Dealing with the unexpected

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's offer support to pregnant students

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

Farley rector Sister Carrie Etheridge remembers several years ago when one Notre Dame student came back from summer break with one big decision to make.

Discovering she was pregnant and without the support of the baby's father, (also a Notre Dame student), the woman had frightening questions and concerns.

Etheridge, in conjunction with other on-campus support services, helped the student make the best decision for her life.

"Now she's married and older and wiser. It was a hard choice, but it wasn't a bad choice," Etheridge said. "God gives us nine months so we can take this thing step-by-step."

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer a variety of services to pregnant students seeking advice and support. Through health services, pastoral care and residential support, women facing an unplanned pregnancy are not alone.

Ann Thompson, director of University Health Services, said her staff provides confidential pregnancy tests and counseling. Regardless of the outcome, UHS will not disclose the test's results to anyone. Students can even arrange to pay for the test so records are not sent home to parents.

Saint Mary's brings a gynecologist to campus every Tuesday, and therefore the school can offer the first prenatal exam to a student experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

"We are a campus of women. We want to be supportive of women," said Peterson. See SUPPORT/page 6

Senior facing unplanned pregnancy will embrace motherhood

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

Bubbling her belly and taking deep breaths, Rachel Jones soothes away another set of Braxton Hicks contractions. Well into the sixth month of her first pregnancy, Jones has learned how to deal with any surprises her body may throw at her, including these pre-labor pains.

Sitting in the great hall of O'Shaugnessy, with sunlight streaming through stained glass, Jones sits with an ethereal glow. She looks just like any other Notre Dame student with her jeans, T-shirt and backpack.

But she isn't just like any other Notre Dame student.

When Jones found out she was pregnant June 22, shock overwhelmed her to tears. The 23-year-old senior and theatre major had been properly taking birth control for years and had never planned on getting pregnant.

"I was that .01 percent who gets pregnant even when they're taking everything correctly. It happens," she said. "Before I got pregnant, I was totally anti-kids—they got on my nerves. I've never had much interest in having kids of my own. I've still never held a newborn."

Breaking the news

Once she emerged from her brief state of shock, Jones started telling her boyfriend, family and close friends. A South Bend native, Jones has spent the last eight years with her boyfriend, who is currently a student at Bethel College. She told him about the pregnancy over the phone because she "couldn't wait to tell him face-to-face."

Student a finalist for quarter design

By ELIZABETH LEE
News Writer

Freshman Amy Peterson has shown pride in her home state of Alabama by submitting a design for the state's quarter as part of the "50 States Quarter Program."

Peterson will know in the next few weeks whether her design has been chosen. Currently a reporter from the Birmingham News said Alabama Governor Don Siegelman was in favor of her design.

All of the submitted designs were sent to the U.S. Mint to be evaluated for content and compatibility, and the actual quarter will be released in 2003, as the 22nd in the series.

Peterson's quarter design.

Siegelman opened the contest to design the state quarter to all students in Alabama. Peterson's father, who himself had previously won a contest to design the state's forestry license plate, read about the contest in the newspaper and encouraged her to submit a design for the quarter.

She says that her father's past artistic success inspired her to enter the contest and be a part of Alabama's history.

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Student spirit suffers with losing season

By MARIBEL MOREY
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Faced with a disappointing football season, student fans seem to be arriving at the stadium after the opening kickoff with a waning sense of spirit.

"It makes students sound like fair-weather fans, but you can't argue with the fact that football games are more exciting when they're good games and we're winning," said Curt Roberts, an off-campus senior finance major.

Because of the losing season, Saturday mornings might not seem to hold the same thrill as previous years.

"This year I haven't woken up on Saturday with the same excitement in the past," said Roberts. "Part of the reason could be that I'm a senior waking up off-campus—not on campus with all the excitement. Part of it could be going and seeing us lose heart-breaking games."

Brian Dosal, sophomore finance major, has seen a similar reaction.

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Students travel to SOA protest

By MEGHANNE DONWES

This weekend thousands of individuals from across the country will unite to seek the closure of the school that has provided military training for individuals who have gone on to corrupt dictators and military officials in Latin America.

Young, old, religious, lay, pacifists and anarchists will descend upon Columbus, Ga., to engage in the annual non-violent protest to close the School of the Americas (SOA), or as it is now known, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

A group of Notre Dame students, who are sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, leave Friday evening following a 5 p.m. vigil at the Peace Memorial.

For many of the Notre Dame students who are attending, this weekend is important to them because of the awareness that it brings and the message that it represents.

"I have spent time in El Salvador and Mexico and feel called to represent the pain and suffering that I heard of through the friends I made. I have seen the pieces and remains of U.S. military equipment used to kill men, women, and children and I feel responsible to some extent for this aspect of U.S. involvement. For me, the issue deals with the fact that a School here in the U.S. was directly involved in trying to kill those who have become my friends in El Salvador," said senior Brendan Egans.

Since its establishment in 1946, the SOA, a U.S. government-funded school, has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers. El Salvador's Atlacatl Battalion, which is composed of several SOA graduates, is responsible for the deaths of six Jesuit priests, more than 800 deaths at the El Manzate massacre and more than 500 deaths at the Sumapaz massacre.

"I think for me personally, it's more important for me to go this year to be a voice to say what our policy is in Latin America and and take a stance to say that I don't support what our country is doing with regard to Latin America," said senior Megan Sheehan.

As a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this year's protest has taken on a new significant meaning.

"If we are against terrorism then we have to recognize and abolish our own complicity with terrorism. Terrorism is not only Bin Laden and Islamic extremism. Terrorism is training oppressive military forces as well as such things as drive-by shootings, terrorism in any act or force that attempts to drive fear and a sense of death upon a people. If George Bush is truly against terrorism, then he should close down the terrorist training camp in Fort Benning, Ga.," said Egans.

One of the many aims of the protest has always been to increase awareness of the injustices and infringements on freedom that many in Latin America are subjected to due to their military and governmental leaders.

The schedule for this year's protest has changed due to the nation's current battle against terrorism and the heightened state of national security. The protest will take place at South Columbus Park instead of outside the gates of Ft. Benning where the School has the Americas is located.

The two day event includes talks from family members of victims who were killed by SOA graduates, analysis and educators. Vigil and prayer services take place throughout the day, interspersed with music.

Nearly past participants said that the most powerful part of the weekend is the solemn funeral procession that will take place on Sunday. Due to the changed location, the procession will begin at the park and participants will walk carrying coffins that are symbolic of the six Jesuit priests who were murdered by the Atlacatl Battalion.

"A drum beat is heard in the background as the list of victims is read aloud."

The need for a non-violent protest is more important than ever this year, according to Egans.

"This year's protest will take place on Sunday. Due to the changed location, the procession will begin at the park and participants will walk carrying coffins that are symbolic of the six Jesuit priests who were murdered by the Atlacatl Battalion."

Unlike in past years when protesters would cross the gates of the SOA, the protest will end in front of the recently constructed eight foot perimeter fence where participants from the procession will cover the fence with pictures of victims.

"Every time I go I am struck by the hope that there is and the power of the people who are acting on the behalf of others along with the power of unity and strength to act out against violence," said senior Rachel Soltis.

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Grandmother to join SOA protesters

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Among the dust-filled roadways and noise of vehicles, flatbed trucks rolled through the metropolitan center. Rumbling along the sidewalks, piles of corpses lay heaped in the trash or the cargo, limbs hanging limp over the sides.

It was a message, 77-year-old Hazel Tulecke said, sent from the government to the Guatemalan people: obey the government, or end up like those who didn't.

"It was a warning to the people — Don’t get your hands in this, or you’ll end up like those who didn’t," she said.

And although she didn’t know for sure, Tulecke began to hear rumors circulating among the intellectual undergrou nd of how the violence in Central America was supported by the United States government.

Observing the Central American political climate while living with an internation al group of people, the Tuleckes believes,"I'll march to protest, I'll protest the government, and I'll recognize that the government, earning the name of ‘disappeared.’"

As a list of names of the dead were read aloud, each person in the procession said "Presente," to symbolize the living and the dead were there to together, she said.

But Tulecke and other protesters crossed a police line, and were arrested. Although she knew the risk of the action, she did it anyway. The consequences, she didn’t regret.

After a last trip south, she was sentenced to three months in an Illinois federal prison.

"We were just looking for a law, and recognizing that the last four months of the nation’s highest law, not the one you really owe your allegiance to," she said. And just don’t throw your country into legal ways.

During Tulecke’s three months in prison, she and the other nine protesters sent her maker contacts to a "welcoming" inmate community, she said. While she never knew what any of her fellow prisoners were there for, she realized they were facing similar goals.

"I didn’t understand it at first," she said. "It took quite a while to figure out why they were so happy we had come. We had faced a common enemy — the government as a system, I guess."

Tulecke will join the college students — including a group from Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s — common citizens and the religious in Fort Benning, Ga., this weekend, although she does not plan to face hearth in itself of danger. But she’s been speaking to college students in her words, are the future of the School of Americas Watch movement.

What she tells them, she says, is the movement is important to her, and why she disagrees with much of the American foreign policy, and believes so strongly in pacifism.

"Now, I can protest in other ways," she said. "(The college students) are a spot of hope for me."

Speakers discuss religion, terror

By ANDREY THAGARD

Notre Dame professors from the anthropology, theology, engineering and history departments and a Kroc Visiting Fellow professor discussed the religious aspects surrounding the events of Sept. 11 and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan in Thursday night’s academic discussion. The group, including professors Michael Baxter and Patrick Gaffney, Mohamed Gad-el-Hak from the engineering department and visiting professor Thomas Scheffler, focused not only on Islam fundamentalism, but also Christianity and how the two religions interrelate.

"One way to look at this is a problem of Muslims," said Gaffney. "Our task as Americans is to start engaging in the process together so it isn’t ‘us versus them.”

The panel discussed fundamentalism in the two faiths — a way of thinking that has its origin in the two religions interrelate. The group emphasized the need to recognize the origins of just how the Islamic fundamentalism arose from the defeat in these years.

But the group emphasized the need to recognize the origins of the Islamic fundamentalism and strive to better understand its roots and the Muslim faith. "I must admit I was mystified (by Islam), But I don’t want to be mystified much longer.”

"What gave them (the terrorists) the courage, and would say the hubris, to challenge a state so much more powerful?” Scheffler rhetorically asked.

The group, according to Scheffler, was motivated and acted on anger, the opportunity to start and sustain their cause, and the confidence that they can see the cause together.

"The third element is provided by religion,” Scheffler said.

Islam cultivates a divine promise that God will protect the religious both in this world and in the afterlife, according to the panel.

The group, however, was quick to point out that religion should not be held accountable for the events of Sept. 11.

"Religion is going to get a bad rap after all these events, particularly religious individuals,” Baxter said. "There’s so much awfulness in the events of two months ago that seems overwhelming."

Along with a better understanding of Islam, the United States needs to reevaluate its policy toward the Middle East, the panel said.

"Part of the complaint against the West is their support of the corrupt governments that fundamentalists are trying to unseat," Gad-el-Hak said.

"They have an image, an icon of power that seems to be unresponsive,” Gaffney said. "They feel the world is unjust to them. They live in places that don’t respect their freedom and dignity."

The panel said that understanding the roots of these problems is vital to understanding the current situation and ensuring good relations between the world’s one billion Muslims and four million adherents to Islam in the United States.

"Maybe the days of Osama bin Laden are numbered," Scheffler said. "But the religious mindset is deeply rooted, and it won’t disappear with the capture of Kadhafi."

"Religious Dimensions of the Conflict” was one of a series of Quad Panel discussions organized by the Holy Cross Institute and geared toward reflecting on the events of Sept. 11. Approximately 30 people attended the Thursday discussion held at Mcglinn Hall.

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**U.S. may allow food sales to Cuba:**

For the first time since the United States imposed trade sanctions against Cuba four decades ago, Havana is negotiating a deal with American producers to buy food and agricultural products to replenish stockpiles destroyed by a recent hurricane.

**Nations hope to aid global growth:**

Reaching a consensus that they hope will rejuvenate the world's economy, trade ministers from more than 140 nations agreed today on a agenda to topple tariffs and liberalize trade on everything from wheat to insurance policies. In six days of nearly round-the-clock meetings in this Persian Gulf emirate, the members of the World Trade Organization sought to balance their national interests against the urgent need to shore up the world's battered economy.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Lawmakers push terrorism bill:**

Two state lawmakers plan to push a package of bills designed to enhance the state's ability to respond to terrorist acts. Rep. Mike Murphy and Rep. Dale Grubb announced their proposal Thursday and said they expected bipartisan support for them when the General Assembly convenes in January.

The eight-point plan includes a constitutional amendment that provides an order of succession if the offices of the governor and lieutenant governor are vacant at the same time and the General Assembly is unable to meet immediately to appoint a new governor.

**AFGHANISTAN**

**British Royal Marine Commandos take part in an exercise at Camp Fairburn in the desert of Oman October 14, 2001. The British are now involved in humanitarian operations in territory controlled by the Northern Alliance.**

**British troops fly into Bagram**

Associated Press

Up to 100 British commandos have flown into Bagram airbase north of the Afghan capital Kabul, defense sources said Thursday.

The sources said the Royal Marines were checking out the base's facilities and paving the way for humanitarian operations in an area which is now in the hands of the opposition Northern Alliance.

"They did not have to fight their way in," said one defense source.

The British soldiers were drawn from forces retained in the area after Operation Swift Sword, a major military exercise staged in Oman.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair had put British troops on standby to be rushed to Afghanistan to secure airports and aid routes after Northern Alliance troops swept the Taliban from great swathes of the country.

International Development Minister Clare Short stressed on Thursday the need to move swiftly.

"The crucial next step in terms of the humanitarian effort is securing order," Short told reporters a day after Britain put thousands of soldiers on 48-hour notice for duty in the region.

France said Thursday it would send troops to northern Afghanistan "in a matter of days" as part of an international aid and reconstruction mission to the country.

"We are working on a French contribution, probably with other coalition countries, to create a security base that would reestablish infrastructures and normal living conditions in the northern zone," Defense Minister Alain Richard told reporters.

**Security bill ready for approval**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

House and Senate negotiators reached agreement today on a major aviation security bill that will put federal employees in place to screen travelers and baggage at all the nation's airports within one year.

The agreement clears the way for final approval of the legislation by both houses of Congress on Friday.

White House officials welcomed the accord. However, under the agreement, the federal government would have a much larger role than President Bush or House Republicans initially wanted. The Senate prevailed in its insistence that the screeners should be federal employees, at least for three years.

The improvements in airplane security, including higher wages for screening personnel, will be financed with a fee of $2.50 imposed on each passenger boarding a plane.

House Republicans did get some degree of flexibility. Five airports could conduct pilot projects testing the use of private contractors to do the screening, under federal supervision and control. After three years, other airports could seek permission from the federal Transportation Department to use private security companies or state and local law enforcement officers, in place of federal employees. In addition, all air port security would be under control of the Transportation Department, as the House wanted — not the Justice Department, as the Senate had proposed.

Under the agreement, all checked bags must be screened for bombs and explosives by Dec. 31, 2002. At present, fewer than 10 percent of such bags are screened.
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With her 16-year-old sister due in a month with her first child and her 21-year-old sister a new mother, Jones said their mother was ready to support her from the start.

"It shocked her, but she is very supportive," J.J. Was born on Jan. 17. I think she would have had more of a say-so. She still has her usual mom questions, though," Jones said.

Without a doubt, Jones said her greatest source of strength comes from her friends, especially those in the Notre Dame theatre department. Jones came to Notre Dame as a theatre major, but found the artsy, college family atmosphere of the theatre department especially appealing.

That family has been the most supportive aspect of Notre Dame.

"If they had been negative all this time, I don't think I'd be able to be a accepting of my situation as I've been, Jones said.

Facing obstacles and changes
Jones said students are not as comfortable with their condition as their friends in the theatre department. Cross-campus everyday has been quite a challenge for a lone pregnant student. The gap between teachers and students is very strong.

Regardless, Etheridge insists that support is the main focus.

"You don't have to go it alone. You don't have to make every decision within the first 48 hours," she said.

"Life is beautiful no matter what it is conceived." Living in a female dorm, she has witnessed incredible acts of spirit and generosity towards women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy.

"In every instance, friends rallied around the pregnant woman. We call ourselves a community - does that only allow one woman to?" Etheridge said, adding that she has even seen a few dorm-sponsored baby showers over the years.

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Cathy DeCleene, the Health and Wellness Program Coordinator at Mary's, "We encourage women to talk to their support system."

Although prenatal health care facilities for pregnant women do not exist on either campus, the two schools provide transportation to any off-campus doctor's office. She also said she especially recommends the Women's Care Center in downtown South Bend.

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Abandoned terror lab found

Associated Press

KABUL

Materials left behind in a compound used by Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida network — including a booklet offering advice on how to survive a nuclear explosion — suggest the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical arms and other unconventional weapons.

Foul-smelling liquids and charred papers covered with chemical formulas littered a makeshift laboratory in one al-Qaida building in the heart of Kabul. Maps, mines and computer manuals were found in others.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday that the documents are consistent with bin Laden’s statements saying he desired nuclear weaponry.

But papers found detailing how to make a nuclear device were “taken off the Internet some years ago” and could’ve been widely available to people other than the al-Qaida terrorists, he said.

U.S. officials have said that they had no information to suggest bin Laden has succeeded in gaining nuclear weapons.

But “we have to be prepared for all eventualities including a nuclear threat,” Ridge said.

The Kabul compound appeared to have taken a direct hit from what northern alliance soldiers said was a U.S. rocket.

The Times of London newspaper reported Thursday that designs for nuclear weapons, bombs and missiles — written in Arabic, German, Urdu and English — were among the debris left behind.

“There are descriptions of how the detonation of TNT compresses plutonium into a critical mass, sparking a chain reaction, and ultimately a thermonuclear reaction,” The Times said.

Room after room was filled with papers, formulas and maps, some partially burned, some with handwritten Arabic notes. There was a yellowed page from an old issue of Plane and Pilot magazine — a story titled “A Flight to Remember.”

At the rear of the main house, one room contained mountains of papers, some from training manuals showing diagrams of weapons. An English-language book described how to use a recoilless rifle. Small, anti-personnel mines littered the floor of another room.

An al-Qaida soldier in camouflage drew, Mohammed Nisar, walked through three houses poking out pieces of paper with formulas, handwritten diagrams, pictures of rockets and other weaponry. In the basement of one house was what looked to be a laboratory.

In another house where the al-Qaida men resided, according to Nisar, four different types of land mines were found. Northern alliance troops had emptied two old railway cars parked in the yard that its soldiers said had been packed with arms and ammunition.

“Look, you can see the land mines,” Nisar said, moving to pick one up. “It’s safe now; we have disarmed it.”

Deep beneath the house werewhat seemed to be bunkers and other weaponry. In the other room, another room.

There were more papers and diagrams — some in Arabic, some in Persian, some in Urdu — and maps with large circles to mark locations.

Earlier this year, The Associated Press acquired an 11-volume Encyclopedia of Holy War, written in Arabic and dedicated to bin Laden and the Taliban.

Another sprawling al-Qaida compound, built on a former Scud missile base in the hills that surround Kabul’s Darulaman Palace, apparently served as training grounds.

“We found lots of books and papers and newspapers,” said Haji Abdullah, a northern alliance commander.

“I threw most of them out.”

A laminated certificate retrieved from the rubble identified the holder as a “military training instructor,” alliance soldier Jan Aga said.

The northern alliance, which now controls the abandoned house, said one Pakistani in custody, Naimad Ullah, just 17. Ullah could only speak Urdu.

He looked terrified.

“I am afraid to say anything, they will take my head off,” he said in Urdu. The northern alliance soldiers said they had kept him safe for three days and had captured him on the front lines north of Kabul.

Ullah said he was a student at a madrassa, or religious school, in Pakistan and had come to fight with the Taliban during his school holidays. His captors promised him his safety.

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The first year I’ve gone in late to games—seeing everyone even undergraduates coming in late is kind of unusual — which I’ve never seen before.

Although Dosal gets to the stadium early and stays throughout the game, he knows a lot of people who have been getting there late as well.

Gagnon says that decreased football attendance relates more to the challenges of the game and the weather than to school spirit.

“When the games are exciting, nobody leaves,” he said.

According to Gagnon, the ushers don’t see much earlier departures from the game this year than any other.

Robak, director of securi­ty and parking, said this sea­son is no different from any other.

“I don’t see people moping around,” Rakow said. “There are no more students staying in the dorm than we’ve had in the past.”

Although apparel sales can also be an indicator of a sway in school spirit, the Hammes store said apparel this year either.

“We’ve sold more this year than last year at this time,” said Tammy Green, apparel manager.

“Students probably have a better vantage point than the administration,” said Bob Davie, head football coach.

“[Students] are the ones with the spirit and if they say it’s declining, it’s declining.”

Roberts was excited with football’s freshman year after the win over Michigan before the crowds rushed onto the field.

“I never see the school spirit as it’s been at that point,” he said. “If I go to a major bowl next year, it’ll be major excitement. It’s obviously not aperm any thing as where Notre Dame’s spirit has declined.”

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A Week of Peace and War Education

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Sunday Nov. 11
Collections in Basilica and Hall-Masons to benefit Catholic Relief Services, Refugee Camps

Monday Nov. 12
4:00 pm, Hesburgh Center Auditorium
*War, Peace & Imperatives of Justice: An Islamic Perspective*
lecture by John Kehoe, Florida State University
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Keanan/Stanford, "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"
McGrane, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
Morrissey, "Seeing through the Media"
Pasquella East, "Refugees and Displacement"

Tuesday Nov. 13
4:00 - 5:30 pm, 117 Hayes-Healy Hall
*The Aftereffects of Terrorism: Understanding the Psychological Impact of Trauma*
(Len Heikema, Wendy Settle, Susan Haurst)
7:00 pm, 101 DeBartolo
"Appalachia, Sept. 11, and Broader Implications: A presentation to Appalachian Seminar by George Lopez, Kroc Institute
7:00 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Keanan/Stanford, "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"
McGrane, "Civil and Human Rights"
Morrissey, "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"
Pasquella East, "Fighting Terrorism"
9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
Italian Film: "Lungo il Cammino" in the Land of the Mujaheddin
Introduction by Jill Golumb

Wednesday Nov. 14
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Keanan/Stanford, "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"
McGrane, "Seeing through the Media"
Morrissey, "Students Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
Pasquella East, "Civil and Human Rights"
9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
Italian Film: "Lungo il Cammino" in the Land of the Mujaheddin
Introduction by Jill Golumb
10:00 pm, Morrisey Manor Chapel
Interfaith Prayer Service
Muslim-Christian Prayer for Peace

Thursday Nov. 15
7:00 pm, McKenna Hall (CCE)
*Holy Land and the End of Conquest: The High Price of Nations Today*
lecture by Benedict Anderson, Cornell University
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Keanan/Stanford, "Fighting Terrorism"
McGrane, "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"
Morrissey, "Refugees and Displacement"
Pasquella East, "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"

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Aid workers lifted to freedom

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan: U.S. special forces helicopters swooped into an Afghan field Thursday morning and plucked four foreign aid workers, including two Americans, who were freed from a jail in the country during an anti-Taliban uprising.

The aid workers, who were arrested two months ago, included two Australians and four Germans, landed at Chakdara air base on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital of Islamabad. All appeared in good health after three months in captivity — the last two hours of which they spent in a jail in Ghazni, about 50 miles south of Kabul.

"It's like a miracle," George Taubmann, one of the freed Germans, said upon his arrival at the German Embassy in Islamabad.

The aid workers for Shelter Now International, a German-based group, had been accused by the Taliban of preaching Christianity, a serious offense under the Talibam's harsh Islamic rule.

As the Taliban were fleeing the Afghan capital Kabul early Tuesday, the eight thought they were about to be freed. Instead, the Taliban put them in a vehicle and began driving them south.

The Taliban "put us all into a steel (shapping) container," Taubmann recounted. "It was terrible cold. They wanted to lock the container and leave us there until the morning. We had no blankets. We were freezing the whole night through."

On Tuesday morning, the six women and two men were removed and placed in the jail in Ghazni.

They soon heard bombing by American war planes. An hour later, an uprising against the Taliban began. Shortly afterward, bearded gunmen "broke into the prison. They just opened the doors, and we actually were afraid the Taliban were coming and taking us to Kundshah. We were really scared," he said.

But the men shouted "Freedom!" and let the aid workers out onto the streets of Ghazni, where Taubmann said they were treated like conquering heroes.

"We walked into the city, and the people came out of the houses and hugged us and greeted us. They were all clapping," he said. "They didn't know there were foreigners in the prison."

"It was like a big celebration for all those people," Taubmann said.

The soldiers provided protection for the aid workers until three U.S. special forces helicopters picked them up in a field near Ghazni in the pre-dawn hours of Thursday.

Taubmann said the women burned their burqas — the all-enveloping robes the Taliban requires females to wear — so that American helicopters could find them in the darkness.

"It was very dramatic right until the end," he said.

In addition to Taubmann, the eight foreign aid workers are Americans Heather Mercer and Dayna Curry, three Germans, Margrit Stelnar, Katja Jelinek and Silke Duerkopf, and Australians Biana Thomas and Peter Bunch.

Also, 16 Afghan employees of Shelter Now International, who were detained along with the foreigners, were freed when the Taliban northern alliance forces entered Kabul on Tuesday, said U.S. officials in Islamabad.

Tilden Curry was standing in line at a church supper Wednesday when he heard his daughter was free. Dayna Curry called her father later and they spoke for about 15 minutes.

"It was overwhelming to hear her voice," she told NBC News television station WSMV.

Heather Mercer's mother, Deborah Oddy, said she spoke with her daughter for 45 minutes by telephone Thursday. Oddy said her daughter seemed to be in good health and spirits.

"There were good days and there were bad days. Overall, she was treated very well," Oddy said on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Sue Fuller, Dayna Curry's stepmother, said the family never lost faith that she would survive her ordeal.

"Every time we heard from her, she let us know that she would get out safely," she told Larry King.

President Bush hailed the dramatic turn of events, and said he spoke Thursday morning with the two Americans — both natives of central Texas.

"They both had to say thanks to everybody for their prayers," Bush said at Crawford High School, near his ranch in Texas. "They realized there is a good and gracious God. Their spirits were high and they love America."

Bush had rejected several attempts by the Taliban to use the aid workers as bargaining chips.

The Taliban had agreed to turn over the aid workers through the International Committee of the Red Cross, two senior administration officials said. The Red Cross was going to get them into the hands of U.S. troops. But before the exchange could be accomplished, the anti-Taliban northern alliance forces overran the jail in Ghazni.

The Red Cross said in gene that a local military commander contacted the ICRC, saying he had rescued the eight foreigners and wanted help transporting them out of Afghanistan.

The aid organization said it relayed the message between the commander and the U.S. and Australian and German governments, but said it was unable to contact the commander to confirm it.

Bush said only that the Red Cross and other "people on the ground facilitated" U.S. troops' ability to rescue the aid workers.

The president said he had assured his commanders that the Taliban might put the aid workers in a house that might be bombed accidentally, and said the U.S. military had been working on plans for a secret rescue if needed.

He did not elaborate.

The co-director of Shelter Now International, Joachim Jager, said in Germany that the eight workers would need six to eight weeks to recover from their ordeal at a place he did not name.

In Australia, Joseph Thomas, brother of aid worker Diana Thomas, said Thursday his prayers had been answered. He also gave credit to the Red Cross for their humane treatment of the aid workers.

"If you look at the facts, since they've been captive, they've been looked after and they've been given everything that they have wanted," Thomas told a Sydney radio station.

Taliban Supreme Court judges had indefinitely postponed the aid workers' trial since they were charged Aug. 3. The judges said they feared their anger over U.S. airstrikes could hamper their ability to make a fair ruling.

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines being released Friday establish risk zones and guidelines to deal with the potential for exposure. Four people have died of anthrax exposure. All businesses should avoid opening suspicious mail and wash hands after handling all mail.

Businesses that receive mail from facilities that are known to be contaminated fall into the yellow zone. Guidelines include limiting the number of people working near mail areas. Impermeable gloves, such as nitrite or vinyl, are recommended. Also, properly fitting, filtering face masks that are level N95 or greater can be worn. Respirators with P-type filters also should be considered.

A work site is in the red zone if law enforcement or public health officials have notified of possible contamination. The level of protection depends on the risk. Employees can consider wearing tight-fitting, full-face Powered Air-Purifying Respirators and skin protection suits with hoods and booties.

"We are providing needed guidance, not creating new requirements. The world has changed since Sept. 11. Threats to our national security now can clearly involve the work place." 

Elaine Chao 
Labor Secretary

WASHINGTON 
The nation's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly supported the United States' right to use military force against international terrorism Thursday. However, the bishops said the response must be part of a broader foreign policy that alleviates poverty, stops human rights abuses and helps to end violence. "Without any way to effecting indefensible terrorist acts, we still need to address those conditions of poverty and injustice which are exploited by terrorists," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said in the proclamation.

The statement was approved on the final day of this week's gathering in which the bishops elected their first black president, Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., and updated their anti-abortion plan to highlight opposition to human embryo research, euthanasia and the death penalty. The conference also expressed concern for the plight of Africans and the growing number of Asian immigrants in the church.

The war statement attempted to reflect the range of views among the bishops, from pacifists who see no justification for the war, to clergy who hoped for a stronger statement of support for the Bush administration. The bishops urged world leaders to "reach out to our enemies." They acknowledged that world terrorists employ "nonviolent means" to bring peace at the end of their war. Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of Galveston-Houston, Texas, who just finished his three-year term as president, argued the document was balanced.

"This terrorist threat cannot go unanswered. We have a right to self-defense," Fiorenza said. "But we wanted to be pastoral in understanding heartache, grief and pain. Our desire is to bring a great sense of hope to those who have suffered." Another religious statement on the war Thursday, from a National Council of Churches assembly in Oakland, Calif., did not specifically endorse or condemn America's military campaign. The council includes 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations.

The council called for an "early end" to U.S. bombing and international collaboration on "nonviolent means" to bring world terrorists to justice. It also urged long-term American commitment to economic development and peace in Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, the conference approved a document called "Campaign in Support of Life," which urged Catholics to continue to lobby public officials and the general public to support the church's positions.

The bishops said they were encouraged by a decline in abortions and new state laws that restrict the procedure. But they noted their failure to reverse the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Diversity was a focus of much of the meeting. Gregory said he hoped his election sent a message that the church embraces those from all ethnic backgrounds. The 63.7 million-member denomination is predominately white, but is growing increasingly mixed as more Hispanics and Asians come to this country.

The bishops specifically acknowledged Asian Catholics at the meeting, approving a proclamation that asks parishioners to be more attentive to the immigrants' spiritual needs. Asians comprise about 2.6 percent of U.S. Catholics.
8 pm  Only ten are lucky...

9 pm  and three are Charmed

Thursday on Michiana’s WB
Demanding excellence

Rarely does this column delve into football, especially featuring Irish football. However, while in New York City last weekend, I had the most unusual encounter.

After viewing a Broadway play, our party ventured to the restaurant Iguana. On any given day, celebrities like Al Pacino dine with patrons on sandwiches literally stacked with three inches of meats and cheeses. Last Saturday was no exception for us as I sat next to Joy Philbin and two men who were wearing paper bags on their heads.

I guessed that Bregis and his television producer, "Celman," were under the bags while poor Joy sat alone and exposed to the world. I tried to identify the two as I heard rumors and gather information. He is this year's goat. He is riding the Knute Rockne era.

"If you know, Bregis, I would like to be frank with you. May I?" asked the brown bag.

"Sure coach, if you let me." replied the white bag.

"It's a deal. First, Hooge, you really bug me when you monitor your alma mater on your show. Those of us affiliated with the team appreciate it, but you sound like those Darners I run into every day who say Notre Dame is an icon in college football. But with that honor comes under the bags along with your number of turnovers."

"If you know why your team has more mold the player into a set program. Do you believe that the best coaches are those who revise their programs around great players instead of trying to mould the player into a set program. Do you know why you were so much flummox this year than last year?"

"Why is that, Mr. Statistician?" asked the brown bag.

"Different quarterback. Last year's wizard is this year's goat. He is riding the bench and your fumbles have increased on the field along with your number of losses."

"So Mr. Television Personality, what makes you an expert over everyone else?"

The white bag replied, "Have you ever been to a game with national championship consequences riding on the outcome? The intensity is immense, the play spectacular and the drama draining. You can't play that type of game until you demand excellence in yourself, everyone you coach and everyone you hire. Is that simple?"

"So I should call my program, "Who wants to be a National Champion?" and get a final answer from everyone?"

The white bag answered, "Don't forget to be creative. I think you've bracketed a Heisman candidate in favor of running the option. But I am only a spectator and will not second guess you."

At this point I approached the two bag-bearded men and interrupted. "I happened to hear Notre Dame mentioned," I said, "and just wanted to show you my Notre Dame ring."

Then turning to me, both said in unison, "Nice ring."

"Did you attend Notre Dame?" I asked.

"Nah, we were crying about the Yankees," said the white bag. "They would have won if they demanded excellence."

I turned away thinking of how the Yankees barely reached game-seven of the World Series, and only because they had demanded excellence. Could I expect excellence from Notre Dame football in the future or more conversations from beneath a paper bag? I guess it depends upon how contract gets better ratings at the end of this month.

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Quote of the Day
"The sage never strives himself for the great, and thereby the great is achieved."

Lao-tzu
Chinese philosopher
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

### Respect for Navy

An informal tradition of the student body at home football games is to boo the opposing team as they come out onto the field. Although this helps to create a hostile environment for visiting teams, there are certain situations in which such behavior is appropriate.

In six months, many of the members of the Navy football team will begin training to take an active role in defending our great nation. Navy football players choose to attend the Naval Academy knowing that upon graduation they will have spent at least five years of their lives in active duty service. These are not the same type of athletes that attend Tennessee or Nebraska; these are young men of character and devotion to a noble cause.

For the sake of those currently engaged in conflict overseas, and for the sake of those who will join them, please show the utmost respect for all Navy players and fans who visit our campus this weekend. This is the least we can do given what their predecessors have sacrificed for us, and what these players will be asked to do.

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### Evaluating arguments

Over the past week there have been a number of articles printed in The Observer discussing the topic of sexual relationships. This is a topic that has displayed many different opinions of the way we live as a society. I feel that some have made great arguments to be considered while others, in my opinion, have been poorly prepared.

The matter of sexual relationships is an important one that should, in my opinion, be discussed for the sake of our students. I find it somewhat disturbing that a person would be a part of an institution if they do not agree with the values the organization stands for. Arguing whether or not a person is a part of it is important for me to go through the beliefs of the institution. Asking whether or not a person is a part of it is important for me to go through the beliefs of the institution.

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**Michael F. Diamond**

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**O’Neill Hall**

Nov. 15, 2001
The finale of the first act, “One Day More,” has the entire cast gathered on stage, preparing for the next day. For some, the next day brings the Revolution, for others death, for all, great change.

By AMANDA GRECO

If you will be going to see “Les Misérables” this weekend, be prepared to sacrifice a significant piece of your time. While the musical itself lasts slightly more than three hours, the powerful effect this performance leaves will continue to resonate long after the final bows.

Calling “Les Misérables” the most famous show in the world is far from an overstatement. “Les Mis” debuted in London 16 years ago and is now in its 15th year on Broadway. Through the years, “Les Mis” has received 50 major awards internationally, including several Grammys and the 1987 Tony Award for Best Musical.

But the show’s merit extends far beyond the talented performers and exquisite sets that comprise its many performances. The story, characters, music and emotion transport the audience to revolution-era France where the audience is held entranced by the saga of a struggling nation and the story of one man — both fighting for their freedom.

“Les Misérables” is based upon Victor Hugo’s classic 1861 novel. Covering several decades in 19th century France, the story line follows the country’s progression towards revolution and convicts Jean Valjean’s rise towards self-renewal. This stage production of “Les Mis” is more like an opera than a musical. Every line is sung, and while some may find this detracts from the comprehensibility of a show, it is precisely what the drama of this play requires. Actors maintain their characters with ease and portray vivid, affecting emotion without having to break out of rhythm. All too often in traditional musicals, the audience loses a sense of the character and his or her objectives when he or she breaks into random song.

The production is masterfully staged with breathtaking visuals and an awe-inspiring set. The stage is comprised of a large turntable, measuring 34 feet in diameter and weighing approximately 10,000 lbs. The 63 revolutions this stage makes through the course of the show provide scene changes and great demonstrations of motion as characters move through bustling streets and labor districts, travel or rally their allies with cries for freedom. Adding to the atmosphere of the French towns are five fog machines and 500 lbs. of dry ice. The 36 actors are decked in full, time-specific regalia thanks to the more than 1,000 costume pieces and 45 wigs. The barri­cade built by the show’s Revolutionaries weighs in at an astonishing 12,250 lbs.

With every new venue this travelling show visits comes a new stage with new dimensions and limitations. It is unfa­tachable, then, that assembly of this stage can be executed in the less than two days before the curtain rises on what has come to be known as the world’s best­loved musical.

The play begins while Valjean (Randal Keith) is serving time for stealing a loaf of bread for his dying nephew. After laboring 19 years on the chain gang, Valjean is released on parole, only to find that no one will look past the crime he committed nearly two decades previously. Finally, Valjean is able to find sanctuary with a kind Bishop (Seth Bowling) who offers food and shelter. However, grateful he may be, Valjean cannot resist the temptation to steal the Bishop’s silver. When Valjean is caught by the police and taken—along with the stolen silver—to the Bishop’s house, the Bishop lies for Valjean, saying that the silver was a gift and that Valjean had forgotten the matching candlesticks. The Bishop’s only request in return for his kindness is that Valjean reform to lead a life as God’s child.

This opening scene presents one of the stronger on­stage images of the production. When Valjean is searching for employment, he is moving through the streets of Digne, passing through crowds and from one employer to the next. These are the first revolutions of the turntable and are one of the most impressive and effective displays of motion presented on any stage.

The next scene carries the audience eight years into the future after Valjean has broken his parole to reinvent himself as a good man with a new name. He has successfully become a mayor, factory owner and well-respected citi­zen. Here we meet Fantine (Jayne Paterson), a woman

Prostitutes sell their wares in “Lovely Ladies,” a song about their profession and the men who keep them in business.
ng Broadway


"Master of the House" is one of the few comedic numbers in the show. Madame and Monsieur Thenardier (Aymee Garcia and J.P. Dougherty, center) are the innkeepers who deceive and rob their costumers. Other notable performances include the young Cosette (Skylar Harden) who innocently portrays an abused and neglected child. Her sweet solo "Castle on a Cloud" brings light and hope into the lassitudes of the times. Eponine (Dina Lynne Morishita) offers an amazing performance, drawing all attention each time she is on the stage. Yet, much like Fantine, she fails to deliver on her solo. "On My Own" is a heartbreaking song of unrequited love that requires an intensity that Morishita was only able to provide at the very end of the song. The image of her alone on the stage, dressed as a boy, motionless with her hands in her pockets does not convey the fervor suited to this piece.

The Revolutionaries rally at the barricade before fighting for their cause.

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Photo courtesy of Joan Marcus
He has been frustrating us. He had it, and it's an absolute disgrace to see him make that long-range shot when he's absolutely fed up with it, and it's an absolute embarrassment for the Heat to have a guy like that. We were back to fighting and moaning, and the players have realized that whatever you do, you're not going to get away with it. Eddie Jones scored 22 and 14 points, and the Heat come back, smoke way past Knicks 83-74.

The Heat learned early in the game that they would be without starters Alonzo Mourning (bruised foot) for at least three weeks. Eddie Jones is second in the league in free-throw shooting. Steve Francis and Raef LaFrentz had 12 points each. The Heat made it 77-74 with 2:05 left in the game. Steve Francis also had 12 rebounds and four assists. Taking advantage of Denver's 2-4 shooting, the Heat jumped out to an early 11-point lead. Bowlen scored two quick baskets and eight points in the first five minutes of the quarter as Denver reduced the deficit to three. Bowlen scored six points, including the first 3-pointers of the game by George McCloud and Isaiah Rider, to take a 32-28 lead.

But Orlando countered with a 14-2 flurry, keyed by back-to-back baskets by McGrady on a running hook in the lane and a splintering 16-second lead. The Magic led 32-46 at halftime.

Early in the second quarter, the Nuggets used a 11-2 run after Orlando's lead at 40-30. Early in the third quarter, the Nuggets started their comeback behind key shots by Kenyon Martin, Darrell Armstrong and LaPhonso Ellis each had 12 points for the Nuggets. Tariq Abdul-Wahad cut the deficit to 11 points, but the Magic scored the final 10 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Heat 82-74.

Miguel Indurain added 12 points, and Grant Hill added 10 points. But the Magic scored the final 10 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Heat 82-74.

In the rotation of the earth? It must be Tuesday.
MLB
Caminiti posts $2,000 bond

Associated Press

HOUSTON
Former National League MVP Ken Caminiti posted $2,000 bond and was freed from jail after police arrested him on drug possession charges.

Authorities said they found Caminiti in a Houston hotel room with crack cocaine. A court appearance for him was set for Friday.

Early Wednesday afternoon, officers from a drug task force stopped a 2001 Mercedes registered to Caminiti. The vehicle was being driven by another man.

Law officers - part of a task force that included the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration - said they stopped the car because the driver was "suspicious." The officers did not elaborate.

The driver told authorities he had permission to use the car and that Caminiti could be found at a hotel. Harris County Sheriff's Department deputies were sent to the hotel to check on Caminiti's welfare and make sure the car wasn't stolen.

Deputies found him in the room and "when the door was opened, deputies could smell what they believed to be crack cocaine," said Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Lt. Robert Van Pelt.

Unspecified drugs and drug paraphernalia were found in the room, authorities said.

Caminiti, 38, who lives in the Houston area, was arrested along with two other people who were in the room.

He was charged with possession of less than 28 grams of a controlled substance and booked into the Harris County Jail.

"I'll wait to comment until I know more of the facts," Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell, one of Caminiti's closest friends, told the Houston Chronicle.

In 1994, Caminiti went public with his battle with alcohol dependency, saying he had conquered it after volunteering for rehabilitation.

Caminiti split last season with Texas and Atlanta. He hit .232 with nine home runs and 25 RBIs for the Rangers and, after being released in July, batted .222 with six homers and 16 RBIs with Atlanta.

The Braves did not re-sign Caminiti and last week he filed for free agency.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Hilltoppers upset 'Cats

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.
David Boyden scored 15 points, and Chris Marcus added 13 points and 10 rebounds as Western Kentucky stunned No. 4 Kentucky 64-52 night in the first round of the NABC Classic.

The victory was the Hilltoppers' first over their intrastate rivals since a 107-83 victory that knocked the Wildcats (0-1) out of the 1971 NCAA Tournament.

Western Kentucky (1-0) advanced to face George Washington, a 69-64 winner over Marshall, in Friday's championship game.

Tayshaun Prince and Marvin Stone each scored 12 points to lead Kentucky, which will play the Thundering Herd in Friday's consolation game.

The Wildcats shot 34 percent from the field, finishing only 2-of-18 from 3-point range (11 percent), and turned the ball over 20 times to lose their season opener for the second straight year.

Kentucky had problems at the free-throw line as well, making only 12 of 24 and missing several key opportunities that could have put the Wildcats back in it late in the second half.

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**GAME OF THE WEEK**

**Miami-Syracuse has Big East title implications**

By GREG LADKY  Sports Writer

The battle for the Big East championship was predicted to take place on Nov. 25, between Virginia Tech and Miami in Blacksburg. But it's No. 14 Syracuse who is making the noise in the Big East lately. They will take on No. 1 Miami for first place in the Big East and likely an automatic BCS bid on this Saturday.

The Orangemen have won eight consecutive games, the fourth longest streak in the country. The Orangemen opened the season with two "quality" losses to Georgia Tech and Tennessee on the road. Defensive end Dwight Freeney will be the center of attention in this game. He will battle against two of the best offensive tackles in the game in Miami's Joaquin Gonzalez and Bryant McKinnie in an attempt to harass Heisman frontrunner Ken Dorsey throughout the game. The Syracuse offense has been mediocre at best. The defense set up all three touchdown drives last week in an unimpressive 24-13 win against West Virginia.

The Miami offense also hit a roadblock last week against Boston College. Dorsey had the worst game of his career, failing to lead the Hurrionaries to an offensive touchdown. However, Clinton Portis ran for 160 yards on 36 carries.

Dorsey said Miami could benefit from the difficult test Boston College gave them last week. Miami won 18-7 on the strength of the last minute tip-interception-lateral play eventually returned for an 80-yard touchdown by defensive back Edward Reed.

The Hurricanes have the nation's longest winning streak at 19 games. To keep that streak going, Dorsey needs to get his normally well-balanced offense back on track.

Syracuse must do the same thing, create offense. Both teams have stellar defenses. Playing at home as the No. 1 team, Miami might be able to get away with a struggling offense, but the team who executes the best offensively will likely win this game.

**OTHER TOP GAMES**

**Florida State at Florida**

Can anyone imagine Florida State outside the top 25? That's the danger the No. 21 Seminoles face when they take on the No. 4 Gators in Gainesville, Fla. this weekend. Florida State has spent every week in the polls for 12 years, but after a 34-28 loss to North Carolina State last week, the Seminoles face the daunting task of needing to beat the nation's hottest team to stay in the polls.

There is a lot of finger pointing going on at Florida State, but the problem is the defense. The young Seminoles' defense has given up 92 points in the last three games.

But the Seminoles still keep Florida coach Steve Spurrier on his toes.

We haven't beaten these guys since 1997, so it would be ridiculous to think they don't have a chance to beat us," Spurrier said.

The Florida defense has been on fire. The Gators have not punted in two games, including the mount boggling 54-17 win against a tough South Carolina team. Grossman throw for 202 yards and three touchdowns in that game—most yards for the Gators' quarterback.

One of the great things about college football is that heated rivalries bring out the best in teams. The Gators are heavily favored, but the Seminoles will be ready to play.

**Washington State at Washington**

No. 9 Washington State will battle in-state rival No. 16 Washington for the Apple Cup this Saturday in Seattle.

Washington State's only loss of the season came at the hands of Oregon, 24-17. With a win Saturday and an Oregon loss to Oregon State Dec. 1, the Cougars will be off to the Fiesta Bowl.

Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser is questionable for Saturday's game after suffering a concussion and bruised ribs against Arizona State last week. Gesser has completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,502 yards, 23 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions.

Washington's luck ran out last week in a surprising 49-24 loss to Oregon State. The Huskies offense managed just 245 yards last week.

Washington demolished Washington State 51-3 last year in Pullman. But the Cougars don't look at this game as a measure of revenge.

"We're not the same team that played against them last year and they aren't either," said coach Mike Price.

Washington has a strong defensive front, led by All-American tackle Larry Triplet. But the Cougars like to throw the ball down the field and often. Look for the Cougars to try to blow Washington out of the game early to avoid more husky fourth quarter heroics.
MLB
Clemens takes Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK
With his record sixth Cy Young Award en route to his crowded trophy room, Roger Clemens turned his attention to the Hall of Fame.

"I'm still leaning on wearing the Yankee cap in," the Rocket revealed Thursday after earning the American League's top pitching honor yet again. "I was just happy I was able to win one in the pin-stripes," Clemens said.

Clemens, 20-3 with a 3.51 ERA and 213 strike-outs for New York, received 21 of 28 first-place votes and 122 points, beating Oakland's Mark Gubicza (60 points) and Seattle's Freddy Garcia (55) in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

At 39 years, 3 1/2 months, Clemens became the third-oldest Cy Young winner behind Early Wynn (39 years, 10 months) in 1959 and Gaylord Perry (40 years, 2 months) in 1978. When Clemens won his first Cy Young in 1986, Mulder was 9 years old and Garcia was 10.

"Thank it was Deb who said today, 'Those young guys have plenty more time to win it."' Clemens said, referring to his wife. Clemens is the only pitcher to win more than four Cy Youngs. Arizona's Randy Johnson won his fourth on Tuesday, match-

ing Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux.

"We'll make room for it," Clemens said from his home in the Houston area. "The five Cy Youngs right now are positioned, in fact, so that from every position in my weight room you can look up and see them front and center. "I want to see them every morning when I get up in that gym and get to work."

After he won his first four, Clemens said each of his sons would get one: Kolby, Kory, Kasey and Kody. The kids said No. 5 was for their dad. Clemens said No. 6 was for his mother, Jo, who has emphysema.

"She said she wanted me to win one for her," Clemens said. "He called her right away and she got quite emotional.

"It was so emotional, she has to really concen-

trate to breathe properly," Clemens said.

He is the first player to win a BBWAA award on three teams. He won the Cy Young for Boston in 1986, 1993 and '97 and then won it for Toronto in 1997 and 1998. He also was the AL MVP in 1986. With 280 career wins, Clemens could reach No. 300 next season. He's still thinking about the Yankees' Game 7 World Series loss to Arizona, which ended New York's streak of three straight titles, including two with Texas.

Since then, Clemens has been wearing his World Series rings more often. "It makes me appreciate even more what we've done the past two years," he said. "Sometimes you get a little spoiled."

Clemens, who has always been interested in baseball history, repeatedly referred to the person the award is named after as Denton "Cy" Young. Clemens made a lot of his story this year.

He became the first pitcher ever to start a season 20-1 before losing his final two decisions. After injuring a hamstring and struggling in the first round of the playoffs, he rebounded to pitch well in the league championship series against Seattle and was the Yankees' most consistent pitcher in the World Series against Arizona. He won Game 3 and allowed just one run in New York's 3-2 loss in Game 7.

Clemens, a six-time 20-game winner and the second-highest ERA for an AL Cy Young winner, has the lowest LeMarr-Higgs points for the Chicago White Sox in 1983. Clemens became the first starting pitcher with no complete games ever to win a Cy Young, according to the Elias Sports Bureau, baseball's statistician.

It was the fifth Cy Young Award for the Yankees, the first since Ron Guidry in 1978. Bob Turley won in 1958, Whitey Ford in 1961, and Sparky Lyle in 1977.

SMC Basketball

Belles open season at Hanover Tip-Off

By JOE LINDSLEY

Despite an 8-17 record, last season was one of the most successful for the Belles basketball team as it marked the beginning of a new era for the Green Knights. The Belles finished the season with a 13-7 record, just one point shy of winning the conference championship.

This season, the Belles are looking to improve on that and reach at least 500. "We're really going to be able to take some teams out of their systems," she said. According to Matha, the Belles' defense was strong despite a challenging opponent.

"I had never seen a team that tough. It was one 6-foot-1 woman coming off the bench after another," she said. "The (Saint Mary's) guards did a great job coming down on the post. Defense is going to create our offense this year."

The improvement of the defense from last season is due to increased trust, according to Blair, who averaged 9.5 points and six rebounds per game. "We're there for each other. We're talking. If you trust each other, you have it made," said Blair.

Despite the defense being strong, the offensive needs some tweaking, but not much.

"We struggled a little offensively throughout the whole scrimmage, but it's things I don't think we're worried about," Smith said.

Blair believes that the offensive will improve once the season starts at the Hanover tournament. "We're just really excited," she said. "We just need to go play (and) settle down. We have the skills, the talents, the depth."

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Irish gear up for Big East tournament

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team prepares today for what could be one of the most important games in the program’s history. The Irish take on the St. John’s Red Storm tonight in a semifinal match of the Big East Conference tournament in Storrs, Conn.

With the games being played in Connecticut the Irish may have a chance to avenge a tough 1-0 loss to the Huskies in the Championship, which was the only blemish for the Irish in their last 10 games. “I can’t wait to get back to Connecticut — we’re going to need this last time,” Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark commented. “We can’t wait to go back. Hopefully, it could be a chance to get a good victory to get us towards the NCAA as well.”

After failing to make the Big East tournament last season the Irish have pulled an about face under Clark in his first year in South Bend. Notre Dame enters its semifinal game of the tournament as the second-seeded team in the conference. Winners of nine of their last 10, the Irish will look to make a run for the NCAA tournament with some impressive play in Connecticut.

“Now we go to the final four in UConn, and that is a great experience for [the players],” Clark said. “I don’t know what this season will bring, but we’ll take it one game at a time.”

Coming off a 1-0 opening-round victory against Georgetown, Notre Dame will hope to continue its strong play of late. In seven of their last nine matches, the Irish have held their opponents scoreless.

The eighth-ranked Red Storm should prove to be a tough match for the Irish. St. John’s entered the postseason with a 12-2-3 record as the third seed in the conference, having scored as many points as the Irish during the regular season. The Irish earned the higher seed due to more conference wins. The Red Storm’s lone Big East defeat came by way of a 2-1 loss to defending national champions and top-seeded Connecticut.

Tonight’s match-up may prove to be a duel of stingy defenses. Notre Dame goal-keeper Chris Sawyer and St. John’s goalie Guy Hertz enter the match-up ranked first and second, respectively, in the Big East. In addition, both teams have posted seven shutouts during regular season play this year. The Irish may have a bit of history going against them. In the previous eight matchups in their series with the Red Storm, the Irish have only taken one victory, being outscored in that span 20-6.

If the Irish win their game tonight, they would meet the winner of the Connecticut-Rutgers game at noon on Sunday for the conference title. The Irish last won the Big East tournament title in 1996, their first year in the conference.

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Junior forward Eirik Braun and sophomore midfielder Justin Deter were first-team all-conference honorees, while senior defender Griffin Howard and freshman goalkeeper Chris Sawyer were second team all-conference. In addition, sophomore midfielder Chad Billek earned third-team all-conference honors.

Clark is just the second coach in Big East history to earn the annual award in his first year in the league, as he directed the Irish to a 12-5-5 overall record and 7-2-3 conference mark. The final conference wins by an Irish team since joining the league in 1995.

The Irish, winners of nine of their last 10 games, are ranked No. 10 in the NSCAA/Adidas (408) and Soccer America (17th) polls this week.

Sawyer is one of just three freshmen to earn a spot on one of the all-conference teams. He has appeared in 13 games in goal for the Irish and has been the team’s starting goalkeeper since Notre Dame’s last 12 contests. Sawyer has posted six complete-game shutouts in 1118 minutes logged, while giving up just six goals. He owns a 0.48 goals against average and .889 save percentage as he has made 45 saves in 13 contests.

Riley, a member of the Big East All-Rookie squad in 2000, has started 15 of 17 conference games this season and leads the team with six assists to go along with his one goal.

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Weekend Events

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

Author Events:

Professor Ralph McNerny, will be signing copies of Emerald Aisle, 5th in the Notre Dame series, on Friday, Nov. 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fr. Nicholas Ayo will be signing copies of Signs of Grace on Friday, Nov. 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Heisler will be signing copies of Quotable Rockne on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Reid Duffy will be signing copies of his book Indiana's Favorite Restaurants on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Joe Garner will be signing his book Echoes of Notre Dame Football on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Michael Oriard will be signing copies of King Football on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ted Mandell, ND Professor of Film & Video Production, will be signing copies of Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The 12 Nights Before Christmas Tour will have readings and signings on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Father Malloy, University of Notre Dame President, will read The Newborn King: The Story of the First Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m., as part of our 2nd annual "True Meaning of Christmas" Celebration.

Musical Event:
The Undertones, Notre Dame a cappella group, will perform on Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Bookstore one hour following the game.
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Her stellar prep effort also caught the attention of Big East coaches, who voted to foot-1 forward the Big East Preseason All-Big East Team. Irish head coach Muffet McGraw has been most impressed with Jacqueline Batteast's work ethic in practice.

"She's really come in with an open mind in terms of her work ethic and it's really paid off," she said. "She's not come in and been afraid to work or be honest with herself. She's really working hard, she's learning a lot of things. She's listening and trying to learn more. I think that she's going to continue to get better as long as she wants to." The freshman got her first lesson in Notre Dame's opening preseas­son game against Ohio Girls' Basketball Magazine. The exhibition team featured experienced college graduates and guarded the 18-year-old like she'd never been guarded before. Batteast scored only eight points on 4-17 shooting from the field, but did grab 10 rebounds in 30 minutes.

"Nothing was falling but I was trying to learn," said Batteast. "Mr. McGraw said, "I was pretty impressed with how strong these young people are. That was a big adjustment."

In her second game though, the butterflies were gone from her stomach and Batteast showed her South Bend fans the moves they've grown to love, scoring 20 points on 10-21 shooting, setting a career high in points scored.

"I think she's got the ability to make a lot of shots," said McGraw.

Of course, all this would never have happened with Jacqueline Batteast if she hadn't had the opportunity to come to Notre Dame. To her, nothing is more important than the fact that she makes you a better person.

"I think people are looking at me just as far as basketball is concerned," said Batteast. "But to me personally, it's more important to make people a little bit better."

Jacqueline Batteast also knows that the Notre Dame basketball fans have welcomed her with open arms. She's thrilled to have opened doors and saved her parents quite a bit in tuition bills, the sport won't be there forever.

For that reason, Jacqueline Batteast has set her sights on Notre Dame on the top of her list.

"Basketball only lasts for so long," she said. "And Jacqueline really has got no pro aspirations," Wayne Batteast said of his daughter, who has thought about heading to IMG Management. "She's really got her head on straight as far as basketball is concerned."

"It's really getting her an education, she knows that it's only for a little while. I'm really more proud of her academics. I tell people all the time."

These days, Wayne Batteast sits surrounded by Jacqueline Batteast's supporters at Notre Dame home games. Wayne and Margaret Batteast bring more than 20 total family members to each game, but Wayne Batteast is helping more than just the numbers of fans showing up who over the past four years have been the opposition.

"With her going to Notre Dame now, a lot of people tell me that they couldn't be happier for her," said Wayne Batteast. "My family was not that way.

"Early on, she thought that she was going to go to Washington, averaging 21.3 points and 14 rebounds as a junior and 16.9 points and 11.8 boards as a sophomore. During her senior year, her team members called with scholarship offers, some of which she seriously considered.

"If you can't beat what's at home, why leave?" and decided to attend Notre Dame.

Wayne Batteast thinks Notre Dame is the perfect school for her daughter, a National Honor Society member, for many reasons.

"The big reason is that it's only lasts for so long," said Wayne Batteast.

"We all changed the past two weekends Notre Dame hockey team is finally getting some recognition for a little while. I'm really proud of her academics."

"I think the reason that she's doing so well academically put Notre Dame on the top of her list."

"Notre Dame fans are excited about Jacqueline Batteast. As a member of The Family, she's glad to see her daughter, a National Honor Society member, for many reasons.

"I think that she's going to continue to get better as long as she wants to."
MD McGraw pinks for class of 2006

By KATIE McVOY
Associated Press Editor

Two high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play basketball at Notre Dame for the 2002-2003 season, head coach Muffet McGraw announced on Thursday.

"I'm really excited about this class particularly ... these two classes back to back," McGraw said on Thursday. "I think it's really important we got these positions."

Duffy and LaVere will join an Irish team already heavy in underclassmen following this season's six-member recruiting class. Although most of her key players will be returning next year, McGraw is looking for the two recruiters to make their presence known early.

"We have right now so she's someone who's going to fit very well with our style of play," she said. "She's a very good free-throw line shooter — and a good compliment for the post players we have right now."

The 6-foot-3 Duffy averaged 17 points per game last season at Chalidale Julienne High School in Dayton, Ohio. She was named to the first team Division I all-state team and received an honorable mention All-America from Street & Smiths.

"Megan Duffy is someone we're really excited about," McGraw said. "She can shoot the three; she's a very feisty player, she's the type of player that's going to dive for loose balls and create a lot of havoc for the defense. She's a great leader and I think she has been very successful on all the team's she's played on."

All-Star Girls Report named Duffy the No. 24 pick and School Sports put her at No. 29.

LaVere will join the Irish at the post-position, a position that is lacking depth this season. Following in the footsteps of 6-foot-3 freshman Teresa Treece and 6-1 freshman Jackie Batteste, LaVere will add height under the boards.

"Courtney LaVere is someone we really needed, [we needed] more size," McGraw said. "We have a height problem this year so she's someone that's going to fit very well with our style of play. She's a very good free-throw line shooter — and a good compliment for the post players we have right now."

The 6-foot-3 point guard from Buena High School in Ventura Calif., averaged 13.8 points and eight rebounds per game during her junior season. Her 73 percent free-throw average was good enough to land her in the top 10 national rankings during the 2000-2001 season by USA Today. She was also a sense of the West region recruiting point rank as the No. 10, No. 13 and No. 15 draft pick by Blue Star Index, School Sports and 400 Yard. McGraw is hoping to add depth to this year's young team and looking to meet fall's recruiting class to do just that.

Strathers is the consensus No. 1. pick and hails from freshman Katie Fleck's home­ town in Colorado. According to McGraw, she has narrowed her choices down to three schools and Notre Dame is one of those. However, when and what her college choice will be remains uncertain.

"We've had the impression that this weekend we'll probably hear something," McGraw said. "Other than that we don't have any indication. She really does not know where she wants to go."

Notes:

• Niele Ivey, Notre Dame's leading point guard last sea­ son, recently suffered the loss of her brother. Phillip Ivey died in a car crash last week. McGraw expects to see him on campus this week­ end, but is unsure if she will feel well enough to attend.

• Notre Dame will open regular season against Radford at 7 p.m. on the Joyce Center. The Crusaders finished last season 7-22 against the bottom of the Mid­Contin­ ent Conference. The Crusaders dropped their exhibition game; the Irish won both of their. The under­experi­ enced Irish team will be look­ ing to minimize mistakes.

"I understand there are mis­ takes we're gonna make," McGraw said. "It's the mental mistakes that are going to drive me crazy. There are somethings that I'll tolerate, there are some things I won't and learning the mental things is what the team's focusing on."

• Prior to the start of Sunday's game, the 2002 NCAA Championship banner will be raised at the Joyce Center. "It's exciting, I think at the exhibition game [when they announced the team] the team is handling this really well and it worked out."

McGraw also finished first in the 200-yard butterfly and in the 200-yard freestyle.

"I felt strong in the water," said Ramsey. "I've been wanting to break two minutes for a long time."

Ramsey holds two other Saint Mary's records as well, in the 100- yard butterfly and in the 200-yard butterfly.

"My freesty­ le is going really good, good," she said. "I just went for it and it worked out."

Ramsey also finished first in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2 minutes, 16.04 seconds. Sophomore Maureen Paulick also had a personal best in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2 minutes, 25.69 seconds, and in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.81 sec­ onds.

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SMC SWIMMING

Petcoff happy with team's performance

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Swimming record-breaking wins and season best times, the Bells lost a close race against Western Michigan University, 114 to 88.

"Everybody had a great meet," said coach Gregg Petcoff. "Overall, everyone had something satisfactory happen tonight." After arriving in shirts that read "Swim" across the front, the Bells' swim team started to do just that tonight.

"I keep hearing the words on the shirt is serving as a team goal this season. They are "investing" their time and energy towards the season. "Each practice we put in work, time, and effort invested all in our season," said junior Lane Herriott. "Eventually we are going to take it all out and invest it in the last meet."

Over half the team had season best times and both junior Lauren Smith and sophomore Megan Ramsey broke previous records they had set.

Smith broke her previous 200-yard breaststroke record that she had set freshman year, by 25 seconds. Ramsey added 12 seconds off of her time and thirty-five seconds.

"I really wanted to win the 200-yard breaststroke," said Smith. "I was surprised I broke my record too."

Ramsey was also pleased with her record-breaking time of one minute, 59.81 seconds for the 200-yard freestyle.

"I felt strong in the water," said Ramsey. "I've been wanting to break two minutes for a long time."

Ramsey holds two other Saint Mary's records as well, as the 100-yard freestyle and in the 200-yard freestyle.
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basketball program was one that was building for the future and Creachbaum, formally referred to as Creach by
former coaches and teammates, knew she could be a part of
that future.
"I think we just need to build," she said. "Help build the
program so that people will look at Saint Mary's and say
they've come a long way in three years. Hopefully my class will help that along."
Starting off her first season in collegiate ball, Creachbaum is part of a team that doubled its number of wins last year and has high hopes to continue improving. While Creachbaum is benefiting from being close to home, the Belles will be ben-
efiting from her desire to take the team to the next level.
[I told her] you have a chance to be a start of some-
thing, building this program," Smith said. "So I think that
excited her quite a bit.
"I'm really happy she can be part of the building process," Aldradge said.
When Creachbaum will help the Belles is getting things done on the
court. Although she's only a freshman, Smith said she has already seen a high
level of maturity. After playing varsity basketball for four
years in high school, averaging 23 points a game during her senior year, Creachbaum
can be the one the Belles need to get the job done.
"When you need something to happen, when you're going
through a dry spell, she's the one that would step up, go
got the ball, get everybody else out of the way and get it done," Aldradge said.
Creachbaum brings to the Belles an ability to make a
strong finish.
"She can finish; she's a great scorer," Smith said. "We can
help her out of staked plays, but she can finish them.
Being part of a new team
Even though she stayed close to her roots at home, Creachbaum still has adjust-
ments to make. She has a new school, a new style of play and a new
new team.
She needs to find her niche.
but no one doubts that she will do just that.
All four years she was a vars-
ity player and she saw radically
different teams each year," Aldradge said. "It was a differ-
ent roster every year and she
was able to mesh and gel with
each team, not only mesh
and gel as a teammate, but
become a leader each season."
Smith has already seen that
ability to be part of team
emerge on the court.
Creachbaum joins the Belles as one of six freshmen who will
join the seven veteran mem-
ers of the team, and she has a
strong position to play as a
post player, she will compete with Blair and junior Kristen
Matha, the Belles' leading scorers last season, for playing
minutes.
"She fits right in with them
and battles with them everyday in practice," Smith said. "I
think she can really step in and
have a big role with our team this
year."
Creachbaum knows she can't
take the leadership role right
away as a freshman, but she
still has her sights set on being
an important part of this team.
Her goals don't stop with fin-
ishing this season, they reach
all the way to graduation.
"I want to be a captain, you know, work up
to being a leader of the team," Creachbaum said. "I
get into the same role I did in high school where I worked my
way up."
Creachbaum will start work-
ing her way up tonight, and
then she can come home.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish top Ontario
University, 136-64

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Continuing traditions does not
always have to be extremely
competitive. The Notre Dame
men's swim team proved that
keeping traditions with Western
Ontario University is always a
guaranteed good time.
Swimming Western Ontario for
the 40th year in a row, Notre Dame
men won with a score of 136 to 64.
The Notre Dame men's team has had more meets with western Ontario than any
other team.
"This is the oldest dual meet
between Canada and America," said Notre Dame's head coach Tim Welch.
"Things are a little less formal
during this meet than
other meet."
Although competition may be
less formal and more relaxed,
that did not stop the Notre Dame
men from taking first place in
eight of the meet's eleven races.
"I'm very happy with
the preparation and happy with the
way the guys focused all the way
through," said Welch. "It is
important to race more than one
day in a row before we go to the
championships."
The meet against Western
Ontario allowed for the men to race
in events they might not oth-
erwise compete in.
"It was nice to swim my off
event tonight," said J.R. Teddy.
"I need to focus on the 200-yard
butterfly tomorrow. It is one of
my better events this year."
Captain Mike Koss had some
season's best times despite being
in Japan for nine days earlier this
month.
"I felt a little sluggish last
week," said Koss. "The meet
today went real well, though. It's
good that we keep on this tradi-
tion with Western Ontario."
Going into the meet against Texas Christian tonight, Notre Dame is 5-2, with losses to the University of Tennessee and
Rutgers University.
Although some traditions are
good to keep, Notre Dame is hup-
ning to beat one tonight against
Texas Christian, a team they
have never defeated before.
"We're progressing," said Welch. "Our main focus is to
going to be speed. Our objectives this season have been to get faster each
week — as measured by the
clock."

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Five sign on for fall

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame volleyball team has announced the signing of five incoming freshmen for the 2002 season.

Lauren Brewster, Kelly Burrell, Carolyn Cooper, Meg Henican and Lauren Kellbery have all signed letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame in the fall of 2002 and will make up the volleyball class of 2006.

"We are very excited about this class," head coach Debbie Brown says.

"Going into recruiting this year we thought we were going to give four scholarships. When the opportunity to sign this great class with five talented players presented itself, it was an opportunity we could not pass up.

"All five players will complement each other very well and will add valuable depth to our team next year. They are really going to help the competitive level of the team. I think this is one of the top five classes in the nation."

Lauren Brewster played for Brentwood High School in Brentwood, Tenn., and helped the team earn four state titles during her prep career. A 6-foot-3 middle blocker, she was named the Tennessee player of the state tournament in 2000 and 2001, leading Brentwood to an undefeated record during her junior and senior seasons.

Brewster was named the 2000 Tennessee mid-state player of the year award and was named the Gatorade Player of the Year in Tennessee in 2001.

"Lauren's watches your eye because of her ability to play high above the net," Brown says.

"She is a strong front row server and comes from a very successful program. She will combine with the other three middle blockers in the class to help us become an even stronger team at the net."

Kelly Burrell is a 5-foot-11 setter from Xavier College Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., and, like many of her classmates, has earned multiple state titles while playing in a successful high school program. A first-team all-regional selection in 2000 and 2001, Burrell will bring a strong service presence to the Irish roster next season.

"We are excited about Kelly's court personality and the setting skill she will bring to the team," Brown says.

"She is a natural leader on the court, which is an important part of being a setter. Kelly has very quick feet and uses her athleticism to keep the defense off balance. She also understands the game very well and knows how to run an offense."

Carolyn Cooper continues the tradition of outstanding middle blockers the Irish have developed from Texas. An all-state senior and all-star nominee Malinda Goulski and graduate Joanna Jameson were both from the same area of Texas as Cooper.

A 6-foot-1 middle blocker, Cooper played for Lutheran South Academy in Houston, Texas, and was named the team MVP three times (1999-2001) while earning first-team all-state honors during those three seasons.

"Carolyn, much like the other two middle blockers in the class, has a very strong net game and can jump well. This season, we have been training with just three middle blockers in practice. Carolyn and her classmates will add to the entire team's net game next year because they can block, hit, and play high above the net."

In an unusual twist, 5-foot-11 outside hitter Meg Henican had the opportunity to earn five state championships during her prep career. Henican played at Newman High School in New Orleans, La., a kindergarten through 12th grade school, and, like many of her classmates, has earned multiple state titles while playing in a successful high school program. A first-time All-American and Finished her high school career as the Gatorade Player of the Year from Louisiana in 2001.

"Meg is a good all-around player," Brown says.

"She is an excellent passer and is very strong on defense. She also is a very hard hitter and she attacks with power. She played on a really strong high school team and will bring a wealth of experience to the team."

Lauren Kellbery is a 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Bascouan, Ohio, and played at Rosewell-Loudon High School. She helped the team to the four straight Ohio Division IV state titles during her career while earning all-conference, all-district and all-state honors at the end of each campaign.

"Lauren has a very fast arm with the ability to terminate at the net and has been part of a winning tradition during her career," Brown says.

"Last year she had the opportunity to play in the back row and showed that she has solid all-around skills."

FOOTBALL

Irish ready to sink Midshipmen

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Sports Writer

The Irish are bigger than Navy. They are stronger and they are faster.

But that doesn't mean they will win.

"Athletically we are going to be more talented than they are but they have a great scheme and they play hard," Irish linebacker Rocky Bolman said. Although the Irish currently have a 37-game winning streak against the Midshipmen, the last two games in Notre Dame Stadium have been very close. In 1999, Junior Jackson completed a pass to Jay Johnson with just 46 seconds remaining to win the game 28-24. The 1997 game was also close as the Midshipmen outlasted the Irish 399 yards to 283 yards. But three Navy turnovers kept the Irish in the game as they went on to win 21-17.

Bolman expects another tough game from the Midshipmen this weekend.

"It's a cliché but it doesn't matter what the records are, doesn't really matter what happened during the season, didn't matter what happened the season before or what happens in the first half," he said. "This game, because of who we are playing is a game that every year is going to be a challenge."

Navy is famous for its rushing attack that relies heavily on a strong option quarterback. This year is no exception. Senior Brian Madden has rushed for 302 yards in 10 of his 11 career starts. Currently he stands 12th in the nation in rushing per game with 126.7.

"They have a think a really good quarterback," Bolman said. "He's very strong, very-competitive player."

While Navy runs the same wishbone offense it has run in the past, there is a new coach at the helm. Rick Lantz replaced former coach Charlie Weatherbie on Oct. 28. Weatherbie had a 30-45 record at Navy but his team lost seven straight games and 17 of their last 18 games before his dismissal. Lantz served as defensive coordinator before moving up to head coach.

Navy's defense, however, has been one of its greatest weaknesses, according to Davie.

"They're very good defensively, they're struggling," Davie said. "They've struggled a little more against the passing game than they have running game. I think they're going to try to force us to throw the football."

The Irish passing attack, however, has been limited by an injury to starting quarterback David Givens. The senior will miss Saturday's game. In his place, Davie expects freshman Carlos Campbell to step up and replace Givens who shares the same area with Davie. Campbells Lorenzo Crowder and Anthony Jenkins will see playing time.

"I think Carlos Campbell is maybe at the limited of that pool as far as guys that have an opportuniy to step up," Brown said.

Senior tailback Tony Fisher will also miss the final home game of his Irish career. Junior Julius Jones will take most of the major carries in his place.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish open season without senior Humphrey

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

After two dominating exhibition outings led by forward Ryan Humphrey, the Irish are readjusting their game plan for tonight's season opener against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats.

With Humphrey sidelined for two games due to an infraction of an NCAA outside competition rule, head coach Mike Brey knows his team will not be able to rely on Humphrey's dominance down low.

"I think it's a great challenge," Brey said. "We don't have the inside scoring threat as much."

Replacing Humphrey in the starting lineup will be Jeren Macura.

"I'm a little concerned about our numbers for Friday and Monday especially as far as our front line goes," Brey said.

Freshman Jordan Cornette will see some significant playing time in the senior tri-captain's absence.

"Jordan Cornette will come in and get some major minutes as a young guy," Brey said. "I think his condition is pretty good. I don't think he could play 35 minutes, but I think he could play 18-20 minutes for us tomorrow night. He could physically take that."

Brey has confidence that his outside shooters can make up for the lack of power down low.

"We'll have to get a little bit more out of our perimeter," he said. "Certainly Matt [Carroll], David [Graves], Chris [Thomas] and Torrian [Jones] — which they have done in the exhibition — are going to have to score from the perimeter."

The Irish have played in two exhibitions to prepare for tonight's opener. And if their dominance in those two games are any indication, the Wildcats will be in for a long night.

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Playing at the Joyce Center could also be a daunting task for the Wildcats, as the game kicks off just after the Notre Dame football pep rally.

"About a year ago we started talking about this idea of playing after a pep rally. I was a little nervous and didn't know how it would take, but from what I understand, it's going to be a sellout, so I think it's going to be an exciting way to kick off the season," Brey said.

The game begins at 9 p.m. and fans must exit the Joyce Center after the pep rally concludes and then re-enter for the start of the basketball game.

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Irish senior David Graves dribbles downcourt during a recent exhibition game. Notre Dame opens the 2001-02 season tonight against New Hampshire.
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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Staying close to home**

**South Bend's Batteast to start at forward for Irish**

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Having lived his whole life in South Bend, Wayne Batteast naturally grew to become a Notre Dame fan. He attended football games during the fall at the nearby University and basketball games during the winter.

But Wayne and his wife Margaret never realized the special meaning Notre Dame football games during the fall at South Bend's Washington High School in which she averaged 26 points and 16 rebounds per contest, Jacqueline Batteast was named to Parade Magazine's first-team All-America team.

Jacqueline Batteast was named the Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year. Saint Mary's freshman for- ward Emil~ Creachbaum (right) drives to the hoop during a recent exhibition game. Batteast was named the Big East Preseason Rookie of the Year.

**Irish host NCAA tourny game tonight**

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women soccer team's season can be divided into three phases: the regular season, the Big East tournament, and the NCAA tournament. So far the Irish have completed the first two phases in impressive fashion by winning both the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division regular season title and their seventh-straight Big East tournament title with a 2-1 victory against West Virginia last Sunday.

Now the Irish are preparing to enter the most critical phase of their season as they open up first round NCAA tournament action against Eastern Illinois on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field. With an intense week of practice behind them, the Irish are excited to begin their quest to return to the Final Four, and an opportunity to win the ultimate prize, the NCAA championship.

"I'm very excited for the NCAA tournament to begin," said Irish midfielder and senior captain Mia Sarkesian. "This is what we have been waiting for all season. This is why we put in all of those hard practices at the beginning of the summer for a chance to compete in the NCAA tournament at the end of the sea- son."

The NCAA tournament is about responding to pressure. There is absolutely no margin for error. If a team loses, its season is over.

While the Irish struggled at the begin- ning of the season to develop team chem- istry and at times played down to the level of their lesser opponents, they have always saved their best games this sea- son for their toughest competition and

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Odom leads Dillon into championship against Siegfried

New Faces at the Top

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All-State quarterback honors and state championship game played at senior quarterback Tayt Odom. In fact, Coaches cap off a championship game in four years. The Odom this year are astonishing. He may even be getting used to it.

"Here, senior full back Joe Gagliardi, who will be replaced by sophomore Mark Ryan. I have total confidence in Mark's ability," said Plumby, lofty praise, considering that he called Gagliardi "one of the hardest hitting, toughest players on the team."

Nonetheless, it is Siegfried's seniors that lead the team.

"Our seniors have been playing football for a long time," said Plumby. "(Smith, Pete Aguilar, Eddy Vulin, and I have experience in big games and [we] know what it takes to win."

Despite both teams posting unbeaten records thus far, Dillon remains the team to beat. The dominant Big Red offense is led by Odom, who can both scramble and pass for touchdowns easily.

His favorite targets include sophomore Rick Hasty, junior Brian Meyer and freshman Kevin McCarthy.

"He’s [McCarthy] a freshman and he’s one of the more valuable players on the team," said Odom. "He played both ways and he’s a leading contributor on both sides of the ball."

Dillon has already given ample evidence that they can and will play like champions. Their defense held defending champion Keenan scoreless most of the game in a convincing 28-7 win earlier in the regular season.

"Our defense has been pretty consistent, but we haven’t played an offense like Dillon’s," said Siegfried co-captain Smith. "They are a machine."

With the final game looming Sunday, both teams are proud that they have finally made it to Notre Dame Stadium to play for the interhall championship. "This has been our goal for four years, and we are definitely excited about it," said Odom. "Not many people get to play in the Stadium; but you can’t get too caught up in it."

Title games nothing new for Dillon QB

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Playing a championship game inside a huge stadium with a perfect season on the line is nothing new for Dillon’s senior quarterback Tayt Odom. In fact, he may even be getting used to it.

With No. 1 Dillon facing No. 2 Siegfried in the men’s interhall football championship game on Sunday, Odom will be playing in his second championship game in four years. The first, in the 1998 Indiana Class A state championship game played at the RCA Dome where Odom led Pioneer High School to a 49-21 victory against Knightstown High School to capture a 15-0 season.

During his senior year of high school, Odom played in the Indiana Coaches Top 50 All-Star game, earned All-State quarterback honors and finished third in the voting for Indiana’s Mr. Football as well.

The similarities between Odom’s high school team and Dillon’s team this year are astonishing.

"My freshman and sophomore year in high school and here, we were no good," said Odom. "Junior year in high school, we turned it around little bit and lost in sectionals and then senior year went 15-0."

"Here, last year we went undefeated throughout the season, got the No. 1 seed, went beat the best in the semi­finals. This year we’re not quite [champions] yet, but we hope we can get to where we want to be."

Perhaps the reason Dillon has won, much like Pioneer high school did, is because Odom implemented the same offense, the wing-T, into Dillon’s game plan before his junior year. Using the wing-T set, Odom piloted a Pioneer offense that averaged more than 300 yards rushing and 48 points per game.

The wing-T offense, similar to Navy’s offensive attack, uses formations with three running backs and an option quarterback and runs counters and triple options. "After our sophomore year, we basically decided we wanted to run the wing-T and that decision kind of put me in charge," said Odom. "A couple of guys had run a few wing-T plays in high school, but in my high school we were hard core Delaware Wing-T. We were running it by the book, and it says it was the Bible and that’s what we follow."

So Odom went home, talked to his old high school coaches, got his old high school play book and made copies for his Dillon teammates. Knowing that a whole new offense would take time to learn, Dillon began practicing last spring.

"The reason [for practicing in the spring] was basically because we knew it was going to take a lot time and practice and it was going to be significantly different from what most people were used to doing from their high school," said Odom.

Odom believes that Dillon’s running backs and offensive line have adjusted well to the new offensive scheme. "In high school we had four guys in the backfield that could run the ball," said Odom. "I think we have kind of the same thing this year. Our line in high school and in this league was small and quicker also, and that’s what we want."

Now the Odom-directed Dillon offense uses the wing-T set to confuse and deceive opponents the same way Odom’s Pioneer high school team did on their way to the state title four years ago. This year, Odom hopes a championship happens again. And while Dillon runs the offense, he knows the whole team has helped Dillon reach title games.

The Big Red’s Tayt Odom hopes to lead his No. 1-seeded Dillon team to its first interhall championship win in recent memory.

"Our team went to the state championship," said Odom. "Our team is going to the Stadium here. It’s not because I’m out there playing. I’ve just been fortunate to be part of two good teams."

While Odom may stay humble, his teammates know just how important he is to the team.

"He calls all the shots and we all look to him to make the big plays and he comes through," said Dillon sophomore tight end Rick Hasty. "He’s big on offense and defense and he’s the focal point of our team."

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Women's Interhall Football Championship

Lewis, Welsh have different approaches

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Nobody enjoys it. Musicians, athletes, and actors all would prefer to skip it. That's right, the dreaded "p" word: Practice.

This year's women's interhall football championship game features No. 1 Welsh and No. 2 Lewis. These two teams exhibit unique practice styles that are fit for each squad. While each team has taken different approaches on the practice field, they've successfully established their ultimate destination - Notre Dame Stadium.

With the Whirlwinds making their third consecutive appearance in the championship game, one would think the practice routine has not changed much, if ever, according to junior captain Vanessa Lichon. This year's practices are actually a little easier than previous years.

"In the past, I think they were more intense," she said. "They would start on the given day, if the coaches are in a good mood, then they are easier on us. If they are in a bad mood, we may be running a few more drills that usual."

The Whirlwinds hold two practices a week and also arrive at their game an hour early. They spend about six hours on the practice field every week.

After some routine stretching, the coaches run various running drills to get the team loose. Then, Welsh breaks off into their offensive and defensive units.

"After the basic stuff, we break into the separate units and work on what we've [coaches] planned on for that day's practice," said Welsh head coach Joe Blaney.

The units rejoin and start practicing against each other. Blaney and the other coaches work on what they feel will help with their ultimate destination - Notre Dame Stadium.

The Welsh take on Lewis this year for the third straight championship bid.

"We put our practices with a scrimmage," said Blaney. "Sometimes the coaches call the plays, but other times we let the girls do it themselves."

The Whirlwinds don't take it easy on each other in the scrimmages.

"We go all out in the scrimmages," said Lichon. "The offense is trying to beat the defense and the defense is trying to beat the offense."

But while Welsh has a much more regimented, intense practice schedule, Lewis adopts a much more laid back approach.

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different approach
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Lewis meets Welsh in title game

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Walk-ons play football for the sake of playing

A couple days ago at practice, Bob Davie looked toward the guys playing opposite the first string. The scout team. The walk-ons. The guys who never play in a game.

The guys who get the snit kicked out of them in practice day in and day out. The guys who spend four years of their life toiling on the football field, getting run over by the freight train known as the first string offense or getting smoked around by the defensive line and all they have to show for it is a lot of bruises.

"I was thinking to myself, 'You guys realize what's coming right now? You haveprobably 150, maybe 200 straight wishbone plays full speed. We're not tackling, but you're getting bounced around,'" Davie said.

Basically, Davie thought they were crazy.

And he's right. They are. Why would you want to spend four hours a day learning the opponents' plays? And just when you think you have it down, another week rolls around and you get to learn about another opponent. And another. And another. And all the time you're getting beaten to a pulp because there aren't any backups.

The only possible reward you have is that you might have a chance to dress for a home game. Then, after hell freezes over, you just might be able to actually play a couple plays on the field in garbage time.

"Why do they do it? Because football is in their blood, plain and simple. They're not in it for glory. They're not in it for fame. They're not in it for prestige. They want to play football for Notre Dame.

"It's a hard thing to sacrifice and not be selfish," said Chad DeBolt, a walk-on who earned playing time in special teams.

"Those guys exemplify college sports.

Day after day, practice after practice, they learn the other team's plays, look at cards telling them where to stand and get beaten up.

And they don't care a bit. In fact, they love it. They'll laugh it off when they say they have to go to football practice and you think they're talking about interhall football. They'll smile and nod when you chant "Rudy, Rudy" after you hear they're a walk-on.

They'll never brag that they're on the team, they'll leave that up to their friends.

Instead, guys like Ryan Kraeger and Mike Klockner will go out to the practice field and warm up the same way as Carlyle Holiday and Anthony Weaver. If you ask them what it is like to be a walk-on and look at them with an awe-struck look, they'll say they're just regular members of the team.

"I give them a hell of a lot of credit," said Rocky Boiman. "They aren't getting school-paid but they come out here and do the same things we do. I really have a tremendous amount of respect for them."

Don't try to compare Rudy to any other walk-on. The film Rudy made the remarkable story of Daniel Ruttiger public in households across the nation and gave the walk-on tradition at Notre Dame legendary status. While Ruttiger's story is remarkable, each member of the current crop of walk-ons has his own story that's just as compelling as Ruttiger's.

There's Bernard Aiaku, a Nigerian native who lived in South Bend for two years when he was seven and fell in love with Notre Dame. There's Chad DeBolt, whose best sport isn't even football — he's a standout lacrosse player and led the Irish to a Final Four berth last season. There's Jeff Campbell, who came from Holy Cross and balances football and Air Force ROTC.

The Irish line gave props to the scout team.

"I always try to give props to the scout team," said Tyreo Harrison. "It takes a lot to come out and do what they do. They have the same academic load and they are volunteering to come out here and work as hard with no chance of getting a scholarship — and they do it anyway."

Call them crazy. Give them strange looks. Wonder why they like getting leveled day after day. Don't care. They love playing football. They are playing football.

And nothing else matters.

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MATT SARB

The power of three words

Sarb followed family legacy and earned starting spot on kick-off coverage team

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Three words formed a dream into a reality. Three words that caused jubilant family celebrations. Three words that are presently enrolled, and his dad forced him to apply to other schools. I applied to three knowing this was my only chance.

But Sarb didn't just want to attend Notre Dame for academics. As long as he can remember, Sarb wanted to play football for the Irish — something he got from his father, Pat, who played linebacker for Notre Dame and was one of the players who gave up their jerseys and three other seniors could dress for the 1975 season finale.

I lived my whole life trying to imitate what my dad has done,” Sarb said. “He's been my biggest role model, and football was one more thing to becoming closer to him.

Rudy

He doesn't like having his football career compared to Rudy, Notre Dame's most famous walk-on. He'd rather prove he's got his own story.

"It's good that they know what we go through, but at the same time, it's hard to be compared to someone else constantly," Sarb said. "Instead of replacing what someone else did, you want to be yourself and be your own person.

But while Sarb has established a new standard for Notre Dame walk-ons — going far beyond anything Rudy ever accomplished, there are too many parallels between Rudy's story and Sarb's story to ignore. "I thought I wasn't going to make it," he said in Rudy-esque fashion. "Nobody believed in me. It's a lofty goal, it is hard to obtain, but I think I'm able to persist and achieve it.

Ahmed Rosberg turned to the coaches don't trust him, Sarb. His great-grandfather, his grandfather, his father, and his mom told him he was going to step onto the football field in front of 80,000 fans. All he knew was that he was going to be a part of it. My dad forced me to apply to other schools. I applied to three knowing this was my only chance.

I went to coach's office and he said, "I need you to fill out some papers before you're on the team." The reality just all hit at once," he said. "I was trying to sign my name, and my hand was shaking. Right in front of me, and it got a complete different color.

Although Sarb made the team, he had a long way to go before he made it onto the field. He was kicked out of his first practice because he didn't have the right papers filled out. When he reported with the scout team defense, he walked over to the scholarship defense backs unit instead of going with the rest of the walk-ons to the scholarship receivers.

"When you're the new guy, the coaches don't trust you," Sarb said.

"That's a guy that gets everyone fired up about it," said Rocky Bolman. "On the sidelines, right before the kickoff team goes out, here's jumping around getting everyone excited!"

After the Nebraska game, Sarb never gave up his spot on the team. He started on special teams the rest of the year. His only job was to run down the field and hit the wedge as hard as he could.

Sarb did just that. And when it didn't look like he'd be able to move up to the scholarship defense, his father suggested a switch to special teams. It ended up being the perfect advice.

"I made it a point to beat the scholarship players down the field," he said. "I asked Coach Rosberg to look at some film and hoped I could make it on the scholarship squad. I made third team, and by persistence and hard work I made it up to first team.

Making an impact

Sarb's hard work paid off tremendously. Not only did he earn a spot on the starting kickoff return unit, he also distinguished himself as an emotional leader.

"I'm not hitting the wedge as much, which is fine with me," he said. "My goal is to beat the frontline guys down the field. I still kind of miss it, I liked doing it.

It's been a long road for Sarb. But he's always known what he's wanted to do. From the minute he first set foot on the campus in 1992, he knew he was going to attend Notre Dame. From the minute he broke his leg, he knew he was going to get healthy so he could play football at Notre Dame. From the minute he put a shaking hand to a piece of paper, he knew he was going to step onto the football field in front of 80,000 fans.

But he never was expected to come to Notre Dame. But he never really looked anywhere else.

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Senior Matt Sarb races down the field during the Blue-Gold game last spring. Sarb is the latest in a long line of family members who have had connections to Notre Dame.
Message from the heart

By KERRY SMITH
Sporz Writer

When 14-year-old Jonathan Brown received a letter from Notre Dame football coach, his recent frustrations and desire to quit football turned to someone he had never met. He asked for guidance, encouragement, what brought him to Notre Dame. Timmy O'Neill, through his own experiences, put him on the team. Timmy O'Neill's accomplishments in high school put him on the fast track to a spot on the Notre Dame roster as a walk-on. As a two-year starter, he logged more than 2,000 yards rushing and receiving and as a senior earned all-American honors. He became one of the best football players in high school. With his love for football, Timmy O'Neill had been hooked on Notre Dame football. Three generations of family members before him had attended Notre Dame. Three generations of family members before him had attended Notre Dame. As a seven-year-old coming out of Detroit, Timmy O'Neill was jumping out of his car and watching wide-eyed the Notre Dame Stadium where he saw the Irish battle Michigan State and watch in wide-eyed amazement. When 14-year old Jonathan Brown walked into his team's locker room with our pads on and just started hitting each other. We were so excited.

That excitement has pushed Timmy O'Neill to excel. At 5-foot-5 and 175 pounds, the senior is not a typical college football player. "Timmy's been unbelievable," graduate assistant Dennis Moynihan said. "No matter how many good tailbacks come in here, Timmy's always still played small team tailback for us. He's always there." "The coaches aren't the only ones who notice the senior's drive. "He's a hard worker," starting fullback Tiny Chmiel said. "He just gives a full effort every single day — 100 percent. We see that even though he doesn't say too much about it. I'm really impressed by him." "I think you earn respect by your work ethic," Timmy O'Neill said. "We work hard and your teammates look at you as a football player and not necessarily a walk-on or a scholarship player.

The respect he has earned as a four-year walk-on has produced some memorable moments. He has seen playing time in two games — Arizona State during his sophomore season and Navy last year — and traveled to a handful of away games. "I was on the sideline (during the ASU game) and I heard Coach Davie say, 'Where's Tiny Tim?' So at that point I knew I was going in," he said. "I just kept thinking it was just like practice. I was excited, but I wasn't nervous.

He carried the ball twice for four yards. "I was so happy for him," O'Neill's four-year roommate Matt Murphy said. "Our section went crazy. We knew how hard he had worked for it. It was great." Davie also asked Timmy O'Neill to speak at last season's Stanford pep rally. "It caught me by surprise," he said. "It's probably one of my most memorable moments — to get up in front of everyone and speak about what Notre Dame means to me and what my teammates mean to me.

And by voting him on to the team's leadership council this season, Timmy O'Neill's teammates have shown he means a lot to them too. Each season, the Irish players vote a handful of players to the group, which serves as a liaison between players and the head coach. "You vote for people you most respect," Timmy O'Neill said. "It was an honor because it means your teammates respect you.

But the highlights of his tenure at Notre Dame haven't come without some frustrations. According to Timmy O'Neill, the successes have been worth the disappointments. "He's not playing, I didn't think I'd just be the scout team tailback," he said. "If you don't have that mentality of being successful, you aren't going to be. It can be hard to stay positive when you have high expectations for yourself. But I also realize there are a lot of people out there who would like to trade places with me. So I really how lucky I am."
BERNARD AKATU

Nigerian crosses ocean to play football

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Although he spent a majority of his youth growing up in Lagos, Nigeria, Bernard Akatu dreamed one day he would strap on the famous gold helmet and play football for the Irish. When Akatu was seven years old, his family moved to South Bend, Ind., for two years where Akatu’s father studied for a graduate degree in economics at Notre Dame. From the moment he stepped foot on the campus, Akatu fell in love with the university.

“My Dad came to Notre Dame to study economics,” said Akatu. “When I lived here as a kid, I got to be around the campus a lot. I was always taking on a passion would change when his family moved back to the United States in September of 1998. The glimpses of the campus and Notre Dame football never left my mind when we moved back to Nigeria.”

Growing up in the soccer-crazed nation of Nigeria, soccer naturally became Akatu’s first-love, but his passion took a field change when his family moved back to the United States prior to Bernhard’s sophomore year of high school. Although he had never even strapped on football pads before then, Akatu was able to give football a shot at his high school in Chevy Chase, Md. because he thought he possessed the right attitude to develop into a good football player.

“Soccer is by far the biggest sport in Nigeria,” Akatu said. “Basketball is also starting to get more popular, but in soccer, there is no place for a player who does not play football. When I moved back to the United States, I wanted to try out for football because I just wanted to go out and hit somebody. I remember watching Notre Dame football before, and football seemed like so much fun. I didn’t know all the rules or even how to put on the pads, but I did remember the football playing around with some of my friends when I was in South Bend so it was as if I knew everything about the sport.”

Because of his speed, Akatu made the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School team as a wide receiver on offense and safety on defense. Even though he played only three years of organized football, Akatu raised the ire of some small college scouts and even a few Division 1 programs, mostly Tulane and Army.

“Although the thought of attending college was a far-off dream, that changed,” said Akatu. “When it came down to applying for college, Notre Dame and the University of Virginia were my top two choices because of their tremendous traditions.”

“When I got accepted to Notre Dame, I knew that I wanted to try out for the team because it was something I always planned to do. Team sports have always been a part of my life. Notre Dame is the biggest stage for college football, and I wanted to be a part of that tradition. Had I gone to Virginia or somewhere else, I probably would not have played football because those schools simply don’t have the same traditions.”

When Akatu arrived to the Notre Dame campus as a wide-eyed, 17-year-old freshman, he was nervous about making the football team and what college life entailed, but his confidence in himself helped him put his fears aside and adjust. Just as he impressed his high-school coaches, Akatu impressed the Notre Dame coaches with his speed and his work ethic.

Akatu achieved his dream of playing football for Notre Dame and made the team as a walk-on.

“Just like every other player on the Notre Dame football team, Akatu’s hard work and his love for the game helped him become a valuable asset to the team.”

Although he never played for the Irish football team may return to Nigeria where most of his extended family lives.

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Ryan Krueger
Mishawaka product a player of many roles

By NOAH AMSTADER
Bay Area Sports Writer

Ryan Krueger is an actor always looking for a role.

One week the senior walk-on for the Marian football team may play the part of a basketball player in school’s new production of “The Prayer of a Long Distant Runner.”

The next week, he may act as a tailback in the Titans’ Tennessee script.

This past week, he has observed, researched and acted out the role of a Navy slot back.

And the week after that, Krueger may find himself acting out a role in the cast of “As Time Goes By” at St. Joseph’s High School, when the marching band is preparing for its fall parade.

The 5-foot-9, 186 pound senior recently added acting to his repertoire and has taken on the role of Welch, an interesting character in the musical forum that is set during the second act in Rushmore, the movie that debuts in February.

“I really enjoyed doing that,” Krueger said.

In fact, Krueger has enjoyed acting so much he plans on putting any use of his finance degree on hold and pursuing a career in the field after graduation.

“You’re only young once, I figure it’s worth a try,” Krueger said.

Krueger’s path to the Notre Dame practice fields crossed a different path when he turned 16.

“My father was coaching football in Kansas while I was in high school, but he’s more than that on the field and the same academic challenges off the field. Walking on has made my experience at Notre Dame so much better. If I had gone somewhere else, I would not have had the same challenges.”

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The injury wasn’t fully healed when fall practices began in August, but he was able to play football as a freshman. Instead of feeling disappointed, Krueger used the hurdle as a learning experience.

“I have no regrets about walking on,” he said. “I’m not treated any differently from anyone else on the team as a walk-on. We all respect each other because we all are going through the same practices on the field and the same academic challenges off the field. Walking on has made my experience at Notre Dame so much better. If I had gone somewhere else, I would not have had the same challenges.”

While football is important to Akatu, he knows that it will be academics and not athletics that helps him advance in life. Originally, Akatu thought he would major in computer engineering, but before his senior year, Akatu decided to switch his major to MIS within the Mendoza College of Business. In order to fulfill his business requirements and graduate, Akatu will have to return to Notre Dame as a fifth year senior, but like most college students, he is unsure what the future might hold.

“I don’t know if I’ll walk-on next year or not,” he said. “I may just want to be a regular student for a change. I’m still unsure what I want to do after I graduate. If the opportunity for me to stay in the United States is there, I would like to stay. If not, I may return to Nigeria where most of my extended family lives.”

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JEFF CAMPBELL

Transfer balances football and ROTC

By KATIE MCVoy
Assistant Sports Editor

God, Country, Notre Dame. It may sound cliché, but for a man of strong faith who is a cadet first class in the Air Force and spends his afternoons setting up play after play against the Irish first string offense, there seems little else to say.

Senior Jeff Campbell, who transferred from Holy Cross and walked onto the football team at the end of his sophomore year, has more to balance than most students. As a cadet in the Air Force and a full-time student, it's a wonder that he has had time for football. But Campbell made the time.

"The most important thing about Jeff is his devotion to the football team," said Col. Mark Gehri, Campbell's commander in Air Force ROTC. "He's incredibly dedicated."

Four years ago, Campbell was playing tight end in Kalamazoo, Mich. After an injury ended hopes of playing scholarship football, Campbell had a choice to make.

"I was going to go to Hope College to play ball," he said. "But then I just changed my mind and decided, remembered that I always wanted to come to Notre Dame... It's in my family."

But coming to Notre Dame and playing football wasn't easy.

Campbell spent his freshman year studying at Holy Cross before transferring to the Air Force and enrolling in the ROTC scholarship program. During the majority of his sophomore year Campbell only had to balance his time between his duties as an Air Force cadet and a full-time college student. But there was something that was a big part of Campbell's life that he hadn't yet participated in at Notre Dame—football.

"I always loved this school because of the football team," said Campbell. And so Campbell added just one more thing to his already busy schedule—practice five days a week. For the past two years, Campbell has played defensive end on the scout team, and teammates and coaches have never seen him give less than 100 percent.

"There's one word to describe Jeff, there's only one word," defensive scout team coach John DeFilippo said. "He's a warrior. Jeff is an absolute warrior. He has been down after down after player."

"I look up to him," teammate Tim O'Neill added. "We push each other, make each other better. He's one of those guys who's out there everyday giving 100 percent."

But football isn't all there is for Campbell. In May, Campbell, who is currently studying history, will be commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Air Force. Following graduation, he will most likely spend a year training at Pensacola before being stationed at an Air Force base somewhere in the United States as an Air Force navigator.

"Campbell really proves that you can learn leadership in a lot of different ways," Gehri said. "He's an excellent leader and fully ready to be an Air Force officer."

"Playing football and doing ROTC do cause conflicts, but Campbell and his advisors were bound and determined to make them work. Make-up sessions are scheduled to replace afternoon leadership labs in ROTC and the Air Force understands that Campbell is learning leadership other places than the classroom."

"The Air Force ROTC program is a leadership development program," Gehri said. "I firmly believe he is granting character and leadership training on the gridiron."

Notre Dame and country are what Campbell does. But God is why he does it.

"We're not always in control," Campbell said. "Just learning that there's a greater power than all of us that we do this for—that's the only thing you can rely on to get through that kind of stuff."

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Jeff Campbell, No. 97, looks at the next play the scout defense will run during practice earlier this week.

Campbell's Irish military tradition.

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Crowther moves from interhall center to starting long-snapper in one year

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Think back to the first semester of classes at Notre Dame and the stress of adjusting to classes, going to all the meetings you had to attend, and adjusting as well to living away from home, and you'll see that it was a very busy time for John Crowther, the starting long-snapper for the Irish this fall.

"I think the first semester of classes at Notre Dame was the most stressful I've ever been through. But I think the second semester will be easier, and I think I'll be more comfortable with it," Crowther said.

Crowther, who was also named as the starting long-snapper for the Irish this season, said that he was very happy with the decision to make him the starter.

"It was a very tough decision for coach [quarterback Gary Godsey] and coach [assistant coach Kirk Doll]," said Crowther.

"But I think I was ready for it, and I think I was ready for the job."
The rumors continue to swirl about Dave's future. He's said he won't resign, and he said he's focused on coaching. You have to admire Dave's persistence. It's only one collegiate game.

Lantz has coached exactly one collegiate game. He also worked as an assistant coach under Faust from 1984-85. In his only game, he led the Midshipmen to a 42-28 loss against Tulane.

The only question remaining is if the Irish will even have to.

Head to

Bob Davie fifth season at Notre Dame career record: 33-24 at Notre Dame: 33-24 against Navy: 4-0

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COACHING

The Irish will be under the leadership of Bob Davie, who is in his fifth season at Notre Dame. Davie has a reputation for being a tough, disciplined coach who values tradition and loyalty.

NAVY

Navy is just a flat-out bad football team. Lantz has a whopping one game under his belt and the defense is horrible. While Navy has played the Irish close the last two trips to Notre Dame Stadium, that won't happen again. Notre Dame's rushing attack will destroy Navy's defense and the game will be over early.

ANALYSIS

Finally, a game Notre Dame should have opened the season with. They may represent America's finest on ships, but the Irish will beat them like the schoolyard bully hits the kid with the most lunch money. Look for redemption from Ryan Grant and a big play from the secondary.

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Midshipman Rushing

Against Tennessee, the Irish completely shut down Stephens. They've improved dramatically from the second half. The defense has been stellar all year long, however.

Midshipman Passing

Madden is averaging 18 different plays a game. Mike Connolly and Luke Dreyer are a solid receiving tandem. The unit is pretty good and they've done a solid job preventing big returns.

Special Teams

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Intangibles

The Irish will need to keep the ball in bounds. They may be motivated by how close they've played the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium. They still haven't won in four years of meeting, and heartbreaks, they will make the Irish seniors. After Davie's last game in November, Navy wouldn't stand a chance. While they may be motivated by how close they've played the Irish at Notre Dame, they've played the Irish and they've done a solid job preventing big returns.

Notre Dame

By the time they throw the ball, the Irish have been stellar all year long, however.

While the Midshipmen use a variety of receivers, they don't throw the ball that much. Notre Dame should be able to easily control the pass.

Notre Dame's special teams have a great season. Their punt-coverage unit is pretty good and worthy of respect.

The final home game, the last chance for the seniors to make a lasting impact, is all the Irish will need.

AP: Unranked

Navy Midshipmen

Record: 0-8

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Roster

On the team.

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Off coverage units will struggle with the Naval Academy at home. This is the key for the Midshipmen to fill, however.

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At 0-8, Navy just wants to get their season over. While they may be motivated by how close they've played the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium, they still haven't won in 37 games against the Irish.

Even if it weren't Notre Dame's final home game of the season, Navy wouldn't stand a chance. The defining characteristic of this game will be the fighting Irish. After four years of successes and heartbreaks, they make their last appearance in Irish uniforms in front of a home crowd count.

1. John Madden - he's the only one on the team.
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3. Luke Dreyer - he's the only one on the team.
4. Matt Brooks - he's the only one on the team.
5. Jake Bowen - he's the only one on the team.
6. Patrick Shulz - he's the only one on the team.

Mike Connolly

Assistant managing editor

Kerry Smith
By MIKE CONNOLLY
Spor West
Eric Nelson's chances of playing football at Notre Dame almost ended before they started.

Two weeks before he started his sophomore year, Nelson asked some men at a party not to smoke in his friend's house. Rather than extinguishing the cigarettes, they attacked Nelson with a baseball bat.

"The next thing I knew I was on the ground trying to get back up," Nelson said. The now-senior suffered a concussion, a cut above his eye and a bruised brain. Two weeks before the start of this season, Nelson said, "I am playing Division I football." Nelson doesn't just play football, he plays hard. Both his coaches and teammates describe him as a "hard nosed player.

"Eric has done a great job," said graduate assistant Dennis Moynihan, who works with the scout offense. "He's been working at fullback and he's really done a nice job for us.

Injuries have never stopped Nelson from keeping up his hard-hitting play. Despite breaking his arm his junior year, he was back at fullback and he's really done a great job for us.

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"I guess the only thing I will miss about football is the headaches," Nelson joked.

Two years before he started his sophomore year, Nelson told told that when returned in the fall, he would be on the team. But things didn't quite work out when he returned. Rather than getting a spot on the team when he returned to campus, he was told he had to try out again. But the try-out never was scheduled. It was canceled and pushed back repeatedly until finally Chmiel told Nelson to just come back in the spring and try out again.

Even though his dreams of playing for the Irish were put on hold, Nelson didn't stop playing football. He continued playing for the Keenan Hall intramural team. But even though the Knights were very successful — they won the championship when Nelson was a freshman and lost in the first round of the playoffs as a sophomore — intramural football wasn't satisfying enough for Nelson.

"I felt like if I am at Notre Dame, I might as well try to play and play football," he said. Intramurals is football but I love football so much and with intramurals you only practice so many times, it's just not the same.

Nelson's walk-on attempt in February 2000 was much more successful. He made the team and took part in spring drills. "It was exciting. I couldn't believe it," Nelson said. The first time I walked into the locker room, it was like Wow. This is the Notre Dame locker room.

It's just not the same.

Eric Nelson, rear, works on a drill in practice this week. Nelson was hit on the head with a baseball bat before he came to Notre Dame.

What he will miss, however, is his teammates and the friends he has made through football.

"You go to practice and you are with the guys who are going through the exact same stuff you are going through every day," he said. "It's like a companionship. They know what I have to go through every day.

Nelson's dedication to the team without any chance of getting into a game is inspiring according to fellow walk-on Chad DeBolt. DeBolt plays on the scout defense but also gets into the games on Saturday as a special teams player.

"It's a hard thing to sacrifice and not be selfish," DeBolt said. "Those guys exemplify college sports.

Nelson would probably just shrug off that praise. After all, he just wanted to play football and not a bruised brain, a broken arm or a glory-less role on the scout team was going to stop him.

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Focused forward

Poised holder known for fake field goal and trip to Kenya, but looks to future

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People seem know Adam Tibble.

Last year, in Notre Dame's final home game of the season against Boston College, he made a fake field goal that resulted in a touchdown.

This year, he spent nine weeks in Kenya helping homeless children during a summer service project.

And it's fine with Tibble if that's all people know about him. He spends most of his time looking toward his next goal, anyway.

"I'm absolutely flabbergasted at the attention I got," he said. "None of the players on this team, you're never bigger than Notre Dame. I don't see a lot of other holders on other teams get great attention. It's fun to talk, and it's not annoying, but you kind of want to get back into the classroom and the being efficient. You don't have to notice me, you don't have to pay attention to me. I'll just go back there, catch the ball, and do my job."

That's the modest, selfless attitude of the player who openly embraces his role as a holder on all of Setta's field goal attempts. There's no difference between the Tibble that races onto the football field to hold place kicks and the Tibble who has the highest grade point average — 3.918 — of any member on the football team. There's no attempt to exaggerate "his own importance or brag about everything he's accomplished. Instead, there's an unwavering eye fixed clearly on his duty."

"If I do it for me, I'm a fool. But it's an opportunity to spend time with kids, to help them out, to put a smile on their face," he said. "I put as much time as I possibly could into it."

The trip

For the first 10 games of the season last year, Tibble was relatively unknown. In fact, he might not have known for being the first person to come into Setta after he kicked a game-winning field goal against Purdue.

But that all changed with one pitch.

Late in the third quarter, Irish head coach Brian Kelly called for a fake field goal and the ball was snapped to the holder. Tibble made the tackle on Setta's first place. Tibble will enter medical school next year and hopes to make it back to Kenya in the future.

"In the end, it was worth it," he said. "Coming back, you really have a sense of appreciating the opportunity. The opportunity to learn at a place like Notre Dame — it's incredible. I saw street children who don't have those opportunities. I'm sitting here, and I better take something away from it."

The person

That's the attitude Tibble has had his entire life. When he broke his leg in high school and was told he couldn't kick anymore, he didn't listen. When he wanted to make an impact on the football team but was only a third-string kicker, he kept a positive attitude. Whatever he's been handed in life, he's been determined to make the most of anything and everything.

"I would like to describe myself as poised and focused," he said. "Really focused. School always came first here. I focused on academic goals and athletic goals as well. I always had a dream of playing, even when I wasn't."

Tibble, who kicked in high school, initially walked on to the football team in the spring of his freshman year as a kicker.

While he was accurate, his leg strength didn't compare to that of Setta and David Miller. So he looked at holding.

"After figuring out what works on when someone holds, I really started working on it over the summer," he said. "It turned out to be a lucky situation. We would work so hard, but practice, and they would do the holding. I owe a lot to Dave Miller because he suggested, 'What would it be like with Adam in there?' From there on, it was pretty fun."

Tibble admits he feels some pressure — after all, his only job on the team is to snap and put the ball on the ground, and if he messes up, everyone notices. On his first kick — which was also Setta's first kick — he remembers just how nervous he was.

"The first time, I got down, I couldn't feel my leg. It was so nervous," he said. "I'm shook at Nick, and I thought to myself, 'I can't feel my leg. I'm glad I'm not kicking right now.'"

But Tibble made a good hold, Setta hit the kick, and since then, it's been all business every time the field goal unit runs onto the field.

"When someone does their job well, you take them for granted and you forget about how much pressure there is," Setta said. "Adam's like that. He does his job and every time it goes down, it's perfect."

"He's so focused and so relaxed and so confident in his abilities, I don't think he'll have any problems," said Sark. "He's been perfect all year like he was last year, and that's just how he is. He's a perfectionist."

However, Tibble isn't the type of individual to spend much time dwelling on his successes in the past and in the present. He's not going to toss his horn or brag about his multitude of accomplishments.

Walking on to the football team is in the past. Traveling to Kenya is in the present. Tibble keeps looking toward the future.

"There's a lot more footballs to catch," he said. "And that's what I'll do, just catch the ball."

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Mike Klockner

Silent Klockner lets actions speak for him

By JASON McFARLEY

Spurned Winner

If only Mike Klockner had let his heart, and not his play, do the talking for the past two seasons, then he might have been formulated as the quiet, soft-spoken quarterback Notre Dame might have concentrated on recruiting elsewhere.

But in focus working with him is the fact that he got him to talk.

Said kid about fellow senior walk-on Klockner, "Really, he's one of the quietest guys on the team, but he's a great kid. He's got a great heart and loves Notre Dame."

It's maybe just as well that teammates and coaches speak volumes of praise about Klockner, a reserve quarterback since spring of 2000. The religious, soft-spoken 22-year-old would rather play ball than tell tales.

- He rarely discloses, for example, the success he enjoyed on his football team at high school. He was starting quarterback at Archbishop Mardan through senior seasons.

"We made the [region final] my sophomore and senior year," Klockner said, his voice clearly uncomfortable articulating his success. "It was just fortunate to be an all-state quarterback my junior and senior years."

- But to hear 10-year Newark Catholic coach Jeff Buchanan tell it, Klockner had little to do with the other team's defense.

"He gave his utmost effort and did whatever it took to succeed," Buchanan said. "He was the ultimate citizen that you could ever want to coach, and he was still able to be a tremendous leader. He's an inspiration to our school still today. All our kids love Notre Dame.

Klockner's college recruitment, in fact, led him to South Bend but not immediately to Notre Dame. He spent three semesters at Holy Cross College. He transferred to the University as a sophomore in January 2000.

Football tryouts were the next month, and the possibility of walk-on to the team awoke in Klockner an old desire to play college ball. His childhood dream was calling.

And in his typical fashion, Klockner responded — with hard work and as few quietly uttered words as possible.

"I always knew I wanted to play football in college," said Klockner, who made the squad as a quarterback and was quickly moved by coaches to the cornerback position.

"I just tried to do my best. I was very determined."

And Klockner is a better player for it, said Daniel Lockwood, his position coach. Lockwood recalled the first week he worked with No. 14.

"He came in during the spring and was a guy that obviously enjoyed playing the game. From day one of spring practice to day 15, there was definitely improvement in him. He definitely got better."

"He's a kid that's not going to be the biggest, not going to be the fastest, not going to be the strongest, but he tries to give you everything he's got out there. On the field," Lockwood said about the 6-foot-2, 151-pound Klockner.

That was the case even when coaches switched him from the offense to the defense.

"He's still really relaxed, really composed, which is his quarterback role," said coach and said that, he's able to work well out there," Sarb said.

When that attitude in tow, Klockner in college has strayed little from the strict work ethic and Christian values that earned him recognition in prep football even before he entered the University as a sophomore in January 2000.

On a given day, he attends team weightlifting sessions at 6:30 a.m. He goes to three morning classes from 8:30 to 11:30. He works in the Office of the President for two hours in the afternoon then hustles to team meetings and practice until 6 p.m. He studies and another hour right.

"Sometimes the theology major makes time to visit the Grotto. It's fittingly his favorite place on campus.

Dwayne Francis

Humble player modest about earning scholarship

By JEFF BALTRUZAK

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Dwayne Francis has many reasons to be humble as a member of the Notre Dame football team.

He is the only senior walk-on that has earned a scholarship at Notre Dame while at Notre Dame. He is graduating a semester early. He runs the 40 in 4.43 seconds, making him one of the fastest players on the team.

But Francis is also one of the most humble people you could ever meet. He is a hard-working player and leader on the scout and special teams.

"Dwayne's a great leader out there," said John DeFilippo, the graduate assistant in charge of special teams. "He's a smart player, who never sits on the bench and doesn't do anything but go out and compete.

"Dwayne's leadership on the scout team comes from his experience both as a senior and as a walk-on. He has experience with the first-team defensive unit."

"Since a scout team perspective, I have experience and I know the ins and outs," said Francis. "I think it all comes from the fact that I've taken snaps with the defense, and knowing the coverage for our team makes it easier to emulate the other team's coverage."

And Francis understands the role the scout team plays in preparing the offense for the week's game, and making sure the rest of the scout team players understand the importance of that role.

"I think I've been able to help the freshmen on the scout team," said Francis. "We're helping the offense prepare for the game, and its important to challenge ourselves."

Francis' journey as a Notre Dame football player began when he was still at Walsh High School in Houston, Texas. He attended Notre Dame's football camp the summer after his junior year, and impressed then-Irish defensive backs coach Tom McMahon so much that he was invited to walk on when he got to South Bend. While several other Division I schools offered Francis scholarships, he passed them up to attend Notre Dame.

"I always wanted to go to school here," said Francis. "I those academics."

But after Francis arrived, McMahon left to coach at Colorado, and Francis did not get the opportunity to showcase his skills on the field until sophomore year, playing in the Pittsburgh, Boston College, and Stanford games as "gunner" on punt returns, which meant he covered the opposing teams' players that were split wide in a punt formation.

"As a sophomore as a walk-on, Francis earned a scholarship, the coaching staff recognizing his combination of ability and dedication."

"I'm guessing they evaluated me, and I was chosen," said a humble Francis. "When I came here I didn't have intentions of watching — I wanted to come here and play."

Francis would play more his junior year, but he would be challenged by his arch-nemesis throughout the 2000 campaign - injuries.

Francis started the season on the kickoff and punt return teams, but pulled his hamstring in the Purdue game after making his first career tackle against Nebraska a week earlier, one of multiple hamstring injuries Francis has sustained in his college career.

Francis returned to the field against Navy a month later. He played on the special teams and even saw time in the defensive backfield at cornerback. But the week after Francis finally saw the field for the Irish defense, he tore his medial collateral ligament in his knee on a kickoff, an injury mostly due to West Virginia's Antwainfield.

"The guy turned me, and my leg got stuck in the turf," said Francis.

That would be the last play Francis would participate in his junior year. But Francis has never let his injury as justified seeking for more playing time, having a negative attitude.

"Dwayne's an effort guy, and he does a great job," said DeFilippo. "He's not complainant, always."

Senior Dwayne Francis drops back into coverage earlier this week, Francis is the only senior walk-on to earn a scholarship in his December graduation, Francis already knows what he wants to do with his future.

"I want to get my MBA. Hopefully starting next fall," said the Texas native and Management Information Systems major. "Then after that, I'm interested in working for an oil company in their information technology department... and then maybe in the fashion or entertainment industry or art work."

After his hard work and success as a walk-on at Notre Dame, it's hard to picture Francis knowing anything but success.

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Greatness personified

Special teams player also excels on lacrosse field

By MIKE CONNOLLY

DeBolt

Chad Lennon told Chad DeBolt not to come to Notre Dame.

"You only have one condition could DeBolt enroll at the University, the director of the Alumni Association told him."

"He said 'Chad, if you want to come to Notre Dame to be good, don't come here. But if you want to be great, come to Notre Dame," DeBolt remembered.

DeBolt took Lennon's advice to heart. He became captain of the lacrosse team. He walked onto the football team. He excelled in the classroom in a five-year engineering program that will earn him an MBA and a civil engineering degree.

In a sense, he has become great.

"You can never be great unless you're willing to do what it takes every day," DeBolt said. "I am pretty happy with what has happened so far but hopefully I can keep building on it and get better every day."

For all that he has accomplished and the positive attitude he brings to every task, he is revered by friends and coaches alike.

"I've been around very few people in my life who are as easy to get along with, refreshing and forthright as Chad DeBolt," lacrosse coach Kevin Corrigan said. "DeBolt is the type of people I have ever been around. You just feel good when you are around him."

When Corrigan recruited DeBolt to Notre Dame in the fall of 2004, in Wyoming, N.Y., he knew DeBolt was a special person as a person, a student-athlete and a Notre Dame lacrosse team.

"As soon as I walked out of his house, I called my assistant coach and said we need to get this kid," Corrigan said.

"But it wasn't any of DeBolt's high school school lacrosse accomplishments that impressed Corrigan most. Corrigan was more impressed with Chad DeBolt the person than Chad DeBolt the All-American high school lacrosse player."

"He is a Notre Dame kid," Corrigan said. "He is a whole-some kid. He has got a wonderful family and he is extremely committed to them. He was respectful with his parents and respectful with his younger sisters who idolize him. You just can't help being impressed with him and the way he handles himself."

Corrigan was so impressed with DeBolt as a person, that the midfielder's desire to walk on to the football team didn't even phase him. Corrigan knew that DeBolt was passionate about baseball and lacrosse, not football. He wasn't about to stand in the way of either

desire.

"I said 'If you are sure you want to do it, then do it,'" Corrigan remembered. "This time, not mine."

After spending his entire freshman year with the lacrosse team and earning a monogram, he talked to Chuck Corrigan, the director of football operations, about walking onto the football team.

"I told him I would stay here and work with the team and prove myself," DeBolt said.

So in the summer of 1999, he stayed in South Bend and worked out. By the end of the summer, his athletic ability earned him a roster spot and DeBolt spent his entire sophomore season on the scout defense.

While his lacrosse teammates participated in fall drills, DeBolt got beat up by the starting defense every day after fall training camp. He loved every minute.

"I love it," DeBolt said about playing scout defense. "I wish they would let us tackle."

But at the same time he was 100 percent focused on playing scout defense for the football team, he never lost touch with the lacrosse team. After his football practice was over, he would come over to the end of the lacrosse practice just to check up on his friends.

"Pretty much every chance he gets after football practice, he would come over in his pads to our practice or come into the locker room just to talk with the guys," senior midfielder John Flandina said. "He is down to earth and it is just like he is better than us because he plays football and lacrosse."

In 2000, DeBolt began to develop a distinct role for himself on the football team. He was more impressed with his potential in one single area. If he had only been a walk-on from the football team.

"They're the most kind hearted people you will ever meet in the world," Flandina said. "They are amazing people. They will welcome you into their home and treat you like gold."

"His parents could watch his last game this year, it would be very special for DeBolt. "It would be great," he said. "My parents haven't had a chance to come and see me this year. That would be especially great for the last home game."

As great as DeBolt has been, he given so much of himself in so many different areas that he hasn't really achieved his true potential in one single area. If he had only played lacrosse, he might be an All-American rather than just a face-off expert and defensive specialist.

"We were hoping that Chad would develop like former Irish All-Americans Jimmy Keenan and Steve Rishko," Corrigan said. "We thought Chad had that potential but not if he spends his off-seasons pumping iron for football. It's changed his role ... But this is his college experience and I want him to get everything he wanted out of it."

If he had only been a walk-on player, he might be a little bigger and fighting for some playing time on defense.

"I know the defense basically but if you asked me a specific assignment, I might not know it," DeBolt said. "(Lacrosse) has kept me from progressing to a new role."

But sacrificing a little in each sport so he could do both is not a problem for DeBolt.

"You have to give up some things for other things," DeBolt said. "I think my experience here is the greatest thing that could have happened to me. I've had a chance to meet football players and lacrosse players. I've played in Notre Dame Stadium. I've played in the NCAA Lacrosse Championships. You couldn't ask for much more."

And Notre Dame couldn't ask for much more from Chad DeBolt.

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Career begins with 3 football roommates

By JOE LICANDRO
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Sometimes life takes an unexpected series of twists and turns for the better.

When Chris Mahoney arrived on the campus of Notre Dame in 2001, he was not looking for football. They were starters in high school, but when they walked on to the field for the first time, they had no idea they would be roommates.

"At first, I thought they were ridiculous or just trying to play a trick on me, but then I thought about it some more. I realized that I would regret it for the rest of my life if I just gave up," Mahoney said.

As a kid growing up in Westford, Mass., Mahoney was a big Irish football fan fascinated by the mythology and tradition of Notre Dame. He was excelling in his schoolwork, but the encouragement of his roommates motivated Mahoney to give football a shot.

"They kept pushing me to try out, and I kept reminding myself that this was a once-in-a-lifetime chance to play football for Notre Dame," Mahoney said. "The first day at tryouts were really scary, but I stuck it out and survived." After that, he decided he was going to commit himself to walking on to the team.

No one was more surprised about Mahoney's decision to play football than his parents and his brother Pete, a 1998 Notre Dame graduate. The Mahoneys had always been big Irish fans, but they never dreamed that their son would one day wear the famous gold helmet.

"When I told my parents and my brother, they were shocked," said Mahoney. "They didn't believe me. I guess I hadn't done anything before and I thought they wouldn't believe me." But the Mahoneys couldn't believe it. "They had never played organized football at any level in his entire life, so I thought it was a really good idea," Mahoney said.

"I told them from day one that this was a must-have activity and tradition of Notre Dame. My parents are really proud that I chose to walk on and have made my Notre Dame experience so much better. We just sit back and laugh about it now because it is still very hard to believe," Mahoney said.

Walking on at Notre Dame has been a tremendous experience for Mahoney because he has formed special bonds with his teammates that he will carry with him the rest of his life.

"It was a fun experience to walk-on, he has earned the respect of both his teammates and the coaching staff because of the personal sacrifices he has made to be a member of the team," Mahoney said.

"We're not out there for the personal glory or some of the rewards," Mahoney said. "We just want to help prepare the team to win.

While Mahoney has yet to appear in a game during his career at Notre Dame, head coach Bob Davie has taken notice of outstanding work ethic and focus that has him considered one of the team's leaders.

"At first, I thought they were a pain in the ass," said Dierckman. "But I knew I wasn't gonna make it. I was used to getting A-pluses in high school, but I had to work for it here.

Part of finding a balance in his life as a student-athlete meant giving up some common college-kid activities.

"I definitely had a different college experience, but I'm not saying I missed anything. Being a walk-on has made me who I am. It's really brought out the best in me," said Dierckman. "If I hadn't done this, I'd be hitting up Heartland for 40 hours a week.

"I was one of the toughest returns and kickoffs guys like Mike Rosenthal and Tim Ritter," said Dierckman. "Seeing all those guys doing it and doing it well, I thought I could make it.

"I was dead set on it, but I only thought about playing in college football and never really played football before or thought about it. I'm really looking forward to the NFL. I'm a real believer, but I don't know if I'll be able to make it."

BRIAN DIERCKMAN, a leader on and off the field, has earned the respect of his teammates and the coaching staff because of his personal sacrifice and commitment to Notre Dame football.

"I didn't have a lot of experience," he said. "But a lot of other guys, sometimes they dog Notre Dame. I think if you really want to make the team you have to work with a friend to see Notre Dame football games, and his experience watching the games stuck in his mind as he decided where he wanted to go.

"It wasn't a single thing that convinced me to walk-on because one guy didn't really know who I was. But I couldn't sacrifice sleep for studying or anything else," Dierckman said.

Dierckman had a knack for finding a balance between football and school. He thought he could make it, and he did. He was one of the first players selected to the team at his position.

"I didn't think anything could be tougher than what I've been through," said Dierckman.

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Biochemistry major balances school, football

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One has to wonder about the getting-to-know-you process for Brian Dierckman. He has experienced and the utter astonishment his roommates must have produced in the last four years. After all, he was a football walk-on and a biochemistry major.

"It was definitely difficult," said Dierckman, who plays defensive end for the scout team.

"They told me from day one I wouldn't be able to do it," Dierckman, who is originally from Fort Wayne, Ind., walked on during the 2000 spring semester, his junior year, doing winter workouts and drills, and running with the team until football began.

"It was one of the scarcest moments of my life," said Dierckman. "Mickey Marotti taught me to realize how difficult it is."

During Mahoney and Dierckman's freshman and sophomore years, their studies suffered.

"I almost failed every single test on this team," Dierckman said. "I dropped my lab and I was missing four practices a week," he said.

"This was the football team, but I knew from every day that I was not as high as it could be," said Dierckman.

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Senior Brian Dierckman pushes the quarterback during practice Tuesday. Dierckman has done a fine job balancing school and football.

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