29-foot cabin cruiser believed to be the vessel that transported the migrants to an inlet off Singer Island, just off of West Palm Beach. The migrants were spotted in the water late Saturday by witnesses, who called authorities. Smugglers apparently told the migrants to jump into the water, the U.S. Border Patrol said. Several migrants told authorities they paid a smuggler's fee.

**Surge of rebel violence kills 35**

**First Report**

**BOGOTA, Colombia**

Rebel violence left 35 people dead over the weekend following President Clinton's visit to Colombia, including seven police officers slain by guerrillas — some of whom were disguised as policemen.

In the latest attack, leftist guerrillas from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, sneaked up on a police station Saturday in northern Colombia. Officials said Sunday.

The assault took the small town of Tomarr攒on by surprise, said National Police operations director Gen. Tobias Duran. The guerrillas arrived in three trucks and a jeep, some dressed in camouflage and others as police. Rebels shot to death the four officers posted at the station and ambushed reinforcements as they arrived, killing three more policemen, Duran added.

Nine officers survived the attack, in which rebels also destroyed the police telephone office in the town in Guajira State, about 475 miles from the capital, Bogota. At least one FARC fighter died, police said.

Twenty-seven other people were killed in heavy overnight clashes that ended Saturday in western Colombia. Twelve of them were FARC rebels. Seven airmen died when their U.S.-built AC-46 gunship, which was sent to support ground troops, slammed into an Andean peak. At the mountaintop communications complex they were protecting, eight soldiers died in fighting with guerrillas.

The rebels were unable to take the complex, which controls cellular and other telephone links to much of western Colombia.

President Clinton's visit to the war-torn South American country was meant to support President Andres Pastrana's fight against drug traffickers and leftist rebels who protect drug crops. U.S. and Colombian officials hope the $1.3 billion anti-narcotics aid package will weaken the rebels and push them toward peace by cutting into a major income source: taxes the FARC levies on the cocaine trade.

Some critics have said the aid, including helicopters and troop training, is skewed toward the Colombian military, leaving police forces increasingly vulnerable.

Colombia's neighbors have also expressed fears that U.S. aid will increase the intensity of the war and cause fighting and drug crop cultivation to spill over the border.

**Rain, snow slow pace of western fires**

**HELENA, Mont.**

Rain and even snow helped firefighters make major progress to contain western wildfires Sunday, although a blaze sparked by lightning forced the evacuation of a national monument on a busy Labor Day weekend.

Four tour buses and hundreds of tourists were turned away Sunday from Devils Tower National Monument in northeastern Wyoming because a 1,500-acre fire was burning about 2.5 miles away, officials said.

Devils Tower, a tree-stump shaped tower of exposed volcanic rock that looms 1,000 feet above wooded terrain and prairie dog towns, attracts 450,000 visitors annually and is a favorite of climbers. American Indians consider it sacred.

Firefighters had the blaze about 80 percent contained Sunday evening as they attempted to overcome 20 mph winds, Crook County Deputy Fire Chief Mary Gary Gill said.

"They're kind of kicking us pretty hard right now," Gill said.

In Montana, rain and snow made steep terrain slippery and hazardous for firefighters. Crews stopped digging fire lines at a 20,000-acre blaze on the Flathead Indian Reservation because of the wet rocks and mud.

"It was so cold in camp that we had frost," Forest Service spokeswoman Sheila McLean said Sunday at the Bitterroot Valley fires, which account for half of the state's charred acreage.

The damp conditions, though, helped firefighters make considerable progress, said Neil Hitchcock of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. "We may have turned the corner on the fires in Montana and Idaho, but we aren't out of the woods yet," he said.

The center said that while weather in the West had improved, dry, dry weather still dominated parts of the Southeast and the Plains. Several new fires had been reported in Texas, it said.

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**COLOMBIA**

[Image of Colombian Army generals Fernando Tapia (left) and Jorge Enrique Mora (right) accompanied the casket of Col. Jorge Eduardo Sanchez in Bogota. Sanchez and 34 others were killed during weekend outbreaks of rebel violence.]

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Bush, Gore agree to three debates

AUSTIN, Texas (Associated Press) - The presidential candidates squabbled over debate schedules Sunday as Republican George W. Bush announced he had accepted three prime-time sessions with Democrat Al Gore rejected the plan, saying the formats proposed by Bush could limit the audience and amount of face-to-face debate time.


The proposal also includes two vice presidential debates: Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a later forum yet to be decided, Bush said.

"The debates we're accepting begin early next week because we want to give the specifics of our plans for more individual freedom, choice and responsibility with our opponent's plans for bigger, more intrusive Washington bureaucracy that dictates and mandates from afar," Bush said before outlining his proposal at a hastily arranged news conference.

Only one of the debates Bush accepted was recommended by a bipartisan presidential debate commission, which had proposed three 90-minute matchups between Bush and Gore to be aired by all networks. Gore has said Bush must agree to all three before he would be willing to negotiate other alternate debates.

The NBC and CNN debates would last 60 minutes.

"I'm very disappointed in this reaction because what we need is to respect the right of the American people " to see these debates on all networks in prime time, the way it's been done since 1988," Gore said when he was in Philadelphia. "It's not fair in the American people to try to sharply reduce the number of people who can see the debates and reduce the amount of time for the debates."

Gore maintains that the three events proposed by the Commission on Presidential Debates will reach the widest viewing audience, and suggests Bush is trying to limit the high-profile meetings in the final weeks of the campaign.

Bush campaign chairman Dan Evans said the debates Bush agreed to "would happen during prime viewing hours and that both CNN and NBC have agreed to make video feeds of the events simul­taneously available to the other networks."

"These were important criteria for us," Evans said.

Bush also said the debates would be carried on the Internet. Bush campaigns are using the posting over the debates to highlight what they perceive to be their rival's weaknesses.

Accusing Bush of ducking big debates, Gore's team suggests the Texas governor is not up to the job of facing him or running the country. Bush's team says Gore has reneged on his regularized challenge to debate Bush any­time and anywhere, and cast the decision as another mark against Gore's credibility. That dovetails with a Republican ad challenging Gore's veracity.

At the news conference, the Bush campaign played video snippets of Gore accepting offers to debate Bush on both CNN and NBC.

"It's important for the American people to be able to trust the next president to keep his commitments and therefore I take Al Gore at his word that he will be there," Bush said.

Gore campaign chairman William Daley said Bush should follow the example set by his father, former President Bush, and 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole and participate in the commission debates.

"No candidate should arrogantly insist on debating only where and when it best suits him," Daley said. "Al Gore has already accepted all three of the presidential commission debates.

That commission issued a statement last Sunday, inviting representatives of both cam­paigns to meeting early next week to reach a final agree­ment on all debates.

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VATICAN CITY

Pope John Paul II advanced two predecessors toward sainthood Sunday in one of the most disputed such acts of his papacy, beatifying the 19th century's much-hated John XXIII.

John XXIII, accused of condoning the church's much-debated 20th century's anti-Semitism, was among the 13 saints or blesseds declared by the Vatican's easy-to-Jewish World News of the Week during World War II, John is credited with saving thousands of Jews with visas and other assistance — although at one point he is claimed to have acknowledged the expropriation of Jewish property.

John died of stomach cancer in 1963 less than five years into his papacy.

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Violating du Lac with PSA, ROTC and fans

Today I participated in an unregistered demonstration at Notre Dame. Yes, I violated du Lac. If only students could be free on campus without breaking such rules.

The right to gather and advocate for a cause is critical for the existence of freedom at our University, however it must be done in a manner that is not disruptive to the University administration.

I will attempt to demonstrate that the University cannot do as it sees fit in the control of campus (at the expense of students who wish to be free). On behalf of the conservative multimillion dollar donors and trustees whose values the administrators often share, displays a clear bias against progressive demonstrations. Most of the bias comes from the arbitrary nature in which it defines “demonstration.”

Imagine us as students dressed in similar fashion, jogging through campus. Not only are they changing, but two of them, handcuffed, stretched, stop traffic at the Main Circle. Now, let us imagine a second group of four students without signs, amplification or any speakers, looking more like ushers than activists, quietly passing out pieces of paper to people going into the JACC. Which of these groups is demonstrating?

Of course you can if an administrator allows there to be a missing variable. You can decide whether either of these events is a demonstration until you know the intent of the group. For the acts of progressives are demonstrations, whereas those of conservatives or moderates are not. Thus the first activity by ROTC advocation of values, discipline and militarism, is not a “demonstration.” The second event, progressives passing out leaflets criticizing the University’s lack of action on sweatshops is not only a “demonstration” but also caused the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) to put on probation.

I hope it is clear to most readers what would happen if progressives were to march or jog around campus carrying signs and placards. It would be treated as a demonstration and the activists could lose their club status.

The administration requires that demonstrations be registered so as to directly stop demonstrations. They have prevented GLENDSMC, the College Democrats and the PSA from holding protests. Indirectly, the rule discourages demonstrations by requiring approval from Bill Kirk — a person that only several students on campus have ever met.

I propose that for registration be eliminated and that the organizers of any demonstration be held responsible for the event post hoc. If anyone is planning a sit-in or other mildly disruptive protest, they will be smart and not try to register it, instead, it will be seen as the rule is useless.

Of the “55 demonstrations” that I have known in the past three years based on the Student Activities definition which includes leafleting and other events by progressives but excludes any action by ROTC or sports fans, all have been peaceful. Protestors can police themselves. Of these demonstrations, 41 were unregistered and only two of these led to Student Activities taking action to punish the rule breakers.

So what is a demonstration? Last semester during the Presidential Review of the ROTC we were told to stand for the anthem and I ideologically did not. I was expressing my preference for God over country, but was I demonstrating? I often wear political l-shirts to advocate for causes and always wear several political buttons on my backpack. Is that a demonstration? What if 10 people were to sit-down or wear a shirt or buttons?

Groups of people are allowed to assemble on campus to advocate mainstream causes like violent sports (football fans), militarism (ROTC) or traditional Catholicism — but if a couple people were to dare to leaflet on a progressive cause we would be sent to see the new Director of Student Activities. Mainstream activities are tolerated, while progressive activities are treated as demonstrations. The University’s biased enforcement supports the status quo. However as Christians we are called to act on behalf of the poor. In an institution with a trillion dollar endowment that is governed by 130 trustees and is focused on rehiring America’s future corporate and military elite, living the truth of the Gospel necessitates immediate action and for this you can be punished.

I violated du Lac, but it never crossed the mind of my fellow unregistered demonstrators that they were breaking a rule until I mentioned it. They feel in their hearts that their acts were very peaceful and made sense. And they did. But unfortunately from experience I know that any group that becomes too threatening to the administration can be threatened and unfairly punished. It’s time for students to stand up, demand freedom on campus and raise revenue du Lac.

Perhaps as a start, if the rule does not change and ROTC students continue to violate du Lac with unregistered demonstrations (but to mention all the demonstration processes before pep rallies), then we should violate the rule too. Together we will create a campus that welcomes all views.

Despite being recently attacked by a squirrel who knocked my glasses off, Aaron Kreider is still a virgin. His column runs every other Monday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Adital E. Stevenson
former Governor of Illinois

QUOTE OF THE DAY:
"My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular."
off-campus students from being able to participate, but a significant number of on-campus residents as well. Poor form, fellows, poor, poor form.

As students of Notre Dame, regardless of whether or not we are all football fans, we are privileged enough to be able to participate in a tradition of grandly extravagant proportions. For the most part, we love every second of it. But I don’t speak for myself alone when I say that, as students, we often feel unappreciated when it comes to the execution of this pageant of sports.

As much as the other fans matter, the football team is still ours. The members of the team, the band, and the squad are our roommates and friends, our classmates, the people we see and talk to on a daily basis. We don’t attend events like pep rallies and games simply to enjoy them, even though we certainly do. We also go to support our friends here at Notre Dame who go to all the effort to pull off the tradition that makes us the most well-known university to be associated with college football. Therefore, please, let us in!

Jacquelin Poesk
Michael Rubner
Series
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Aide recipient praises Shirt Project’s good works

As a recent graduate visiting campus for the ARM game I had the opportunity to read the Thursday or Sept. 1, edition of The Observer. I would like to take a minute to respond to Doug Pardus’ letter regarding “The Shirt.” I understand that some people have expressed concerns about some issues related to this year’s edition of this tradition. As with anything else, the Shirt Project is not immune to differing opinions. With this in mind, it is crucial to recognize the importance of this project on many levels, some of which are not often fully publicized. The charity portion of the project is an essential part of the Notre Dame Community.

In September 1998, I had brain surgery which knocked me out of school for a semester and brought up huge medical costs to deal with. The support and love of the Notre Dame community was there to push me along on the path to rehabilitation and recovery. Also there to help me was the generosity of the student body with its charitable gifts to the funds in my medical bills. That was a saving grace in the process and one for which I will be forever grateful. So, I say a belated heartfelt thank you to Notre Dame and the Shirt Project for its help to me. That isn’t my purpose however.

Please overlook small problems that might arise in the coordination of the Project and lend your full support to this effort. I am forever grateful for its help and my personal donations in Notre Dame throughout the coming years will always be made to the Shirt Project. I hope that the project always exists to help students in their times of greatest need.

Brent Moberg
Clas of 18
September 3, 2000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students’ pep doused

At this moment we, two seniors, are sitting in the computer cluster at CCM and while the pep rally rages on in the Joyce Center. As seniors, Michelle and I were looking forward to spending our final season opening pep rallies for our senior friends, as it is notoriously the craziest and most entertaining pep rally of the year.

However, apparently luck was not on our side, as we were promptly turned away at every gate we approached, despite our display of our student ID’s. We arrived 10 minutes early. Evidently, we weren’t early enough.

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D.C. — more than just a stop at the White House and a few Lincoln Memorial photo ops

They're sold as pop-up guides and "how-to" diaries, but visitors' maps to Washington, D.C., don't truly capture everything that makes the city great. A fruitful journey through the city should include more than just a stop at the White House and a few Lincoln Memorial photo ops.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students spend semesters in Washington (known as the "Beltway") and learn as much about its sights and sounds as they do about tail-gating and the Victory March. Here, students share their tips on a larger campus, the hub of the United States.

Sure, there are touristy stops along the Mall. It's a gratifying experience that runs from the Capitol, past the Smithsonian Museums and to the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, and seeing the outline of the city's greatest architectural symbols is up against the night sky.

Probably the greatest aspect of Washington is that most of the city is free enjoyment. Years of art, history and technology at the Smithsonian Museums within the public's reach and cost not to appreciate. History lovers should map to the Museum of American History, the Holocaust Museum, while art lovers may prefer the Metropolitan Museum of Art, which holds original pieces by Monet, the country's only Leonardo da Vinci. There's a great way to see behind-the-scenes political action. The big court in the land deals with issues every day. Before it's not a Big Tob argument doesn't mean it's important. Class and group tours available to check out men and women who rule the nation.

Some of the best journalists write about the world comes out of Washington, where everyone's got something to say and, guaranteed, they say it. The Washington Post and The Times are popular, but for great information's what's going on in the city. The 14th Street NW is a must. For stories on city life and tips on what to do around town, make it an amazing resource for visitors and residents alike.

Unfortunately, some of the best places to eat, drink or even read never make it into fit-in-all-in-one-weekend best sellers. Popular restaurants, for example, can be very overcrowded and crowded. Great food and atmosphere are found in many small, ethnic restaurants peppered throughout the city's nicest neighborhoods. They can be hard to find, but less touristy stops along the Beltway, the city's popular subway system, can reward the taste buds with one-of-a-kind cuisines.

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Irish bounce back to win column

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

The junior quarterback threw for two touchdowns, rushed for 50 yards and threw for 133 in his first start for the Irish.

Davie breaks 4-game losing streak
with win over old friend

His shoulders straightened, elbows tucked, open palms pointed towards the royal blue sky and arms flung above his head.

Bob Davie "raised the roof."

On a warm, humid afternoon, Davie's postgame signal to the student section may have been the most recognizable gesture for the Irish since Bobby Brown's "excessive celebration" taunt last year against Michigan.

But the uncharacteristic gesture was far from the only highlight of Notre Dame's 24-10 victory over Texas A&M, No. 25 Texas A&M.

For quarterback Arnaz Battle, his me­morable weekend began with a phone call from Jussive Jackson, the starter for the past two years. Jackson had one simple message for the junior from Shreveport, La.

"He said 'just go out there and play,'" Battle said.

Battle heeded his predecessor's advice, completing 10-of-16 passes for 133 yards and two touchdowns. He also ran for 50 yards on 12 carries.

Maybe even more impressive than individual statistics, the Battle-led offense committed no turnovers.

And, instead of listening to Lil' Troy's "Wanna be a baller," Battle and the rest of his Irish teammates sang a sweeter tune in the locker room after the win.

The Victory March.

"I had to pass out a sheet before the game," Davie said. "It's been a long time since we sang that song."

The last time the Irish sang the customary verses, reserved only for victories, was following a 28-24 defeat of Navy on Oct. 30.

Yet, on Saturday, the Irish looked like a different team than the squad that lost all four November games last season.

Whether it was because of its health, maturity or lesser quality opponent, Notre Dame revived some confidence in a program beset by constant criticism the past few years.

"I'm sick of hearing all of that criticism," Battle said. "I want to bring back Notre Dame to where it's supposed to be."

The Irish relived some memories of the past early on, throwing an only two of their first 18 offensive plays. For the game, Notre Dame gained 216 yards on the ground and ran the ball over three-quarters (49 of 65) of their plays.

The tailback-by-committee of Tony Fisher, Julius Jones and Terrance Howard gave the Irish relief in the high temperatures.

Jones, who missed several practices last week because of a hamstring injury, led the team with 60 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Fisher, the game's starter, and Howard, who was also coming off a slight hamstring injury, gained 31 yards a piece.

"I think you will continue to see us do that [the rotation]," Davie said. "I feel comfortable with all three of them. That was evidenced by the fact that Terrance Howard was in there late in the football game when you are obviously concerned about protecting the football."

Davie also plans to utilize the same aggressive defensive schemes. The defense was the biggest surprise in the Irish's fifth-straight season-opening victory.

The defensive unit yielded 255 total yards to the Aggies, including only 90 on the ground. Aggie quarterback Mark Fisher, the game's starter, and Howard, who missed several practices last week because of a hamstring injury, led the team with 60 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Though still premature to forecast their future success, the first series of the second half may have set the tone for an improved defense.

After a 7-7 halftime tie, the Aggies marched down to the Notre Dame 2-yard line.

Three plays, one timeout and a penalty later, Texas A&M had to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Terence Kitchens.

The Irish took advantage of the stand. With 3:24 remaining in the third quarter, Battle found Javin Hunter along the right sideline for a 46-yard touchdown in the north end zone.

Hunter's first career touchdown gave the Irish their first lead of the afternoon at 14-10.

When I was running with him, I thought I was pushing him, then I let off a little bit," said Jay Brooks, who was covering Hunter. "When I turned around I didn't see the ball, I let my team down."

The Irish extended the lead early in the fourth. After David Givens rushed for seven yards on a crucial fourth-and-one, Jones ran through the Aggie defense, broke three tackles and scored from 17-yards out with 11:38 left.

On its next possession, Notre Dame scored again, this time on a 32-yard field goal by Nick Setta.

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player of the game

Arnaz Battle
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quote of the game

"We were close, but as our coach always says, close is only good in horse shoes and hand grenades."

Chris Valeta
Aggie offensive lineman

stat of the game

0 turnovers

The Irish offense took care of the ball well. Last season the Irish turned the ball over at least once in every game but two.
**Irish corner back Brock Williams (1) and free safety Tony Driver (25) take down Aggie running back Joe Weber at the goal line, preventing a touchdown and forcing Texas A&M to settle for a field goal.**

**Gutsy Irish wear hearts on sleeves in opener**

"I was impressed with how the team handled the momentum swings," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "To come back and tie the game at the half and then to have the stamina to stay it throughout impressed me.

Early in the second half, the Aggies drove nearly all the way downfield. While Irish fans braced themselves to fall behind by a disheartening seven points, the Irish defense transformed itself into an iron wall that no Aggie player could penetrate. Grant Irons and Rocky Boiman tackled A&M's Joe Weber for a one-yard loss, then the defense held Weber to a one-yard gain. In the final moments of the half, the Aggies couldn't muster enough firepower to get past Boiman and B.J. Scott on the third down, and following a false start penalty, the Aggies were forced to go for field goal.

"When you drive the ball 90 yards and have first and goal inside the 10 and you don't score, it is a moral victory for the defense," Texas A&M offensive lineman Chris Valeta said.

Although the Aggies took the lead, the defensive stop kept the energy in Notre Dame's favor.

"It seemed that we got stronger as the game went on," Driver said. "The defense was flaky until we got into a rhythm at the end, and that's when our conditioning paid off." Batted proved a quick study at quarterback. After going 4-for-11 passing in the first half, he sharpened to 4-for-2 in the second half. And he helped the Irish convert on a third down for the first time in the game. "This game showed that Battle is explosive and a great player," Davie said. "I play at Jarious's (Jackson) first game against Michigan two years ago. Arnaez is further along than Jarious was at that time. He's more in control and confident."

Behind Battle's lead, the Irish showed a little of the bravado Notre Dame football has been missing. In 1999, the ND coaching staff took a timid approach, hesitating to go for it on a fourth down. Maybe it was because they knew the 1999 Irish couldn't guarantee even a one-foot gain. Davie demonstrated more confidence Saturday, leaving his offense in to test their grid.

"We wanted to put the game away," banker Joe Gedeon said. "We were driving, and I don't think anybody wanted to kick the ball right there. We wanted to show that we were ready to put some points on the board. Coach showed a lot of confidence that our offense can make a first down." On fourth-and-one, David Givens burst through for a six-yard gain and a first down. Jones, a dynamic young tailback, picked up where Givens left off. He escaped the grasp of A&M defenders and dashed 17 yards into the end zone to boost his team to a 21-10 advantage.

Once Notre Dame had the victory all but sewn up, Driver decided, for excitement's sake, to put some pizazz in the win. The senior free safety capped off a much-improved day for the ND defense by intercepting Texas A&M's last touch at a touchdown. Almost more remarkable in the win, however, was what the Irish didn't do.

The Irish didn't turn the ball over, a feat only accomplished twice last year. They didn't miss a field goal or a PAT, errors that have been recent hallmarks of ND football. And they didn't allow more than 10 points or 100 yards rushing by their opponent.

With the victory came a huge momentum swing. If Notre Dame had started its season 0-1 with a sixth straight loss, people would have laughed but written off the 2000 Irish squad. But with a win, somehow everything is different.

"We're feeling confident right now and just getting some momentum going," Battle said.

Notre Dame is undefeated—opening a season in which anything is still possible. Even beating Nebraska. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie and his staff spent the off-season reviewing Notre Dame's defense, hoping to breathe life back into a line that struggled last season. After Davie called the performance of the defense his number one concern last week, questions of Irish defensive ability hovered over Notre Dame Stadium Saturday in Notre Dame's season opener against Texas A&M.

With Notre Dame's convincing 24-10 victory over the then-No. 25 Aggie squad, Davie found some of the answers.

Some he liked. And some he did not.

"It wasn't a masterpiece by any stretch of the imagination," said the fourth-year head coach. "I don't know that we played particularly well, but the thing that is really encouraging to me is that we played with a lot of heart and I think the foundation for good football teams are built on that.

"The Irish defense was in no way perfect, causing three pass-interference penalties and missing key tackles during Texas A&M scoring drives, but the heart Davie was looking for shone through.

With the game tied 7-7 in the third quarter, Notre Dame's defense pulled out all the stops. After Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris led the Aggies down field on a 74-yard drive for the end zone, the Irish held them back on their goal line for three downs.

The Aggies had to settle for a field goal after being called for illegal procedure on fourth and goal.

"We were close, but as our coach always says close is only good in horse shoes and hand grenades," said Aggie offensive lineman Chris Valdez. "We didn't get it done.

When you have first and goal inside the 10 and you don't score it is a moral victory for the defense. Fortunately we got a field goal out of it but that's not enough.

That goal line stand gives Davie a little more confidence on the other side of the ball.

"I thought the thing I was impressed with was the momentum swings and the resiliency to bounce back...and bring able to have somewhat of a goal line stand to hold them to a field goal," said Davie. "This defense is, let's be honest, not a tremendously confident defense but they came through."

The Irish defense did come through, holding the Aggies to just 10 points, while allowing only 90 rushing and 163 passing yards - a marked improvement over last season when the defense yielded an average of 27.6 points and 383.7 yards a game.

But Davie is far from convinced. "I thought we were average," said Davie. "I thought early in the game we were a little out of sync. I don't think we played nearly as good as we are capable of on defense. We need to play a lot better than that. It was a good effort. I thought we played with enthusiasm and hung in there but it was sloppy."

The three pass interference calls against the Irish Saturday concern Davie.

"We still have some huge question marks," said Davie. "Can we cover on defense? We had three pass interference penalties that I thought were innocuous."

Irish strong safety Ron Israel was flagged for the first pass interference penalty in the second quarter, before Clifford Jefferson committed two penalties within five minutes in the third.

The defense suffered in the third quarter when senior captain Grant Irons left the game because of dehydration.

"With the heat the way it was we knew it would be a gut-check at the end," said Davie. "It was a battle and a lot of guys had to step up and be ready to play, but Grant is going to be fine now."

After receiving intravenous fluids, the senior defensive end returned in the fourth quarter to finish off the game.

With No. 1 Nebraska coming to town next weekend, Davie knows the defense has a lot of kinks to work out before next weekend.

"We realize we have a long, long way to go as a football team in a very short amount of time," said Davie. "The football team coming here next week is as good a team as we've seen in a long time."

But Saturday's win is one more step on the path to becoming a potent defensive threat.

Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver dives toward Aggie quarterback Mark Farris during Saturday's season opener. Weaver recorded six tackles on the afternoon.

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Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver pulls down Texas A&M running back Richard Whitaker. Whitaker ran for 71 yards on 13 carries, while the Irish defense held the Aggies to just 90 yards rushing.

Irish quarterback Arnaz Battle debuted at the starting position completing 10 of 16 passes and throwing for two touchdowns.

Texas A&M linebacker Jason Glenn tackles Irish flanker David Givens. Givens rushed for 16 yards on four carries and caught one pass for 21 yards.

Battling Back

Notre Dame ended a four-game losing streak and put a dismal 5-7 1999 season behind them with a convincing win over Texas A&M. Saturday's match-up got personal for Bob Davie — the fourth-year Irish head coach spent nine years in College Station with the Aggies before coming to Notre Dame. The win boosted the Irish into national rankings at the No. 23 spot in the Associated Press Poll. First-time starter Arnaz Battle put on a solid performance, leading the Irish to a 24-10 win.

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PETER RICHARDSON
st a monumental weekend
more than just big buildings and big debates.
rich with food, music and ... bad driving.

Things to know before making the patriotic trek:

- The Metro is the way to go. Generally cleaner and faster than a cab ride, the Metro is the most popular mode of transportation in the city. When staying for more than a day or two, it's best to buy a multi-ride pass. It'll save money and make it easy to just swipe the card and hit all the best stops.

- Shopping can be expensive. The streets of Georgetown are lined with shops and restaurants, and convenience costs. Places like Pentagon City and nearby Bethesda can also be pricey, so it's important to be a smart souvenir-shopper. D.C. memorabilia shops are a dime a dozen, so it's best to shop around for that perfect presidential T-shirt.

- Cars should be left at home. Driving in the city can be very trying for people not accustomed to the traffic circles. It's best to ride the Metro, or a bus when in Georgetown, since the Metro doesn't run there.

- Skateboards are everywhere. They went out with the early 90s, but somehow the city of the red, white and blue hasn't caught on. One should be prepared to catch the four-wheeled transportation along with bicycles and rollerblades, especially in the city's nicest parks.

- The city has great parks. A hidden treasure the Rock Creek Park, which is a haven for runners, walkers, rollerbladers and bicyclists with its large paved road closed off to traffic. The road follows the creek and is especially gorgeous in full when the foliage change colors.

- Maryland driving can be scary. The traffic circles can be difficult enough, but it's even worse when few drivers know how to yield or merge. Just never forget the "keep left" adage. And survival is guaranteed.

- Everyone reads. Young or old, business man or garbage man. The Washington Post is usually a common thread among the people in the city. It's the one accessory generally worn by everyone riding the Metro.

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**Things to do this week**

**Monday**
- Cinema at the Snite, "His Girl Friday," Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday**
- Chicago Brass Quintet, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 284-4626, International Film Festival, Montgomery Theatre, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- Lecture, "Guadalupe: Prophet of a New Humanity," Virgil Elizondo, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7 p.m.

**Thursday**
- "Latin American Area Studies Program (LAASP) Internship and Summer Research Experiences 2000," C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies, 2:30 p.m.

**Friday**
- Pep Rally, JACC, 7 p.m.
- Booksigning, "Monk's Reflections, A View from Notre Dame," Father Edward A. Malloy, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 4-6 p.m.
- Art Exhibitions, Little Theatre, Hammes Galleries, Moreau Center, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Saturday**
- Booksigning, "Turning 50: Fifty Personal Celebrations," Olivia Wu, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Storybook character appearances, "Where the Wild Things Are," Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, all day
- "Lolita," Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 9 p.m.

**Sunday**
- Faculty recital, "Tin Pan Alley's Celebration of Love," Clayton Henderson, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, 2:30 p.m.
White Sox come from behind twice in 13-2 victory

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Hasegawa, who couldn’t hold an 8-5 lead Friday, blew his second save in three games. He entered the series having given up just one earned run in his previous 34 1-3 innings.

Kelly Wuerffel (15-3) pitched two scoreless innings as the White Sox won for the fourth time in five games. Wuerffel picked the ninth for his 31st save in 32 opportunities.

Thomas hit an RBI double and a two-run double in the first as the White Sox scored nine runs off Ramon Ortiz, who retired only 13 batters. It was his ninth inning win in 12 starts. Thomas added a solo shot in the sixth and hit the ball off the wall in Chicago with his 10th.

It is the fourth 40-home run season for Thomas, who hit only 15 in his injury-ripped 1999.

Troy Glaus, an Angels record by hitting a 40th home run, one of five homers by Anaheim. Tim Salmon and Scott Spiezio hit their fourth and third homers and Darren Erstad hit a pair of solo shots.

Astronauts, 9, Braves, 3

Mickey Morcoy homered twice and Wade Miller won for the third time in his last four decisions as the Houston Astros beat the Atlanta Braves.

The Astros lost five of seven and eight of 11, but still hold a half-game lead in the NL East. They still hold a 1 1/2-game lead over the last 4-3 in 11 innings to St. Louis.

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Miller (4-3) gave up two runs, two hits and three walks in seven innings. He struck out four.

Ashby 18-12, who lost his first four straight decision, gave up one unearned run on two hits and two walks in six innings. He did not walk or strikeout a batter. Ashby left his last start Tuesday after six innings against the Reds with a blood blister on the middle of his pitching hand.

R.J. Surhoff led off the second inning for Atlanta with a triple and scored on Javy Lopez’s grounder for a 1-0 lead. Keith Lockhart’s RBI single in the fourth made it 2-0.

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Cardinals, 4, Mets 3

Mets pitcher Tom Candiotti hit three consecutive batters and gave up a home run in the New York Mets with a home run for the second consecutive year last Saturday in the 11th inning in St. Louis Cardinals completed the three-game sweep with victory.

The NL Central-leading Cardinals have won seven of eight and are 5-0 in extra innings overall. They are 1-12 in St. Louis this season, but lost all three games of a three-game series by one run on the final at-bat.

On Sunday, Edmonds led off the 11th by hitting a 1-1 pitch from Kirk White (8-5) over the right field wall for his 13th home run of the season.

Matt Morris (13-3), who allowed four runs in seven innings against the New York Mets on Monday, had no trouble with the anemic Red Sox, who managed just three hits and one run over the seven.

Tomoka (3-3), who had won three consecutive decisions, allowed two runs in six innings. He hit five batters, but also struck out Red Sox, who were 12-2 in the AL, in runs and batting average, couldn’t hit Abbott.

Javier doubled with one out in the first. Rodriguez tripled and scored on one out later, John Olerud doubled in a two-run ball. Seattles one run off Red Sox in the seventh when McMichen hit a leadoff double and scored on Javier’s double.

Abbott was drafted by Minnesota in 1995 and defeated in the majors in 1996. He spent part of the next three seasons in the minors before he was signed by the Indians as a minor-league free agent in 1998.

He spent the next six years in the minors before being signed for a one-month deal for shoulder, elbow and knee problems. Even the Mariners, who traded him to Cleveland for a minor-league free agent in 1998, waived him, only to re-sign him to send him to Triple-A before last season.

A journeyman who has 10 trips to the disabled list in a 10-year career with six organizations, Abbott (1-5) limited the Mariners to two walks and an error — before Riko Blandino doubled and scored with one out in the middle with one out in the eighth.

A classic showdown of the New York Giants in the final 11 innings to St. Louis.

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Morino hit a three-run, two-out double in the sixth, and used a 1-2-3 seventh to close out the win.

Trammell, who also drove in the Mets first run in the fifth, hit a sacrifice fly in the ninth, earning his 1,800th hit.

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Testaverde tosses game-winning TD in return

Associated Press

The New York Jets stopped Brett Favre from conjuring any last-minute magic.

Curis Martin rushed 30 times for 110 yards and a touchdown and caught a 2-yard TD pass from Vinny Testaverde with 3:30 left as the Jets beat the Green Bay Packers 20-17 Sunday in the coaching debuts of Archie, the third quarter and rumbled downhill, giving the Lions a 12-7 lead.

But it wasn’t over until Favre was denied yet another come­

back win. Vinnie Green made an aridotic interception at the Jets 9 with 1:08 to play that robbed Bill Schroeder of a likely touch­

down catch and clinched the vic­

The Packers lost at home in September for the first time since Sept. 3, 1995, Green Bay has four losses in its last six games, and the team is 1-5.

Testaverde played for the first time since missing three

quarters with ten­

ments in his throwing elbow, didn’t look physically limited, but was just 14-for-34 for 343

yards. He often grabbed his arm after throws late in the game.

Likewise, Favre, who appeared rusty and uncertain in the pocket in his first regular-season action since injuring his Achilles tend­

ien the ‘99 opener. He overthrew several receivers and was called for two intentional grounding penalties before fin­

ishing 24-for-61 for 263 yards and a TD.

Martin carried the offensive load in the 29th 100-yard rush­

ning game of his career. He left for one offensive series late in the

first half with a twisted left knee, but returned for the

second half and continued to pound at the Packers.

Dolphins 23, Seahawks 0

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ton in the end zone for a safety.

Later in the same quarter, the
sentinel Leaf’s fumbles was

recovered by Oakland defensive

back Rasheed Davis — although the Raiders couldn’t capitalize on

the turnover. Leaf recovered an inad­

tome pass himself.

Leaf also had three turnovers in


Leaf did not connect on his

first two passes of the game and

was 6-for-19 at the half. Midway

through the first quarter, he

backed up on a play and

appeared to simply fall over —

a loss of 3 yards.

On San Diego’s third series of

the game, Leaf effectively moved

the ball to the Oakland 34. But a

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Dolphins 23, Seahawks 0

Even without Dan Marino, the

Miami Dolphins had the better

quarterback Sunday. They also

had the better running game

and defense.

Jay Fiderler threw for 134

yards as the Dolphins defeated

Seattle 23-0.

The Oakland Raiders provided

the scoring. Ryan Leaf provided

the winning margin. Leaf was battered and even

bled, with three intercep­

tions and fumbles, as the San Diego Chargers fell to the

Raiders 29-7.

Andre Rison caught a 10-yard

scoring pass from Rich Gannon with 2:53 left to give Oakland the

winning margin.

Leaf, making his first NFL reg­

ular-season appearance in 20

months, had the Chargers on

four of a season-low three

third downs.

Leaf hit 17 of 39 passes for

180 yards. Rison, making his regular-sea­

son debut with the Raiders, had five catches for 49 yards.

Gannon was 20-of-34 for 176

yards. He was sacked four
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Culpepper runs in 3 touchdowns, Vikings win 30-27

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Flutie Culpepper's legs were more impressive than his right arm.

Culpepper, the final member of last year's heralded quarterback class to take over an offense, ran for three touchdowns in the Minnesota Vikings' 30-27 comeback victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

The 11th overall pick of the 1999 draft, who took just six snaps last season as a backup to Randall Cunningham and Jeff George, rushed 10 times for 78 yards before taking a knee on the Vikings last three snaps.

Before those final snaps, Culpepper had the second-most rushing yardage for a quarterback in the team's 40-year history, trailing only Fran Tarkenton's 99 yards against the Rams in 1961.


The elusive Culpepper struggled to get the ball into the hands of Cris Carter and Randy Moss, the fourth-best receiving tandem in NFL history last year. Culpepper was 13-for-25 for 190 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

But his scrambling ability and a 109-yard rushing day by Robert Smith made it a moot point.

Culpepper finally found Moss for 66 yards to the Chicago 7 early in the fourth quarter. On the next snap, Culpepper scored on a draw, giving Minnesota a 23-20 lead with 10:39 left.

Culpepper, who also had a 1-yard touchdown dive in the third quarter, scored on a 4-yard keeper with 4:35 left to make it 30-20 after a 29-yard burst by Smith.

Cade McNown, who started six games as a rookie last year, ran for his first career touchdown, a zigzagging 8-yarder with 1:17 left that pulled the Bears to 30-27.

Jaguars 27, Browns 7

As long as Mark Brunell stays healthy, Jacksonville's window of opportunity remains wide open, even if it is a little cracked.

Brunell, one of the Jaguars' few stars who is not hurt, passed for 301 yards and one touchdown as Jacksonville opened another season of Super Bowl plans by beating the Cleveland Browns.

Brunell completed 24 of 33 passes, including eight straight to open the second half when the Jaguars scored 10 straight points following a crucial fumble by Browns rookie tight end Andre Sho.

Playing behind an offensive line missing right tackle Leon Searey, center John Wade and Smith right tackle Tony Boselli less than 100 percent after off-season knee surgery, Brunell still had plenty of time to pick apart the Browns' secondary.

Brunell hardly missed a beat, going 11-for-13 for 148 yards. His two interceptions were on intentional overthrows.

Jacksonville's running game hardly missed feature back Fred Taylor as Stacey Mack and Chris Howard both ran for scores.

Keenan McCardell had nine receptions for 115 yards, Jimmy Smith had a TD catch, and tight end Kyle Braden had his career day, catching five passes for 85 yards.

Mike Harris added two field goals, one in the second quarter, finished 19-of-29 for 160 yards and one TD. Cleveland managed just 249 yards of total offense, but the Browns did show signs they might be better than last year's 2-14 team.

Falcons 36, 49ers 28

The Super Bowl, it wasn't. Still, for a team desperate to prove last year was an aberration, the Atlanta Falcons had plenty of reasons for optimism.

Again, Jamal Anderson ran with his knock-'em-down, drag-em-allow- style. Right away, Shawn Jefferson and Ashley Ambrose paid dividends on a hefty investment. And this time, the Falcons didn't have to wait until Super Bowl XXXI to get the victory.

"Once we got rolling, it was very much approaching what we were able to do a couple of years ago," Chris Chandler said after Atlanta opened with a victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Two years ago, the Falcons made it all the way to the Super Bowl. Anderson isn't making his predictions for Tampa just yet knowing this was the 49ers in name only.

"We've got some work ahead of us before we can run around with banners," said Anderson, who rushed for 24 carries after tearing up his knee early last season. "But at least we're headed in the right direction.

Jefferson caught seven passes for a career-high 148 yards, while Ambrose returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown. Both were playing their first games for the Falcons, who signed them to contracts totaling nearly $37 million after starting last season on the practice squad and finishing 5-11.

"We wanted to show them what type of players they picked up," Ambrose said.

San Francisco still is picking up the pieces after going 4-12, ending a run of 16 straight winning seasons that included five Super Bowl titles.

Jeff Garcia, taking over for the retiring Steve Young, threw for 253 yards and three touchdowns.

He also underthrew Jerry Rice along the left sideline in the third quarter, giving Ambrose a chance to step in for the easy touchdown.

"I really believe we are going to be a good team this year," Garcia said. "We know where we have to go from here."

Atlanta's Morten Andersen tied a career high with five field goals, all in the first half, and broke Mick Luckhurst's team record for most career field goals with 149. Andersen has 421 overall.

Eagles 41, Cowboys 14

There was an inside kickoff to start the game, frequent blizzards and an endless dose of Duce Staley.

No matter what the Philadelphia Eagles threw at the Dallas Cowboys, it all worked. Staley ran for 201 yards and a touchdown and the Eagles defense knocked out Troy Aikman in the second quarter, carrying Philadelphia to a stunningly easy victory.

Staley, who also had 62 yards receiving, became the Eagles' first 200-yard runner since 1984.

"I've never been a fan watching the Dallas Cowboys," said Aikman, who took just six snaps.

The embarrassing debut for Aikman, who started five of his past six games before getting a knee injury against the Washington Redskins on Oct. 31, was followed by a touchdown for Philadelphia.

Aikman was KO'd on the next play, and the game was on.

In 109-degree heat - 171 on the artificial turf - Aikman misfired all five of his passes and was sacked for 30 yards in losses on his other four attempts.

Three of those came on the opening series, incredible considering he went down only 19 times all of last season. The Cowboys did not give up a sack in the first nine games of 1999, when they allowed the second-fewest sacks in the NFL.

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by STEPHANIE REDWANSKI

Freshman Liz Hanlon led the Belles golf team to an eighth-place finish in its first tournament of the year. Host Ferris State finished first out of the 15 teams but the emergence of Hanlon made the weekend a success for the Belles.

"The freshman did exceptionally well," said head coach Theresa Pekarek. Hanlon shot a first round score of 93 and a second round score of 86. Her second round score was the best single round shot for the team in the tournament.

Her overall score was very impressive considering she had never played competitive golf until this weekend. Jennifer Dewitt, also a freshman, shot a 92 on Saturday.

Veterans also contributed as junior Mary Claire Hathaway shot her best round on Saturday with a score of 87. Senior Natalie Cook shot a 90 on Saturday and a 92 on Sunday.

"These scores are something I am very proud of," said Pekarek. The team has nine members but can only travel with six or seven of them. Pekarek said deciding which players will travel each week is hard and the away roster will probably change from week to week — especially if the freshmen continue to play well.

From what she could tell from this tournament, Pekarek feels that she has a very competitive team with a lot of young as well as veteran potential. After this tournament she can see that there is much room for improvement.

"We need consistency and our putting needs a lot of work," she said.

Pekarek's goal is to get the team able to mentally prepare. If they have a bad hole she wants them to be able to move on and stay focused on each round.

Yes Mandy, it IS your birthday!

Happy 21st!

Love, Kate, Colleen, Lana, & Lindsay

by ALLISON DOHERTY

Hanlon leads Belles at Ferris Invitational

Freshman Jennifer Dewitt shot a 92 on Saturday at the Ferris State Invitational.

Soccer

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eran players to step up and be consistent enough day-to-day," Waldrum admitted. "We have some work to do."

After a sluggish, sloppy effort against Tulsa, Notre Dame entered play against Providence looking to put forth a sharper effort. After out-gunning their opponents two opponents by a total of 84-4, and not having nearly as many goals as they would like to show for it the Irish were determined to make their chances against the Lady Friars count.

Indeed, that is exactly what they did.

Despite the defensive-minded Lady Friars parking the box, and playing very conservative-ly, the Irish were still able to strike quickly.

Freshman sensation Amy Warner scored her first two career goals in the game's first half before completing the hat-trick with just under 15 minutes remaining by volleying a ball from Makinen in to the top half of the net.

Freshman Amanda Guertin added a goal, while Dryer notched her first collegiate tally.

Waldrum was much more pleased with his team's latest showing.

"I think in the first half the rhythm of play was good," he said. "We're getting closer. We have no problems creating, we need to be more efficient." Waldrum was particularly complimentary of Warner, a recruiting coup who had gone unsung until assistant coach Amy Edwards stumbled upon her in Florida last winter. Warner, who also ran track in high school, brings a great deal of speed and fire to the offensive attack.

"We thought she'd do it," Waldrum admitted. "She was kind of a sleeper. As a team we're so much more athletic than last year.

The concerns Waldrum has for his team are rooted in the fact that the schedule becomes much tougher this weekend as Notre Dame entertains third-ranked Santa Clara — the same squad it stunned in last year's NCAA semifinals — and Stanford, the nation's seventh-ranked team. With Santa Clara having revenge on its mind, Waldrum knows his team will not have 32 shots as it did against Providence.

"We're not going to have that many chances," Waldrum said. "We're going to need to be more efficient."

Though still not all together pleased, Waldrum feels his team is moving in the right direction.

"Each game has been a bit better," he said. "I think our intensity level has been pretty good."

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Fortunately for the visitors, one of the right ends got called for illegal procedure, meaning that the play, in effect, never happened. The referees moved the ball five yards back, and A&M settled for a field goal.

Seven minutes and 35 seconds off the clock, 79 yards, one lost defensive captain, and a field goal both sides knew the guys wearing maroon were lucky to get.

The Aggies never scored again, and Notre Dame of course went on to win.

I think the story would've been pretty good if it had ended right there.

But it didn't.

NBC ran a camera right above the stairs going from the Notre Dame locker room down to the tunnel which it usually uses to show the players hitting the "Go Irish Go" and "Play Like a Champion Today" signs before the game.

Three knobs had left the field and started to come up the stairs. NBC cut away from the game to that stairway deep within side the stadium.

There I saw Grant, obviously worried about the heat, his pads off, his leg stiff and causing a slight limp, and his gray undershirt drenched in sweat.

His head was down a little bit as he moved towards the locker room to get treat-

ment.

And then, when he reached the top of the stairs, just before he disappeared from view, I saw one big fist reach out to his left and tap the "Go Irish Go" sign.

Strength. Unity. Heart.

Desire. That one simple gesture showed all these things present in and from his teammates who elected him to be their captain.

Even if he hadn't been able to come back and play the last five minutes of the game, that sense of purpose and dedication would've pervaded all that he and the Irish did on Saturday.

But more importantly, even if NBC didn't have a camera above that stairway and no one but the two trainers behind him ever saw that fist tap, it wouldn't have mattered.

That acknowledgment wasn't so the public or the fans or the media would be impressed.

It was for his teammates, still doing battle in that 100 degree heat, saying, "I know you guys are going to get the job done, and I'll be back soon as I can."

That's all.

I have to think that no matter where they were on the sideline or the field, they all heard that familiar thud.

Irons had a slight limp, and a "Plav Maroon and Blue." He had come back as soon as I saw that fist tap. It wouldn't have mattered.

"This will be the start of a team who gets better every year," Belles head coach Jason Milligan said.

"It will be action-packed."

Alma opened its season Saturday with a win against Manchester College. Faula Schwartz recorded the second shutout of her career as the Scots scored three goals in the first 25 minutes before cruising to a 4-0 win. Freshmen Megan Karchon and Sara Mensere led the Scots with a goal and an assist a piece.

Milligan fully intends for his team to answer the challenge of the Alma freshmen.

"We are much further along this year at this point than we were last year," Milligan said. "Our ability to move the ball quickly and precisely is excellent and we have many women who are not afraid to move the ball."

While the Belles' home opener may become a battle of freshmen forwards, it will also be a duel between junior returners, as Tia Kappahn, a veteran between the post, and Megan Karchon, a veteran between the post, will be key.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles open season against Alma

Monday, September 4, 2000

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's College soccer team opens its 2000 MIAA and regular season with a home contest against the Alma College Scots on Sept. 4 at 4 p.m.

"This will be the start of a team who gets better every year," Belles head coach Jason Milligan said. At this point Tia has the starting position but I am very impressed with the improvement in Laura [Metzger, the freshman goalkeeper]."

Kappahn will also share team captain duties for the season with seniors Jessica Klink and Kathy Robinson and sophomore Heather Muth. Klink started at defense last season, while Robinson brings considerable experience at both defense and midfield. Much was a standout at forward and midfielder for the Belles her freshman season, and was honored with the Coaches Honorable Mention All-MIAA for the 1999 season.

"The Belles are confident that they can withstand that challenge," Milligan said.

"I am extremely optimistic about the future performance of this team," Milligan said. "Every day they have improved and victories over Bethel and the South Bend Fury definitely gave us a good picture of how good we may become."

Despite the fact that only 11 players returned this season to the Belles, the freshmen have filled the gaps well and the team is ready for some real action.

"The upperclassmen are doing an absolutely superb job preparing our young players for competition," Milligan added. "Their leadership on and off the field has carried along the development of everyone on the team. I am also very happy that spots we had worried about are being filled effectively."

The Belles defeated the Scots last season on Alma's home turf 2-0. Now the Belles have the opportunity to continue their victorious trend in a contest in familiar territory.

Both season's [game against Alma] was one of the best games all year," Milligan said. "The positive attitudes on the team are the key."
Volleyball

Belles view wireless tourney as success

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Relying on its young members, the Saint Mary's volleyball team finished this weekend's tournament at Alma with a record of 0-5.

However, the team views the weekend as a success.

"We're inexperienced," head coach Julie Schroeder-Bieck said. "The team played great. Even though they lost, it was a great tournament!"

The Belles, who began this season with only four returning athletes, had their work cut out for them as they faced five very talented teams with one player out injured, and junior Kyle LaWeau not playing at 100 percent because of illness. They did accomplish their main goal, however.

"Considering how little time we had in preseason, we handled it very well this weekend," freshman starter Leigh Ann Matosich said

The weekend began with a 3-1 loss to Alma Friday evening. The Belles dropped the first game 10-15, but came back and won the second game 15-4. However, they lost momentum and dropped the last two games 4-15 and 12-15.

The Belles had little time to recover before they faced Spring Arbor, a match they lost 3-0.

Saturday morning began with the toughest match of the weekend, as Saint Mary's faced off against regionally-ranked Wittenberg.

"Wittenberg is always regionally ranked and sometimes nationally ranked, so we knew it was going to be tough," Schroeder-Bieck said. "But the first two games could have gone either way."

The Belles dropped the first two games 12-15 and 11-15. After that, Wittenberg tired the Belles out and took the third game 15-3.

"We were pumped up about how well we played against Wittenberg," Schroeder-Bieck said. "So we were ready for Carthage."

Saint Mary's played its strongest match of the tournament against Carthage, losing 3-2. The Belles dropped the first game 4-15, but came back and won the next two games 15-5 and 15-6.

The last two games finished the wrong way as Saint Mary's dropped both games 10-15 and 8-15.

"We picked up the pace, and it was really close. The last game was a rally score and they just broke away," Schroeder-Bieck said.

Saint Mary's finished off the weekend with a 3-0 loss to Aquinas.

Regardless of the losses, some of the Belles turned in solid performances. Leading those solid performances, was freshman Leigh Ann Matosich — who surprised her team and the competition.

"Even she doesn't know how well she really played," Schroeder-Bieck said. "She's a very talented player."

Matosich made that adjustment well, leading the team with 12 aces, 80 digs and 43 kills.

Matesich wasn't the only Belle who turned in a strong performance this weekend.

Returning junior Angie Meyers turned in a solid performance as well with 88 digs and 52 kills, leading the offense.

"Angela Meyers had an absolutely awesome tournament," Schroeder-Bieck said. "She got her hands on whatever came near."

Saint Mary's will face Bethel College this Tuesday at 7 pm. Schroeder-Bieck will be working with her women on defense before that game.

"We want our defense transitions to be crispier and I'll be focusing primarily on front line defense."
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**SPORTS**

**Volleyball**

Cougars upset highlights tournament win

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball jumped into the 2000 season with a first-place finish in the Shamrock Invitational tournament, including a win over No. 15 Brigham Young University.

The Irish, now 3-0, also topped Fairfield and Clemson to secure the tournament.

Senior co-captain Denise Boylan was named MVP of the tournament while fellow co-captain Christi Girton and junior Kristy Kreher were named to the all-tournament team.

"I think it was particularly important for all the freshmen to get on the floor and play and we were able to do that. You’re always very, very nervous for the first time as a freshman stepping out on the floor so it was good to get those first match jitters over with,” said head coach Debbie Brown.

Notre Dame kicked off the weekend Friday with a three-game victory over Fairfield (15-7, 15-7, 15-10).

With a 2-0 lead going into game three against the Stags, the Irish fell behind 5-1, but then rallied for 11 straight points to gain the lead and eventually the win.

Girton racked up 14 kills for the Irish while Kreher added 11. Boylan led Notre Dame offensively with 37 assists while also aiding the Irish defense with 10 digs.

Sophomore Jamie Adlerlee topped her career high with 15 digs.

"Overall, over the weekend our offense was very, very strong. Our defense has really

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**Women’s Soccer**

Undefeated Irish look to fine tune play

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It’s hard to find many coaches of undefended teams who aren’t entirely ecstatic with their teams’ play, but Notre Dame women’s soccer head coach Randy Waldrum is such a man.

Even after watching his team’s troubles, the Tulsa Golden Hurricane and Providence Lady Friars by scores of 2-0 and 5-1 respectively, Waldrum still feels the 3-0 Irish women have a long way to go.

"We have some pretty important work to do,” Waldrum said. "We need to do a better job converting our chances around the goal.”

Notre Dame struggled against Tulsa in the first half, and for a while it looked as if the Golden Hurricanes might pull off an upset.

After failing to score on their first 23 chances, the Irish finally took a lead they would never relinquish in the game’s 69th minute. Senior All-American Ann Makiern buried a feed from sophomore Ashley Dryer to get the Irish on the board, then tailed again just minutes later — launching a rocket shot from 20 yards out for an unassisted goal, her third of the season.

Despite the favorable outcome, Waldrum was not at all pleased. After outshooting Tulsa by a ratio of 35-2, Waldrum felt his team had been wasteful in not scoring more.

"We put up big shot numbers and we only have two goals to show for it,” he said. "It’s just not a good situation to miss that many chances.”

Waldrum was also deeply concerned with finding the right mix of players.

After blending so well last year, an Irish squad diminished by graduation has at times struggled in working a talented freshmen class into the lineup.

Waldrum is hopeful that the players will help to distinguish themselves.

"Right now, we are still not resolved in terms of what our starting team is and that’s the problem. We can’t even get vet-

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**Perfect Putting**

The Saint Mary’s golf team finished eighth out of 15 teams at the Ferris State Invitational this weekend.

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**Irons inspires Irish**

Did anyone happen to catch that one-series during the game on Saturday? No, not the one that featured a successful fourth-down conversion and was then capped by a few-yard touchdown pass.

Irons was particularly those first 25 yards on seven plays in just 2:09 to get the Irish on the board before the half.

These were both great strikes and essential in Notre Dame’s 24-10 win over Texas A&M. A&M played nowhere on the surface of the ground.

However, another, all of which you couldn’t see unless you had a little portable TV summed up, at least for me, the attitude of this Irish football team.

We all saw captain Grant Irons come off the field due to dehydration on A&M’s long drive to open the second half. That’s when it all started.

Instead of backing down because it’s one of its leaders, the Irish defense stepped up. Facing a first-and-goal from the Irish 1-yard line, A&M lost yards on first down. They gained a couple back but failed to get back to the original line of scrimmage, let alone crack the goal line on second down.

The down, "nothing doing." All of a sudden, it was fourth down from the 1 and the Aggies faced a dilemma. Kick field goal and concede your offense can’t punch it in, or go for it and, if you come up short, concede any momentum you’ve built.

A&M coach R.C. Slocum decided to do all or nothing. The Irish defense, fingertip after being on the field for more than half a quarter, opted for nothing, stuffing the Aggie running game for another loss.

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