Mother preaches tolerance

By JASON MCFARLEY

Judy Shepard doesn’t expect her work to end anytime soon, although the gay rights activist wishes she were out of a job.

“I know that good things are going to happen,” Shepard told a rapt Notre Dame audience Thursday, “and they’re going to happen soon. And I’ll be out of work, but that’s a good thing,” she said.

Shepard, whose son, Matthew, died in a highly publicized October 1998 anti-gay hate crime, spoke before a capacity crowd of about 200 students, faculty, staff and South Bend residents.

The University’s Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs sponsored the talk to promote campus unity with homosexual and bisexual members of the Notre Dame community.

Shepard on Thursday delivered an emotional speech that inspired tears as readily as it did laughs from the Hesburgh Library Auditorium gathering.

As Shepard read from a victim-impact statement she gave during sentencing of one of her son’s killers, many students sobbed openly and wiped tears from their faces.

“T’ll never understand why anyone would want to hurt Matt,” she read from the April 1999 statement, “Such an act of cruelty is incomprehensible.”

Matthew Shepard died after two men beat, robbed and left him tied to a fence in the Wyoming prairie.

Each man is now serving two life sentences in prison.

“I blame society for what happened to Matt,” she said. 

Security/Police arrests fugitive in Roseland Park

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Notre Dame Security/Police recaptured a suspect behind the Signature Inn in Roseland Park after he fled from police custody at University Village.

Police said the man was charged with possession of stolen property and resisting arrest by flight.

According to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSPD, Security originally responded to a complaint from a woman in University Village that the suspect was attempting to break into her apartment. Security officers responding to the call detained a man matching the description of the suspect on Saint Mary’s Road.

The man was taken into custody by Security and brought to University Village. The victim identified the suspect as the man who was attempting to break into her apartment.

While Security officers attempted to handcuff the man, he escaped, ran across U.S. 933 and fled behind Denny’s Restaurant. Security, along with St. Joseph County Police and Roseland Police, recaptured the suspect when he was hiding in the bushes in Roseland Park.

When Security searched the suspect, officers discovered items from a wallet that had been reported stolen from Calvin Life Science Center on Monday. Security will investigate his possible involvement in other campus lacreces.

“He’s been here and passed through some campus buildings,” Hurley said. “So we are going to be looking into his possible involvement in other crimes.”

Hurley said there have been no other recent robberies reported at University Village, but there have been recent thefts from other campus buildings.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor’s office who will investigate the incident and may choose to press charges against the suspect for attempted breaking and entering.

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Happily never after

We’re told early on, by way of once-upon-a-time fairy tales and Disney movies, that the key to success is finding someone with whom you can share your life. Finding true love will break the spell, slay the dragon and cue the “happily ever after” ending credits every time.

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Consider the opinions of students found on the pages of Glamour and in Aaron Spelling dramas. Dr. Jacqueline Browder, profile editor of this section, is happily single and determined to stay that way. According to Dr. Browder, the decision to remain single is where it’s at, but the majority of students are concerned about returning to the area.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAIN'T MARY’S HISTORY
Malloy inauguration scheduled
Wednesday, September 23, 1987
Father Edward Malloy was formally installed as the University’s 16th president. Malloy was preceded by 15 Holy Cross priests, but they all took office without the traditional academic ritual. This was the first presidential inauguration in Notre Dame’s 145-year history.

“World News Tonight” features Hesburgh
Monday, September 24, 1979
An ABC-TV “World News Tonight” segment featured interviews with Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh and Father James Burtchaell, a university theology professor. Hesburgh addressed the change in the American Catholic Church, and Burtchaell spoke on the topic of abortion.

BEYOND CAMPUS
Displaced NYU students return with caution

NEW YORK
Students returned to New York University’s Water Street dorm Wednesday with mixed feelings about their safety.

With dust still swirling the streets and sidewalks and the downtown area continuing to emanate an acrid smell, students were concerned about returning to the area.

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PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Report gauges impact of aid policy
PRINCETON, N.J.
During an annual report presentation to the faculty on the status of undergraduate admissions last week, Dean of the College Nancy Malkiel said last week that Princeton University’s change in financial aid policy last January greatly affected the composition of the Class of 2005. Malkiel noted that 46 percent of the freshman class is receiving financial aid — the highest percentage of all by Longue community college. and a significant jump from the 40 percent of the Class of 2004 receiving financial aid. Malkiel also said there was an increase in the racial diversity of the freshman class.

The percentage of minority students in the Class of 2005 is 28.9 percent compared to 26.3 percent of the Class of 2004, according to President Tilghman.

It was an adjustment for those in the school, according to Malkiel, but it was a positive change in the admission. She said Princeton’s admission, provided they complete two years at a community college.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
Plan to increase diversity postponed
LOS ANGELES
Plans to institute a program designed to increase the number of minority students in the University of California have been put on hold until next year due to lack of funds. The university has postponed the dual admissions plan, citing the state legislature’s failure to provide the UC’s request for $2.5 million before it went into recess last week. “The legislative clock ran out on us at a time when we were making some real progress,” said Michael Reese, assistant vice president of student programs. 

The plan would create a special admission track for students who are entering the state’s black communities. The program, which was designed to increase diversity, would have been put on hold until next year due to lack of funds. The university has postponed the dual admissions plan, citing the state legislature’s failure to provide the UC’s request for $2.5 million before it went into recess last week.

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS
Scenrio's "Apocalypse Now" will not be seen in South Bend during this weekend. Information in the Scene section of the Sept. 27 edition of the Observer was incorrect.

The Observer regrets this error.

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PUTTING ON A HIT

Special to the Observer

Knott Hall residents Luis Molina and Tommy Gaeta participate in Mod Quad Madness, three hours of games and music Thursday evening on the Knott Hall Knoll. The event was sponsored by Student Activities and Knott, Pasquerilla East, Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls.

Brazilian group to perform

Choro na Feira, a Brazilian music group from Rio de Janeiro, will visit the University this weekend for performances on campus and in South Bend and Chicago. Sponsored by the Brazilian Ministry of Culture, the group will be hosted by Notre Dame’s Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

The eight members of Choro na Feira will perform tonight at 7 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The concert is free and open to the public.

Additional appearances by the group will include workshops and performances at South Bend area schools throughout the week and an informal concert Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. at the South Bend Farmer’s Market, followed by a performance at Chicago’s Rooster Blues Club that evening.

Choro na Feira came together after the group performed at a Saturday street market in a Rio de Janeiro neighborhood. Members include university professors, recording artists and studio musicians.

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Toll of NY missing drops to 5,960

NEW YORK

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Thursday that the official number of people missing at the World Trade Center had dropped to 5,960 after multiple lists of the victims were double-checked.

The number of missing reported to police has been 6,347 for several days. Giuliani said the revision was made after duplications were found on lists provided by some of the 63 countries that lost people in the trade center attack.

The mayor also said 4,620 names have been registered as missing at a city center for victims’ relatives. The correct number — the one many fear will be the true death toll — is likely somewhere between the two, Giuliani said.

Authorities so far have confirmed 305 deaths since two hijacked jetliners brought down the twin 1,350-foot towers Sept. 11.

At ground zero, heavy equipment has been moved in to remove rubble from the 16-acre site. Workers have begun assembling a 420-foot crane that can handle up to 1,000 tons.

Since the attack, 128,050 tons of debris — only about 10 percent of what the Army Corps of Engineers estimates is there — have been removed and taken to a landfill on Staten Island for analysis.

More aggressive removal methods and equipment have not been used because of the search for bodies and survivors. Workers are also combing the wreckage for evidence in the criminal investigation of the attack.

Jim Abadie, the site manager for crane owner Bovis Lend Lease, said the larger pieces of debris hauled out of the wreckage will be trucked to a nearby pier and transported by barge to Staten Island.

Abadie said he has been at the site since the beginning. "It was chaos," he said. "Now it’s controlled chaos."

As wreckage was pulled away and workers picked through the ruins looking for victims, authorities showed the site to small groups of relatives of those missing or confirmed killed.

At City Hall, Giuliani obtained the support of two of the three mayoral candidates for a plan that would allow him to stay in office for three extra months to help the city recover from the attack.

Democrat Mark Green and Republican Michael Bloomberg agreed to go along with Giuliani’s proposal, which would postpone the new mayor’s inauguration until April. The mayor is supposed to leave office Dec. 31 under a city term limits law.

Across the rest of the city, some commuters faced their first day of mandatory carpooling. Noncommercial passenger vehicles with only the driver inside were turned back during the morning rush hour, causing some traffic delays. The restrictions were imposed as a way of clearing traffic jams in Manhattan caused by the attack and heightened security.

Higher traffic volume was expected Friday, following the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur.

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Jeopardy
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Oct. 5 and are set to air in
November. "It'll be a lot of fun. I'll have
my Notre Dame sweatshirt on," NERLINGER said. "It will be an
exciting trip."

NERLINGER is working on
a math and philosophy double
major and plans to attend med­
ical school next year, said he
is confident despite his lack of
preparation for the show. He's
hoping that his favorite cate­
gories, science, math and ideol­
ogy, will appear on the game
screen.

"I didn't prepare at all for the
tryout," he said. "I heard about
[getting accepted] two weeks ago and haven't had much time
with the demands of
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Nerlinger is involved in ser­
vice as well. He recently estab­
lished a $10,000 charity fund
with a grant from the Raskolof
Foundation after his grandfa­
ter passed away two summers
ago. The fund is used to send
unadvantaged people to Notre
Dame home football games.
Next month, three people select­
ed by the Notre Dame club of
Delaware from Nerlinger's
hometown will travel to South
Dakota to watch the Navy game
on an all-expenses paid trip
courtesy of the fund.

"He's the nicest person in the
world," sophomore Larry
Hopfinger said of his roommate.
"I'm really excited for him. I
might actually go out there if I
can get a ticket to Los Angeles.
No one deserves this more than
him."

"All my high school friends
think it's hysterical," he said.
While at Notre Dame, Nerlinger has been active in stu­
dent government and events with St. Edward's Hall. Last
year he joined the fencing team
as a walk-on.

"It's the only event where they
provide you with the equipment
and time to stab people with
words," he said.

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complament — society killed her
son, according to Shepard.

"I think that maybe that's
changed in the last two and a
half weeks. I hope so," she said.

Shepard and husband Denver
established the Matthew Shepard
Foundation in response to the
hate crime. She tours the
nation speaking to audiences
about making schools and com­
munities safe.

Shepard also has lobbied the
Wyoming legislature and the
U.S. Congress to draft anti-hate
crime legislation.

On Thursday, Shepard urged
the crowd to actively work to be
more tolerant.

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all for the show. He's

"Until everyone is out
and comfortable, the
straight community will
still be ignorant and
feared by who you are."

Shepard's answer was automat­
ically. "I think it's a no brainer," she said. "Every corpora­tion,
and a uni­versity is a cor­
poration, needs to have a non­
discrimination clause in place.
Just like in most places, administrators
don't want to do that here."

"Maybe it's the high profile
of Notre Dame. It's a flagship. It's
a trendsetter, and they don't
want to set that trend," she said.
In August 1997, Notre Dame
officials rejected a measure to
add sexual orientation to the
university's non-discrimination
clause.

"I hope that maybe that's
will still be
important to be hon­
ored. It will still be
valuable to the gay community,
and they let those
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"It was cool to have to make
as many people as possible watch­
ing the show here," he said. "I
want to get the word out."

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U.S. warplanes hit Iraqi artillery: U.S. and British warplanes struck two artillery sites Thursday that were a threat to aircraft patrolling Iraq's southern "no-fly" zone, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said. The anti-aircraft sites had posed danger for the planes monitoring Iraq's no-fly zone, Maj. Brett Morris said. U.S. and British jets patrolled the area to prevent Iraqi forces from attacking Kurds and Shi'ite Muslims and to provide early warning of any Iraqi troop movements toward Kuwait.

State police say Mass in Armenia: Presiding over an outdoor mass, Pope John Paul II called on Armenia's small Catholic community Thursday to help rebuild the economically suffering country. The pope's three-day trip to Armenia followed a four-day trip to Kazakhstan, a tour that has put the 81-year-old pontiff's frail health to the test.

State approves budget gap: Gov. Bob Holden has appointed an adviser on homeland security, making Missouri the first state to follow President Bush's lead in creating a Cabinet-level position on anti-terrorism. Retired Army Col. Timothy Daniel, 51, was named Wednesday to review Missouri's emergency response plans in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Daniel, a former strategist at the Pentagon and Army Corps of Engineers, said he will serve as a liaison to Tom Ridge, the newly named national director of homeland security.

FDA approves gene-based AIDS test: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first gene-based test to sell quickly whether an HIV patient's virus is mutating to make a particular drug therapy fail, important in a country where 90 percent of the infected population has no access to medicines.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistani religious leaders leave Friday for Afghanistan, the Pakistani news agency reported. The delegation may be part of a new Pakistani initiative to open a dialogue with the ruling Taliban on a possible solution to the crisis over Osama bin Laden. The Pakistan government news agency said Thursday the delegation would fly aboard a special plane to the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, stronghold of the Taliban leadership, and return Friday night.

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Ex-colonel gets life for espionage

French intelligence officer convicted of spying

TAMPA, Fla. The highest-ranking military man ever accused of spying was sentenced to life in prison on Thursday, 50 years to the day after he declared his allegiance to the United States as a new citizen.

George Trofimoff, a retired Army Reserve colonel born in Germany, continued to profess his innocence — declaring, "I am not a traitor" — as a U.S. District Judge Susan Bucklew handed down the sentence.

Trofimoff had faced at least 27 years in prison. Assistant Secretary of Defense John P. Staples told the judge in a letter on behalf of President Bush that anything less than a life term would be neither adequate punishment for him nor a deterrent to others.

Prosecutors say it is the first time such a letter has been written for a federal inmate.

"Mr. Trofimoff has conducted espionage longer than anyone else we have known of in this country," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Walter Furr. "This is not someone who made a mistake, or who got greedy momentarily. What happened here was someone who set out to live his life as a spy."

Throughout the Cold War, Trofimoff led the Army section at the Nuremberg Joint Interrogation Center in Germany. There, secret intelligence documents were stored and defectors and refugees were interviewed about life, especially military operations, behind the Iron Curtain.

Trofimoff was convicted in June of taking secret documents out of the center, photographing them and selling the film to the KGB for $250,000 over more than 20 years.

He worked through a childhood friend, a Russian Orthodox priest, in a spying career that was noted in KGB archives smuggled out of the Soviet Union as it collapsed.

Trofimoff repeated to Bucklew the claim he presented to his jurors: He only told the undercover FBI agent he was a spy because he needed money to pay debts.

"I am guilty of trying to make a fool of you and my friends of my old-age senility. You are condemn­ng an old man who served his country honorably for 46 years."

Trofimoff's attorney, Daniel Hernandez, said he intended to appeal. Trofimoff's wife, Jutta, who has been left bankrupt, did not speak on his behalf and declined to comment following his sentencing.

The judge said she was not swayed by Trofimoff's tale.

"By attempting to explain it away, you lied and lied and lied," Bucklew told him. "Obviously the jury didn't believe it. I don't believe it either."

Associated Press

Pakistan:

A group of taxi drivers express their support for the Pakistan government on Thursday at a rally in Peshawar, Pakistan. The government declared Thursday a "Day of Solidarity" in support of its controversial cooperation with the West in the war against terrorism.

Officials to meet with Taliban

Associated Press

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The visit was announced as the Taliban's ambassador to Islamabad, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said a Sept. 20 decision by Afghan clerics urging bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily had been delivered to the alleged terrorist mastermind.

Bin Laden is the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings in the United States, and Bush has demanded that the Taliban hand over him and his lieutenants, among other demands, or face retaliation. The Taliban had said they couldn't find bin Laden. But Zaeef's remarks indicated the Taliban knew where he was and were in contact with him. It also appeared than bin Laden was still in Afghanistan.

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Market Watch September 26

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SUNOFS NETWORKS (SUNO)     5.60    -3.52    2.88

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Mexico

Hurricane kills 1, nears mainland

Associated Press

CABO SAN LUCAS

Howling winds and roaring waves from Hurricane Juliette bore down on tourist resorts at the tip of the Baja California peninsula on Thursday, knocking out power and smashing docks to driftwood.

William Cenon, 45, of Denver, drowned in 10-foot waves as the storm approached on Wednesday.

The winds blew the roofs off of shacks in poor neighborhoods and sparks cascaded from shorted-out power transformers. Thursday's 15-foot waves from Hurricane Juliette were expected to destroy docks.

The hurricane center said 5 to 10 inches of rain was likely in the hurricane's path, posing the threat of flash floods and mud slides.

Gabriel Reyes Martinez, 22, was sleeping in his home of cardboard and corrugated metal Thursday morning when he heard his pregnant wife scream. He said he had been through a hurricane before.

"We saw the roof jump and then jump again and take off. It fell 45 feet from the house but thank God it didn't hurt anyone else."

Reyes Martinez and his family took refuge at an improvised shelter in a local school. The U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said the hurricane's eye was expected to slip west of the peninsula, but it still could rake the region with hurricane-force winds.

Hurricane Juliette was centered about 65 miles south-southwest of Cabo San Lucas at the tip of the peninsula, but hurricane-force winds extended 60 miles from its center and tropical storm-force winds reach out 230 miles.

Civil defense officials said they were evacuating 400 people from shanties and schools and converting them to emergency shelters. Tourists joined locals in hunting for emergency supplies of water and groceries in the few stores still open in this city of 25,000.

Computer consultant Peter Nunan, 43, of San Jose, Calif., peered out at the storm from the waterfront and mourned his luck.

He said he had been through typhoons in Japan and Taiwan on a business trip earlier this month. "Now I can't believe I'm being hit by a hurricane."

He said most of the people in his tour group had not arrived because the local airport had been hit by a hurricane.

Hurricane Juliette's strongest winds fell 45 feet from the house but thank God it didn't hurt anyone else.

"Being from Texas, we know the damage one of these can cause," said Jim Kelly, 46, a Houston stock broker. Kelly said he was planning to use the time to ask his girlfriend to marry him. "I'll probably ask her at the height of the storm."

Juliette was moving north at about 7 mph, but the forecasters said it should continue to weaken and turn away from the coast to the northwest.

The hurricane center said 5 to 7 inches of rain was likely in the hurricane's path, posing the threat of flash floods and mud slides.

Many local hotels were almost empty because of travel restrictions or fear spawned by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "While the envelope indeed contained a small amount of explosives, it did not have a detonator," he said. The incident would be investigated.

Local radio stations said the envelope also contained pamphlets with insults aimed at the United States but it did not have further details.

Security was reinforced at the embassy since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Chile

Letter bomb found at embassy

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

Police found a envelope containing explosives on Thursday near the main entrance to the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, authorities said.

The embassy confirmed only that police were alerted and that they handled the situation. No one was arrested and there was no immediate claim of responsibility, police said.

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NYC mayor may seek term extension

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Rudolph Giuliani got the support of two of the three mayoral candidates Thursday for a plan that would allow him to stay in City Hall for an extra three months while he guides the city through the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

But Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, one of two Democrats still in the race, declined to support the idea, saying he was worried about the precedent it would set.

Democratic Mark Green and Republican Michael Bloomberg agreed to go along with a proposal after meeting privately with Giuliani.

Green spokesman Joe DePlasco said Thursday the Democrat would support legislation delaying the inauguration of the new mayor for up to 30 days "if it is necessary to provide for an orderly transition." He added that Green has been "inclined to support an emergency measure."

Bloomberg campaign spokesman John McAdie said at a news conference Thursday that the mayor "would certainly be inclined to support an extension if that's what we would be asked to do to provide for an orderly transition."

Giuliani has remained focused on the massive recovery effort and has no hatred in the heart. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Mary, Queen of Peace

September 25, 2001 Message from your Mother

"Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer, especially today when Satan wants war and hatred. I call you anew, little children: pray and fast that God may give you peace. Witness peace to every heart and be carriers of peace in this world without peace. I am with you and intercede before God for each of you. And do not be afraid because the one who prays is not afraid of evil and has no hatred in the heart. Thank you for hav­ing responded to my call."

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RUSSIA

Chechen envoys suggest disarmament

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Chechen rebel envoys have contacted Russian officials about possible disarmament talks, a Kremlin envoy said Thursday, in the first step toward peace negotiations in two years of war.

The tentative overture was announced just before President Vladimir Putin's 72-hour offer of talks — his first such serious proposal — expired. Putin had repeatedly rejected Western calls for a political settlement, insisting the rebels should be eliminated, "We are under way.

Kremlin envoy Viktor Kazantsev, appointed by Putin to oversee negotiations, said a representative of rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov approached his delegation in Chechnya. He provided no details.

"We have just barely started," Kazantsev said on RTR television Thursday from a plane to Moscow. "I'm not saying they're ready; they have doubts." Kazantsev, who has been shuttling around Chechnya and nearby southern Russian republics since Putin's offer Monday, claimed that several dozen rebel commanders and fighters had "contacted" pro-Moscow Chechen officials. He did not elaborate.

"Discussions are under way. There will be a result. I am certain," he later told ORT television in Moscow. His deputy, Nikolai Britvin, said in a telephone interview from the Chechen capital, Grozny, that a small number of rebels had already surrendered, but did not say how many.

"The process has started and it will continue tomorrow and for some time," Britvin said. There was no immediate response from the rebels.

Formidable obstacles remain to any peace settlement. The Russian military is desperate to avoid a repeat of its humiliating troop withdrawal at the end of the 1994-96 war in Chechnya, which resulted in de facto independence. The Kremlin also wants to maintain a strong presence in the region and avoid the lawlessness that blossomed after the 1996 withdrawal — the main reason cited for sending troops back into Chechnya in 1999.

That invasion came after Chechnya-based rebels invaded the neighboring region of Dagestan, and after deadly apartment bombings in Russia blamed on the rebels.

Maskhadov, a rebel commander during the 1994-96 war, played a key role in negotiating a peace deal and has repeatedly proposed negotiations in this war.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Rioting resumes in Belfast

Associated Press

Belfast

A gunman opened fire on police lines Thursday as rioting by Protestant militants raged on a rubble-strewn north Belfast street for the second straight night.

Officers in helmets, flame-retardant suits and flak jackets suffered barrages of gasoline bombs, firecrackers, bricks and rocks during confrontations with several hundred Protestants. They responded with volleys of plastic bullets, the snub-nosed cylinders that are designed to knock down rioters.

During more than three hours of mayhem on the Crumlin Road, militants hijacked and burned several vehicles. At one point, police divers fared for cover as about 10 live rounds were fired at their positions, some heard ricocheting off the pavement.

The gunman wasn't identified and there was no report of injury in the shooting. The violence came after 31 officers were hurt in confrontations at the same spot Wednesday night.

On both nights, police have said they were preventing Protestants from marching toward Catholic homes in the nearby Ardoyne district, the focal point for regular confrontations since June between the riot-hardened police force and both sides of the community.

"The violence is crazy," Flanagan said. "People must realize these situations can only have one outcome — the loss of life."
WASHINGTON

Governors pledge to mobilize National Guard troops against terrorism at airports, where jobs are drying up because of travelers' jitters. The Pentagon said Wednesday it was expanding authority to attack hijacked airliners as a last resort.

Talking about military pilots' new rules of engagement in the war against terrorism, outgoing Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Henry Shelton said, "The last thing in the world that one of them wants to do is engage a commercial aircraft."

"Don't get the impression that anyone who's flying around out there has a loose trigger finger," he said.

Sixteen days after attacks that killed thousands, the Bush administration moved on several fronts to calm a still-fearful nation, hold the U.S. economy, identify the killers and forge a wartime coalition of disparate nations.

"Others will tire and weary, it is true, but not our nation," Bush told hundreds of flag-waving airline workers in Chicago, their industry and jobs in danger because of the Sept. 11 attacks. Amid a swirl of diplomatic activity, Bush met with European Union leaders, who cautioned him to retale with precision and focus. The president, by contrast, has talked about a broad war.

Despite words of caution from Europe, there was fresh evidence that Bush is fashioning a unique anti-terrorism coalition of disparate nations. A U.S. official disclosed that Sudan, long accused of harboring terrorists, has quietly rounded up as many as 30 foreign extremists since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was busy, too. He met with the foreign ministers of Belgium and Turkey as well as King Abdullah II of Jordan.

Adding his voice to the mix, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said he had been invited by the ruling militia in Afghanistan to take a "peace delegation" to the region. The White House discouraged Jackson, and the Taliban militia said they had not asked him to come.

Powell said point-blank: "We have nothing to negotiate."

In Afghanistan, where prime suspect Osama bin Laden is believed to be, Taliban leaders warned Americans not to expect the United States to overthrow their hard-line rule.

Those Afghans who want to seize power with the help of America are just like those fools who tried to stay in power with the help of the Russian army," said Talibain chief Mullah Mohammed Omar.

The statement, distributed by the Afghan Islamic Press, referred to the Soviets' miliary efforts in the 1980s.

There were protests against the United States in Japan and Malaysia while extremist Islamic groups in Indonesia threatened to attack U.S. workers in the country.

In the United States, more arrests were made of Middle Eastern men who obtained bogus licenses to haul hazardous materials. The FBI said those men were not connected to the hijackers, but there were concerns nonetheless of follow-up terrorist attacks.

Attorney General John Ashcroft released photographs of the 19 hijacking suspects and asked Americans to help identify those who are still in doubt.

"A national neighborhood watch," he called it.

In neighborhoods all over America, the economic impact of the attacks continued to grow.

Jobless claims rose to a year high, in part reflecting the dramatic decline in passengers since the attacks.

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Barack Obama, an American Airlines worker on hand for Bush's speech, said he and his friends are worried about the subsidy.

"Things are on edge," Obama said, "No one is calling in sick."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni should curb hypocrisy

There have been a number of letters and even an Inside Column published this week that relate back to the Michigan State game and, more at the center of controversy, what happened following it. As a recent alumnus, I’m siding with the students on this one. The question of class and loyalty should not be directed at the students but at their predecessors.

First of all, there was booing at post-game. Can’t deny it, it happened. Lt. Dan Cook called the booing a break in tradition. Tim O’Connor made an excellent point in his response that the booing was simply a way of showing the growing frustration that many Domers, past and present, are feeling right now with the program. Angela Campos’s Inside Column called for more support in the senior section and asked them to act more like their underclassmen peers. And I agree. Cheering like we’re up 24-3 even if it we’re not.

But to the student who left before the band, who crossed their arms during the 1812, who even booed, I cannot blame you. You were just following another example, not one from your peers, but one from your elders. After the game, the students are the only section that doesn’t cheer out and head for dinner reservations, more tailgating or to the bookstore to beat the rush. Or whatever the reasons are that alums leave. So can you blame the seniors for following in their footsteps?

The next time an alum calls for tradition and then accuses the students of being classless, or forgetting who they are or even where they are, remind the alums that they were once students too. That they had tradition. Ask them why they leave now, why they don’t stand anymore and why they set such a bad example.

To those alums like me who want to stand, who yell when the band plays, no stay to the end and still act like students — thanks. If only the rest of the alumni would follow our example.

Jeremy Sony
Class of '81
Columbus, Ohio
Sept. 27, 2001

Expressing thanks to Notre Dame

This weekend some friends and I traveled to South Bend to see our Spartans take on your Fighting Irish. When we got here we were astonished by the awesome atmosphere that surrounds this University and its great football tradition.

The bands coming together for the halftime show was a chance for the nation to see that no matter what happens — in these games we are all Americans. For the most part we felt very welcome here and enjoyed the day no matter what the outcome would have been. I thought the staff and students were great and further enriched the atmosphere.

I am thankful that we have build such a solid tradition and look forward to facing each other in the future. I wish the best of luck to you this season.

Ryan Jackson
Sophomore
Madison, S.C.
Sept. 27, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Falwell mirrors bin Laden

"I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and lesbians ...”

M. Derek Care

PITTSBURGH

IT'S HARDLY surprising that Falwell, like bin Laden, believes that there are far more of us than there ever were of them.

But for now, Falwell, who pointed his finger in the face of pagans, feminists, gays, lesbians, victims of the attack, and the country as a whole, should know just one thing. We are pointing a finger right back in your direction, and there are far more of us than there ever were of you.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apologies to Coach Davie

Fairness requires that I write this follow-up to my letter published in Wednesday’s Observer calling for Coach Davie’s resignation because our team and coaches were not on the field during the pre-game ceremonies. In my letter I stated that Coach Davie could offer no “valid explanation” for such absence.

Since my letter was published I have received a copy of a letter written by Tex Dutile, Chairman of the Faculty Board of Athletics, which explains that the Notre Dame and Michigan State Athletic Departments had agreed prior to the game that neither team would be on the field during the ceremonies.

While I continue to feel that it would have been more appropriate for both teams to have been involved in the pre-game ceremonies, keeping to the agreed upon approach is certainly a “valid explanation” for Coach Davie’s actions and I apolo­

Tom Desmond
Class of ’78
Chicago
Sept. 27, 2001
Davie to blame in game, not patriotism

After two games, the Notre Dame football team ranks close to last amongst all Division I teams offensive- ly. For that, Bob Davie deserves to be criticized. The first team entirely recruited by the Irish head coach lacks the explosiveness of Michigan State. For that, Bob Davie deserves our scowls and boos.

Saturday’s Michigan State game, where the Irish players remained off the field during the opposition’s America, Davie simply followed a plan arranged by athletic director Kevin White. And for the criticism Davie received from students, fans and media this week, he deserves an apology.

To admonish Davie, simply to blame him for Saturday’s actions is to correct a mailman for delivering an unwanted message. Why did his fellow Irish administrators, who first decided to keep the Irish inside the locker room, should face the wrath of fans, media and students not Davie? Although Michigan State ultimately keep their players in as well, head coach Bobby Williams and athletic director Clarence Underwood had the instinct — and pride in America — to change their mind.

In doing so, Michigan State showed that its true colors are not green and white, but red, white and blue. Through his decision, White only showed reverence for the blue and gold.

The claim that the Irish stayed in the locker room to maintain a sense of nor-mality is utter nonsense. Eight hours after the deaths of 6,000 countrymen, no one could remain unaffected.

Expectation stood up to the public’s attention span. All of us would like to see Osama bin Laden captured and terrorism eradicated by the end of the year. Three more years is long enough to make the president’s true presence felt in our econ- omy, in our military and throughout the world.

However, this freshman president cannot undo the terrorist network network over night that took tens of years to create. By this president’s senior year in his term, the US should be about learning. Football season opened for Bush when the World Trade Center was attacked. He won that game in the public opinion polls, but the season is young. Despite his tendency to promise too much by promising to eradicate all terrorist activities, look for Bush to beat the odds makers lines on most issues for another year due to the public’s inherent lust for revenge.

Bush has been presented with circum­ stances like no other president in our history. Thus far his staff has steered him in the proper direction with our nation’s response. While the public has given him the typical support during a time of crisis it will not formulate a permanent impression of him until election day of 2004.

Bush is operating within a completely new and uncharted set of circum-stances. He has opportunities unseen since Franklin Roosevelt’s administra­tion. He also has pitfalls before him unprecedented throughout history. Patience is not a virtue the American public holds for long after political crisis. Our declared war sets the perfect tone for our resolve for justice. Our unseen enemy will be difficult for the public to follow.

The public is willing to blame any economic decline for the next several months on the attack, but slimmer pocketbook surveys will eventually mean impatience as well.

The Bush advise need to temper the rhetoric so that expectations can focus at the true level of attainment. The John Wayne approach of bringing the outlaw to justice, getting the girl and riding off in the sunset is not a winning approach and will not work in this situa­tion. Yet the president keeps raising expectations and stepping up the public’s attention span.

Gary Caruso

NOTRE DAME FRESHMEN AND FRESH- women (let’s be politically correct, especially since this president claims to include everyone in his administration) have much in common with George W. Bush. Both have begun a new life unlike anything they had expected. They are still naive, well­ intentioned students, green with their mi­ litary surroundings and somewhat immature. Yet they both have tremen­ dous potential, and will undoubtedly have the opportunity to prove them­selves in time.

Our first freshman­ day on Notre Dame’s campus was a nightmare. I walked past Morrisey through the arch at Howard and headed toward the Golden Dome. Somehow I ended up in the library and was hopelessly lost. Returning to the dome, I found myself near Lewis Hall and could not figure out that the old Bookstore was located on the other side of the Main Building. I quickly learned how to tell north from south depending on how Mary was standing above the golden dome.

Bush’s last few weeks have been as traumatic. He campaigned on issues that has the immediate increase of funding for the military and less gov­ ernment in general. It was supposed to mean an influx of spending so the mil­ itary could replace much needed parts of its equipment and the acquisition of new equipment. It meant a reduction of taxes and an end to government intru­sion into the business lives of Americans, favorite topics of the conservative far right.

Ideally those tasks should be, for most Americans, supported without question for our resolve for justice. Our unseen enemy will be difficult for the public to follow.

Please be e-mail viewpoint.1@nd.edu by Friday to report your answer.

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Say cheese...

Scene sat down to a table full of pizzas to put them to the test — taste test, that is.

Scene Staff Report

Pizza is the college student's (second) best friend. When the dining hall keeps serving the same swill day in and day out, the Italian pie never loses its allure. The Observer, in keeping with its high standards of journalism, has sought out various South Bend pizzerias and put them through an excruciating series of "scientific" tests to determine which pizza is the best.

While not all pizzas available to campus were sampled, The Observer tried out six pizzas available for delivery. Marco's, Papa John's and Pizza Hut all have autonomous delivery; however, the remaining three were delivered by Dine-In, a third-party food delivery service available by calling (219) 675-9999 or visiting www.dine-in.com.

Marco's Pizza

Marco’s Deluxe pizza was by far the most aesthetically pleasing. Although its poor showing in the crust consistency category brought down Marco’s overall score, it fared as one of the better pies in the end.

This pizza makes no advancement upon the basic notion of the Italian pie, but therein lies its strength. Marco’s toppings were very fresh but their flavor didn’t overwhelm the pizza as a whole. Substantial improvement could be made to the mild and sparse sauce, however.

Unlike Papa John’s, Marco’s does not bury you in an inch of plastic-like cheese. In fact, you could even say that cheese is just another topping on the pie. Overall, Marco’s had the best balance of those tested and would be a good neutral brand to order if a group cannot decide between other brands.

Be warned though, Marco’s pizza with its cardboard-like crust tastes something like a rubber tire when it cooks off. So, eat it hot or get a mouthful of Michelin. This pizzeria, which promotes its use of fresh ingredients and carefully prepared pies, is definitely a reliable favorite. Papa John’s is located on 1827 South Bend Avenue. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday. Call (219) 271-1177 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

Pizza Hut

Pizza Hut is quite possibly the epitome of what a pizza should be. Like most pizzas, a Pizza Hut pie comes with several crust options, including thin crust, hand tossed and pan. Whatever style crust one selects, the buttery, melt-in-your-mouth, perfectly textured dough cannot be topped — except with the perfect amounts of sauce and cheese used by the masters at Pizza Hut.

The sauce complements the crust, allowing the flavors of each to mingle well. The sauce does not dominate the pizza or make the crust soggy. There is just enough sauce to create the perfect median between the crust and the cheese.

Too often, pizzas lack sufficient amounts of cheese. Pizza Hut places a fairly thick layer of flavorful cheese on each pizza it prepares. Toppings aren’t prone to slide off the pizza as the cheese holds them firmly in place. The pepperoni test ed for this review was neither too salty nor too spicy as some pepperoni tend to be.

Overall, from crust to toppings, Pizza Hut delivers the best pizza. Besides, you can’t knock an establishment boasting such educationally motivational programs as "Book It!"

Pizza Hut is located at 12017 South Bend Ave. Call them at (219) 675-9994 to place an order for carry-out or delivery.

Bruno’s Pizza

Bruno’s is located on 119 N Dixie Way. They are open from 4 to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Call (219) 243-1122 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

Papa John’s

Papa John’s, despite the pervasive taste of those jalapenos in the corner of the box, was a supreme pizza experience for one obvious reason; the special garlic sauce. Other than that little container of pure buttery pleasure, Papa John’s finest quality is by far the toppings, which actually look like authentic sliced mushrooms and assorted vegetables.

The scrumptious toppings overshadow the rest of the pizza, which is merely adequate in flavor; the doughy, powdery crust is conveniently bland — ideal for dipping. The test pizza, a veggie, was loaded with green peppers, onions and black olives. This pizzeria, which has earned a steadfastly devoted following among college students and become a staple of their diets, promotes its use of fresh ingredients and carefully prepared pies. It is definitely a reliable favorite. Papa John’s is located on 1827 South Bend Avenue. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday. Call (219) 271-1177 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

Other Pizza

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Nick Williams

self-proclaimed pizza expert commenting on Polito’s pizza

Confronted by a pile of pizzas, Scene taste-testers set out to sift through layers of toppings, cheeses, sauces and crusts to find out who serves up the tastiest slice in the Michiana area.
The following is a comprehensive guide to the best (and worst) pizzas around.

**Pizza King**

Pizza King's deluxe pizza featured curiously tiny and nearly unrecognizable toppings, including crumbled sausage and a tiny mosaic of uniformly shaped cubes of various vegetables. While the flavor is somewhat spicy and likable, the seeming absence of both crust and tomato sauce is disconcerting.

The cheese had a weak flavor and lacked the stretchiness of quality mozzarella. Thin-crust enthusiasts may enjoy the crispy outer edge of crust. Even though square-cut pizzas like this are always fun to eat, it still lacks the tang of a pizza with a zesty sauce or, at the very least, intact toppings.

Pizza King is located on 146 S Dixie Way. Pizza King has the most complex hours of any pizza parlor in the test. They are open from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, from 3 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Call Dine-In to place a delivery order at (219) 675-9999.

**Polito's**

Polito's pizzas make a stunning first impression. Upon opening the box, your eyes are met with a perfectly round pie, overflowing with toppings. Aesthetically, Polito's is a pretty pizza. The initial taste of a slice of Polito's pizza is great—until you get to the crust. Perhaps due to the enormity of the pie, the crust is not adequately cooked. Its mushy consistency and nauseating, fermented yeast flavor (think of the lovely smell of ethanol that cloaks campus on a humid day) contribute to an unpalatable masticating experience.

“I feel like I’m eating a vegetable birthday cake,” self-proclaimed pizza expert Nick Williams said of Polito’s pie.

Crust aside, the rest of a Polito’s pizza is not so disappointing. The sauce has the metallic zing reminiscent of the inside of the can from which it most likely came, the sauce is in proper proportion to the other ingredients. Buried beneath the toppings lies a bed of rather bland cheese.

The toppings taste very good, and there is enough above the crust to somewhat compensate for the uncooked dough. If hungry enough, one could scrape off the toppings and still have enough for a full meal.

Polito's is located at 4615 Grape Road in Mishawaka. Hours vary, so call Polito’s at (219)243-5385 for current hours. You can also place orders through Dine-In at (219)675-9999.

**Pizza Hut**

Pizza Hut's famous pan crust clinched its spot as number one. It seems that the best pizzas available to campus are from the big delivery chains. It is apparent from our results that the smaller restaurants are not going national for a reason.

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By DAVID COOK, MATT DENVICOLLA AND ANTHONY BISHOP
Spoon Winters

Forget about Stanford and Alumni. Dillon and Keenan are discovering that this is the game where they've no longer outside their window, but across campus.

When Dillon and Keenan take the field Saturday afternoon, they will continue a rivalry that has been maturing through the years and become especially heated last year.

After suffering a crushing 16-0 loss to Dillon during the regular season, the Knights were able to pull together a double overtime win against Dillon in the playoffs.

"This is a huge rivalry," said Dillon defensive end Ryan Hernandez. "This game will be more important than any other game against Alumni.'

The rivalry between Dillon players share the same sentiments as Hernandez.

"It was terrible losing (to Keenan) in double overtime," said Dillon captain Taty Gqoqo. "Dillon was the hardest fought game I've ever seen."

The Knights, having returned many players from last year, also remember that game.

"This is usually the best team in the league," said Brian Kunitzner. "That game was a big win for us. The odds were against us again.

Both teams have a history of being powerhouses in interhall football, but this year is no different. Both Keenan and Dillon realize this will not be an easy game, and they've both been preparing for this game all week.

"We definitely have a lot to do," said Knights captain Ben Murloik. "Our offense needs to sharpen up, and we added quite a few new guys to our defense.

Defensive linebacker Pat Robinson and defensive back Steve DeCesare will need to play better if they want to defeat Dillon.

"We showed a lot of errors against Stanford that we need to improve on," said Robinson.

Keenan will be looking to their experienced offensive line and freshmen quarterback Patrick Dayou to carry them through to a victory. One of the keys to the ball, Dillon looks to keep the ball on the ground for the most of the game. Look for Dillon running back Mitch Viener to see a lot of action on Saturday.

"We don't have very good passing," said Odum. "Our strength is running the ball.

Hernandez summed up the feelings of Dillon this past week.

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McGlinn looks to average last-second loss

By KEN CHAMPA, PHILIP KOESTER and MATT LOZAR

McGlinn's motivation for this week's game against the Off-Campus team (0-3) can be found by taking a walk down memory lane. This week, McGlinn (0-1-1) has carried the memory of last year's game into their year's game with Off-Campus. The Off-Campus team used a "Hall Mary" last year to defeat the Shamrocks in the waning moments of a rain-soaked game, 7-6.

"It was really disappointing to lose like that," said veteran Sarah Vatterott.

This week’s practice has brought back the memory of that heartbreaker, and the veteran Shamrocks are working to make sure it doesn't happen again.

This season the Shamrocks have worked on offensive creativity, thanks to newly found "Hail Mary" quarterback Jill Veselik. "They have worked more as a team, and when the coaches brought in a bunch of new plays, we communicated better and the plays worked," said Cawley. She and Howard quarterback Jessi Veliselik will be working to perfect the new plays and get their team back into Notre Dame and avenge last year's championship game loss, Thompson wasn't worried, however.

"Our Man-Cover-Two defense didn't look that good against Lewis because they had really athletic receivers," said Thompson. "We haven't seen any stand-out receivers from Howard so we're going to be keying off of the quarterback again."

On the defensive side of the ball, the Ducks will look to freshen players on the defensive line and its linebackers, led by senior linebacker Quad Schuster, to prevent Fary to scoring any much-needed points.

"Our defense controlled the ball and had a great game against Off-Campus," said Untiedt.

Badin vs. Breen-Phillips

The battle of good defenses will be the highlight of Saturday's game, with the Breen-Phillips defense being held to an 8-0 win over Passau. The Phoxes will look to improve their defense this week.

"We have changed up our defense formation in practice," said Lyons senior captain Irene Pangborn. "But I guess they would be our closest rival."

Hard work this week has led the team towards a game more of a unit.

"Everyday we are looking better and better," said Pangborn. "We are improving daily. We pull out weight equally and put in a lot of hard work."

"The Ducks have one simple goal for this Sunday's game. We are just trying to win," said Paulson.

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O’Neill hungry for more wins

By KEVIN BOYLE and MATT DeNICOLA
Sports Writers

What was it like for O’Neill Hall never having won before?

"It just made us that much more hungry," team captain John Enterline said.

O’Neill had a breakthrough win last week with a 34-7 victory over St. Ed’s, but their hunger was not satisfied. O’Neill hopes to follow up last week’s monumental win in their upcoming match-up with Fisher Hall.

"We’re looking to build upon last week," Enterline said. "We’re not going to stop after one win, we want to get something going and get into the playoffs. Every game is a big game."

Fisher is also coming off of a big win, last week they defeated Archbishop Knott 24-8. The offense was productive against a tradition-stingy defense while the Wave’s own defense only forced four turnovers.

The Wave, however, is not cocky or complacent. They won’t overlook the Angry Mob despite its lackluster football tradition.

"With new freshmen coming in any team could be a contender, you have to be ready every week," Fisher captain Ray Aftandilians said.

Last week both teams’ defensive line did a good job of putting pressure on the quarterback.

"Our linebackers came up big last week, and our defensive line did a great job of applying pressure," Aftandilians said.

"We need to continue to do our best to have everyone go all out on defense until the whistle stops; that’s what you have to do to win. Offense will help us out but defense is what will get us to the stadium."

On the offensive end, the Angry Mob stuck mostly to the ground while the Wave maintained a balanced attack. Fisher was not as offensively dominant as the score would indicate; they got lucky and had a one-handed ball that was caught for a touchdown. They need to be more focused on improving their execution against O’Neill.

"The catch got us through, but we want to make preparation work rather than luck this week," Aftandilians said.

O’Neill is looking to add a few new wrinkles this week to the offense that only passed three times last Sunday. They appear to have the weapons to do so, as quarterback Troy Montgomery connecting to wide receiver Kyle Johnson twice for touchdowns last week. If only they kept interhalf quarterback ratings.

On the other end, Fisher is looking to keep this game going and get into the playoffs. Every game is a big game.

Ask Stanford or Morrissey, neither of whom scored a touchdown with a season opener. But when these two teams face off this Saturday, neither team wants that to happen again.

"We’ve been focusing on defense and trying to improve the pass attack," said Stanford captain Dave Dilworth. The Griffins allowed only one touchdown down last week, and hope that the defense can step up in a similar fashion this weekend.

Stanford’s defense may not need much work, but the offense struggled in their opener. Dilworth is confident that his offense can come alive.

"Our running game is our strength; running the ball, controlling the ball, and not giving it to the other team," Dilworth said.

Dilworth’s confidence in the run is not unfounded, considering the more balanced aerial attack.

"If we have a big run, we can always come up with big plays," said Dilworth.

But Morrissey is not frightened by the Griffin backfield.

"I think we are strong enough to beat any team," said Morrissey captain Andy Baum. "If we need to make adjustments during the game, then we will."

The Griffins are just as confident.

"We still want to go 3-1," said Dilworth. "On a scale of 1 to 10, this game is a 10. We have to win out the rest of the season."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Dutch sweep Belles
By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Thursday was not a good day for the Saint Mary’s volleyball team.

The bad news started when senior captain Angela Meyers’ MBI revealed a torn ACL.

Having lost their captain for the season, the Belles traveled to Holland, Michigan to face the conference leading Flying Dutch of Hope College.

The situation did not improve as Hope dispatched Saint Mary’s in three straight games, 30-17, 30-25, 30-26.

The Belles find themselves in a slump. Having lost their last four matches, the team needs a victory of any kind.

As though things weren’t bad enough, her absence makes an already young team even more inexperienced.

Losing Meyers depletes the senior count to three.

In place of Meyers, Saint Mary’s had to look elsewhere to replace her. Alison Shevlik led the team in that category with 13 total digs while Jolie LeBeau posted nine digs, and six kills.

Around game with three aces, however, in losing Meyers, the Belles not only lost their best player, but also their captain. This senior has the longest tenure of anyone on the team along with two school records.

This weekend, the Belles look to snap their losing streak this Saturday as they host Alma and Ibarra in a three-team round robin tournament.

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A Saint Mary’s player serves the ball during a match last week.

The team aims to regroup for this weekend. The Belles look to develop a winning streak this Saturday as they host Alma and Ibarra in a three-team round robin tournament.

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Hockey

Blue-Gold game to raise cash for charity

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

This Sunday when the Notre Dame hockey team suits up for its charity Blue-Gold Game, it will hit close to home. That is because the game is to raise money for the Coaches Foundation for cancer research. What makes it unique is that every player has dedicated the game to a person he knows with cancer.

Team captain Evan Nielsen is playing for Doug Wickenheiser.

“My dad played professional hockey, and one of his teammates was Doug,” said Nielsen. “He was in his late thirties when he died of cancer. Everyone knows someone who has had it.”

The idea for a cancer fundraiser started five years ago with the Notre Dame hockey Run for Cancer. That event lasted for three years. Last fall, the fundraiser was switched to a hockey scrimmage.

The idea for a cancer fundraiser came from Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh. Walsh’s son was diagnosed with cancer, and then preceded to help set up the Coaches Foundation.

Last year the Blue-Gold game raised $2,500 for the foundation.

Unfortunately a somber mood will be felt on Sunday, since Walsh passed away this week from his cancer.

“It was really shocking to hear about his death since all the news we heard indicated he was doing fine,” said assistant coach Andy Staggert.

“I was shocked by [Walsh’s] death,” said Nielsen. “He was a well respected coach, and it is a big loss for college hockey.”

For the game the squad will split up into two teams, Blue and Gold. Assignments to the teams will be random, to ensure the match would be competitive. A bonus for Irish hockey fans is that this will be the first time to see the freshman class on ice. The play will consist of two 21-minute periods. The team is excited to be back on the ice trying to forget last year’s disastrous campaign.

“It [the Blue-Gold game] is a great thing to have,” said Nielsen. “We just started this week, and it is nice to have a big kickoff for the season.”

The Irish have a scrimmage against the University of Toronto next weekend in the JACC. The season starts against Union College on Thursday Oct. 11th.

The Blue-Gold game action starts Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Admission is free, but fans are asked to make a donation at the door.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Irish battle Big East foes**

By SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writer

The No. 24 Notre Dame women's volleyball team will face two crucial Big East opponents this weekend. The Irish start off against Virginia Tech tonight at 7 p.m. and finish with a contest against Georgetown on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tonight's match will be the first ever between Notre Dame and Virginia Tech. Unable to rely on past meetings, the Irish have been doing their homework by studying tapes and team statistics. At 3-7 and 0-2 in the Big East, Virginia Tech is the underdog, but the Irish consider their game with the Hokies to be an important Big East matchup.

"It doesn't matter what they're bringing," coach Debbie Brown said. "It matters what we're doing on our side of the net."

In Notre Dame's last match against Syracuse, the Irish had a rivalry," said head coach Bobby Johnston.

Following are the players who have been instrumental in Notre Dame's success this season:

- Senior Shannon Artnak: Artnak, a forward, has continued to excel in her role as starter. She leads the team in scoring with 11 goals and five assists in the past three games.
- Freshman Molly McCavitt: McCavitt has made a significant impact on defense with her ability to cover opponents and dispossess them.

The team is confident in their ability to compete against the Big East foes.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Red-hot Belles win third straight**

By KATRINA KALASKY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s didn’t play like a team of freshman Thursday.

When SMC took the field against Indiana Tech, the team was playing against a squad that had only played teams of freshmen. Indiana Tech never stood a chance against the Belles, who slapped them with a 5-0 victory for their third consecutive season victory.

"We know how to play together as a team now," said head coach Bobby Johnston.

With three wins under their belts, the Belles continue their MIAA season against number one ranked Allion College on Sunday. Despite the fact that his young team is taking on a conference powerhouse, Johnston plans to keep everything just as it is.

"We've been playing well so we will keep the same style," he said.

The Belles winning streak has increased their confidence and they are ready to take on solid competition.

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Belles in thick of MIAA championship hunt

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

No more practice runs. Today is the real thing.

Three MIAA tournaments, each one with a different winner, and two months of practice all come down to this weekend.

Saint Mary's wraps up its conference season this weekend at the MIAA Championship at Brookwood golf course and the Belles want to come home with a trophy. "We all want to win," team captain Megan Keleher said. "We've really been leading up to this and we've been playing consistently all season."

Consistency is going to be key for the Belles this weekend. Competition Hope and Alma have been lead by a single solid player shooting under 80 — Lacy Wicknall for Hope and Courtney Rheinhardt for Alma. But Saint Mary's plays solidly across the board, with all four of their top golfers finishing in the top 10 in the three past MIAA tournaments. This weekend, as they tee off on their home course, the Belles are hoping that consistency comes through.

"We have a big advantage playing on our own home course," Keleher said. "I think that's key... because we know the course so well we'll all play consistently."

Keleher will be joined by a young group of golfers who have led the team all season. Freshman Stefanie Simmerman has consistently been the top golfer for the Belles this season and is hoping to be a top finisher again this weekend.

"Personally my goal is to go out there and play to the best of my ability," she said. "I'm really looking to go out there and place somewhere in the top three or four."

Freshman Julia Adams, sophomore Liz Hanlon and junior Molly Lee will take their places alongside Keleher and Simmerman as the Belles top five golfers. "As an individual I think that because it's a championship round... I hope to post a good score and to help the team," Hanlon said.

The Belles posted a victory during the first MIAA tournament, but fell to third and second in the next two tournaments. But this weekend they have the home course advantage. The last three years competition at Brookwood Golf Course has been rained out, so this weekend marks the first time any MIAA team will step foot on the course.

"This is a great benefit to us because this course is one that every other girl in the conference is not a favorite of," Hanlon said. "Knowing the course is a big benefit for us."

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New coach brings new approach

By JOE LINDSLEY  Sports Writer

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:30 a.m., Shannon Byrne and her team mates crawl out of their beds and head to the weight room to begin the day’s circuit training.

This is a new era in Notre Dame women’s golf. After just three victories last season and unorganized practices, the Irish, under the direction of their first full-time coach, are ready to focus their efforts on making a name for the team. This weekend, they start with their first intercollegiate tournament.

“I have a five year plan to get us into the top 25 in the nation’s women’s golf rankings,” said new coach Debbie King.

King has led the University of Memphis women’s golf program to the NCAA tournament four out of the past five seasons.

Their quest begins Saturday at the Warren Golf Course, where the Irish are looking to defend their Notre Dame Invitational title. This competition this year is supposed to be tougher than before. Under the leadership of King, the team has stepped up its work outs and they feel they are ready to win.

The Irish have not played since the Notre Dame Women’s Golf Campus Championship Sept. 7 and 8. “We’ve been on the road, we’ve been getting ready,” said Byrne.

In fact, the golfers usually had to practice on their own, as there was not much structure with a part-time coach. King’s full-time presence has completely altered the team’s routines, with the weight and cardio workouts two mornings a week as well as more structured practices in general.

“The additional structure has caused us to focus,” said Byrne. “We’re all on the same page now, and we know exactly what’s expected of us.”

King believes one of the major keys to improving the team’s stature is getting the players to believe in themselves.

“I like to work my players from the inside out,” she said. “King, showing her dedication to the Irish, summed up her reason for coming to Notre Dame this season.

“I felt my chances of winning a national championship would be better [at Notre Dame],” she said.

There are not just one or two leaders of the Irish. Everyone will have their time to contribute, and everyone’s going to be needed,” said Byrne.

In addition to veterans Rebecca Rogers, Kristin Medri, Jaqueline Murphy, Taibl, and Byrne, the team will also look to freshmen Karen Lotta and Casey Rotella.

The members of the Irish women’s golf team realize that changes are coming to their program, so they are looking forward to the prospects proposed to them by King.

“Things are going for us. We all feel like we’re a part of something,” Byrne said. “It’s exciting, it’s a challenge.”

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1934 marks beginning of a revolution

Jackson Park Tournament marks first competition for Saint Mary's

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

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When Anne Pikosovits and Frances Fuller were playing field hockey at Saint Mary's, they had no idea they were creating a revolution. They simply wanted to have fun with their friends. So, in the fall of 1934, 12 women showed up to form a field hockey team, marking their first time there was any organized athletic team at the College.

"We just wanted to have fun, to get out of the classroom," said Pikosovits, who will accept the 1934 Field Hockey Team's Hall of Fame Induction at Angela Athletic Facility Saturday. "We wanted to do something besides study all the time ... that's how we got together."

Under the direction of Isabel Kane, a physical culture instructor at the College, the students met for practice and scrimmages after class. For most of them, it was the first time they had been exposed to the sport.

"It was a rousing experience, the team returned to the Jackson Park Play Day in Chicago, a regional tournament for teams from local colleges," The South Bend Tribune reported on the event, writing that the College sponsored a spaghetti dinner, a "rousing" pep rally and sold hockey patches to fund the team's trip.

For the team who had never played against anyone but themselves, it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

"We were so young, so inexperienced ... we hadn't played anyone else," Pikosovits said. "We had never left the campus for a game before."

The team was scheduled for three 15-minute games on Saturday, Nov. 10, 1934, and walked away tying University of Chicago, 0-0. They lost one game to Battle Creek College 2-0, and won by default to Lake Forest College, who did not appear for its game.

One year later and with one year's more experience, the team returned to the Jackson Park tournament on Nov. 3, 1935, and notched a victory against Northern Illinois State Teachers College. They tied North Junior College 2-2, and lost to Northwestern University.

Within the next five years, a basketball, equestrian, tennis, canoeing, volleyball, track and field, archery, golf, badminton and hiking teams were established. Within the next five years, the College would field eight teams for varsity competition and join the NCAA as a full-fledged member.

But tell that to Pikosovits and Fuller now, and they'll humbly tell you they just did it to have fun.

"This is a very novel idea," Fuller said. "It was important to me and the team."

"I feel very humble," Pikosovits said. "I feel a lot of pride in it ... I didn't want to pat myself on the back, but I thought it was a pretty good thing to happen."

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seasons

When Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Bafferty Weldon graduated in 1938 with her name already embossed in Saint Mary's tradition, she set a model for the Belles swimming and diving team she served as coach for over 15 years. Weldon held individual school records in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle.

The '30s produced the largest part of the 2001 induction class. Megan Dalsaso '94 (above) and Karen Lorton '93 (below) are two of the inductees in the inaugural class of the Saint Mary's Athletic Hall of Fame. Photos courtesy of Saint Mary's Athletics.

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Belles athletics changes from single team to conference champion

By KATIE McVOY

Associate Sports Editor

It's not a history that includes perfecting the forward pass or claiming countless national championships, but it is a history worth revisiting, a history of growth and expansion. From the first team to take the field in 1934 to the first MIAA championship team last year, the Saint Mary's Athletic department has grown with the times.

In 1934, 12 women took the field as the first organized athletic team in Saint Mary's history and won one game. That was the beginning of a program that features seven varsity teams, a complete intramural schedule and a physical fitness program today.

"That was just such a fabulous statement and landmark for Saint Mary," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

Following that first game in 1934, the department moved from an intramural program to an NCAA member up to NCAA status in 1990.

By 1982, Saint Mary's had established a complete varsity program, sponsoring swimming and diving, softball, basketball, gymnastics and crew. The Belles established a club rivalry with Notre Dame's varsity women's teams and had their share of competition across route 31.

The Belles seemed to take control in volleyball, beating the Irish the first two years the women played varsity, but always seemed to fall short in basketball, keeping a series record of 0-10 against the Irish.

"With the rivalry is a fairly new one, the intensity is high," said Mary DiStansil, former Notre Dame women's basketball coach.

With the intensive program under way, the Belles needed a conference affiliation. Under the leadership of athletic director Erin Murphy, Saint Mary's joined the MIAA in 1997, helping forward establishing itself in the athletic world.

Following its arrival in the MIAA, Saint Mary's had one of its best spring seasons in history. The softball team claimed the Indiana Division III Championship and 14 members of the track and field team qualified for nationals. Earlier, they had grabbed top-six finishes.

When Jo-Ann Nester took over in 1984, the NCAA wasn't enough. Over the next five years Nester looked into membership and by 1989, the Belles had dual membership in the NCAA and NAIA.

"As an NCAA Division III affiliate, we now have the opportunity to compete in non-scholarship division among schools with athletic and academic philosophies similar to ours," Nester said at the time. "This kind of peer scheduling clearly will allow our teams to be more competitive in post-season play at the district, regional and national level."

For the next nine years the Belles would play in the NCAA, finding their conference affiliation. The Belles program hit its peak under the leadership of Marvin Wood. In 1997, Saint Mary's would take its final steps to becoming the program it is today.

Beginning in 1997, the Belles had been playing with the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. Finally, in 1999, they took the final step and became fully-fledged members of the MIAA. Acting athletic director Jimi Cook took the Belles most of the way and then handed the program over to Kachmarik for completion.

"I don't know that our sports can offer a stable conference, a stable schedule and a strong competition to incoming freshman athletes," Cook said after she brought Saint Mary's into the MIAA.

Two years later, the Belles have one MIAA championship to their name and are looking for another one this weekend.

Over 60 years after the first Saint Mary's women took the field, moving from intracollege competition to state level competition, Saint Mary's is still looking ahead.

"Now I would like to see our teams compete at the NCAA Division III national level," Kachmarik said.

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ND Women's Soccer

No. 4 Irish: We're finally playing up to our ability

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

After struggling in some of their early games due to injuries, the No. 4 Irish are finally healthy and ready to return to last year's form that carried them all the way to the NCAA Final Four.

With a three game streak and a newfound confidence, the Irish hope to continue their momentum this weekend against Big East opponents Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

"For the first time all season, all three separate units — offense, midfield and defense — we're on the same page," said senior fullback Lindsey Jones. "Tuesday was a great reminder that we are capable of playing well together. I think we have moved past some of the mistakes that hurt us at the beginning of the season because we are communicating with one another."

While the Irish certainly showed they were capable of defeating any team in the country with their resounding victory over No. 3 Nebraska on Tuesday, the Irish have yet to be tested on the road this season.

On Friday night, the Irish will leave the friendly confines of Alumni Field and travel to Pittsburgh.

While the Pittsburgh Panthers are not regarded as one of the stronger teams in the Big East, Notre Dame knows full well that they cannot take anyone lightly.

"I do not think playing on the road will be a problem for us because all of our upperclassmen have traveled and played on the road before," said Jones. "Playing on the road will be a new experience for the freshmen, but I think we are ready for the game Friday night."

The Irish expect Pittsburgh to play a very defensive-oriented game to offset Notre Dame's superior athleticism and speed. The Panthers boast last year's Big East goalie of the year Rachel Brown. The Irish must rely on the passing abilities of their midfielders Randi Scheller and Mia Sarksian to create quality scoring chances for forwards Amy Warner, Amanda Guerin, and Kelly Tulisiak.

The Irish will have little time to recuperate from Friday's game against the Panthers as they must return to South Bend to host the West Virginia Mountaineers on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field. Sunday's game for the Irish is critically important because the Mountaineers are currently tied with the Irish for the Big East lead.

Last year, the Irish squeaked out an overtime victory at West Virginia so they know that West Virginia is eagerly awaiting their chance to avenge last year's loss.

"This is a huge game for us for so many reasons," said Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum. "This game will go a long way in determining who will the Big East Title."

West Virginia has three All-Big East players in their starting lineup including projected Big East offensive player of the year Katie Barnes. West Virginia is an excellent team. "They already have some big wins this season including a big win over No. 19-ranked Auburn," said Waldrum. "I expect West Virginia to give us a real challenge so we must play our best to defeat them on Sunday."

The Irish's record currently sits at six wins and one tie. If they play the way they did against Nebraska on Tuesday night, their record will most certainly be improved to eight wins and one tie at the end of this weekend while sitting atop the Big East with four wins and zero losses in conference play.

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Sophomore forward Amy Warner dribbles around a Nebraska defender during Notre Dame's 1-0 win last Tuesday night.
Freddy and Inches

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5Down - Effective leveler
6Down - Pilot's problem
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11Down - Flash light?
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16Down - Artistic Maya
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Saint Mary’s remembers the athletes and coaches who brought athletics from one field hockey team to a rising MIAA force with induction in the College’s new Athletic Hall of Fame.

Story by Katie McVoy

The 1934 Saint Mary’s field hockey team that will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday was the first organized athletic team in College history. Nine other individuals will be inducted with the team this weekend.

This weekend will be a weekend of memories and a weekend aimed at the future. A wall in Angela, Athletic Facility that has long remained empty will become a memorial to the members of Saint Mary’s athletics who came before and forever changed the face of Belles athletics.

On Saturday, the Saint Mary’s athletic department will re-institute the Athletic Hall of Fame and hold the first formal induction in department history. It was something I wanted to do the day I got here,” athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. “I feel there are so many women (and men) who need to be recognized.”

The Hall of Fame, which was instituted in 1993 by athletic director Jo-Ann Nester, is currently home to only four Saint Mary’s athletes. After the class of 1994 was named, the Hall of Fame fell into disuse and it wasn’t until Kachmarik became athletic director in 1999 that the idea to reopen the Hall of Fame came to light.

“I’ve been researching,” Kachmarik said. “This is a natural time to do this. We’re trying to get back in touch with alums.”

Ten former members of the Saint Mary’s athletic department will mark the inaugural class. Beginning with the 1934 field hockey team that competed as the first represented Saint Mary’s team and culminating with 1994 graduate Megan Dalasso, the men and women who will be inducted cover over 50 years of Saint Mary’s athletic history.

“Their stories, what they have to say, is the best part of this induction ceremony,” Kachmarik said. “It’s not what we’re going to say about them, it’s what they’re going to say to us to give us more appreciation and more memories of Saint Mary’s.”

The 1934 field hockey team competed in the first intercollegiate athletic event in Saint Mary’s history. The team took part in the Jackson Park Play Day Hockey tournament.

“Some things just stood out with the 1934 field hockey team,” Kachmarik said. “It was just a given — this is a team that went out and represented us back in 1934.”

Mary Fran Shaff Meekison, a 1940 graduate of Saint Mary’s, played an important part in Saint Mary’s athletic history before varsity athletics were a part of the department. She won the Helen Holland Voll Trophy in 1938 for outstanding participation in intramural athletics. She was a key player on her class’ basketball team while at Saint Mary’s and remains an involved alumna. The athletic department recently named “The Mary Fran Meekison Senior Athlete Service Award” in her honor.

“Her commitment to Saint Mary’s since she has left here is obvious,” Kachmarik said.

Nester, who served as the athletic director for Saint Mary’s from 1984-1993, contributed to the progress of the Saint Mary’s athletic program. In 1989 she began taking steps to change Saint Mary’s from an NAIA team to full NCAA Division III status.

“There’s a whole history of sports before varsity athletics,” Kachmarik said.

Marvin Wood is in the minority. However, being the only male member of the induction class is not the only way he has distinguished himself. Wood served as the head basketball coach at Saint Mary’s from 1984-1995. The Saint Mary’s team played some of its most successful years under his leadership and, following his death in 2000, the department dedicated a memorial bench to him. His wife Marilou will represent him on Saturday.

“Marvin Wood, a coach who gave so much to Saint Mary’s, was just part of history here,” Kachmarik said. “He just epitomizes everything we stand for.”

The last six members of the class of 2001 represent the height of varsity play at Saint Mary’s. Debbie Laverie, a 1985 graduate, pioneered the Saint Mary’s tennis program that has recently risen to prominence. Laverie was Saint Mary’s first NAIA All-American tennis player, was named to the All-District team and qualified for national championships. After graduation, she turned to coaching and was named the District III Coach of the Year for three consecutive seasons.

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Holiday newest hope for Irish offense

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Desperate to avoid the first 0-3 start in school history, an 0-2 Notre Dame football team enters Saturday’s game at undefeated Texas A&M the object of national scrutiny, piloted by first-time starter Carlyle Holiday.

Holiday’s ascent to the highest-pressure position in college football clearly illustrates a reality that we’re not scoring enough points,” said Irish head coach Bob Davie Tuesday. “Carlyle deserved that opportunity to see if he can generate points.”

Davie understands that Holiday can only do so much to put the ball in the end zone.

“I think our team understands we need execution in all phases,” Davie said. “We needed to improve in so many ways to win, it doesn’t matter who was the quarterback.”

The Irish have shown only brief flashes of proper execution, mostly on defense.

“We have been solid this section, mostly on defense,” said senior inside linebacker Tyreo Harrison, a native of San Antonio, Texas. “This date has been marked for a long time.

“Just the fact that it’s in Texas is huge,” said senior inside linebacker Tyreo Harrison, a native of Sulphur Springs, Texas. “This date has been marked for a long time. It’s been on the Aggies’ calendar a while as well. Texas A&M has yet to play a ranked opponent, with wins over light, struggling to think we are capable of beating anyone in the Big 12,” said Slocum in a press conference Tuesday. “We have never relaxed since Sunday.”

Neither have the Irish. The prospect of getting back on track against a team he was once so personally involved in has Davie excited for Saturday.

“I think we can beat this team, I think we are capable of beating anyone in the Big 12,” said Slocum in a press conference Tuesday. “We have never relaxed since Sunday.”

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Facing the pressure — at home

Sophomore quarterback will make his first start in his home state

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Carlyle Holiday walks into the interview room for his first teleconference as Notre Dame's starting quarterback. When he gets there, he finds a surprise.

Sitting with the rest of his pads and jersey — waiting for him to wear during a photo shoot — what appears to be a large white ball. Upon closer inspection, Holiday feels that it is his helmet — with about seven layers of athletic tape completely covering it.

“That’s just our offensive line,” Holiday said. “When they are getting treatment, playing around with us, just because we are littler than they are.

Looking like your average Notre Dame sophomore, he answers questions, he remains modest, and listens patiently, considers every question and provides a thoughtful answer.

But the world for this quiet, collected 19-year-old changed with one phone call Monday morning.

Called Into Action

Back in his room in Carroll Hall, the teleconference with Holiday before practice. So after class, Holiday walked over to the locker room at Notre Dame Stadium and sat down to listen to the coaches. The message was short, but it had a meaning ofastronomic proportions.

Holiday would take over for Matt LoVecchio as Notre Dame’s starting quarterback Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M.

“I was very matter-of-fact,” LoVecchio said. “But it’s something you don’t go right and do better next time. I wish I could switch places for a day with: my dad

With less than two full quarters of play behind him — none this month — the unknown factor is how Holiday can play a full game under pressure.

“It’s how you respond to the bumps in the road and how you respond to the mistakes more than how it is when things are going smoothly,” head coach Bob Davie said. “That’ll be the mark of whether he’s a successful quarterback or not.”

Facing the pressure

The players are different. The reporters are different. The practice environment is different.

The reports have played in high-pressure environments, including homecoming games.

“I don’t really let anything distract me,” Holiday said during the teleconference, his voice remaining calm and collected. “I’ve just been going to practice with the same mindset I have been since this season started. There’s been a lot more questions asked or whatever, but I just, you know, sort of try to stay focused in football.”

But the fan attention can cause some problems. Notre Dame student e-mail addresses are available to anybody via the school’s Web site, and Holiday has received his fair share of support.

“I probably have [received] quite a bit of e-mail from fans, but I don’t check them any more,” he said. “It’s getting a little bit out of control.”

As Holiday reflects on the answers, he exhibits not one bit of the arrogance or cockiness associated with many athletes of his caliber. He treats every reporter and every question as fairly and honestly as he can.

“He is a special guy,” Rogers said. “You’re talking about one of the nicest people you ever wanted to meet. There’s not a big shot bone in his body, I think he’s genuinely a decent human being.”

Coming home

The attention and pressure is nothing new to Holiday. He played high school ball in Texas for Roosevelt High in San Antonio. High school football in Texas is to football what religion is to a priest. Quite simply, it’s life.

“It’s pretty big,” Holiday said. “It’s almost like a college atmosphere. It’s serious.”

On Friday afternoons, school would let out early. The gymnasiums would fill to the rafters as cheerleaders and students and families cheered the team on at the pep rallies.

But the atmosphere has its negative side as well.

“If coaches don’t win down there in football, they get fired,” Holiday said.

And Homecoming game was the biggest of all. Fifteen thousand fans would fill the stadium.

Players and their dates spent even more time getting ready for the homecoming dance than they did for Prom. Girls walked around with bouquets of flowers that covered their arms.

“Homecoming was real big. It’s serious,” Holiday said. “People walk around with 20 [flowers] on their arm. It’s just big.”

Playing in that atmosphere helped Holiday adjust to starting on one of college football’s most glorified roles as well as adjusting to large venues.

“There are big crowds at the games down there,” Holiday said. “It helped out a little bit, it’s not the exact same amount as the college game, but it’s as big as it gets in high school.”

On Saturday, Holiday has his own personal homecoming. He’s already left tickets for 15 friends and relatives who plan on making the trip up to College Station from San Antonio, and has fielded requests from many more.

Kyle Field isn’t wholly unfamiliar to Holiday, who attended games there his junior and senior years of high school when he was recruited by Texas A&M. He is ready for to the loudest game he’s ever played, but says he needs to adjust as well.

“It’s not really a factor, unless we make it a factor,” Holiday said. “We’ve worked on it.”

Holiday also looks forward to seeing his parents, who called him with congratulations Tuesday night.

“They’re excited, they just want me to go out and win,” Holiday said.

Winning on the field is why he came to Notre Dame. While he may be quiet, Holiday looks reporters and coaches in the eye and says he came to Notre Dame to win.

Saturday he gets his chance.

Right back in Texas, where he started.

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Sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday rolls out during practice last season. Holiday will be making his first start Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M.

Up close & personal with Carlyle Holiday

Carlyle Holiday

birthdate: Oct. 4, 1981
hometown: San Antonio, TX
favorite food: Mexican
hobbies: watching TV, playing pool, hanging out with friends
hometown: San Antonio, TX
major: Finance
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-2
AP: Unranked
Coaches: Unranked

Bob Davie
fifth season at Notre Dame
career record:
30-21
at Notre Dame:
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against Texas A&M: 1-0

Bob Davie, head coach

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Oct. 13 W. Virginia
Oct. 20 USC
Oct. 27 at BC
Nov. 3 Tennessee
Nov. 17 Navy
Nov. 24 at Stanford
Dec. 1 at Purdue

COACHING

Dave's never been on a seat as hot as the one he's on now. He'll have to win to get the critics off his back. No Notre Dame coach has started off-0-3 ever.

Holiday is the clear starter here. Irish coaches have decided to shake up the offense and give him the sophomore his first start. The coaches have also made clear that he will see most of the action - it's unlikely that LoVecchio will see significant playing time.

While Slocumb and Davie remain great friends, they call each other every week - Slocumb living some 1,500 miles in the other team's territory. While he can look forward to the game, Davie's focusing on saving his job.

Slocumb is synonymous with Texas A&M football. He is virtually unbeatable at home. Slocumb was responsible for giving Dave his first major coaching position.

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ANALYSIS

After two quarters of sputtering offense, the Irish will score three second-half touchdowns to pull away. Kimberly's homecoming will be sold, but not spectacular. Game balls for Fisher, Watson and a surprising Tyree Harrison.

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Irish experts

Noah Amstader sports editor
Andrew Soukup associate sports editor

The Aggie defense, knowing the Irish never throw down the field, will focus on the stopping the run. While Kimberly will provide a spark, he can't do it all. While Notre Dame's special teams play well, the game close and the defense will control the Aggies' spread offense, the lack of offense will kill the Irish — again.

Irish RUSHING

Texas A&M: 44
FINAL SCORE: Texas A&M 17 Notre Dame 13
The defense line looked a 100 percent better last week, sending Buckett to just 71 yards. Watson and Harrison have also proven that they are capable of providing both run support and a pass rush.

The Aggie running backs have been hampered by injuries. Joseph only carried the ball eight times against Oklahoma State and Flemming only had 71 yards last week. Farris isn’t a running threat, either. Like the Irish, Texas A&M doesn’t use their fullback much.

Texas A&M doesn’t use the run much, but when they do, they’re not very effective. Similar to Campbell, Wills and Weaver shouldn’t have much work done controlling the Aggie rushing attack.

Head

Texas A&M

Aggies

Record: 3-0
AP: Unranked
Coaches: Unranked

R.C. Slocumb
13th season at Texas A&M
career record: 112-37-2
at Texas A&M: 112-37-2
against Notre Dame: 0-3

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4    Kasey Cheshier
5    Seth McKinney
6    Brian Thompson
7    Brian Gamble LB
8    Kasey Casteel DL
9    joe Weber RB
10   june Harnett LB
11   lee Weber LB
12   Maurice Harris DB
13   Wunna
14   Mike Penright
15   Austin Davis DB
16   Chance Britt Lively
17   joe Weber RB
18   Brian Thompson
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22   Alonzo Wells DB
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SPECIAL TEAMS

FINALS: Texas A&M 24
Notre Dame 10

Two games. Two losses. Twenty points. That doesn’t sound like a formula for success. The Irish need point production and they need it fast. Holiday didn’t have big shoes to fill but he has a huge task ahead of him. Once again, leave it to the defense to carry the burden of keeping the Irish in the game.

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Davie will hold a prominent spot in Notre Dame history — but for something he will be proud of. He will be known as the only coach to start a season 0-3. Missing an imtested quarterback with a loud and crazy stadium is a recipe for disaster. The Irish defense will remain tough, however, and keep the score close.

Texas A&M

2001 Schedule

Sept. 1 McNeese State - W
Sept. 6 at Wyoming - W
Sept. 22 Oklahoma State - W
Sept. 29 at Notre Dame
Oct. 6 at Baylor
Oct. 13 vs. Louisiana State
Oct. 20 at Kansas State
Oct. 27 Iowa State
Nov. 3 at Texas Tech
Nov. 10 at Oklahoma
Nov. 23 vs. Texas

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Before the season, people thought the Irish secondary would hurt the defense. Turns out they were right. Against Michigan State, Notre Dame’s cornerbacks couldn’t stay with receivers, missed key interceptions, and made costly tackling errors.

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Holiday gets first taste of media frenzy

I don’t envy Carlyle Holiday. Not one bit.

Nor, for that matter, do I envy Matt LeVoechcino, Gary Godsey, Arnaz Battle, Jariious Jackson, Roon Powlus and the legions of Notre Dame quarter­backs who came before them.

"I made this joke before about whether you’re the head coach or whether you’re the quarterback," Bob Davie said earlier this season. "Notre Dame fans love to discuss that issue of who is going to replace Tom Sawyer and the envy Matt LoVecchio, Gary Godsey before Joe Smith, Texas A&M’s third string water boy, in second grade piano recital?"

Monday afternoon, it was no different for Holiday.

The first question a reporter asked Bob Davie was if he had picked a starting quarterback.

Yes, we’re going to go with Carlyle, Davie said.

A few more questions came Davie’s way — questions about Kyle Field and offensive communication.

Then, someone noticed Holiday walking through the tunnels, and the crowd around Davie evaporated.

Instantly.

Before he knew it, Notre Dame’s newest starting quarterback felt a tug on his arm by one reporter asking for a minute of his time so he could answer a few questions.

Holiday finally walked away from the crowd of 20 or so reporters about 20 minutes later. He might have even been sunburned from the multitude of TV camera lights pointed at him.

"There must be a new sheriff in town," said Davie, who was sunburned a few feet away. Then, more somberly, he added, "That’s what it was like with Matt last year.

And that’s how it was with Gary Godsey before LeVoechcino, and Battle before Godsey.

Everyone wants to know about the quarterback.

And, when things go wrong, everyone begins to point fin­gers at the quarterback.

"The quarterback gets too much blame and too much credit," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said.

It’s hard to anticipate what the pressure is like when you first sign with the Irish. Holiday received a series of congratula­tory e-mails from die-hard Irish fans when he picked Notre Dame over Nebraska and Texas A&M a few years ago.

"I understood the world I was coming to when I came here," he said. But did he really?

A few e­mails from some subway alum­ni is one thing. Being asked three times in the same inter­view if you have ever played in Kyle Field for a high school all­star game is another.

Sure, he saw LeVoechcino last year answering questions about everything imaginable last year. But when people are ask­ing about your jock size, it’s another thing entirely.

"I don’t even check my e­mail anymore," Holiday said.

"It’s getting out of control.

You can try to guess at what it will be like. You can think you can handle it. And it’s nice to receive the attention at first. But when it’s the same ques­tions, day in and day out, you can’t help but get frustrated.

"It’s been a lot this week," Holiday said. "People are going to ask their questions... When football is going on, I just think about football at that time and I just try to get away from all the questions and all that stuff.

Holiday can try all he wants. He’ll never get away.

People will still follow Holiday around after games, asking questions about every single aspect of the game. If the defense doesn’t play well, he’s going to get asked about it. If a wide receiver has a good game, he’s going to get asked about it. And if Holiday screws up, he’s going to get asked about it.

Just ask LeVoechcino. After every game, he talks to tape recorders, boom microphones and television cameras, answering questions about missed plays, missed field goals and missed opportunities too or three times.

And when the people who have recording devices are finished with him, they walk away wondering why he didn’t say very much.

In fact, the only person who answers more questions than the Notre Dame quarterback is the Notre Dame head football coach.

And that’s too bad. Because all Holiday and LeVoechcino want to do is play football.

But they can’t.

Welcome to the position of Notre Dame quarterback.

Enjoy your stay.

Andrew Soukup
Associate Sports Editor
Wildcats ready for emotional home opener

By GREG LADKY
Sports Writer

Saturday's game between No. 23 Michigan State and No. 16 Northwestern will be the Wildcats' first home game since the death of safety Rashidi Wheeler. Wheeler collapsed and died shortly after a summer conditioning drill Aug. 3, just days after Minnesota Vikings star Korey Stringer died of a heat stroke during practice.

Both deaths shocked the football world. Northwestern will pay tribute to Wheeler before the game with a moment of silence, along with a ceremony for the victims of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11.

The Wildcats look to improve to 3-0 for the first time since 1962. Ara Parseghian was the Wildcats' head coach that year. To win, the Spartans will offer the Spartans a healthy dose of running back and Heisman candidate Damian Anderson, who gained 189 yards and four touchdowns.

LSU's game against Tennessee in Baton Rouge will be a key test in how the Wildcats' defense performs against the young Spartan offense. The Spartans should be able to score points in bunches. Expect an offensive shootout in this game.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Wildcats' quarterback Zak Kustok hands off to Damien Anderson during Northwestern's victory over Illinois last season. Northwestern's game against Michigan State is the first home opener since Rashidi Wheeler's death.

OTHER TOP GAMES

LSU at Tennessee

Neither of these SEC powerhouses has played since Sept. 8. Saturday night's game between No. 14 LSU and future Irish opponent No. 7 Tennessee is a key battle in determining who plays in the SEC championship.

The game will be the Tigers' first visit to Volunteer Stadium since 1993. The Tigers beat Tennessee 38-31 in overtime last year in Baton Rouge. LSU has outstanding skill players. In last week's 31-14 victory against Utah State, running back Brandon Toefield rushed for 183 yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Rohan Davey can run and throw. He has 482 yards passing in LSU's first two games.

The Volunteers squeezed out a 13-3 victory against Arkansas in their last game. Running back Travis Stephens ranks third in the country with 158 rushing yards a game. Many experts consider Tennessee defensive lineman John Henderson the best player in the nation.

Anticipate a thrilling SEC game filled with talented players on both sides of the ball. Like most SEC battles, big plays will win this game.

Kansas State at Oklahoma

Two great defenses will collide when No. 11 Kansas State and No. 3 Oklahoma battle Saturday. No team played the defending national champions as tough as the Wildcats. The Spartans will be flying high after their victory at Notre Dame last Saturday. Running back T.J. Duckett looks to get back on track after a modest 71-yard rushing performance against the Irish. The Spartans will likely split snaps between Jeff Smoker and Ryan Van Dyke at quarterback again.

Saturday's game matches two of the best running backs not only in the Big Ten, but also in the nation. Expect big days from both backs. Michigan State must exploit the height advantage their receivers have over the Wildcat corners. Michigan State wide receiver Charles Rogers stands at 6-foot-4. Northwestern wide receivers Raevon Cotttington and Chad Martin stand 5-foot-9 and 5-foot-11 respectively. Rogers scored the 47-yard touchdown that finished the Irish last Saturday.

Irish fans will take interest in how the Wildcats' aggressive spread offense attack moves the ball against the young Spartan defense. The Wildcats should be able to score points in bunches. Expect an offensive shootout in this game.
Come back and do it all night long one more time.

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