Structural repairs close parts of Stadium

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The upper bowl and concourse of the Notre Dame Stadium will go off-limits to spectators at Saturday’s Blue Gold Game as a result of repairs to the stadium the University begun in December.

The repairs are addressing structural problems that appeared after the expansion and renovation of the stadium in 1997, including cracked concrete and failed hand rails and joints. The University is seeking for the repairs at the same time are they pursuing litigation against Ellerbe Becket, Inc., the stadium project’s architect and engineer, and Casteel Construction Corporation, the general contractor of the project. The outcome of this litigation will determine who ultimately pays for the repairs.

According to Director of Public Relations Dennis Moore, construction equipment will remain on site Saturday so repairs can resume on Monday, but construction debris has been cleaned up.

“We’re going to make sure the equipment doesn’t impede fans going in and out of the stadium. The area will be cleaned up and any dust will be eliminated,” Moore said.

The University first became aware of design flaws during the addition’s inaugural game Sept. 6, 1997 against Georgia Tech, when the stadium flooded with water and sewage before the start of the game. The suit alleges Ellerbe Becket failed to design an adequate water supply system for the stadium and did not notify the University that the sewage line in place needed repairs or upgrades. The suit claims the company erred in estimating the expected volume of toilets flushing at peak times before, during and after the game.

The suit also claims that Castellini did not test the water and sewage systems before the first game to ensure they worked properly.

Fans should not become accustomed to seeing the stadium under construction because this stage of work will be completed during the summer and construction equipment and supplies will be removed before the first game of the year on Sept. 22.

Recycling program grows

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary’s News Editor

After a year of planning, the Saint Mary’s Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) has reached a pivotal stage in instituting a campus wide recycling program. Currently working with the administration, SEAC hopes to see action taken soon.

The idea for a recycling program spawned from inquiries during Activities Night in the fall of 1999. It was the first time SEAC set up a booth and the response they got was favorable. Students were interested in Saint Mary’s recycling program, especially questioning why there was no one program for recycling plastic and glass on campus.

Teresa Lorenz, president of SEAC and other members know they had to respond.

“So many of the people that signed up for the club would ask us if we could do something about glass and plastic recycling,” said Lorenz.

University plans for new, modern engineering building

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

In an effort to have facilities of a caliber equal to the faculty, the University plans to construct a new multidisciplinary engineering learning and research facility to open in four years.

“We have a very distinguished faculty, but our current facilities are far less distinguished,” said Frank Incropera, Dean of Engineering. “Our facilities lag seriously behind those at other schools and the kind of space is imperative to retain and attract students and faculty.”

The building will contain a commons area on the first floor, a large learning center, a nanotechnology laboratory and a materials synthesis laboratory, each occupying about one-third of the building’s space, projected to be approximately the same size as the current law school.

According Incropera, the new building will emphasize interactive learning using hands-on projects and testing, working in teams and working on projects that incorporate the curriculum of multiple engineering schools.

In addition to serving a lab and learning facility, the goal is that the building’s commons area will be inviting and facilitate discussion.

“We want to make it a building people want to be in and will stimulate interactions. We hope the facility will encourage communication, community and collaboration,” said Incropera.

The learning center will occupy the rest of the space on the first floor, and at 16,000 sq. ft. will be almost four times larger than the current learning center that opened this year in Cushing Hall to support the new Introduction to Engineering program for first year students.

“The learning center will continue to service the needs of first year students and with the new building, we would not be surprised if the number of first year students increases from 300 to 400,” said Incropera.

The new Learning Center will also be used for multidisciplinary activities that require collaboration between curriculum of more than one department in the college of engineering.

A large grant from the General Electric foundation will support the development of these multidisciplinary modules to be used in the new facility. Work on the design of the modules will begin now so that when the new building opens there will be programs ready to use the facility.

Saint Mary’s students collect plastic and glass on campus. After a year of planning, the Saint Mary’s Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) has reached a pivotal stage in instituting a campus-wide recycling program. Students were interested in Saint Mary’s recycling program, especially questioning why there was no program for recycling plastic and glass on campus.
This Week in ND/SMC History

Record store proposal approved
Monday, April 23, 1979

Director of Student Activities John Reid approved a proposal to establish a Student Union Record Store. The approval marked the end of nearly a year of efforts on the part of Bill Roche, Student Body presi­dency, and the Student Union to make albums available to students at low costs in a student-operated record outlet.

Domino's comes back to campus
Thursday, April 22, 1993

Domino's Pizza was banned from delivering their products to the University for almost a month after failing to abide by regulations concerning posting their signs on campus. The Domino's Pizza corporation illegally posted signs without approval from Student Activities. As a result, the University prohibited Domino's from delivering pizzas to any University owned buildings.

Fire destroys Rotunda, office buildings

FARMLAND, VA

A huge fire destroyed Longwood College's historic Rotunda on Tuesday and damaged additional buildings in the school's Ruffner Hall complex.

No injuries or fatalities were reported in the incident.

East and West Ruffner Halls, used for classrooms and offices, were completely gutted in the blaze, and Grainger Hall suffered severe damage to its roof and top floor.

Almost 400 students, who were evacuated from the states, used to shape the rest of the semester, and students have been asked to leave campus by noon Saturday.

The historical Ruffner complex, dating back to the 19th century, had been under a major $12 million renovation for the past year.

According to fire department of­fficers, the cause of the fire remains unknown. Initial speculation centered on the possibility that the fire was related to the renovation efforts.

More than 150 firefighters fought "flames reaching 20 feet in the air," said Walter English, a Farmville fire­fighter and sophomore student at Longwood. "The fire was extremely large... the biggest I've ever seen."

Despite the extensive damage to classrooms, offices and residence halls, classes over the summer and next semester will continue as scheduled.

"There are things that are going to have to be adjusted, but there is no strategic plan at this point," she said. The college is committed to rebuilding the Ruffner.

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Health services: abortion prohibited

LEXINGTON, Ky.

University of Kentucky Health Services can't provide certain procedures — abortion happens to be one of them, as well as the distribution of RU-486, a drug that blocks the action of the hormone necessary to sustain a pregnancy, thus terminating the pregnancy. And in the event a patient receives medical advice concerning an issue like abortion, University Health Services will help the student find a type of medical attention needed. "If we don't offer the service, we will help patients find the service they need — that's our job," said Dr. Spencer Turner, director of University Health Services. Even though Turner said health ser­vices helps patients as much as possible, he said he couldn't refer the student to a specific place — health officials simply give the patient a list of referrals for various options. The statute implies that no publicly owned hospital or health care facility can perform or permit the performance of abortions. except to save a patient's life.

AUSTIN, Texas

Aggies will have a larger role in the construction of the 2002 Bonfire than many of them had feared follow­ing the 1999 disaster. Members of the 2002 Steering Committee, a group formed to oversee the 2002 Bonfire, assured students in Tuesday and Wednesday meetings that they would play a significant role in the design selection and construction processes. The bonfire was prohibited until at least 2002 after 12 students eventually died and 27 others were injured when the 59-foot high structure collapsed Nov. 18, 1999. Schuyler Illo, Texas A&M University student body president, said students were at first worried that they might not have a role in the bonfire's construction. "There was initially a lot of concern because many of the students misunderstood and thought they weren't going to be able to help construct the bonfire at all," she said. "We just have to come up with a structure that's safe and that's designed by profession­als."
Senate hears Malloy's concerns

In testimony to a U.S. Senate Commerce Committee hearing Thursday on the Student Athlete Protection Act, Former Edward Malloy, president of the University of Notre Dame, voiced strong support for the legislation, saying "it is a crucial step" in the battle against gambling on college, high school and Olympic athletic events.

The act, which was originally introduced last year, specifically closes a loophole in the 1992 Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act that exempted Nevada, Dela ware, Oregon and Montana from operating sports betting systems.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., whose 3rd District includes Notre Dame and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., are the principal sponsors of the House version of the bill.

Father Edward Malloy's testimony was submitted in written form. The text follows:

"Just more than three weeks ago a very talented Notre Dame student-athlete, Ruth Riley, stood at the free throw line in an arena in St. Louis with the score tied, 5.8 seconds on the clock, a full house and a national television audience watching, and the NCAA women's basketball national championship in the balance. Ruth -- the player of the year in women's collegiate basketball, the student-athlete of the year, and the recipient of numerous other awards for her accomplishments as an athlete and as a student -- had two free throws coming. Both shots rattled around the rim a bit -- actually, a lot if you were one of us from Notre Dame -- but both generally settled through the net, and Ruth and her team-mates held that slim lead to become the national champions.

The point is that never in the course of those dramatic few seconds was there any reason for anyone to think that Ruth Riley cared about anything other than winning that basketball game.

"Her story is that of those who support the Student Athlete Protection Act are trying to preserve, at the same time, however, there's a fact that's well known at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and to most of the nation's college and university presidents, athletic directors, and coaches. There were more point-shaving and game-fixing schemes involving college and university athletics during the 1990s than in all previous decades combined. One of those schemes involved a former Notre Dame student-athlete. He's now putting up his life's and his reputation back together, and among the ways he's doing that is by telling those of us in collegiate athletics -- administrators, coaches and university officials -- how it happened to him, what the pressures and the attractions were, how a good person came to commit criminal acts.

"It is my story that is the story of those of us who support the Student Athlete Protection Act are trying to prevent. "It is any doubt that the NCAA, college and university presidents, athletic officials and coaches stand united in support of that legislation. Gambling is the great cloud that throws its shadow over the games our students play. How many more scandals will it take before a Ruth Riley can't go to the free throw line in such a situation without spectators wondering about the legitimacy of what's about to unfold? How long will it be before a fan, seeing an excellent free throw shooter miss in the final seconds when his or her team has a comfortable lead, wonders if that miss was about lack of concentration or the point spread? Is it any wonder that in Nevada, which is the subject of this legislation, state law prohibits gambling on Nevada schools, even while the federal loophole that this legislation would close permits legal gambling on Notre Dame's and other institutions' athletic events.

"The principle that the legislation would close is in essence the principle that the gambling on Notre Dame's and other institutions' athletic events. "I, and all of us who support this legislation, know that its passage isn't the end of our battle with gambling. Far from it. But it is a crucial step, because it enshrines in federal law the principle that the athletic victories and defeats of amateur athletes -- student-athletes often, teen-aged athletes -- should not be a legal source of revenue for the professional gambling industry.

"We must be able to take this step, this modest and moderate -- but vital -- step. All of those people and groups who are most actively working to restore the well being of student-athletes favor passage of this legislation; only those whose sole interest is money oppose it.

"It is my story that is the story of those of us who support the Student Athlete Protection Act are trying to prevent. "That's what is at stake in this victory for the well being of our student-athletes and help us to preserve and protect the integrity of the games they play. "Thank you."

Judge rules 'Irish' offensive ethnic slur

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Although 20,000 fans will scream "Irish!" this Saturday at the Blue-Gold game, they cannot print "IRISH" on their license plates in Vermont, a judge has ruled.

Superior Judge Matthew Katz upheld a decision by the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles to prevent Carol Ann Martin from purchasing a vanity plate with "IRISH" printed on it. Katz ruled "IRISH" could be considered offensive or confusing to the public, thus violating Vermont laws on the regulation of vanity plates.

"Even in the context of IRISH -- evocative as it may be of top-reach, shamrocks and Guaday Bay -- she need not reveal viewpoint discrimination can be quickly apparent," Katz wrote in his decision. "If IRISH is proper, because most Vermonters would find it offensive, is NOIRISH? Although cinema buffs might consider this letter exchanges even more, more folks would probably find it evocative of 'In the Mood for Love,' and an employment notice actually and reasonably offenive to many."

Martin found flaws with the judge's logic.

"The decision, I don't see the common sense in it," she told the Barre Montpelier Time-Argus. "I didn't apply for NOIRISH. If someone applied for IT, would they deny it because someone else might apply for S-IRISH?"

Peter McQuillan, a professor of Irish studies at Notre Dame, believes Irish is not offensive.

"The ruling sounds like nonsense to me -- that's my gut reaction," he said.

Denny Moore, director of public relations, agreed.

"That's outrageous," he said.

"That's like saying you can't use Jewish or No Polish."

Although Notre Dame uses a former British stereotype of the Irish as its mascot, Moore said it rarely receives complaints -- usually one or less a year. When Notre Dame does receive a complaint, Moore explains that the Irish are unique.

"It is a British stereotype turned into an Irish-American mascot."

The Notre Dame Bookstore sells "quite a few" items with "Irish" on them, but both Jim O'Connor, director of the Bookstore, and Denny Moore has yet to receive any complaints about items with "Irish" printed on them.

"Irish" is also used several times on theEmbassy of Ireland in Washington DC's Web site.

University honors service to youth

Elizabeth Bird, a 1991 graduate of the University of Notre Dame, received the 2001 Reynolds Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association during halftime ceremonies of the Blue-Gold football game April 28 at Notre Dame Stadium.

The Reynolds Award is given annually to a Notre Dame graduate for distinguished service to young people.

Bird, originally from Tahelequa, Okla., is an advocate for young people on issues of special interest. She currently works as a program manager for American Indian Development Associates in Albuquerque, N.M., managing the development of juvenile justice/peacekeeping and technical assistance project plans.

As second chief of the Cheerokees of New Mexico, Bird has worked to call for a review of the Cherokees Nation children's code and of the juvenile justice system within the nation. Bird served from 1991-94 as the national service-learning coordinator for the National Indian Youth Leadership Development Project in Gallup, N.M., where she provided training for teachers and administrators of schools that participated in a pilot project which incorporated traditional cultural teachings with service-learning.

Bird was honored as a recipient of the 1994-98 as a Johnson-O'Malley Program Field specialist for the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, managing some 25 school and community programs designed to meet the educational needs of Native American students attending public schools.

After earning her bachelor's degree in American studies from Notre Dame, Bird went on to earn a second bachelor's degree in 1998 from Oklahoma Baptist University. She serves as a mentor for Native American students considering higher education, and currently provides support for three students now attending Notre Dame.
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In the Beginning
In response to the student body call for action, SEAC sent a petition in April 2000. It wanted to determine student and faculty interest in adding plastic and glass to the recycling program. From the overwhelming response, the club knew it had the backing to propose changes to the existing program.

To institute a well-fledged recycling program, SEAC drafted a proposal to present to the Board of Governance (BOG) on Oct. 21. The SEAC proposal outlined the reasons why the college needed a new recycling program. One reason rested on the existence of the 1999-2000 BOG endorsed Student Environmental Policy and a change in vending machines.

"We saw the need when the campus started replacing the aluminum dispensing pop machines with plastic dispensing machines," said Lorenz.

The Proposal
Along with reasons to activate a recycling program, SEAC also outlined the initiatives needed to produce such a program. Initiatives included three main actions: contract an off-campus recycling pick-up service, provide clearly labeled bins for recycling in all buildings, and educate students on how to properly dispose of recyclables.

The last point requested cooperation and commitment from vending hall staff to participate in the effort of a campus wide recycling program. SEAC spent its time coming up with a concise proposal that would get the backing of both student body and administration.

"We heard a lot about proposals for glass and plastic recycling being rejected in the past so we had to put a lot of time and effort into coming up with a proposal and rallying support from students and faculty," said Lorenz.

The group's work paid off when it got the needed approval from the Academic Council to proceed with its proposal into committee form. Holding its first meeting March 23, SEAC not only named a program coordinator for the committee, Jerry De Damper, but also proposed future steps the committee should take.

With the formation of a committee, SEAC definitely sees the potential to reform the existing recycling program. As explained by Marilyn Rajski, director of building and services, the weekly aluminum recycling is handled by building service workers, making the task time consuming, especially the time staff spend cleaning out each of the cans before recycling.

"The 55 containers are emptied and one of our floaters picks up all the bags from every building and takes the cans to South Bend's recycling center," said Rajski.

And even though the campus does not officially recycle plastics and glass, SEAC has been doing it on its own. The members have been using the existing recycling any plastic and glass containers that have deposited around the dorms. The hope is that in establishing the four-point plan SEAC, along with the recycling committee, can make the process of recycling a lot more efficient.

The only kink in SEAC's proposal for a recycling program may lie in the numbers crunchered by Saint Mary's financial department. As it stands, building services pours in at least five hours a week per person to carry out the aluminum-recycling project.

However, as Rajski pointed out in the recycling committee's minutes, most of the revenue is lost in the labor. They receive $1,500 in revenue a year from recycling the cans but end up dumping at least that much back into paying a Saint Mary's worker to clean and transport the cans.

Even though the aluminum recycling may actually result in a loss of money for the campus, SEAC is keeping hope alive. Awaiting a rough estimate on costs versus benefits, members of SEAC cross their fingers hoping Keith Dennis, vice president of finance, will flag them on to the next cycle of actions.

The Next Step
Dennis said the budget for the next fiscal year has already been completed and SEAC's proposal for the recycling program was not figured in. He said that if the project costs are insignificant, the program may start next fall. But if the costs are large, the program will have to wait for the next budget cycle, meaning there may or may not be enough money to get the program started for fall 2001.

"We have already completed the budget cycle for next year," Dennis said. "But we did however assure the College would look at some reform next year that would involve little to no cost. This reform would ease the individual efforts SEAC has been doing to recycle plastics and glass by combining the SEAC recycling with that of college resources."

Regardless of the budget decision, SEAC sees recycling more than about dollar figures and revenue amounts. They started this project in response to student concerns and their goal has always been simple: effective recycling with campus awareness.

Engineering
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When the current learning center in Cushing hall is vacated, it is earmarked for use by the Computer Science and Engineering Department, and most likely will be used for a Virtual Reality laboratory. "The space would be ideal for a major virtual reality facility available to anyone on campus doing research," Incropera said.

The laboratories to be contained on the upper floors of the building require special equipment not available in Cushing and Fitzpatrick, the current Engineering halls. "When Fitzpatrick was built 30 years ago, there was little understanding of the needs of certain research today," Incropera said.

"The materials research laboratory will require installing chemical hoods, a device designed to prevent toxic fumes from entering the building's airspace, and other sophisticated equipment.

"We reached a point in Fitzpatrick where we can't install another fume hood. We were sucking too much air out of the building and can't get more in," Incropera said.

"The location of the building has not yet been decided, but the department hopes it will be built in close proximity to the current buildings so it is easy to access.

"It is very important that the building be situated in close proximity to Fitzpatrick and Cushing so it is easy for professors to walk from their office to the Learning Center and classroom areas," Incropera said.

The building will be funded by a combination of federal funds earmarked for the research facilities, and donations solicited by the department's office from alumni and friends with an interest in the future of engineering at Notre Dame.
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Fighting in Chechnya leaves 17 dead:** Fighting in Chechnya over the past 24 hours has left at least 17 Russian soldiers dead and 28 wounded, an official said Thursday, and the rebel Chechen leader warned his fighters planned more large-scale attacks. "Russia has found itself in a deadlock," rebel Chechen President Aslan Maskhadov said in videotaped remarks seen in Grozny.

**Israel leader receives award:** Yitzhak Shamir, a former prime minister who once floods off U.S. efforts to convince Israel to compromise with the Palestinians, Thursday received his nation's highest award. In a ceremony marking the close of independence day festivities, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon presented former front line soldier and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin the Israel Prize for his life's work.

**California still risks blackouts:** For the second day in a row, astro­nomers said Thursday that California's blackout risk for this summer remained high. Because of computer problems, the California utility company responsible for predicting the blackout risk said until details of the order are determined. But analysts and state officials said Thursday, the commission's own internal experts say. In fact, the California Public Utilities Commission's suggestion the state join a regional transmission organization could be "a poison pill" attached to the price-cap order. Michael Shames, executive director of the Utility Consumers' Action Network, said until details of the order are disclosed, there's no way to predict if commissioners have lessened the threat of blackouts.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Woman claims demons forced her to start fire:** A Michigan City woman says she was driven by demons to start a fire in the Michigan City police station that caused $250,000 damage, police say. Police say the cause of the fire early Sunday has not been officially determined. But Carolyn Tinsley, 47, told police she started the fire because "I wanted to burn. The devil, Satan and Lucifer made me do it." Tinsley was arrested shortly after midnight Sunday on criminal mischief and trespassing charges related to a disturbance at a former boyfriend's home.

**Ukraine ploughs into political disarray:** Ukraine plunged into political disarray Thursday as the communist-dominated parliament ousted the government of Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, the nation's most popular politician.

**Parliament ousts Premier Kuchma**

Ukraine-plunged into political disarray Thursday as the communist-dominated parliament ousted the government of Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko, the nation's most popular politician. The dismissal of the most economically reform-minded government in Ukraine's post-Soviet history was seen by analysts as a threat to further reforms and a bad signal for potential foreign investors.

"Democracy in Ukraine has suffered a serious defeat," Yushchenko said after lawmakers voted 263-69 to approve a Communist-sponsored resolution accusing the government of failing to improve the economy and leading Ukraine to ruin. About 10,000 protesters took to the streets of Kiev to denounce the no-confidence vote and demand the dismissal of President Leonid Kuchma, whom they accused of tacitly sponsoring the drive against Yushchenko and his Cabinet.

Pro-government legislators chanted "Yushchenko! Yushchenko!" while others called for Kuchma to be thrown out of office.

Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets in recent months, demanding Kuchma resign over a scandal involving the death of charismatic journalist Heorhy Gongadze.

Thousands of Yushchenko supporters marched from parliament to Kuchma's headquarter earlier in the day, shouting "Down with Kuchma!"

The Constitution requires the prime minister to hand his resignation to the president, and Kuchma is unlikely to reject it. The Cabinet will then become a caretaker gov­ernment for a maximum of 60 days.

"As the head of state, I cannot like this decision. But what has happened is done," Kuchma said, visit­ing the Chernobyl region on the 15th anniversary of the nuclear disaster.

But Yushchenko backers and opposition parties seeking Kuchma's ouster suspect the president's was only too glad to be rid of the popular premier, whom he allegedly saw as a potential rival.

**SUDAN**

**Ethiopian plane hijacked to Sudan**

Associated Press

KHARTOUM

Nine university students armed with hand grenades and pistols seized an Ethiopian plane carrying at least 50 passengers and diverted it to Khartoum on Thursday, state-run Sudan television reported. Hours later, the attackers released 11 women and children.

Government negotiators managed to persuade the hijackers to free six women and five children, said Ghazi Salah el-Din Atabani, Sudan's minister of information.

Atabani told reporters that the hijackers were seeking political asylum, but did not elaborate. The television report said the hijackers, students at Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University, demanded meetings with U.S. and British diplo­mats. But it wasn't immediately known if that was possible.

The United States is represented in Sudan by charge d'affaires Glenn Warren, but it was not clear if he was in the country. And a British diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he wasn't aware of any call for involvement by his country.

Sudan's Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail told Qatar's Al-Jazeera satellite television that the hijackers landed in Khartoum because they were running out of fuel, adding he did not know what their intended destination was.

Ismail said the situation on board was "extremely bad."

The Antonov 12 aircraft originated in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, and was heading to northern Ethiopia when the hijackers seized the plane, the TV report said. It landed at Khartoum airport at 6:20 p.m., it said.

A crew member who managed to escape out the back of the plane said the hijackers were armed with hand grenades and pistols, the TV report said.

**Market Watch April 26**

**Dow Jones**

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Students fight eating disorders

By ALYSON TOMME
News Writer

Anna had a dream. It was a dream of a haven for women, a place of support and understanding for eating disorders. Though Anna was forced to leave the University and return home because of her illness, her vision for a faith-based meeting of women finally became a reality this semester because of her dedicated effort.

With the help of Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, A Life Uncommon, which draws its name from a Jewel song of the same title, was formed by sophomores Sarah Shacklett and Allie Swiacki, and juniors Darcy McLaughlin and Amy Wodoslawsky to combat a widespread dilemma.

This organization of women, co-sponsored by Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center, recognizes eating disorders as an illness of the soul, not simply a problem with food. It confidentially gathers women struggling with a disorder or an obsession with food, friends of those with a problem and any woman who expresses a desire to learn more and understand this widespread dilemma.

"We didn't want it to be from a clinical standpoint at all—every woman can benefit from attending," said Shacklett.

After much discussion and planning with the administration last semester, A Life Uncommon conducted its first meeting on March 28 and has since held four additional meetings. The initial meeting was successful with approximately 80 students participating. Since then, the number attending has ranged from 40 to 75 students.

A typical meeting opens with a prayer by Johnson and a speaker to talk about the week's theme. Past themes have included pro-anorexic tendencies, isolation versus connection and relating to God. The goal is to have each woman discover a comfort zone to share experiences and increase understanding in all aspects of eating disorders.

"It creates an environment where girls can help each other. By talking about it, women realize everyone is doing unhealthy things," said Swiacki.

Subsequently, the women break into small groups for a more intimate discussion. A group leader uses three focus questions to facilitate the discussion, but it will often head in whatever direction the women decide to take.

"It's girls talking and finding healing in each other," said Shacklett.

Everyone is also given a piece of paper to write down anything they wish at the end of the meeting and these prayers, hopes, and struggles are all taken to the Grotto. To conclude, the meetings always end with a prayer and a song.

Though thin past Wednesday marked the year's last meeting, plans for next school year are already in motion. As of now, A Life Uncommon does not have official club status, but they are currently going through the process to become a club. The women also hope to gain recognition and increase membership by speaking at Freshmen Orientation and offering a retreat.

The meetings will continue every week next year, and organizers plan to incorporate males into some meetings as well.

"It's important for guys to be more informed," said McLaughlin.

As students aimed at fighting eating disorders, improving personal growth and acceptance, A Life Uncommon is a unique resource at Notre Dame.

"The fact that we have it is amazing," said McLaughlin. "It's an opportunity for girls to get together, it's a place where people can come and get support.

Dutile receives service award from alumni

Special to the Observer

Fernand N. "Tex" Dutile, professor of law at Notre Dame and chair of the University's Faculty Board on Athletics, will receive the 2001 James E. Armstrong Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a dinner reception on campus Friday.

Established in 1978, the Armstrong Award recognizes outstanding service to the University by an employee.

A 1965 Notre Dame Law School graduate and member of the faculty since 1971, Dutile also serves as Notre Dame's faculty athletics representative to the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Dutile has served for more than 25 years on Notre Dame's Academic Council, including 10 years on its executive committee, and has been a member of the Provost's Advisory Committee and the search committee for the University's two most recent provosts. He also served as acting dean of the Law School from 1991-93, while then-dean David Link served as chancellor of the University of Notre Dame-Australia.

Dutile codirected Notre Dame's London Programme in 1991, and taught from 1994-96 in that program. He also has served as faculty sponsor of the Journal of College and University Law, the hallmark publication of the National Association of College and University Attorneys. He has been a member of the journal's editorial board since 1986 and was honored in 1994 as a lifetime fellow of the association.

A graduate of Assumption College in Massachusetts, Dutile was admitted in 1965 to the Maine Bar and practiced law in the Honors Program of the U.S. Department of Justice, then taught law at the Catholic University of America before returning to Notre Dame. He also has served as a senior visiting fellow at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland and scholar-in-residence at the University of Queensland in Australia.

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Alumni Association honors alum for service

Special to the Observer

Michelle Strathman, a 1996 graduate of Notre Dame received this year’s Young Alumni Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a luncheon yesterday on campus.

The award honors an outstanding recent graduate who has shown leadership and inspiration to young alumni through Notre Dame Club participation in events of a social, spiritual, community service or continuing education nature.

Strathman has served since 1999 as president of the Notre Dame Club of Houston, where she has led numerous successful fund-raising campaigns and organized several new programs, including the Young Families Initiative, a group dedicated to providing events and activities for families with young children. She also introduced an annual Christmas party for young alumni and the “Great Gift Gathering” program, which collects toys for children in need.

Strathman earned her bache-
lor’s degree in chemical engineer-
ing and business and served as a resident assistant in Cavanaugh Hall at Notre Dame. She also vol-
teered at the Center for the Homeless and El Campito child-
care center in South Bend, and participated in the Christmas in April and H.U.G.S. programs. Since graduation, Strathman has worked as a benefits consultant for Hewitt Associates in Houston, where she also is active in her church and volunteers for numerous community programs.

Conference examines prisons

Special to the Observer

In the wake of a startling new report by Human Rights Watch (HRW) documenting extensive abuse in the 2-million inmate U.S. prison sys-
tem, prominent scholars, advocates and practitioners in the field will gather here today for a conference on the topic.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School’s Center for Civil and Human Rights (CHCR), the conference is titled “Accountability in the Treatment of Prisoners” and will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the school’s Barry Moot Courtroom.

Among the conference partic-
ipants will be Joanne Mariner, deputy director of the American division of HRW and author of the new report published last week titled “No Escape: Male Rape in U.S. Prisons.” Her ground-break-
ing 378-page study charges that prisoners in the United States suffer from “severe overcrowding, chaotic violence, rampant sexual abuse and inhuman conditions,” and she has called on litiga-
tors and advocates to seek new means by which to pro-
tect inmates’ rights.

Conference participants will examine four main issues: trends and problems in the treatment of prisoners, the role of government in ensuring accountability, the limits of legal remedies, and the role of civil society in prison monitoring.

Sir David Ramsbotham, chief inspector of prisons in the United Kingdom, will deliver the conference’s keynote address, “The Value of an Effective Prison Inspector,” at 12:45 p.m.

The conference comes at an especially pivotal time in Indiana. The state legislature is considering several reforms in the treatment of prisoners, including the creation of an ombudsman for corrections. Among the conference partic-
ipants will be Marshall Lux, the ombudsman in Nebraska, and Robert Oehmiller, deputy commissioner of the Indiana Department of Corrections.

Other participants include:

• Baroness Vivien Stern, secretary general of Penal Reform International
• Jamie Fellner, associate counsel for HRW
• Melia Nelson, deputy-chief of the Special Litigation Section in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice
• John Burton, director of the Prisoners Rights Project of the New York Legal Aid Society
• Kelsey Kaufman from the Inter-Faith Alliance for Prison Justice
• Edward Rubin, a professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania
• Paul Hoffman, former board member of Amnesty International USA
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• JoAnne Page, executive director of the Fortune Society for Women’s Rights

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KIEV, Ukraine

With prayers and flickering candles, people across the former Soviet Union honored those killed and sickened 15 years ago by the world’s worst nuclear disaster at Ukraine’s Chernobyl power plant.

In Moscow, hundreds of people mourned firefighters who died after the radioactive explosion and were buried in radiation-proof coffins. In Kiev, hundreds more people attended an overnight memorial service at a chapel built to commemorate the disaster.

The scene was repeated in the Belarusian capital and in Slavutych, a town of Chernobyl workers near the plant. In Rome, Pope John Paul II prayed for the victims. The pope is scheduled to visit Ukraine in June.

The April 26, 1986, explosion and fire sent a radioactive cloud over much of Europe and contaminated large areas in then-Soviet Ukraine, Russia and Belarus.

The Ukrainian government says more than 4,000 people involved in the hastily and poorly organized Soviet cleanup effort have died, and that more than 70,000 Ukrainians were disabled by the disaster.

In all, 7 million people in Belarus, Russia and Ukraine are estimated to suffer physical or psychological effects of radiation related to the Chernobyl catastrophe.

At the chapel in Kiev, mourners held burning candles as priests prayed for the dead. The chapel bell rang shortly after 1 a.m., the time the reactor exploded. Some in the crowd broke into tears.

Early Wednesday, Ukrainian

UKRAINE

Former Soviets mark anniversary

11-year coma victim's husband's wishes denied by Florida court

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

A judge Thursday ordered that a comatose woman be placed back on a feeding tube, two days after her husband won legal permission to remove it.

A Circuit Judge Frank Quesada granted a delay requested by Terri Schiavo's parents, citing new allegations that Schiavo's husband lied in saying his wife didn't want to be kept on life support.

"I don't think there is anything more final or irreparable than death," Quesada said. Attorneys for parents Bob and Mary Schindler told Quesada that their daughter, Michael Schiavo's parents, citing new allegations that Schiavo's husband lied in saying his wife didn't want to be kept on life support.

"Mr. Schiavo has engaged in a course of conduct so he can kill his wife and inherit her estate," said Pat Anderson, attorney for the victim's parents.

"I don't think there are words that can express the outrage that he feels and the pain and the hurt," said Michael Schiavo's lawyer, George Felos.

Earlier Thursday, the Schindlers sued their son-in-law, alleging he has lied in court so he can end his wife's life and collect her money. They also cited new allegations by Michael Schiavo's ex-girlfriend, Cindy Shook Brashers, who told the couple that Schiavo lied in saying his wife wished not to be kept on life support.

"Mr. Schiavo has engaged in a course of conduct so he can kill his wife and inherit her estate," said Pat Anderson, the Schindlers' attorney.

Michael Schiavo, who stands to inherit $700,000 from his wife's medical malpractice trust fund if she dies, has denied the allegations. He has said he is carrying out wishes his wife expressed long before a heart attack caused her severe brain damage.

Felon said Schiavo describes Brashers as a "disgruntled ex-girlfriend."

The injunction came at the end of a day of furious legal action waged by the Schindlers, who took the case all the way to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy earlier this week. Kennedy refused to intervene.

Thursday's lawsuit against Michael Schiavo opens up new legal avenues and a new round of appeals.

Quesada granted the injunction after an emotional hour-long hearing and after earlier refusing to give up jurisdiction in the case. The Schindlers' attorneys argued that the judge shouldn't wait until the new lawsuit is litigated because there is no time to delay.

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McVeigh considered killing Reno

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Timothy McVeigh said he considered assassinating former Attorney General Janet Reno and others instead of bombing the Oklahoma City federal building to retaliate against the government.

"I considered, among other things, a campaign of individual assassination," McVeigh said in a letter to Fox News released Thursday. McVeigh said he viewed Reno as "eligible" and considered assassinating her, along with others such as government employees, government buildings, and the government in general.

Last month, though, in a book about the bombing written by two reporters who interviewed him, McVeigh admitted his actions and called the children killed "collateral damage."

Asked about the bombing, McVeigh said Fox: "Collateral Damage." As an American news junkie; a military man; and a Gulf War Veteran, where do they think they are going? I viewed this action as an acceptable option."

House passes fetus harm bill with support

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The House voted Thursday to make it a federal crime to harm a fetus during an assault on its mother, urging action on behalf of "unborn victims." Abortion rights advocates decried the bill as a foot in the door toward legal recognition of fetuses as people.

After a lengthy and sometimes testy debate that included pictures of a woman holding a stillborn baby who died after she was assaulted, the House passed the bill 252-172, almost identical to the 254-172 margin by which it was passed a year ago.

Unlike last year, this bill has the support of the White House and its new occupant. Former President Clinton had promised to veto it if it ever reached him. It didn't, largely because there was little support for it in the Senate.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, now evenly split between Democrats and Republicans, has yet to set a hearing on the issue this year.

"This legislation affirms our commitment to a culture of life, which welcomes and protects children," President Bush said in a prepared statement as he traveled to Houston on Thursday.

House supporters characterized the bill as an anti-crime measure, not an abortion issue.

"The law must not look upon a violent criminal's unborn victims with an indiff erent eye," said House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas. "Every young life must be acknowledged. And every young life must be protected from predatory criminals."

Delay assailed a Democratic amendment that would have stiffened penalties for harming a pregnant woman but not made harming a fetus a separate crime. "Life and death should not be subsumed beneath a semantic fog," he said.
Move parietals back to 9 a.m.

My own commencement address

Carus0 Casey

Capital Comments

Carus0 Casey

The recommendation by the Campus Life Council to change the end of parietals from 10 a.m. to 9 a.m. was a logical and prudent decision. Changing weekday curfews is difficult to understand why Father Paul Doyle, Bill Kirk and Father George Breen would vote against the resolution. By 9 a.m., the day has already begun. Morning classes are underway and the need for students to meet for studying and normal social interaction is obvious. The current system which segregates the sexes until 10 a.m. is not practical during a normal academic day at Notre Dame. In many dorms, parietals are already adjusted so that weekend nights as visitors of the opposite sex can meet students in their rooms. There is no increase in chaos or deviant behavior because of these adjusted times. It is unreasonable to assume that Father George Breen’s vote would result in an increase in inappropriate behavior.

Rector and administrators may argue that parietals are supposed to create a quiet time in the dorm and not meant to prevent students from engaging in sexual activity. But if that is true, then why are same-sex residents of different dorms allowed to enter another dorm before 10 a.m. while opposite-sex residents are not? If parietals aren’t about sex and deviant activity, why are residents of Alumni Hall living off campus for 9:30 a.m. but not residents of Pangborn not?

Are students of Alumni quieter and less distracting than Pangborn residents? And why are Pangborn residents allowed in Hosier Village after 10 a.m. but not Alumni residents?

It is possible parietals have little to do with quiet hours and more to do with sex. Do Kirk, Zuniga and Doyle really believe that students are more likely to engage in improper sexual activities between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. than after 10 a.m.? If students of the opposite sex can attend classes together at 8:30 a.m., why wouldn’t they be able to study or work together in dorm rooms at 9 a.m.?

Father Mark Pope would be wise to accept the recommendation of the 13 CCLC members who voted for the 9 a.m. proposal and adjust the parietal standards for next year.

My own commencement address

Carus0 Casey

Commencement addresses are noteworthy for quickly flooding from our memories. My commencement was no exception. Today, I only remember that the late journalist Carl Rowan received an honorary degree with me on May 20, 1973. Several years ago I approached Rowan at a dinner where he was the guest of honor. I started to talk with him until I mentioned that we were both Baltimore Sun reporters. Funny how a common bond can have such a disarming quality decades later. Each spring, I imagine that Notre Dame has invited me to address the graduating class. This year’s fantasy address has special relevance for me because I am counting the President of the United States of America. As a former Clinton appointee that distinction gives me a measure of satisfaction.

As a Democrat, I applaud Bush’s policies and politics, but still recognize the class of 2001 as a strong group of Notre Dame students presided over by a presidential commencement address.

Yet, something is terribly wrong with our political system when African Americans vote by more than 95 percent for Democrats and against Republicans. The gender gap of women favoring Democrats and men favoring Republicans is a storm cloud in our future. Political changes are needed when Republicans are delighted that only 65 percent of Hispanics voted against the Republican president.

Bush will speak about prayer and faith, forgiveness and compassion, family and conservative values, service to the community, generosity and remembrance to children, neighbors and God. Democrats find it ironic that George W. Bush’s presidency is developing a pattern similar to Ronald Reagan’s. Both positioning themselves as such patriots invoking God and prayer in every opportunity, yet both rarely attend church on Sunday. Since his inauguration, Bush has yet to worship in Washington. It is quite a contrast to the many Sunday mornings when I was walking the dogs when the Clinton administration would pass to his church a block from my residence.

Regardless of what is said, this year’s seniors will always remember that the president spoke to the class. The late humorist Art Buchwald remedied gradu­ates that nobody remembers commence­ments and only hoped that his audiences would at least remember that they laughed on graduation day. My ideal is that graduates can learn to choose between the names Elliott and Nick. It seems to me that life facing this year’s seniors is like the cross-country journey director Rob Reiner portrayed in the movie “The Sure Thing.” Two college stu­dents, John Cusack and Daphne Zuniga, traveled from New England to California. Their trek begins with absolute friction between them, but eventually grows into an understanding of each other.

Cusack, a free-spirited, carefree freshman, emphasizes a fake identification to drink beer and eats junk food for breakfast. He travels to visit a high school pal who is now a “sure thing.” Zuniga is on her way west to visit her father. Cusack offers to drive. Their greatest attribute is his collection of beers and her car keys.

Along the way Cusack shows the refined, introverted Zuniga how to shower, gin beer for food. The film travels to a high school pal who has set Cusack up with a girl who is a “true thing.” Zuniga is on her way west to visit her father. Cusack offers to drive. Their greatest attribute is his collection of beers and her car keys. Zuniga is on her way west to visit her father. Cusack offers to drive. Their greatest attribute is his collection of beers and her car keys.

For me, the essence of the movie is captured when Zuniga says she would name her first child either Cynthia or Elliott. Cusack counters that Elliott is the “name of a fat kid with glasses who eats paste.” Cusack continues, “Nick is a real name. Nick is a guy you can trust. Nick is a guy you go with to drink a beer.”

Like the class of 2001 will be a series of choices between the so-called Elliotts and Nickas. These choices may not be as dramatic as the Hebrew saying, “Whoever saves one life saves the world in time.” Yet, already these past four years students have affected the lives of their fellow classmates for better or worse, depending on their depth of openness and tolerance.

This year students could choose between ROTC and Pac Faith or compromise between the extremes. They could support or oppose a public offering of their lives in an effort to attain such lofty ideals, individual­ly is sacrificed for a herd mentality. One will eventually learn in the real world, well beyond Catholic Disneyland, that there are choices and there are the strengths of our nation. Adaptability is the thread that ties civilized societies together.

Many of my fellow classmates have become disillusioned, are disturbed at the rapid rate of expansion on campus and are upset that money seems to be playing more of a role in life. Some are embar­rased to be involved with people who have little understanding of the issues perceived to be contrary to Church teaching. It is sad to see friends, “Niks” who were full of our be­lief and loyalty, turn the magic twir­ling on the day that they became a part of the silly, disappointed glaze.

People of presidential stature are remembered for the positions they held. Humorists like Art Buchwald are remem­bered for the way they entertained with laughter. My words today will fade surely as the seasons of the year turn.

But if just one member of this graduating class can instill pride and self-confi­dence in others as a result of my analogy of Nick, then my anti-commencement address has had value. We should always remember that everything we do has a consequence. For everything we take, we leave something behind.

Gary J. Caruso is a 1973 Notre Dame graduate and his column appears every other Friday.

The virus expressed in this column is a result of thralldom and not necessarily those of The Observer.
McVeigh’s execution will help to preserve justice

I’m all in favor of keeping dangerous weapons out of the hands of fools. Let’s start with typewriters.” - Frank Lloyd Wright.

I’ve read some crazy things in The Observer Viewpoint section over the years, but Kelly Kingsbury’s essay on Tim McVeigh’s execution takes the cake, narrowly beating out the one I read a week ago by the fellow who lost his inflatable motorboat.

I know most of you are busy chewing your last bite of dinner while you’re reading this, so I won’t waste your time. I’ll get right to the point: Comparing Tim McVeigh to Jesus is not only offensive and outrageous but entirely inexcusable coming from a Notre Dame student nearing the end of her career.

What the events of Jesus’ life are open to interpretation, most everyone would agree that he was not a murderer. It is therefore not “irrational” that Our Lady’s name appears on the degree G.W. Bush will be receiving on May 20th. It would only be “irrational” if Jesus Christ were somehow to be revealed as a mass murderer or Tim McVeigh to be the son of God. Don’t hold your breath for either.

As for Ms. Kingsbury’s indictment of the law degree being presented to General McVeigh, I would ask only one question: What else would we present an individual who has committed murder, who has taken responsibility for the laws of this country by seeing to it that the sentence handed down to Timothy McVeigh is carried out? Some people might think that a law degree would be the bare minimum for such a man as this.

The only people who will be weeping on May 16th will be the families of the victims, who have waited so long for justice. Yes, that’s right, justice. Not payback, not retaliation, not revenge.

Everyone in this county, you, me, George W. Bush, everyone has a obligation to see to it that justice is meted out to criminals, especially heinous ones. To do anything less would not only dishon­

The Observer

Defending the legitimacy of certain campus clubs

There is a new kind of club on this campus. It is what I like to call a “We will rush you fun” club. If you may attempt to have a club. As a member of the Boxing Club, Climbing Club and ROTC, I seem to encounter these people whose sole purpose as a club seems bent on rushing any fun I try to inject into the thing. I mean, let me give you a few examples. Just yes­

Dear Tim McVeigh,

I called your old boss yesterday to cash in on what I thought was a standing job offer at a Long Island media company. At first we did get a lot of small talk (“What’s the new gossip around the water cooler?” “Hi, ha.”), but eventually we got down to business.

Me: American, I’m finally graduating, Mr. Bigshot.

Mr. Bigshot: You see, we’re in a hiring freeze right now so I can’t offer you any­

Me: (Trying to generate saliva) Ummm.

Mr. Bigshot: Tell me this sucks and after he lectured me about vengeance or retaliation or even killing, I feel that executions are not about vengeance or retaliation or even killing. I feel they are a matter of justice, to which each and every one of us has an obligation. Don’t take my word for it, read for yourself or talk to your local Philosophy Major or PLS students.

Finally, to Chris Fuchs — I know who has your inflatable dinosaur.

Gordon M. Butler

ITHACA, N.Y.

April 26, 2001

Putting the post-graduation job search into perspective

Two weeks ago, The New York Times ran a story headlined, “Job Loss in March Biggest in 9 Years.” According to the arti­

A reader of The Observer page II

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Mr. Bigshot: It’s kind of ironic.

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Mr. Bigshot: Tell me about your job search.

Me: I have received several offers.

Mr. Bigshot: I wish we had kept talking.

Most college graduates agree that landing a job is a tricky business. It involves a lot of hard work, like visiting the mail and buying a lot of crap, preferably stuff like computers and designer shoes.

Although these things can help you during your job interview, you can also do a lot of good behind the scenes. When the technology and retail sectors are in high gear the rest of the economy gets a big boost from their profits. Big boosts are good because companies have to hire young people just like us to keep the economic ball rolling so they can have more big boosts. In the business world this phenomenon is called a “cycle.”

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Musical theatre returns to South Bend this weekend as the Saint Mary's Theatre Department performs "Gypsy" at the Moreau Center for the Arts. This 1960 musical by Arthur Laurents, Julie Styne and Stephen Sondheim follows the story of Rose (played by senior Beth Gervain) and her daughters, June and Louise. Set in the 1920s, "Gypsy" is about Rose's desire for her daughters to pursue careers in vaudeville. Rose focuses her attention on the daughter she sees as the most talented, June.

Vaudeville is fading from popularity (particularly as the depression blight, however, and the rising tension between Rose and June eventually causes June to leave. Rose then turns her focus on her other daughter, Louise (played by junior Jen Simantzi). Rose views Louise as far less talented than June, but her opinion soon changes as the two begin to work with each other.

"Gypsy" is showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee performance Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $14.50 for adults, $11.50 for seniors, $8.50 for students. Special Events at (219)284-4626.

"Gypsy" is a show with a wide appeal to many people. Simply because "Gypsy" is rich in plot and substance doesn't mean it loses its production quality. In fact, the Saint Mary's Theatre Department's production is so highly detailed and demanding that it rivals even some professional productions. One of the most exciting aspects of the production is the turntable employed. This device allows for a variety of scene changes in a relatively expedient manner.

The result is an incredibly entertaining show that has large musical numbers, powerful acting and rewarding production values. "Gypsy" is certainly worthy of being the first musical at Saint Mary's in several years. With a strong cast and a rousing score, "Gypsy" is a show with a wide appeal to many people.

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"Gypsy" is "a big deal here," Gervain said. "We haven't done one in about six years, and we're putting it on in O'Laughlin (Auditorium)." Because of this, the Theatre Department is pulling out all of the stops for the production.

"It's a big production," Director and Saint Mary's Theatre Department faculty member Mark Abramson said. "Gypsy has a lot of plays and musicals that we've tried to expand the edges of a musical theatre production."

The Theatre Department chose "Gypsy" because of the production value and the music. "Gypsy" was chosen because the music is really fun," Abramson said. "One of the things we've tried to capitalize on is that the music be an appropriate extension of the play." Abramson said what drew her to "Gypsy" was her character, Rose. "Rose isn't a typical musical character," Abramson said. "She's quite complex. The character has a lot of depth to her."

This is one of the musical's strongest aspects. The plot is a fascinating look into Rose's attempts to fulfill the dreams she has for her daughters. The music takes the time to explore the complex relationships, and the result is rewarding. This is a rare instance in musical theatre when the audience is as involved in the fate of the characters as they are in the songs and dances.

In fact, there are some quite tragic moments in the play. The whole first act shows how June is unhappy doing whatever her mother asks. The audience feels a sense of pity and almost sadness for the whole family as they try to make it perform their vaudeville act wherever they can.

The music and the story lines complement each other nicely. Since the play is focused around vaudeville, this serves as an easy and natural transition to many of the musical numbers, which are vaudeville acts performed on the "stage" in the musical.

Even scenes that take place outside the musical's stage have rousing and powerful numbers that seem to fit naturally, like Rose's "Everything's Coming up Roses," a highlight of the musical. The songs don't come out of nowhere — they arrive during the musical at the appropriate times. The musical is not rushed, yet at the same time moves along at a comfortable pace.

"Gypsy" is showing Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee performance Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $16.50 for adults, $14.50 for senior citizens, $8.50 for members of the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's community and $7.50 for students. Tickets can be reserved by calling Special Events at (219)284-4626.
The monster in the mirror

FTT's production of "Oedipus Rex" explores the timelessness of this tragedy

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Theatre Critics

The stage is bathed in a chilling crimson, which casts dark shadows across the actors' faces that glare menacingly into the darkness. Their bodies pulsate to the rhythm of frenzied drumming and their solemn voices cast the room into a dizzying hypnotic trance. The grinding sounds of ancient Greece pierce the air, a place smoldering in its own horror and beauty. The drumming crescendos, and as the lights go out, the stage is washed in the soothing silence of the blackness. When the lights return, the stage is a tranquil blue. And, for the moment, the dire feelings of Sophocles' tragedy of tragedies is anything but usual.

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Critics may assert that this production's interpretation of the classic modernizes not only the dress but also the message. Lawton, however, does not believe that he has imposed his interpretation on the story. He feels that parallels exist because the story is truly a classic. "I think a thing is true regardless of what culture discovers it," Lawton said.

The presentation of the show in United States politics works alarmingly well. Although the lines still refer to Oedipus as "king" and Jocasta as "queen," the actors convincingly portray their modernized roles.

Staging the show is not all patricide and self-mutilation, though. Tony Lawton, the director of the play, has a wonderful relationship with his cast on and off the stage. During breaks and cast dinners, Lawton (although he never has anyone refer to him in such formal terms, a simple "Tony" will do) is constantly seen joking around with the rest of the cast.

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Theatre lovers will find that "Oedipus Rex" is one of the best theatrical presentations on campus this year. It is a production not to be missed.

"Oedipus Rex" will be performed at Washington Hall Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and there will be a matinee at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $9 for general admission, $8 for senior citizens and $6 for students. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center Box Office or order by phone call (219) 631-8128.
By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

It takes heart to come from behind for the 21-19 victory against Five Degree, said coach Chris Dillon, "you expect every game to be obviously, it was a little closer than we would have liked."

Versatility matched up against Killer Boots, Man! as the decided favorite. Versatility held the ball for 2 seed in the tourney, and has taken its game into the Final Four each of the past two years, Killer Boots, Man! was the No. 15 seed, winning the Sweet 16 when Boat Club, defeated Killing Boots in the round of 32, was disqualified for using an invalid play-er Tony Riley.

The rankings didn't mean much in the Versatility-Killer Boots contest, as Versatility held its last lead at 3-2 and trailed by as many as four mid-way through the game. Dave Marchiano, Mike Eades, Andrew Marchiano and Mike Hoefling received a huge boost when they replaced an injured player and nine assistant men's basketball coach Evan Preston Thursday afternoon.

"We have the quality of Versatility to make its free throws would have made a big difference," said coach Chris Dillon, "you expect every game to be obviously, it was a little closer than we would have liked."

Versatility's drama continued when they came into overtime with a 73-72 lead, with O'Brien doing the bulk of the scoring.

But five degrees didn't give up that easily. Blake Sanz led the comeback on O'Brien, scoring half of his team's 13 points.

"We got it to 11-9 and then really took off," said Josh Ritz of Five Degree, which also made it to the Sweet 16 a year ago. "We took a lot of perimeter shots, didn't get into it, thought we had an advantage inside. Let's wait where our game was.

Versatility relied on three straight straight points to pull ahead 17- 11. Otsick was a big key in the second half with two free throws and several field goals.

"We moved on offense the whole time," Sullivan said. "Before, we just sat around and let two people try to take over. Today everyone was playing well, cutting through lanes.

As Versatility closed out the game, it got a little fancier. O'Brien swayed the ball from the opponent and tossed it back to himself, just to get it back to the box. After three more Five Degree baskets, Sullivan finished the contest by hitting two free throws for Versatility.

"We plan on being back," Bill said. "Everyone coming back Thursday, so we'll be back."

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2001 ACP National Newspaper of the Year
Top-ranked Five Reasons rolls over Check Your Head 21-7

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Staff Writer

Five Reasons Your Girl Left You could have given itself another name: Five Reasons We're Going To Dominate You.

Dominant is what No. 1 Five Reasons Your Girl Left You has done all through the tournament. It did it once more Thursday night, running past Check Your Head 21-7.

"In my mind, we have the top guys in all five positions," said Five Reasons' Dan Reidy. "We're the best at all five positions — I mean, that's why we put the team together.

The game might have been a little closer if Check Your Head, the 16th-seeded team, hadn't had to play without its top player. Six-foot-10 varsity basketball player Hans Rasmussen, left Thursday for a camp for top prospects in California.

"It makes it a totally different kind of game without having Hans," said Check Your Head's Aaron Crall. "They were just a lot bigger than us. Size was a big factor because most of the shots they got were tip-ins or off of rebounds.

Reidy, Dan Lustig and Kevin Muempfer all came to Five Reasons from the dismantled Franchise team. The three Franchise transfers were basketball junkies, the guys seen every afternoon playing pick-up games at Rolfs. With Franchise's best player Steve Craig gone to graduation, they began scouting out replacements in the fall, hoping to put together a championship-level Bookstore team.

The first new player cemented on Five Reasons' roster was Pete Ryan. "Dan (Reidy) and I always wanted to play together," Ryan said. "Last year, we played against each other, and we eliminated his team to go to the Final Four. That's when I played for Majestics. So he was like, well, we're not doing that again. We're going to play on the same team next year.

Ryan, at 6-4, is an all-around athlete. He captured four straight Bengal Bouts titles as a captain of the Boxing Club. With his older sister a Saint Mary's graduate, Ryan's been watching Bookstore since early in his high school career, counting down the days until he could compete.

"My brothers are the ones that give me a hard time about it," Ryan said. "Like I should be a freeSports athlete of the year, but I'm not quite varsity athlete material.

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"I'm the only application I filled out so far.

Reidy, a senior, is a midsize player who can hit from inside or outside. He's gotten more than his share of time in scouting out his competition as a head Bookstore Commissioner.

Lustig, a 6-4 sophomore, brings an inside presence to the team. The Irish Guardsman from Alexandria, Ind., turned down a host of offers from Division II and III basketball programs to come to Notre Dame. "It wasn't a difficult choice.

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"I think, personally, the tournament is up for grabs from here on out."

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Five Reasons

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Baseball

Top-ranked Irish look to bounce back against Red Storm

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The No. 1 Irish enter this weekend’s series against St. John’s on a losing note, having dropped the second game in a doubleheader with Valparaiso on Wednesday night at Eck Stadium. That loss snapped Notre Dame’s nation-leading 16-game winning streak.

Even after the loss, the Irish boast an offense that is clicking after sputtering early and a pitching staff as dominant as ever. With just nine games left on its Big East schedule, the team looks to take a bite out of the Big Apple this weekend in a three-game series against conference foe St. John’s in Jamaica, N.Y.

Notre Dame has made this year’s Big East race look like a 100-meter dash between Michael Johnson and Al Roker, as the Irish have raced out to a five-game lead over the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers and the Red Storm.

“If we can have good success this weekend, it would be possible to clinch the regular season Big East title at home against Connecticut, which would be nice for the home fans,” said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

The Irish feature the Big East player and pitcher of the week in Steve Stanley and Danny Tamayo. Stanley was recognized for an 8-for-14 performance last week and his first career home run.

Tamayo earned his honors with an eight-inning outing against Villanova on April 21 where he held a no-hitter until the seventh stanza. Tamayo, a senior from Miami, was one of the players Mainieri singled out as someone who needed made a considerable impact on this year’s squad. Mainieri also noted the accomplishments of freshmen Steve Sollmann, who leads the team in batting average and home runs.

“Danny has given us a dominant second starter,” said Mainieri. “Steve Sollmann had been very consistent, he’s hit in the clutch, he’s hit for power. They’ve been the big difference in us taking the next step up.”

That next step up for the Irish has been the spotlight of being ranked No. 1, with all the prestige and annoyances of an honor the program has never experienced.

Mainieri isn’t worried about any ill effects from Wednesday’s home loss to Valparaiso.

“Our players are smart enough to know that anything can happen in a game,” said Mainieri. “I’m really proud how we’ve handled the No. 1 ranking.”

More importantly, with the program’s new status comes a very good possibility of hosting a NCAA regional on May 25-27. “We’re in the stretch run,” said Mainieri. “We’re in a great position in the conference, and also nationally.”

The Red Storm enters the weekend series at McCallen Field with a 15-7 record (3-7 in conference play). St. John’s defeated Pace 11-3 at home, Wednesday.

The Irish are ready to hit the road. “We’re upbeat, positive, and excited right now,” said Mainieri.
MEN’S GOLF
Irish to participate in Big East tournament

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men’s golf team will look to extend its season when the Irish travel to East Providence, R.I., this weekend to participate in the Big East Golf Championship at Metacomet Country Club. On the line for the tournament champion is the Big East’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Championships, which begin with regionals the weekend of May 17-19.

The Irish, the tournament’s No. 3 seed, will play a practice round on the par 70, 6,464-yard course today. The two-day, 54-hole event begins on Saturday at 8 a.m. with 36 holes, followed by the final 18 holes of play on Sunday. Notre Dame has won Big East titles in 1995, 1996 and 1997 since joining the conference in 1995, while finishing second in 1998 and third last season.

Coach George Thomas’ team heads into the tournament playing its best golf of the spring, as it finished in a third place tie in last weekend’s First Energy Intercollegiate tourney at Kent State. The Irish finished out last season. As a freshman, Monfort finished in fourth place with a 10-over par 152 at the TPC Course at Avenel. Monfort has a 75.77 average for the season in the eight tournaments he’s played.

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Another Irish golfer with Big East experience is sophomore Kyle Monfort. He played in the 1998 tournament before sitting out last season. As a freshman, Monfort finished in fourth place with a 10-over par 152 at the TPC Course at Avenel. Monfort has a 75.77 average for the season with his best finish coming at the Kepler Intercollegiate at Ohio State where he finished 19th with a 10-over par 226.

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By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

With a six-game winning streak, an 11-1 record and the No. 4 national ranking, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team has had an incredible regular season, but it's not over yet. There's one more regular-season game to play.

After a one-game road trip to Fairfield last weekend, the Irish will have an opportunity to close out their final regular season with a win when they take on Harvard at home this weekend before heading into NCAA tournament play. If the Irish win on Saturday, they will have the highest regular-season winning percentage in the history of Notre Dame men's lacrosse.

While winning the NCAA tournament is their ultimate goal, the Irish realize that they cannot look past Harvard. "Harvard is an excellent team," said Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan. "We're not worried about the NCAA tournament yet. Our only concern right now is preparing to play Harvard on Saturday."

While the Irish have feasted on their Great Western Lacrosse League divisional foes in their recent games, Harvard, coming from the traditionally tough Ivy League, will be a good test for the Irish. Although Harvard's record is a modest 6-6, they should provide the Irish good preparation for the NCAA tournament.

"Harvard is a very good team," he said. "They beat Duke, and Duke just won the ACC tournament last week so we're not taking them lightly."

For the 11 seniors on the team, Saturday's game marks the end of a remarkable four years. Despite being a Midwest school in a predominantly East Coast sport, the Irish seniors are responsible for elevating Notre Dame to one of the best lacrosse teams in the country. The game will be especially bittersweet for Corrigan because this is his last chance to coach the seniors in a regular-season game.

"These guys have been outstanding over the last four years," said Corrigan. "They are a great group of kids. I'll certainly miss coaching them, but I'll miss them as people even more."

Notes
• Senior attack and all-time Notre Dame assist leader David Ulrich was named Great Western Lacrosse League player of the week. Ulrich scored four goals and added nine assists to lead the Irish to wins over Butler and Fairfield. Ulrich joins teammates Kirk Howell and Tom Glatzel as the third Irish player to win this award this year.
Lazy Boyz
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Waltz, Matt Fox, Dave Yanger, Dan Boston and Ditch, took an early lead on the favorites.

The crowd was almost evenly divided between the two teams, with both sides receiving vocal support. Dan Boston's block fired up the LazyBoyz supporters and propelled his team to a 7-5 lead. But NDToday, which consisted of B.J. and Joey Kloska, Todd Titus, M i k e O w e r t l e and Rob Joyce, went on a run of their own to make the score 10-8 in their favor.

Then the momentum turned again, and it was Boston's free throw that sent the game to halftime with LazyBoyz up 11-10.

The second half featured more of the same disciplined basketball, a couple of turnovers by LazyBoyz helped NDToday open the game away. Instead, LazyBoyz tied the game at 20 thanks to a Tom Walz free throw. NDToday scored to make it 21-20, but that would be their last points of the game. Kloska had a chance to win the game on the free throw line, but his shot rattled in and out to give LazyBoyz a chance. With the score tied at 21, an NDToday turnover gave LazyBoyz a chance to pull ahead. LazyBoyz got the ball to Ditch on the right side of the key where he nailed a 15-footer to put LazyBoyz ahead 22-21.

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"I was just thinking to shoot with confidence." Oleiniczak said. Missing the shot and the opportunity for a game-winning basket.

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star player, couldn't find his scoring touch. Wolbeck would never quite get his rhythm, never quite get his rhythm, never quite get his rhythm.

Majestic's Corey Hartman hit several clutch shots as the fourteen seed was never quite get his rhythm, and the two teams didn't disappoint as Mayhem won 21-19.

From the opening possession it was clear both teams featured very athletic players, when the Dandies' Jeroma Collins tied for a rebound over three members of Project Mayhem. But Mayhem would prove to be more efficient shooters. Jason Mayes consistently scored, and Brian Rush and Doug Wilson were reliable on the inside. But the Dandies athleticism would keep the game close. Quarterback turned point guard Carlyle Holiday showcased his court talents, chalking up eight points. Holiday repeatedly slashed through the lane past Luke Mueller of Mayhem. "We should have had the game," said Holiday. "We didn't rebound well today."

But Holiday did not shut down Mueller on the defensive end. Mueller had four points at key junctures in the game. Project Mayhem lead the whole game, and either team was always within striking distance of a game-winning run. The Dandies kept it close when Abe Klam found his scoring stroke late in the game. He five points overall.

"We know where each other are going to be, we played well as a team," said Wilson. Wilson believes that fatigue played a role in the game, with several players competing after football practice.

"I think the fact that they were coming back from practice, they were a little tired help us out run them a little bit," said Wilson. "We were a little quicker."

The twin towers of former varsity player Tony Carney and Grant Gholsen took advantage of their size and guard Steve Byrnes had a strong outing as the seventh-seeded Freeballers took out 10th-seeded Strategy 21-14.

The Freeballers took control early, as Carney and Gholsen were fed the ball consistently, and Byrnes knocked down several outside buckets. The Freeballers were equally tenacious on the defensive end.

"Our guards were just dominating," said Carney. "Steve played great."

The Freeballers cruised to a 11-5 halftime advantage, but Strategy tightened their defense, lessening the Freeballers' dominance inside.

"They were tough inside," Carney said. "They had some long arms."

Byrnes was the late game star, playing inspired defense.

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Heilman continued from page 24 this year because they want to show that they're just as committed to this. The big senior has definitely made the most of his decision to remain in South Bend. Heilman, who has won 20 of his last 21 decisions, is 10-0 this year with the nation's fifth-best ERA at 1.32. So far this season, he has captured the Big East career records for wins and strikeouts. If he continues to pitch well, Heilman will own many other Notre Dame pitching records as well.

His 38-7 career record is just two wins shy of the all-time mark of 40 set by Tom Price from 1991-94. Heilman's career ERA is only 1.33 higher than the record mark of 2.36 set by Nick Paulichnik from 1959-61.

"He's definitely a great pitcher. We always feel like we can win when Aaron is on the mound," said Mainieri. "In my mind, he may go down as the best baseball player at Notre Dame history."

Heilman, who likely stands to become only the 17th athlete at Notre Dame to be a four-time All American, is not content with just his past success. He has a feeling that the best times are still to come. "Playing in the tournament last year and hosting a regional a couple of years ago were great experiences for me," said Heilman. "Being ranked No. 1 this week has probably been the highlight of my career so far, but I have a feeling that the best times are still to come."

Heilman's return to Notre Dame will last far beyond his final season. While next year he will be playing professionally, the Irish will still feel the ben­efit of his decision to remain.

By reclaiming his role as the team's No. 1 starter, Heilman allowed several younger pitchers to develop and gain experience before being tossed into the fire. Next year, when these pitchers step into the spotlight themselves, they will have an extra year of pitching under their belts. In the meantime, these younger pitchers will have benefited from learning under one of the game's best players.

"Life will go on next year without him because he has laid such a great foundation for us for years to come," said Mainieri. "He has been a great leader and teacher to the younger guys by helping them to develop as players."

Mainieri believes what makes Heilman the special player he has become is not merely his talent— it is his personality and the way he leads his team. Even as a perennial All-American and nationally recognized ace, Heilman has never let his fame inflate his ego.

"He is one of the most unselfish players I have ever coached," said Mainieri. "So many guys feel they should be treated specially because they have talent, but Aaron has never been like that. He is the type of player that leads by example. He is always giving advice to younger players, rak­ing the mound after games and practicing and doing whatever he can to help out the team."

In Heilman, the Irish have everything a team could want in a pitcher and captain. He has the talent to dominate any hitter, the poise to take over a game and the personality to lead any team to a national title. Mainieri sums up the Irish leader very well as he boasts with pride, "He is the type of player and person that you only get to coach once in a lifetime, and I feel very fortunate to have that opportunity now."

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Since deciding to return for his senior season, Aaron Heilman has been the sparkplug on the Irish pitching staff. Above, Heilman pitches during a 7-1 win against Villanova. At right, Heilman throws while pitcher Danny Tamayo and Brian O'Connor look on. photos by BRIAN PUCEVICH and TIM KACMAR

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXX

Upsets shake up Sweet 16

Verzatility, Project Mayhem advance in tourney

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Bookstore showcases the top basketball talent at Notre Dame outside the Joyce Center, but at the Stepan courts, hustle and desire count for as much as anything. Such was the case in the 13th-seeded Verzatility's 21-13 upset against fourth-seeded Majestics. In a game where players got familiar with the concrete, former varsity walk-on Hunt Hanover led his squad past a bigger, but not taller Majestics team.

"We played tough," said Hanover. "Our defense was awesome, we held them for a while at 13, and we hit our free throws."

Verzatility controlled the tempo early, grabbing rebounds right and left, as Matt Wulbeck, the Majestic's former varsity walk-on, held them for as much as anything.

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Kevin Muempfer (above) kept top-ranked Five Reasons Your Girl Left You from joining the ranks of high-seeded teams to lose Thursday night. Eight teams remain in Bookstore Basketball XXX, and will be pared down to two in time for the championship game Sunday at 2 p.m. at Stepan.

BASEBALL

Heilman provides the spark for Irish success

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Late last summer the Notre Dame baseball team got a taste of Christmas rather early.

No, it wasn't forced to practice in the snow because of a freak South Bend summer blizzard. Instead, the team received a gift—a big gift.

In fact, it was a 6-foot-5 225-pound gift in the form of three-time All-American pitcher Aaron Heilman.

Heilman, who was drafted by the Minnesota Twins over the summer in the first round, postponed a hefty signing bonus and a major league contract for a chance to play one more year with his Irish teammates.

"I really wanted to come back for my last year and get my degree," said Heilman, the two-time Irish captain. "I knew I'd be coming back to a strong team with a bunch of great guys, and I wanted to be a part of it for one more season."

It seems that Heilman's return has been the spark needed to ignite Notre Dame to national prominence in baseball. The No. 1 Irish currently hold the nation's best record at 37-6-1 and own the lowest team ERA at 2.55.

"Aaron's return this year has meant everything to us," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "Coming back for his senior season has made a stronger statement about his belief in this team than anything I could imagine. It provided a great boost of confidence to everyone on the team."

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Heilman provides the spark for Irish success.
Blue-Gold game features less football, more fun

Even Bob Davie, admits it's hard to tell a lot about a team based on what is seen during spring practice.

We met, for the first time, by accident, about a half-hour prior to last year's Blue-Gold game. While waiting for an elevator that would stop at the third floor of the Stadium press box, I spoke with another writer: "Not exactly the way I want to spend my Saturday afternoon," the scribe said.

Poor guy. What a tough gig.

Receiving free admission to the nation's most famous college football shrine, watching the Irish scrimmage, eating free (albeit less than gourmet-quality, probably less than White Castle-quality) food, sitting in a relatively comfortable, unobstructed 40-yard line seat, and typing a 1,000 word recap sounds like an awful experience.

You hear this all the time. Sportswriters complain more than Frank Costanza. Politicians lie. Salesmen bullshit. Sportswriters whine. It's part of the job, I guess. And this weekend's game brings out the worst in us. Why? Because it's a glorified game nonetheless.

"I don't know how much we can determine from the outcome of the game, if anything," Bob Davie said after last year's game. "But it was a good day." Guaranteed Davie will repeat that line the day after the spring game. Davie brings out the best in us.

The sports media forgets that the sport of football is one of the most fun games on Earth. To bring in the spring game, the Notre Dame football program does something that would stop at the third floor of any American Football Association stadium. Someone, perhaps Vince Lombardi, invented a tradition that has little significance for next season. Because of injuries, the format will feature one offensive team for the entire afternoon. Not one of the spectators will understand the complex scoring system. Some coaches, perhaps Vince McMahon or Jesse "Don't Call Me the Body Anymore" Ventura, has devised a plan where even the defenders receive "points." Advisors: Trust that day the coaches won't cheat and frequently check the scoreboard.

Also, the game plan will consist of roughly 8 percent of the team's full playbook. Maybe the Irish are scared that Nebraska coaches will rent out one of those plans, attach a "Suckers!!" sign to its body, fly over the Stadium, and steal "secrets"?

In last year's Blue-Gold game, quarterback Armaiz Battle, who had started only once in his career, said the entire offensive package had eight inside runs, five drop back passes and six play action passes. Pop Warner teams utilize a more detailed scheme.

Even the head coach downplayed the 2000 tilt. "I don't know how much we can determine from the outcome of the game, if anything," Bob Davie said after last year's game. "But it was a good day." Guarantined Davie will repeat the same sentence on Saturday. But he has a point.

It will be a good day. It certainly won't be one of the most memorable of games, but a game nonetheless.

The sports media forgets that a lot of the times, these are games. Games are supposed to be fun. Yet several others will agree with aforementioned writer's assertion. I admit it's not the best assignment of the year. But let's put some context in here.

If your biggest complaint revolves around attending a meaningless Notre Dame scrimmage, then I'm thinking you're not living the hard knock life.

Roughly 20,000 fans will be in Rockne's House on Saturday. Every single one of them paid an entrance fee. (I know the student tickets are free. But I also know four years of tuition should qualify as having shelled out some cash.)

Some fans even paid $50 per ticket to sit in the press box.

And guess what? No one will bitch, before the game, that he or she "must" go to the scrimmage.

For those who still have a problem, one simple suggestion. After the scrimmage, the players and coaches stay on the field, autograph merchandise, and interact with fans. Instead of stressing over an impending deadline, look around. Watch the attendees,2000 Fightin' Irish Football For a Great Season!!

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Quarterbacks
According to Bob Davie, Matt LeVecchio will be the starter on opening day at Nebraska. But Davie also said that he will play Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark regularly, maybe even as early as Nebraska. Davie plans to utilize a multiple-quarterback system to begin the year. LeVecchio will take the first snaps in Saturday's scrimmage. The speedy Holiday will probably follow, and the strong-armed Clark will finish the day.

Running backs
With Julius Jones unable to partake in spring practice because for suspension and Tony Fisher out with an injury, the door is wide open for Terrance Howard to seize the starting spot. But he could be challenged by Mike McNair, who has had a rather impressive spring. McNair, a highly touted recruit who has never fully developed, only logged about 12 minutes of playing time last season, has shown considerable promise in spring practice. He is listed as a fullback, but the coaching staff has also experimented with him in the tailback slot.

Offensive line
The big offensive hole to fill is the pair of guard spots vacated by Jim Jones and Mike Gandy. Several players could step up to fill the gap, including Sean Mahan and Ryan Scarola. At tight end, Gary Godsey, who played quarterback for two games last season, and John Owens will replace graduating seniors Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary.

Wide receivers
David Givens and Javin Hunter are clearly going to be the main receivers. But Arnaz Battle has done a remarkable job making the transition from quarterback to flanker. While he's had trouble learning the routes, Battle has proven to be extremely quick in the open field once he catches the ball. Also, a trio of highly touted rising sophomores, Lorenzo Crawford, Omar Jenkins and Ronell Bodamer, have made considerable progress during the spring and have shown they are capable of replacing Joey Getherall.

Defensive line
Anthony Wever (right) and Ryan Roberts are the only two returning members of the defensive line. However, the Irish will get an added boost by the return of Grant Irons. The rising fifth-year senior, who is still recovering from a shoulder injury, will not play Saturday. At the nose guard position, Andy Wise and Cedric Hilliard are competing to replace Lance Legree. Darrell Campbell will probably fill the gap vacated by B.J. Scott at defensive tackle.

Linebackers
With 2000 team MVP Anthony Denman graduating and rising seniors Rocky Bolman hampered by injury, the linebacker corps are a thin this spring. Tyrone Harrison earned a lot of playing time this spring, and Carlos Pierre-Antoine also saw quality time on the field. Mike Giochby, one of only three true freshmen to monogram last season, Patrick Ryan and Courtney Watson have also shown dramatic improvement this spring.

Special teams
Although fans won't see much of the special teams, the Irish have devoted an extensive amount of their spring practice toward this area. Nick Setta will most likely continue as the field goal kicker, and Setta and Joey Hildbold are battling for punting duties. However, Davie doesn't feel the Irish have a solid kickoff man. The primary contenders for return spots include Vontez Duff, Julius Jones and Arnaz Battle.
Quick on his feet
Speed, versatility key to quarterback's game

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Kevin Rogers said it best. "The day and age of the immobile quarterback, the guy with cement shoes on, is gone," the Irish quarterback coach said after a recent practice. The message is clear. No longer will the Irish be stuck for an immovable thrower. The future leaders in the Irish backfield will look more like Michael Vick than Ron Jaworski.

Enter Carlyle Holiday. The rising sophomore quarterback can throw, as he showed during his senior year at San Antonio's Roosevelt High School, passing for 719 yards. "We tried to have the ball in his hands as much as we could," said Holiday's high school coach, Glen Hill. "We didn't have the receivers that he has there but he was able to get the ball there regardless."

But Holiday's arm is only one of many aspects to his game. Ranked 48th on the Chicago Sun-Times list of the top 100 players in the country, Holiday tossed 326 yards and scored three touchdowns on the ground in 1999. And his skills extended beyond the gridiron.

Irish head coach Bob Davie loves to talk about Holiday's athleticism, and with good reason. A four sport letter-winner, the 6-foot 3-inch Holiday was a four-year starter on Roosevelt's basketball team and finished with more that 1,000 career points. He also competed in track and field and baseball, clearing 6-6 in the high jump and starting in center field his senior year. Holiday also excelled in the 110-meter hurdles during his two years on the track team.

Today, the 19-year old focuses on his goal of gaining playing time at quarterback, a position that is the Irish quarterback position this spring. But he still finds time to work on fundamentals that led schools such as Nebraska and Wake Forest to recruit Holiday as a basketball player.

A member of Hugger Danders, along with teammates Abram Elam and Jerome Collins, Holiday's Bookstore Basketball team has advanced to the final field of 16 teams in the tournament.

"I've never really seen anything like it," Holiday said of the 30th annual Bookstore tournament. "The people go out there and play hard no matter what, whatever skill level they are and just want to win. It's really competitive."

So is the quarterback position.

Coming to play
After his stellar senior season, Holiday had his commodity in recruiting circles. After talking to a young man and made Texas A&M, where his older brother Terrell Haynes played in the NCAA, Holiday agreed to go there if the休 that choices down to Nebraska and Alabama.

Although Nebraska had only Eric Crouch at quarterback and an offense that seemed more suited to his skills, Holiday chose to spend his college years in South Bend.

"I always wanted to come to Notre Dame and be a quarterback really," Holiday said. "Nebraska's a great program but I just felt this was the place me really. Everybody wants to come here. It's basically been a dream of mine."

When he arrived in the fall, it soon became apparent that there was much to learn. In high school, Holiday was allowed to roam free and use his athletic ability to take his team into the end zone. That focus was on results and athleticism, rather than teaching skills.

"My high school offensive really was based on mostly on athleticism," Holiday said. "We didn't work on fundamentals of being a quarterback really."

As a result, Holiday's throwing abilities were behind the other quarterbacks. While his arm was strong, he struggled to get in position to make the pass. With the Rogers' help, that ability is now harnessed.

"There was a lot of mechanical work," Holiday said. "Coach Rogers has helped me significantly on that. I've got a quicker release now."

Rising up
With standout players from Texas got chilly just thinking about the unseasonably cold South Bend weather, Holiday's childhood helped him prepare for his college years. With his father in the military he spent his grammar school years living in Alaska.

"It was nice, it was cold but it was nice," Holiday said. "It was a great experience to go through really, just to say you were up there."

What Holiday didn't expect coming to Notre Dame was the amount of walking he would have to do. He was assigned to Carroll Hall, a small dorm roughly 10 minutes walking dis- tance from the center of campus and nearly a mile away from the athletic facilities.

"It's a cool hall but it's not cool when you've got to come all the way across campus to go to practice or something like that," Holiday said. "I say they need to supply us with trolleys or something. If you have a bike or a car it's cool. But I love it out there, the guys out there are cool."

It was as a youngster on that military base in Alaska that Holiday first set his hands on a football. Even at age 8, everybody knew that he had the skills and leadership qualities to play quarterback.

"That was something I wanted do," Holiday said. "I had the ability to do it and everybody had faith in me to do that job."

While many focused on his athletic accomplishments, the place where Holiday felt he needed to excel most was in the classroom. In high school, he was a member of the National Honor Society as well as taking part in a group that worked with the local city council.

"We went to all their meetings and we partnered up with a commissioner. There were about 11 of us and 11 of them. We just partnered up and saw what they did, what it was like to run a city. It was fun."

Holiday came to Notre Dame intending to major in computer engineering, but like many intended engineers, changed his mind and switched to the College of Business Administration, where he intends to major in marketing or finance.

Still, Holiday contends that academics were one of the deciding factors in his decision to choose Notre Dame.

"Without that I wouldn't be here right now," he said. "That was the first thing that I concentrated on in high school. That got me here. That's what I really like about me — my academic accomplishments before my football accomplishments."

Friends, not foes
This spring, the Irish coaching staff determined to give each quarterback an equal amount of repetitions in practice and let them battle for the starting spot. With Battle moved to fullback and Godsey now at tight end, only the three freshman compete only with each other for playing time.

In fact, Davie has suggested a situation in which two or possibly all three, will take snaps at critical moments during the season.

"We're going to have to use two in a game," Davie said. "There's too much ability at that position to say, OK, this guy's the quarterback and that's it. We could almost go out on a limb here in April and say you're going to see two quarterbacks playing, you may see three."

Such a platoon system is just fine for Holiday. "It's OK with me," he said. "If it does happen you've just got to go in there and do whatever you can. Some people run it. It's worked and it hasn't worked. It's up to Coach Davie really."

While the coaches still say the position is wide open, Holiday concedes that it is unlikely either he or Clark will wrestle the starting spot away from LoVecchio. "I've played eight games," Holiday said. "He has a lot of experience and he's a smart kid. It'd be hard to say somebody could take his spot right then. You've just got to go out and compete and try to get whatever you can."

Holiday now feels more comfortable playing the offense with the first team, as a result of his increased reps in practice.

"Now this spring we're getting the same amount of reps," Holiday said. "I'm learning a lot more. I'm starting to pick things up a lot faster."

His only struggle so far is maintaining the same level of play day-in and day-out. In scrimmage earlier this spring, he completed only one pass, fumbled a snap and was "touch sacked" twice. He did, however, have two rushes for more than 10 yards.

"My thing right now is that I need to develop a little bit of consisten- tcy," Holiday said. "It's been up and down in the spring. I just need to go out and keep compet- ing and when the game comes up try to do what I can."

Despite the battle for playing time, the three freshman quar- terbacks remain close friends off the field.

"We're friends," Holiday said. "We talk about each other in a good way. It's a competitive thing at the quarterback situa- tion right now. It's a friendly thing, it's a friendly competition really. We just chill and when football's here we do that but when it's over, we just hang out.

While Holiday looks forward to the chance to impress coaches in Saturday's Blue-Gold game, he is most excited about playing in front of a cheering crowd once again, an experience he missed for the first time in over 10 years last season.

"I'm looking forward to play- ing in front of fans, really," he said. "It's been a long time."

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Hometown: Carroll Hall
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Favorite type of music: "I listen to anything."
Getting comfortable

Clark learns offense, awaits chance to shine

By MIKE CONNOLLY

For Jared Clark, this spring is not about a quarterback competition. It's about getting comfortable.

Although he is one of three freshmen battling for a spot under center Sept. 8 in Lincoln, Neb. Clark said he is focusing more on learning the offense than trying to beat out his fellow classmates — Carlyle Holiday and incumbent starter Matt LoVecchio.

"I am trying to learn everything," Clark said. "Right now I am just trying to get better at every part of the game. I am getting better at reading the routes and the defense better now."

It's hard to imagine that Clark couldn't feel comfortable under center. The 6-foot-4, 220-pound freshman from Sarasota, Fla. was one of the most heralded high school seniors in the country when he signed with the Irish in February, 2000.

But upon arriving at Notre Dame, he quickly learned that college football is much faster and complex than anything he experienced on the high school gridiron. While his arm strength and ability made him successful in high school, his mind would become his most important attribute in college football.

"You have to read the defense and know where to throw the ball," he said. "Everything is not here rather than in high school when it was just 'go down and out and I'll throw you the ball.' [In college,] you have to read people because everything they do here is for a reason.

Although Clark is still waiting for his chance in shine under the Dome, he was almost an immediate star at Cardinal Mooney High School. He started the first game of his high school career in the opening round of the playoffs his freshman year.

His first start didn't go as well as expected. Tampa Catholic, led by former Miami Hurricanes quarterback Kareem Kelly, blasted Clark's squad 27-7.

"I didn't play real great," Clark said. "We ran a wing-T offense so I didn't really do anything. I think I threw about three passes."

Clark admits being thrust into the starting spotlight was a bit overwhelming for a 15-year-old.

"In high school, you are just a little kid when you are a freshman. It's kind of the same way here," he said. "You are just kind of in awe of how big everyone is. I was pretty nervous for that first game. I got used to it and I got better as the years went on."

After starting as a sophomore, Clark became the undisputed leader of the team for his junior and senior season. As a junior, he threw eight touchdowns and rushed for 111 through while throwing just six interceptions.

He was even better as a senior. He accounted for 27 total touchdowns his senior year — 10 rushing and 17 passing — as he led his high school to one of its best seasons ever. Cardinal Mooney advanced to the third round of the playoffs before losing to the eventual state champions.

He was also named first team all-state quarterback despite missing 2 1/2 games because of pneumonia.

Despite his high school success, many colleges wanted Jared Clark to play defense in college. He started as a linebacker and defensive end. But Clark's heart was always at quarterback.

"All those schools wanted me for quarterback and that is definitely the position I want to play," Clark told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune when he committed to Notre Dame. "I would've played defense only if there weren't any other options. Fortunately that wasn't the case."

Although Clark was a running and passing threat in high school, he believes his best attribute compared to the other two quarterbacks is his arm strength. He gives the nod for rushing to Holiday.

"I feel like I can run the ball if I need to," he said. "I am not as fast as Carlyle so I can't run it as well as he can but I think I can get good enough at it that I can be effective."

Clark said he had no reservations about signing with Notre Dame. "I was with Matt at the summer camp and I heard about Carlyle so I knew what I was up against," Clark said. "I think the competition, the better you have to step your play up. I just wanted to see if I could compete with these guys."

Clark, however, said the competition is not cutthroat and the three potential quarterbacks, for now, are more interested in helping each other improve than making each other look bad.

"I think it's definitely friendly between the three of us. We're friends off the field and we're friends on it," Clark said. "We are all trying to do our best. When someone comes off the field, we try to help them. They come off the field, they ask questions. When I come off the field, I ask questions. We tell each other what we are doing wrong and we congratulate each other when we do something right."

For now, it appears LoVecchio is still the starter and Holiday's running skills can't be ignored. But in the last scrimmages open to the media, Clark looked the sharpest.

For the freshman from Sarasota, this spring is all about getting comfortable, learning the offense and getting ready for a run at the starting spot this summer.

"I think I have learned a lot more than I did during the year because I am getting a lot more reps and everything," Clark said. "I am learning a lot more and I am getting more comfortable with everybody and with the offense."
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From left, Irish freshman quarterbacks Matt LoVecchio, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday warm up before a recent scrimmage inside the stadium. Holiday and Clark are challenging incumbent LoVecchio for playing time next season. All are expected to play in Saturday’s Blue-Gold game.

**WARMING UP**

Springtime is here. The snow is off the ground, trees and flowers begin to bloom and students retreat from their rooms to study on the quads. But perhaps the biggest sign of spring at Notre Dame is Spring Practice. The Irish hit the turf for the first time and players try out new positions. Saturday is the culmination of 15 challenging workouts — the Blue and Gold Game, in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Irish players line up across from one another while running tackling drills before a recent scrimmage.

Irish lineman practice blocking before a recent scrimmage. The competition is heating up for the spots vacated by NFL-bound Mike Gandy and Jim Jones.

Quarterback turned flanker Arnaz Battle carries the ball towards the sideline in a recent practice.
Experience prevails

Coaches fall back on LoVecchio's experience in quarterback decision

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Last Friday, Bob Davie addressed one of the biggest controversies surrounding the Notre Dame football squad.

"Who was going to be the 2001 quarterback?"

Would he go with the calm, experienced Matt LoVecchio, who led the Irish to a Fiesta Bowl berth? Or would he go with either Carlyle Holiday or Jared Clark, two highly-touted quarterbacks that weren't even in the picture last week?

"I would neither," Davie said. "I could almost go out on a limb here in April and say you're going to see two quarterbacks playing, you may see three," Davie said.

Instead, he added to rumors of starting Matt LoVecchio, Davie responded without hesitation.

His man Matt LoVecchio

The Audition

It's hard to imagine that one year ago LoVecchio was getting ready for his high school prom. He took a 2-2 team reeling from a last-second loss against Michigan State and led them to seven straight wins. The experience LoVecchio gained last season is what he brings into the most attractive starting candidate.

"The advantage Matt LoVecchio has is he's played in high-profile games," Davie said.

The junior's highest-profile game was a 41-9 loss in the Fiesta Bowl. But he said the pressure didn't faze him. Instead, he found himself in an uncomfortable situation.

"I was just put in a situation where we got behind," he said. "One thing led to another and it just snowballed."

Despite that pressure, Davie knew LoVecchio got something out of the experience, too.

"I'm just going to go out there each day and get better this spring," he said.

LoVecchio had to share playing time with Holiday and Clark. He watched as Holiday and Clark, each with a year on the sidelines, showed just as much talent and potential.

"You don't have to talk about competition at that position," Davie said. "There is competition."

"I legitimately am busting my tail to make sure everyone else's getting equitable reps," Rogers said after one practice. "Some guys do better than others, but they're all getting better and they're all quality players."

Day after day, Davie said the quarterbacks kept getting better and better. One day, Clark would shine, and the next, LoVecchio would step up.

"There hasn't been one guy that has been consistently better," Davie said. "There's no question at that position, the standard has been raised because of those three young guys."

So make them to go. They have to be a lot better to overtake the experience factor that he has. Are they capable of doing that? Sure, they are. They're very talented players."

As far as they're concerned, in their minds they believe they have a chance to be the starting quarterback here," Rogers said. "That's what I want." Davie gave all three quarterbacks an equal opportunity to play. But having to share snaps and watch didn't faze LoVecchio.

"We got what he's going to do what he does best — stay quiet and work hard."

LoVecchio is used to being in the spotlight. He's been tremendous, Davie said. "Sure, all the conversation's going to be about those three that didn't play. That's just what it is here at Notre Dame. I think Matt's mature enough to understand that."

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Staying in the Spotlight

So how did LoVecchio distinguish himself — again?"I think I'm just taking it day by day and working as hard as I can," he said.

If LoVecchio won't say his experience is a factor, his teammates will.

"Matt's played eight games, holiday said. "That's a lot of experience and he's a smart kid. It would be hard to say someone could take his spot. You just have to go out and compete, and get whatever you can out of it." Davie said. "There's no tension between LoVecchio, Holiday and Clark. All three are good friends on and off the field."

"It's a good situation," LoVecchio said. "Since we got here in August, everything's been good. We hang out on and off the field and we're there to help each other." Davie said. "We just push him to be a better person and just, like he pushes on, 'Holiday added."

When Davie effectively named LoVecchio the No. 1 quarterback, it wasn't as much of a matter of him playing significantly better in spring than the other quarterbacks.

Talent-wise, all three quarterbacks are very close. LoVecchio's experience sets him apart.

"It's the combination of where he's been where he's played, and who we play early that gives him the advantage," Davie said. "You think about going to Lincoln, Neb., going to College Station, you like the idea that you've got a quarterback that's been in a game."

"The fact remains that we are playing Nebraska in the first game — away," Rogers said. LoVecchio admits there's a lot of pressure associated with being the quarterback at Notre Dame.

"I actually sat down and thought about it, things can get pretty overwhelming," he said. "I try to avoid all the talk and just go out there each day and go to practice."

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