Davie Leaves With Class
After a straightforward press conference, Davie walks away with pride and tact. The community should respect his graceful exit.

Monday
DECEMBER 3, 2001

Students contemplate future of Irish football

Some speculate on choice of next Irish football coach

By SHEILA EGTS
News Writer


According to some members of the Notre Dame student body, these are just a few words used to describe the Irish's 5-6 losing season under the leadership of head coach Bob Davie.

After the announcement of Davie's firing at a press conference yesterday, students were left to evaluate the overall season and speculate about the future direction of the program.

"I just think this season was real up and down," said junior football manager Dawn Vincent McKinney. "There were some good wins and some bad losses, but I feel like we beat ourselves more than anyone else.

"Davie's tenure, the Irish produced just a rough year to be a fan. However, a "rough year" for fans can hardly compare to the rough year experienced by Bob Davie, who will go down in the record books as the only head coach to be fired in Notre Dame history.

Under Davie's tenure, the Irish produced only one first-round draft pick and zero first-team All-Americans. The NCAA also sanctioned the football program for the first time in school history during Davie's third year when Irish players were found to be having inappropriate relations with athletic booster Kim Dunbar during Lou Holtz's tenure.

Kevin White
Notre Dame Athletic Director

Kevin White, the Notre Dame Athletic director, announced Davie's dismissal earlier in the day at a separate press conference. Davie has left the football program, but the Irish have yet to announce a new head coach.

"I'm very in favor of the firing of Davie, but as a head football coach at Notre Dame, But with that said, I accept the decision."
Christmas in ... October?

One weekend in mid-November, I am driving to a restaurant to have dinner with my family. We turn a corner, and a flock of twinkling, colored lights dazzles the eye. Christmas lights were up.

After Thanksgiving dinner, I go to stand by my mother as she looks out the window. The street is dark, and we looked out at the familiar houses lit by the soft glow of the street lamps. And the strings of lights that lined the trees and buildings. And the illuminated sighs and reindeer on the Christmas lights were up.

I return to campus to find little icicles lighting the path to the door of my dorm, and a Christmas tree in the lobby.

And another tree in O'Shaugnessy. One in the bookstore, a dorm, and a dorm opent different interpretations of holiday decorations, inside and out. As do various dorm rooms. Even the Dining Hall is decorated, with Christmas cards constantly played over the loudspeaker. Christmas lights were up.

Now, I love Christmas. The decorations, the shopping, the trees, the celebration—all of it. I have fond memories of the family piling into the van, and what happened, I don't think anyone knows. He said, "I think there are no new facts to shed light on (the situation) and anyone people should be labeled as speculation."

Since Wiley's disappearance, rumors have circulated that he had been perhaps distraught about not winning the Nobel Prize in 1996, when two scientists working on similar research received the award. Jack L. Strominger, Higgins professor of biochemistry at Harvard who shared the Lasker Award in 1995 and the Japan Prize in 1999 with Wiley, said that "from everything I know, there is no possibility that he committed suicide."

The Lasker Award is awarded to clinical scientists annually and is considered a precursor to receiving the Nobel Prize, said Philip Marrack, a professor of immunology at the National Institutes of Health and an investigator with Wiley for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

Since 1962, more than half of those who won the Lasker Award went on to receive the Nobel Prize, most within two years of receiving the Lasker. The year after Wiley received the Lasker Award, the Nobel Award went to scientists Peter Doherty and Rolf Zinkernagel who had shared the Lasker Award with Wiley in 1995.

Christmas in the Academic Village: If and the Urban Laboratory.

Donna Robertson, Bond Hall Room 104, 4:30 p.m.

FIlm: "Comfort and Joy,"

Montgomery Theatre, 9 p.m.

This Week on Campus

Monday

Lecture: "After the Academic Village: If and the Urban Laboratory."
Donna Robertson, Bond Hall Room 104, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Lecture: Jack Welch, retired General Electric CEO, Jordan Auditorium of College of Business, 5 p.m.

Friday

Lecture: "The Constitution and the Courts: A Question of Legitimacy,"
Judge James Buckley of D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals, Law School Room 120/121, 12:10 p.m.

Beyond Campus

Harvard prof doubt colleague committed suicide

Katie McKenna

Washington University

Officials find 85,000 baby teeth

If the tooth fairy had flown into the dark, dusty Washington University storage facility in May along with some administrators on a spring cleaning mission, her reaction would have been similar to someone who had just won the lottery, as 85,000 baby teeth were discovered in an ammunition bunker at WU's Tyson Research Center. The teeth were taped to the door of the building, and the Empty the Tooth Fairy, a visiting instructor in communications, held a press conference on the findings.

Most people agree that Christmas is a very special time, magical even. Part of that magic is that Christmas is fleeting, and it goes every year. To drag out the Christmas season would be to stretch out that magical time. It would only stretch for so far before it breaks.

While many Christmas celebrations are underway across the country, the Observer regrets the error. The Observer regrets the error.

Correction/Clarification

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so that we can correct our error.

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Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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The stage was set for a dramatic showdown between White and Davie when the season ended. Three weeks ago, Davie said that he could not envision resigning his position under any circumstances, stance he reiterated last week and again after Notre Dame's 24-13 victory over Texas A&M on Saturday night. And last week, Davie said that the only way he would leave was if Notre Dame president Edward Malloy told him to. But when Davie spoke, there was no animosity toward White, only a calm understanding of White's responsibility and the difficulty of the decision he had to make.

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"If Bob and his family not be more proud of the players this year's team. Davie praised the quality of Notre Dame's players, by saying "Bob and his family were certainly their prerogative to do that." He also expected and intended to excel on the field, as a coach or a person when Davie asked why he was being fired, White said it was because of the program's lack of success.

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Reaction
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press conference on Sunday," said
junior Chris Coleman.

Kevin White, director of athletics at Notre Dame, said yesterday that no
one has yet been contacted regarding
the open coaching position, but that
he does have a short list of prospects
in line for the job. Regardless of who
is chosen as Davie's successor, the
pressure is on from fans for a coach
who will produce less frustrating,
disappointing and upsetting results in
the 2002 season.

"Next season depends who we get.
If it's Jon Gruden [head coach of the
Oakland Raiders] or Steve Mariucci
[head coach of the San Francisco
49ers], I think it could be a lot better
next year. If it's not a pro coach, it
might take two or three years to turn
around the program," said Spack.

Contact Sheila Egts at egts0236@saintmarys.edu.

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Review begins today

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

The Department of Education
will begin a three-day on-site
review of Saint Mary's Security's
statistical reporting procedures
today, when an investigator from
the department arrives on campus
to review files and interview
administrators and community
members.
The review is a part of an ongo­
ing investigation of a complaint
filed by Security on Campus, a
national watchdog organization,
on behalf of Sarah Alter, a student
who alleges she was raped at
Saint Mary's in 1998 and the case
was improperly handled by Saint
Mary's Security.
The visit was delayed from last
week because the investigator,
Richard Reinhardt, had personal
conflicts. Reinhardt will begin the
review today with a meeting with
Linda Timm, vice president of
Student Affairs, Keith Dennis, vice
president of Finance and
Administration and Richard
Chlebek, director of Security.

Dennis said he hopes the schedule
for the following two days will
be determined in that meeting.

"We have a meeting for 9 a.m.
on how we will proceed. Right
now there is no set schedule," said
Dennis. "It will develop as we go.
It is unknown when Reinhardt's
findings will be released. The
Security on Campus complaint
claims Saint Mary's is in violation
of the Jeanne Cleary Act for
improperly reporting rape sta­
tistics during the past decade. If
Reinhardt finds Saint Mary's is in
violation of the act on the basis of
the complaint, the College could
face up to a $35,000 fine. Saint
Mary's would only be the second
school the department has fined
for any offense.

Contact Myra McGriff at
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MADRIGAL DINNER

Students participate in Saint Mary's 29th annual Madrigal Dinner on Sunday. The din­
er simulates a holiday feast from the past complete with jesters, jugglers, dancers,
and a choir.

Her love for sharing news
began with the phone.
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technology that keeps
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**World News Briefs**

**Peace talks make progress**: U.N.-led talks on Afghanistan's future took an important step forward Sunday with four Afghan factions joining over a U.N. draft detailing terms for the northern alliance to transfer power in the capital, Kabul. Once an agreement is reached, U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi was prepared to travel immediately to Afghanistan to implement any deal.

**Militants spark Kashmir violence**: Suspected Islamic militants on Sunday gunned down seven Hindus who were on their way to attend a wedding in a remote village in troubled Kashmir, police said. This violence was the second attack since Friday in Ghoti, some 40 miles north of Jammu, the winter capital of the Indian-held Jammu-Kashmir state.

**National News Briefs**

**Paying organ donors revisited**: As the nation's need for organ transplants continues to outstrip supply, the American Medical Association on Sunday grappled with a possible solution once thought taboo: paying dying would-be donors and their families for vital organs. Such financial incentives are illegal, banned by Congress in 1984, and as a result people needing organ transplants must rely strictly on volunteers.

**Colorado win incites riots**: Police used tear gas, pepper spray and percussion grenades to quiet a rowdy crowd celebrating a University of Texas football victory. Some in the crowd lit bonfires, tore out street signs and traffic lights and started to overturn cars. Eleven students were arrested and four people suffered minor injuries, said police.

**Indiana News Briefs**

**Gambling issues multiply**: The coming legislative session could be a busy one for gambling interests. Gov. Frank O'Bannon wants to boost the casino admission taxes, and a French Lick lawyer wants to add a riverboat casino in his district. Meanwhile, a majority of the state's riverboat casinos say they can't remain competitive without a boost and a French Lick lawmaker wants to add a riverboat casino in his district.

**Market Watch November 30**

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**Top 5 Volume Leaders**

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**FBI examines anthrax researchers**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON**

The F.B.I. has expanded its investigation of the deadly anthrax attacks to include the laboratories of the government and its contractors as a possible source of the anthrax itself or the knowledge to make it. Scientists and law enforcement officials say while theories about the attacker have focused primarily on domestic biotechnologists and foreign scientists, law enforcement officials are now also examining the possibility that the criminal may be a knowledgeable insider.

**Col. Arthur M. Friedlander**, the senior research scientist at the Army's Fort Detrick Laboratory at Fort Detrick, Md., said in an interview Friday that although he has been cooperating with federal investigators,

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**Israel**

**Palestinian attacks kill Israelis**

**Associated Press**

**HAIFA, Israel**

A Palestinian suicide bomber killed at least 15 people and wounded dozens more when he blew himself up on a bus in northern Israel on Sunday, hours after a double suicide attack killed 10 people in Jerusalem. The bombings were among the deadliest attacks in Israel in years and marked one of the bloodiest phases of a 14-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation. They threatened to wreck a new U.S. peace mission led by envoy Anthony Zinni.

President Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority, under intense U.S. pressure to crack down on radical groups, declared a state of emergency and ordered its security forces to arrest militants who had planned and carried out the attacks. Leading fierce international criticism of the attacks, President Bush condemned the suicide bombings before talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Washington. This is a moment where the advocates for peace in the Middle East must rise up and fight terror, Chairman Arafat must do everything in his power to find those who murdered innocent Israelis and bring them to justice," he said.

The militant group Hamas, which opposes Israel's existence, claimed responsibility. It said the attacks were to avenge Israel's Nov. 23 killing of Mahmoud Abu Hannoud, a Hamas military leader who is regarded by Israel as a master bombmaker. A senior Palestinian security source said dozens of militants had been arrested since Saturday night across the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Arafat would be tested "by deeds alone" and that the Palestinian leader's previous arrests of militants had proved a "farce."

"This may be the most serious crisis in Israel-Palestinian relations," a Foreign Ministry statement quoted Peres as saying. The Israeli army responded to the bombings by tightening its blockade of the West Bank and encircling Palestinian cities it had not already surrounded because of "numerous warnings of future attacks."

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**Israel soldiers carry the coffin of Nira Haftasdi, who was killed Saturday night by a Palestinian suicide bomber. Another attack, killing 15 more Israelis, followed the double suicide bombing.**

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**Isaac Kappy**
Community protests for peace

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Peter Smith has little trouble reconciling his veteran status with his pacifist philosophies. He served a four-year stint in the U.S. Navy in the 1960s and even during the days of the Vietnam era believed that peace was a goal to be reached. And a means to reach the goal.

“My wife and I have ridden every war since Vietnam,” said Smith, of South Bend. The conflict in Afghanistan has been no different for Smith and wife Ellyn Stecker.

On Sunday the couple joined more than 100 other anti-war activists, many of them Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, at a peace march and rally in downtown South Bend.

“We know that we’re standing for what’s right, and today is our day to celebrate that,” Smith said before the march on the sunny, 50-degree afternoon.

The event was sponsored by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Peace Coalition and the Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition, a local activist group. South Bend’s Kern Road Montessori Church Peace Committee also helped organize the protest.

March participants set off from St. Joseph’s Church at Hill Street and LaSalle Avenue, walking two by two on sidewalks along downtown thoroughfares. They chanted anti-war epithets (“One-two-three-four, stop the killing and the war.” “Five-six-seven-eight, stop the killing and hate.”) and their signs ran the gamut of pacifist and “blame America” attitudes: “Love your enemies,” “More food, no bombs,” “Capitalism equals terrorism.”

Ironically, the march drew parallels to the armed services, as protesters sang sound-offs in chorus like military units being drilled.

The 45-minute march led activists over the LaSalle Street bridge and south on Michigan Street past the Century Center, the city’s downtown convention hall. It proceeded west on Washington Street and north on Main Street to U.S. Rep. Tim Romic’s district headquarters.

On the front windows of the Democratic 3rd District congressman’s office, protesters taped three pages of demands to end attacks in the Middle East. One page threatened weekly protests downtown until U.S. bombing of Afghanistan ceased.

Public reaction to the march was largely positive. Sunday afternoon traffic whizzing past protesters on busy downtown arteries honked horns and waved.

“Two to have people driving by and beeping their horns to have more than 100 people who I don’t even know turn out to support this cause, it’s just so affirming,” said Notre Dame senior Peace Coalition member Rachel Solin, “and that’s why it was so important to come out today and say that innocent people are dying, just as they did Sept. 11.”

Smith said, “Our collective experience tells us that wars are easy to start but hard to stop. Bombing, especially of innocent civilians, is the fertilizer from which new terrorists come.”

Protestors acknowledged that many Americans view a pacifist response to fighting terrorism as unpopular and even unpatriotic. But they called for public indictment of suspected terrorists in lieu of a U.S. military response.

“There are a lot of people opposed to non-violence,” Notre Dame senior Jamar Tisby said at a rally following the march. “Even priests, I tell them there might be another way to respond to this situation, and they look at me like I’ve said a four-letter word in church.”

Long before the Afghan conflict, the South Bend community struggled with other social justice issues. Peter Walhse, a Notre Dame government professor, said prior to the rally.

“In the past, apartheid in South Africa and Contras in Nicaragua drew in the city,” Walhse said. “It’s good to be a part of the peace community in Michiana,” Walsh said.

In Michiana, and throughout the United States, Americans should look to peaceful means of conflict resolution “before the cycle of violence overwhelms us all,” according to Smith. For America that means looking at its own might in a different light, the veteran said.

“Let’s pull back from being a military superpower,” he said.

Liverpool mourns loss of Harrison

Associated Press

LIVERPOOL

Prayers of remembrance were said for George Harrison in his home city Sunday — in churches, cathedrals and at makeshift street-corner shrines. Three days after 58-year-old Harrison died from cancer in California, Canon Michael Wolfe offered a prayer of thanksgiving for “the Liverpool Beatle, George Harrison” at the city’s Anglican cathedral.

Wolff told about 200 parishioners in the vast and echoing cathedral that Harrison would be remembered "for his contribution over the years to song and music, and for his work for charity.”

As Liverpool launched into the Christmas holiday season Sunday with a parade, many in the city paused quietly to remember the local son who bore his fame and his illness with equal forbearance.

“George will be remembered for being dignified about being a member of The Beatles,” said 21-year-old James Elliker, stopping outside the gates of Strawberry Field, the Salvation Army children’s home immortalized in a Beatles song. "He’ll be remembered as the nice one.”

Behind him a sign pinned to the red wrought-iron gates echoed Harrison’s final message to his fans: “Love one another.”

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White addresses Davie’s dismissal

Special to the Observer

Following is a statement from Kevin White, director of athletics at the University of Notre Dame, concerning the head coaching position of the Notre Dame football team:

"I have informed Bob Davie today that he will not be retaining his head football coaching position with Notre Dame.

"After talking to Bob, I also have spoken with our football team and assistant coaches. Our assistant coaches understand that a new head coach will select his own staff. But I've told them that they will continue at Notre Dame employees at least until that time. I have indicated to our players and just met with our players, that their welfare during this transition is our number one concern and that our sole focus in the coming search is to bring them a coach who will give them the best possible chance to be successful at Notre Dame.

"This is difficult for everyone involved, but especially difficult for Bob and his family, as well as for the football staff and their respective families, not to mention the players and their families.

"It is never a pleasant duty to part company. It is no secret to anyone that high expectations come with the job of head football coach at Notre Dame. Those expectations are the product not only of our history and tradition and national following, but also of our institution-wide commitment to excellence in everything that we do. I know there are those who believe it is no longer possible for us to contend for national championships on the field while continuing to win graduation-rate honors, but I don't accept that premise, nor does anyone involved with athletics at Notre Dame.

"Bob Davie has brought good students and good people to Notre Dame, he has supported and taken an active interest in the academic progress of his players, he has encouraged good citizenship. I am proud to be associated with our football team. These are expectations we have of all our coaches in all programs. However, we also expect, and intend to excel on the field, and there, unfortunately, our results and progress have been disappointing.

"A year ago at this time, I believed that we had turned the corner under Bob and that we were prepared to reclaim our traditional standing among the nation's elite college football programs. Today I no longer can say that.

"The search for a new head coach will begin immediately. I made a commitment to Bob that I would not contact anyone about this job until he had first heard from me concerning his status, and I have honored that commitment. I've made no contacts with potential candidates or their employers before now and nor has anyone authorized by me made any attempts to contact potential candidates.

"I don't expect to comment on the contacts that we make during the search. I appreciate the appetite for news and information about a search of this kind, but you don't hire good people by negotiating through the media. We all know that the rumor mill has been in operation for many weeks now, and we know that today's announcement will kick it into overdrive.

"Let me provide one caution about the rumors and 'informed sources' that are bound to surface in the days ahead. As soon as there's something to report, you'll hear it from me. However, until you hear it from me, anything you might hear will be nothing more than speculation.

Anthrax remains a national threat

Associated Press

HARTFORD

Trace amounts of anthrax were found at a postal facility that sorts mail for the town where a 94-year woman mysteriously died of the disease last month, officials said Sunday.

Ottillie Lundgren, of Oxford, was the fifth person in the nation to die since the anthrax scare began in October. The source of her exposure has baffled officials, who are investigating whether she could have come in contact with tainted mail.

The spores were found on sorting machines during tests at the Southern Connecticut Processing & Distribution Center in Wallingford. The center processes mail for Oxford and other towns.

The trace amounts most likely were left on the machines when a letter sent to Seymour, near Oxford, passed through the facility on Oct. 11, said Jon Steele, vice president of the Postal Service's Northeast Area Operations.

"This finding is not a complete surprise," Steele said. "The public should not be panic-tracked by trace elements occurring nearly 60 days ago."

The tainted Connecticut machines will be decontaminated, a process that could take several days, Steele said. The center will remain open for business, he said.

The facility was tested on four separate occasions and 389 samples were taken, said Steele. Five samples in the latest round of testing revealed the anthrax, he said. "This is a very small amount of anthrax," said Dr. Joxel Garcia, the state's commissioner of public health.

"PLACING A FACE TO HIV/AIDS"

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Ish head football coach Bob Davie failed in his commitment to consistently lead his team to national championship contention. Notre Dame students, alumni and fans should celebrate the hope that a new coach will deliver more successful seasons.

But, in applauding the University's decision, those who are happy to see Davie leave should give the former head coach the same respect and class that he has shown in his position this season.

While Davie may have failed on the football field, his conduct off the field should earn him the respect of the Notre Dame community as he leaves his position.

Throughout a dismal 5-6 season, Davie placed the blame fully on himself, trying to deflect criticism off his players.

Even in the wake of his firing, Davie showed nothing but class. In his final press conference, Davie expressed raw emotion for his family, the University administrators who worked hard for him, and the students, alumni and fans of Notre Dame.

As successful as the big day was, it started out rather inauspiciously. At the stroke of midnight, I dragged a half-fledged (literally) and amused. With the stroke of midnight. I dragged a drunk straight out of my dorm.

As I was giving my drunkest to Indiana to my dorm security guard, she suggested we try a Drink Odyssey. I was too drunk to provide a tie.

After selecting my favorite beverage and beginning the self-checkout, I was told by a less-than-friendly store employee that I couldn't buy alcohol on a Wednesday. I then pointed out to the cashier that it was now in fact Monday. She informed me, "You can't buy till 7 a.m. you huge Notre Dame student."

We refused to give up. John Litle, my friend and fellow communist, meant columnist, was even more determined to get me more liquored up than I was. Cursing Meijer all the way, we drove us to 24-hour restaurant so I could order a beer. I asked the waiter if he had my favorite beer, and the dude made a point to go check and then tell me, "Yes, but you can't have it. It's after hours you huge Notre Dame football fan."

Designed to the fact that it was easier to get alcohol during Prohibition than on an early Monday morning, we headed back to my dorm. I would like to ask the state of Indiana and other states with similar laws, a question. Why have you secularized society so much, only to keep an antiquated law that only serves to screw me over? We support bombing Afghanistan on a Sunday, but can't drink a Hooch. Bah.

As I was giving my strongest drin to Indiana to my dorm security guard, she suggested we try Michigan. My twilight zone experience continued as we realized that all gas stations in Michigan are either closed or do not sell beer. Let me repeat, the gas station did not sell beer. I now declare a title between Indiana and Michigan as the most foolish state ever. I can't tell you how close we were to just going to Canada.

Rejected by the entire bi-state area, I went through the vast majority of my birthday without a drop of alcohol in my system. But I made up for it that night. Oh boy did I make up for it. A bunch of my friends and I went to Friday's because, as one friend told our waiter, "We don't want to take her to a bar on Monday night so she can be hit on by townies."

The waiter, was, of course, a towhee himself.

Let's see what happened next. Oh that's right, I got drunk. I got very drunk. Then I went to a shady bar in Michigan and got drunk some more.

At some point I stopped ordering drinks and they just stopped appearing before me. My main topics of conversation at this point were the problems with both libertarianism and socialism and how awesome I think Prince is. Yes, I was finally living up to my fantasy of being just like Jack Kerouac but without the writing part.


Anyway, even including the sequel to our adventure, I still had an incredible birthday. To all of you who were there, thanks for a great night. We'll have to do it again — never.
In a couple of weeks, I will leave Notre Dame and I might not return. Academia is a rat race. The system constantly pushes you to work harder and to discard all your non-academic goals. In graduate school, students see themselves as future professors and researchers. All of the graduate students I know are unable or unwilling to be dedicated activists. Students who believe there is something more to life than academia are usually not able to make it through graduate school.

Because student-athletes are human beings with many facets to their lives, their academic performance does matter. This is why I believe Notre Dame, as a Catholic institution, should take the academic well-being of the football players into consideration when evaluating Bob Davie's efforts. I do not think we should do violence to them as people.

Because student-athletes are human beings, we should not require them to submerge their intellectual abilities, as well as their athletic abilities. If we did not do so, we would do violence to them as people.

I am not necessarily recommending that you drop out. I stayed at Notre Dame for four years because I was learning a lot. I fear that as I leave the University, I will lose my drive to learn. Our society needs immediate gratification over learning. We prefer television, food, drugs, sex, and video games to reading a book. In addition, many activists are unfortunately too busy fighting a campaign to step back and do intellectual work that will help them and others in a similar situation. I hope to balance my activism and intellectual work.

Unfortunately, I am not one at Notre Dame who does this. So I am moving to Philadelphia to become a better sociologist.

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From Paris to good times around the Bend

This is what I can't wait to come back to: a five minute walk to class, three hour meals at the dining hall just to waste time, the glow of the Dome through the trees on the walk back from Dh, sitting on the chapel floor in pajamas at Sunday night Mass, stumbling home after a night out only to stay up chatting with the security guard, late night delirium at The Observer, the Basilica's bells, the ever-smiling Grab-n-Go ladies, having my best friends a bunk or a room away and even Turtle Creek (maybe).

This is what I don't want to leave: Paris. It's a dilemma; though, not one that merits sympathy. When my family or friends ask if I'm ready to come home, I always say "yes." And in some ways it's true, I do miss home, in both sense of the word — good ol' Flushing, Mich., and iod., 46556.

I miss taking for granted the fact that everyone speaks English. I miss the comfort zone of people who understand my stupid jokes and my grumpy moods. I miss going to a Catholic school. I might even miss now.

At Thanksgiving last weekend, my quintimates and I (reunited in London for the festivities) sat around worrying about the move back to Notre Dame. All semester we've been building up our return, our reunion. We'll be back in Walsh, getting in trouble for violating quiet hours and laughing at the same stupid movies and the world will be right again. But it might not be as smooth a transition as we hope.

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At the same time, we've changed as well. New friends, a photo album full of travel stories of living in another country. Big cities have toughened us a little; the confusion of another language has helped us laugh at ourselves. We feel more confident that we can strike it out on our own and yet we feel overwhelmed at how huge the world really is.

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W e have fun with it," Holmes said. "Plays are plays, not work."

Despite the enjoyable elements for the cast, much is obviously expected from them. Stripped of elaborate costumes or gaudy set designs, even more pressure is placed on the cast to effectively tackle Shakespeare's inherently daunting dialogue. While this is a risky gamble, it pays off big for this production of Othello.

While high quality has always been associated with the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, this production just might set the bar even higher. This talented cast manages to deliver fantastic performances and an all-around excellent experience.

Holmes' portrayal of Othello is fantastic. His commanding voice and intimidating stage presence embody the role, bringing to life the great Moor of Venice. He hits all his notes, with some of his best work coming during his monologue before slaying Desdemona. There Hanash shows a subtlety that is downright impressive.

Conner's representation of Iago is true to the text. Seemingly relishing in his role as one of Shakespeare's most diabolical villains, Conner convincingly plays a difficult character, switching between the many of Iago's lies with an ease and confidence that brings out some great aspects of the role.

Despite the strength of the major characters, the quality of the supporting roles cannot be overlooked. The detail the rest of the cast has put into the show shines through without overshadowing the main story. The cast gives the sense that each of these characters could stand alone as the main focus of their own play.

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The Irish hit only .110 for the match after posting an impressive .262 mark in the first game. Notre Dame finished with only three blocks in the four games, an uncharacteristically low number.

"Obviously the last three games didn't go as we had planned or intended to," said sophomore middle blocker Kim Fletcher. "The first game was awesome."

Fletcher led the Irish with 16 kills (.255 hitting percentage), the only Notre Dame player posting a mark higher than .167. The other sophomore in Notre Dame's starting lineup, setter Kristen Kinder, contributed 38 assists.

"Fletcher did play well and I thought that Kristen did a good job of getting her the ball," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown.

Marie Bomback had four 3s for the Knights until the very end of the game. She also was 7-7 before Michigan State scored four unanswered points to force a Notre Dame timeout.

"We adjusted and were actually on a roll and made them call a timeout late in game four but it was just a little too late," Brown said.

The Irish closed it to 15-13, but the Spartans reeled off a streak of five points in a row to widen the gap and the Irish never pulled within striking distance, ultimately falling 30-24. "I think we fought hard until the end, but couldn't seem to pull it out," Brown said. It was Notre Dame's earliest exit from the NCAA tournament since being upset by Ohio State in the first round in 1999. Before that, Notre Dame lost once-and-out in 1992, when the team played in the MUC.

But the Irish, ranked in the top 25 throughout the season, faced tougher competition than ever before this season thanks to a change in how the NCAA decided on its regional play.

The Championship Committee made a decision after the tragedy on Sept. 11 that they would play the first game on Saturday, then try to keep it as regional as possible and to have as few people fly as possible after that time," Brown said. "A lot of the brackets were very uneven from the start and you could see that in some of the errors that they made but we definitely took advantage of it," Fletcher said.

That nervousness wore off in the second game as the Spartans posted a .522 percentage while holding the Irish to a .143 mark in the second game. The Spartans got out to a 10-4 lead which they extended to 19-7, forcing the Irish to take a timeout. At that point, Notre Dame had registered only two kills in the inning, which was still very beneficial for the team to be able to move onto the next phase.

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After two Spartan attack errors gave the Irish a 25-20 lead, Bomback played in front of nearly 20 family members in her home state for the first time in the season.

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Another weakness the Belles should work on free throws every day. "We want to fix that," Bomback said.

"We're going to have a new component to the Belles' game," Brown said. "We try to push the ball a lot, that's a new part of our game." Montana couldn't find it. "It's just that with the right people we're not part of anything."

"It's really sad to think that that might be the last time I ever played volleyball again," Bomback said. "To think of all the great things that have happened in my career and how lucky we were to be part of it is a lot more emotional and sad than I thought we'd be part of any more."

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ND Women's Basketball

Wolverines out for blood

Michigan gets revenge, defeats Notre Dame 78-63

By KATIE MCVOY
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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - When the Wolverines took the floor against the Irish on Sunday, they didn't just want to win - they wanted blood. After falling to Notre Dame in round two of the NCAA finals to end last season, Michigan had its sights set on a kill. The Irish fell prey, 78-63.

"I don't care who was retiring on their team, that's what I was out for - blood against Notre Dame," Michigan point guard Alayne Ingram said following the game at Van Andel Arena. "I have thought about that game every day since last year ... in my mind I wanted to get off to a good start and take it from there.

The Wolverines took it to Notre Dame by taking it to the basket. Michigan's veteran squad allowed Notre Dame to have the lead only once - in the opening minutes of the first half. But once the Wolverines took a 13-9 lead, they made sure the victory would be theirs.

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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — In the green room at Van Andel Arena Sunday afternoon, Irish senior Ericka Haney sat in a chair, her head buried in her hands, tears streaming from her eyes as she tried to figure out how the Irish had just fallen 74-63 to a Michigan team Notre Dame top­ plied 88-54 in the second round of the NCAA tournament last March.

Haney’s emotions could best be summed up by head coach Muffet McGraw’s comments regarding her team’s performance.

“What a difference a year makes,” McGraw said in her opening statement. “I miss my team from last year. I don’t think it was (because of) youth so much tonight that we looked so bad.”

As most the Michigan players and a group of nearly 1,000 Irish fans in green T-shirts who rode a bus up for the game noticed, the familiar trio of Vieula Ivory, Ruth Riley and Kelley Siemon just isn’t there anymore. And while McGraw is correct in pointing out that the Wolverines performed exceptionally well Sunday, to deflect the blame for the Notre Dame’s performance away from the three freshman who played significant minutes Sunday would be denying the facts.

Let’s face it, the six freshmen who comprise the Irish class of 2005 are experiencing growing pains, some more than others. In fact, during one drill in which the Irish were practicing charges last week in practice, the pain got so bad that shooting guard Allison Bamstamante severely sprained her ankle while forward Katy Flecky sustained a concussion.

The Irish first-year players that were healthy enough to suit up Sunday didn’t fare much better. Forward Jacqueline Batteast has the skills and athleticism to perhaps someday be the greatest women’s basketball player ever to come through Notre Dame, but right now her decisions she makes on the court are more appropriate for Washington High School than the defending NCAA champions.

Batteast shot 5-17 from the field Sunday, missing five shots from behind the 3-point arc, although she did make three 3-pointers on the way to 17 points. But while Batteast isn’t afraid to take the team upon her powerful shoulders, she must learn to create situations in which the Irish can thrive instead of just survive.

Take for example the final few minutes of Sunday’s game. Batteast had just hit a 3-point­ er to close the gap to 60-52. After Alicia Rusay rebounded a Michigan miss, the ball ended up in Batteast’s hands once again, where she responded by taking, and missing, a 3-point­ er with about 20 seconds left on the shot clock.

Batteast, likely Notre Dame’s most athletic post player, chosen to drive to the hoop, she could have taken a safer shot while putting the Wolverines in foul trouble as the clock ran down. Instead, the freshman took the first open shot that she saw.

“She’s not been successful on the block like we would have hoped that she would be,” McGraw said. “She really hasn’t performed well down there.”

Center Teresa Borton hit one of only four field goal attempts in 20 minutes, finishing with two points and only one rebound.

Alesia Wicks, a 6-2 swing player, hit one of four shots in 12 minutes, missing both free­ throws she took. Wicks also jumped the gun in the second half, taking an ill-advised three-pointer.

“I was really disappointed that we weren’t a little more aggressive offensively,” McGraw said. “I think that they sort of matched up with us and we had a lot of one-on-one opportunities. I’m not sure that we scored a basket on the block tonight in a post up situation. That was something that we really wanted to do was go down in the block and at least try and get a foul.”

Lost in this youthful confusion is Haney, the versatile 6-1 player who developed her niche cleaning up missed shots in Notre Dame’s structured rotation last season. During the second half alone Sunday, Haney played the three, four and five positions at various points.

She has seen her position change as the Irish adjust their offense to fit the needs of players like Wicks and Batteast, players with abilities unlike any player Haney played with in her previous three seasons. So on Sunday, Haney’s tears flowed with her frustration.

“Compared to last year I need to step more up my confidence level and be more of a leader and right now I’m not being that,” Haney said before choking up. At that point, McGraw came over and put her hand on Haney’s back, a gesture to tell the senior everything will be okay soon.

With a national champi­ onship rematch game with Purdue looming on the horizon Tuesday, it’s time for the freshman to ease McGraw’s and Haney’s frustration and use their minds along with their talent. When they do, this team just might start winning the games it used to.

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By MATT ORENCHUK
Sport Writer

For the first 102 minutes and 22 seconds of last weekend's series against the Lake Superior State Lakers, the Notre Dame hockey team dominated. And despite Lake Superior State's last-ditch attempt to bring home a win, Notre Dame brought home two wins.

The Irish won the first game of the series Saturday evening with a 7-0 drubbing of the Lakers. On Sunday the Irish took a 3-0 lead into the third period. But a couple of defensive lapses allowed the Lakers to get back into the game, cutting the lead to 3-2, before Rob Globke's goal sealed the game for the Irish with a final 5-2 score.

"This game was never easy," said Poulin. "In the third we had a gut check, but we didn't flinch."

Following a 7-0 thrashing of the Lakers, the Irish expected another easy win, but in the final minutes of the game, the Lakers had a different idea.

Notre Dame controlled play in the first two periods of play. But several bounces of the puck kept the Irish from blowing the game wide open.

Rob Globke got the scoring started when he beat Lake Superior State goalie Matt Violin 7:23 into the first period. In the second the Irish continued to dominate. Mike Chin deflected a pass past Violin at 5:39 of the period and the Notre Dame lead was 2-0. Then Alex Lalonde put one in the net at 17:34 to make it a 3-0 Irish lead.

In the third the momentum appeared to turn. Just 2:22 into the period the Lakers finally got on the board when defensemen Will Magnuson bumped the puck past Irish goaltender Tony Zasowski. Then, 2:06 later the Lakers struck again when Adam Nightingale shot high past Zasowski. Suddenly the game was 3-2, and the Irish appeared to be on the defensive.

Notre Dame proved its grit with a great individual play. Rob Globke took the face off on the left circle and fired it unassisted past the Laker goalie, sealing the game for the Irish. The scoring was finished when John Wroblewski scored on an empty net to make the final score 5-2.

On Sunday, 7-0 win was a record-breaking affair for the Irish as seven different players lit the lamp in the blowout win for Notre Dame. The game was the first shutout of the year for the Irish with a 4-3-3 record and is tied for sixth in the standings. Poulin attributes much of Notre Dame's success to the emergence of Mike Chin.

"The result of the game is the result of his line tonight," said Poulin. "Four goals by that line, and the Irish share the hat trick with the Falcons next weekend."

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donne, or Irish. The Irish travel to Bowling Green next weekend for a two-game set against the Falcons next weekend.

Sophomore defender Tom Galvin makes a stop during a Notre Dame game against Lake Michigan.

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Irish scorch Blue Demons, 82-55

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

When he was in the process of transferring to Notre Dame, Ryan Humphrey happened to turn on the television and see a replay of the 1980 Notre Dame-DePaul game.

In that game, DePaul was ranked No. 1 and carried a 25-point record into the game against the Irish. But Orlando Woolridge made four three-pointers at the end of double overtime to give the Irish a 76-74 win.

Saturday afternoon, Humphrey made sure that the first game in seven years between the Blue Demons and the Irish was less of a rivalry and more of a rout. He scored 18 points and added 16 rebounds as Notre Dame rolled to an 82-55 victory in front of 6,860 at the United Center.

"Every time someone tries to play physical with me, I try to use my speed, and when someone tries to use their speed, I use my physicalness. I try to do whatever is needed," said Humphrey, who was named the player of the game. "Today it was speed."

Against a much more physical DePaul squad — the Blue Demons had three players over 6-foot-9 — the Irish relied on Humphrey to control the game. Humphrey got off to a hot start, and five assists.

Humphrey made sure that the ball was not one of them.

"We turned on the television and saw a replay of the 1980 Notre Dame game," said Irish head coach Mike Brey.

Despite the rout, both coaches were happy to see the rivalry between the two schools continue.

"We just spent inside and killed our guys," said DePaul coach Tom Crean.

"I think you get Ryan Humphrey in the full court, but in the half court, we were able to beat them to some loose boards and the offensive boards. The Irish never trailed in the game. They jumped out to a 14-4 lead five minutes into the game and entered the locker room with a 15-point lead. In the second half, the lead stretched to 32 points with just under two minutes to go.

Notre Dame shut down DePaul's perimeter shooters all day long. They held vaunted point guard Imari Sawyer to just two points — both coming off free throws. The Blue Demons made 19 of 47 three-pointers for 40.4 percent from the floor.

"It was a blantly punch and it was a foul play," Graves said. "It was unfortunate it got to that point, but that's what our defense does — it frustrates people."

"That kind of fueled us a little bit more," Thomas said. "I didn't expect for them to do something like that, and even a ref said he was flabbergasted."

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Note:

After Brey finished his opening statement at the post-game press conference, a hand shot up in the front row of the reporters.

"Can you get Ryan Humphrey the ball more?"

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**WHO WILL BE NEXT?**

**Middle of the Pack**

- **Head coach Oakland Raiders**
  - Jon Gruden

  **Pros:** The name most mentioned to replace Davis, "Chucky" is one of the hottest young coaches in football right now. A South Bend native, Gruden's father was an assistant coach for Notre Dame in 1977. Gruden is known for being an energetic firebrand, and, more importantly, an Irish fan.

  **Cons:** The Raiders will most likely make the playoffs and are picked by many to be in the Super Bowl in early February. There is some question of how Gruden would be able to juggle the responsibilities of a Super Bowl run and recruiting for the Irish, and if they can get him out of his contract with the legal-savvy Al Davis.

- **Head coach San Francisco 49ers**
  - Steve Mariucci

  **Pros:** There's a lounge-in-cheek race between Mariucci and Michigan State basketball coach Tom Izzo to see who will be the first to coach football at Notre Dame. Mariucci is a huge Notre Dame fan, and has the coaching experience to fit in. He's led the 49ers to a 43-31 record over five seasons, and he spent one year as the head coach at Cal.

  **Cons:** Mariucci has contractual obligations to the 49ers, and with his team seemingly heading for the playoffs, the Irish wouldn't be able to get him until January of the earliest. And he's having success at the NFL and has a good team — why come to Notre Dame?

- **Head coach Stanford Crimson**
  - Tyronn Willingham

  **Pros:** Willingham knows how to deal with tough admissions standards. Stanford is as tough an academic as Notre Dame. He has performed well, respected, the NFL has come knocking several times for his services.

  **Cons:** His not consistently won at Stanford. His winning percentage, .556, is worse than Davis' .576 at Notre Dame. Notre Dame is looking for a year in, year out winner, not Dwayne Part Duex.

- **Head coach Wisconsin Badgers**
  - Barry Alvarez

  **Pros:** He is a former Irish coach, being promoted from linebackers coach to defensive coordinator to assistant head coach in his three years under Lou Holtz from 1987-97. He is the winningest coach in Wisconsin history, leading the Badgers to three Rose Bowl wins.

  **Cons:** He said in February 2001 that he intends to finish his career at Wisconsin. He is a discipline hound and would have to come in and break things up quickly.

**Dark Horses**

- **Head coach Bowling Green Falcons**
  - Urban Meyer

  **Pros:** Meyer was an assistant coach for the Irish until last year, when he left for Bowling Green, so he knows the kind of pressure that surrounds Notre Dame. In just his first year as a head coach, he was named Coach of the Year in the Mid-American Conference and led the Falcons to an 8-3 record.

  **Cons:** Only one year as a head coach can't be that appealing to White, although it's better than nothing. But how would the current assistant coaching staff react if one of their own, who then left for a year, returned as the head coach?

- **Head coach Washington Huskies**
  - Rick Neuheisel

  **Pros:** He is charming, young, and he has won. He has been successful at both Colorado and Washington. White is familiar with him through White's connections in the Pac-10.

  **Cons:** Many people questioned his integrity after he left Colorado for Washington after publicly saying he had no interest in the Huskies job. He might be a little too outgoing and talkative for a conservative campus like Notre Dame.

- **Head coach Northwestern Wildcats**
  - Randy Walker

  **Pros:** He took the Wildcats to the top of the B10 despite a tough academic environment in Evanston.

  **Cons:** Northwestern fell flat on its face with a 4-7 record in 2001. After the death of a player in a preseason workout, Walker is also under a lot of public scrutiny.

**Front Runners**

- **Head coach Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets**
  - George O'Leary

  **Pros:** He has been successful for a long time at Tech. He also tends to attract talented recruits and could do even better with a big name like Notre Dame behind him.

  **Cons:** While he is a well-respected coach, he might not be a big enough star to impress Irish fans.

- **Head coach Oregon Ducks**
  - Mike Bellotti

  **Pros:** Bellotti took a terrible Oregon football program and transformed it into a national power. And White, who was athletic director at Arizona State, has ties to the Pac-10 and surely knows Bellotti. Plus, Bellotti is losing a lot of talent, including Heisman Trophy candidate Joey Harrington.

  **Cons:** Last year, Bellotti turned down a huge offer from USC, saying he was happy at Oregon. Nobody knows if he'll leave for Notre Dame.

- **Head coach Jacksonville Jaguars**
  - Tom Coughlin

  **Pros:** Coughlin is a discipline guy that will be able to take charge of a program and shake things up quickly. Coughlin has head coaching experience at Boston College. He will be available sooner than Gruden, because Jacksonville will not be making the playoffs.

  **Cons:** Coughlin is 5-7 this season, and is wearing out his welcome in Jacksonville, after years of not taking the last step to the Super Bowl. Does Notre Dame want someone not on top of his game?

- **Head coach Boston College Eagles**
  - Tom O'Brien

  **Pros:** O'Brien isn't flashy but he has been successful. In five years as Boston College's head coach, he has taken the Eagles to three bowl games and beaten the Irish twice.

  **Cons:** While he has beaten the Irish twice, he really hasn't beaten anybody else.

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Search launches for new coach

Gruden, Stoops rumored to be high on list

By JEFF BALTRUZAK Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said Sunday afternoon that he has a "short list" of possible replacements for fired head football coach Bob Davie and hinted at several criteria for candidates, but stopped short of naming any individuals in consideration to lead the Irish football program.

"I do have a short list," said White. "I have not contacted anybody. I have not had any conversations at this point. I don't know what the level of interest may or may not be."

White said he has kept a mental list of coaches to watch and keep track of, as an experienced athletic administrator should.

White emphasized on multiple occasions that he has not contacted any potential head coach replacements, nor has "anyone contacted him." He would not comment on the possibility that head coach candidates have been contacted by other agents authorized by the University.

White was also vague as to how long Notre Dame would take to find and hire a new head coach.

"We are going to move as quickly as possible," said White. "We will not make a move that would deprive us from hopefully securing the very best coach possible for this situation."

While White spoke mostly in general terms in regard to Davie’s successor, he did explicitly say that Notre Dame would "look for the very best head coach we can find. Somebody with head coaching experience, somebody with a strong track record of success."

Previous head coaching experience was not an absolute criterion in the University’s search for a new coach.

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Search launches for new coach

(former head coach) Bob Davie and senior Grant Irons embrace after Davie’s press conference Sunday.

Players say goodbye to Davie but keep focus on future of Irish football

By MIKE CONNOLLY Associate Sports Editor

As soon as Bob Davie stepped off the podium following his farewell press conference, he walked directly to Grant Irons. The now-fired head coach embraced his fifth-year senior captain.

Irons was a part of every team Davie coached and said that he was shocked that his last season at Notre Dame would also be the last for Davie.

"We were definitely caught off guard by the timing of it," Irons said.

The players officially learned of Davie’s firing in the team meeting room of the Stadium at 1:30 p.m. Many, however, already knew Davie was fired by watching television and reading stories on the Internet. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday was woken up by a phone call telling him he would have a new coach in 2002.

"It’s a little bit shocking," Holiday said. "Things like that happen and we have to go on from there."

None of the underclassmen interviewed by The Observer — Vincent DuFou, Shane Walton, Holiday and Nick Setta — said they planned to transfer. They all said that it was unfortunate that Davie had been fired but they would accept athletic director Kevin White’s decision.

"We have to continue to improve regardless of who the coach is," Holiday said. "We have to get back to competing for the national championship."

To help find a new coach, three players have been named player representatives to help select the new coach — Walton, Gary Godsey and Johnson. Some of Davie’s players say that Davie didn’t do his best.

When Bob Davie said his last words to the Notre Dame football media and walked off the podium, I followed him. I didn’t really have any more questions to ask him. For three years I have asked him to answer questions while I covered the Notre Dame football team. I walked quickly to catch up with him as he walked through the Sports Heritage Hall back to the office he will soon vacate.

When I finally caught up to him in the dark stairway leading down to the football office, I just wanted to tell him something.

I shook his hand. "Thank you Coach."

I wasn’t really sure what kind of response I would get from him. I had been a harsh critic of his coaching regime in the past. I called for him to be fired after the loss to Texas A&M and The Observer had officially called for him to resign in an editorial on Friday.

Davie could have, and probably should have, kept walking and been bitter about my treatment of him in the past. But Davie didn’t keep walking. He stopped, smiled back at me and said “Thank you.”

I thanked me for being a tough reporter and said he thought I had a big future ahead of me in sports journalism but he also issued me a warning. He said that I had to avoid becoming cynical and sarcastic.

He said that I had to be tough but never mean-spirited. He reminded me to always treat people respectfully.

I’ve learned a lot as a sports journalist at Notre Dame. I can cover a game. I can recognize good ideas for features. I know how to conduct an interview. But in that stairway in the Joyce Center, Davie taught me perhaps my most important lesson: If I want to be a great journalist, I need to be more like Bob Davie.

Throughout his eight years at Notre Dame, Davie has been the definition of class and integrity. Through all the abuse he receives from fans, Internet sites and reporters, he never lashed out. He never acted spitefully. He did his job the best he could. In the end, that wasn’t good enough, but no one can say that Davie didn’t do his best.
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. —
Bob Davie summed up Notre Dame’s play against Purdue on Saturday when he said Notre Dame won nine games last year — by making some big plays.

In 60 minutes of play, the Irish offense only netted half as many yards as the Boilermaker’s offense, 162 yards compared to 332. But a 96-yard kick-off return and a 29-yard interception return, both for touchdowns, gave Notre Dame a season-ending 24-18 victory.

“We won tonight like we won nine games last year, exactly how we won them,” the former head coach said following Saturday’s game. “It reminded me a lot of last year. We’re the same team, we’re the same coaches we were a year ago. There are no surprises.”

Early in the second half, Purdue kicker Travis Dorsch hit a 27-yard field goal, bringing the Boilermakers close enough to take the lead, 10-9.

But the Irish special teams responded by finding a spark it hadn’t had all season — an explosive run-block. Vonette Huff caught Dorsch’s kick-off at the four-yard line and escaped a tackle to run 96 yards for the first special teams touchdown of the season.

“I feel like I had a feel for it. We have a great system,” Huff said. “It feels good. I want to give it back to the other 10 guys.”

In total, special teams grabbed 196 yards on kick-off returns, including a 43-yard return by David Givens, and 228 yards on punt returns.

On Purdue’s first possession of the fourth quarter, the Irish secondary joined the special teams explosion with a big play of its own. Jason Beckstrom picked off Kyle Orton’s pass at the 29-yard line and returned it for a touchdown that put the Irish up 24-9. It was Beckstrom’s first interception of the season and only the second time this year that Notre Dame has intercepted and returned the ball for a score.

“We’re looking to make big plays,” defensive back Shane Walton said. “Big plays turn the game around and that (interception return) right there was a big momentum change, a big swing in the game.”

The defense forced three other turnovers in the game, denying Purdue three more scoring opportunities. In the final seconds of the game, cornerback Jefferson grabbed his second interception of the night, destroying Purdue’s hopes of a last minute-score and clinching the Irish victory.

“It’s kind of ironic,” strong safety Glen Early said of Jefferson, who has struggled all season. “He goes out his last game with two picks... he kept battling.”

Jefferson intercepted Orton earlier in the fourth quarter. In the second quarter, Tony Weaver forced a Purdue fumble on the Boilermaker 46-yard line.

“We know we have the potential to pull together, especially on the defense and trying to play close to the game,” Early said. “Most of the game we did that. We played well, both the defensive line and the secondary.”

In the final minutes of the game, Purdue made an attempt at a few of its own dynamic plays. With eight minutes left, Purdue put together a drive that started at their 17-yard line and finished in the Notre Dame end zone. Orton, who threw for 258 yards, completed a pass to Tim Stratton bringing the score to 24-15. Dorsch missed the extra point, forcing Purdue to score twice for the win.

Following a 31-yard field goal, the Boilermakers were within six, but Jefferson’s interception in the final quarter finished off the Purdue scoring drive.

The dynamic plays helped out an Irish offense that had trouble moving the ball all night. Quarterback Carlyle Holiday, who had 82 yards of total offense, only passed for 31 yards on seven passes, the keeps of which was six yards.

“Special teams helped us out a lot,” Holiday said. “Last year it was a big factor in our season. Today it helped us out a lot.”

Freshman tailback Ryan Grant led the Irish rushing attack, covering 77 yards on 19 carries. Grant, who was questionable due to injuries to senior Tony Fisher and junior Julius Jones, only carried the ball twice for three yards.

Purdue opened the scoring with a 50-yard field goal five minutes into the first quarter. Dorsch added another three points to the Purdue score with four minutes left in the half to bring the Boilermakers within one at halftime.

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player of the game
Clifford Jefferson

The senior cornerback intercepted two passes in the fourth quarter to save the Irish victory. The interceptions were the first two of his career. Two years ago he promised he would intercept two passes against Purdue — but he didn’t specify which Purdue game.

quote of the game
“Those seniors wanted to make sure that everyone knew this team was not going to quit.”
Greg Mattison
Notre Dame defensive coordinator

stat of the game
96 yards
Vonette Huff returned a third-quarter kick 96 yards for Notre Dame’s first special teams touchdown of the season.
Seniors say goodbye to their ‘family’

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. —
One question left Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison speechless Saturday. How do you say goodbye to these Irish seniors?

The strong man's eyes filled with tears. He drew a deep breath, pursed his lips tightly together, and couldn't find the words to describe the bond between Mattison and his seniors who played their last game. Lost in the questions about Bob Davie's last game was a realization that this was the last game for the heart and soul of this football team.

Grant Irons will never wear the blue and gold again. Rocky Boiman will never remove his helmet and hold it up to the student section.

Javon Hunter will never make a clutch catch on third down to keep an Irish drive alive. "You never really think about it until it's here, until last night, you never thought that guys like Grant Irons, Anthony Weaver and Rocky Boiman aren't going to be here next year," junior linebacker Courtney Watson said. "They are the captains and the people who are the leaders of this team.

These seniors played injured. They played sick. They played when there was nothing to play for but pride. And in their last game, they brought home a victory.

"In the past when we have gone out with a loss, it kind of gave the off-season a sour note," Boiman said. "But to go out with a victory, especially with the way the season has gone, it feels good.

After the Stanford game, Weaver said that losing the game hurt but what hurt the most was not being able to get a victory for his teammates. Weaver is considered a top-10 NFL draft pick by ESPN. He has a long football future ahead of him. But all he really wanted was to get a win for his teammates. He wanted their hard work to result in a victory.

"Those kids all year, that (defensive) front has played their hearts out," Mattison said. "That's because of the leadership of a guy like Tony Weaver. They followed his leadership and played their hearts out.

They played their hearts out because they really are a family. A lot of people talk about a family atmosphere in different clubs or organizations. But for this Notre Dame football team, that family is real.

"I can't even tell you how many times I've cried thinking that this was going to be my last game with these guys," Weaver said. "I love these guys. I would cut off my arm for these guys.

There are four captains on this team — Boiman, Weaver, Irons and David Givens — but every senior on this team is a leader. Tyreo Harrison finished the game with a six tackles and a cast on his thumb. But those "bumps and bruises" like a hyper-extended thumb are worth it because the Irish brought home victory — the first season-ending victory the seniors have ever achieved.

"It felt great because I know before the season, the seniors talked about how we never won last game of the season," Terrance Howard said. "It felt good to go out there and get our last win of the season especially against a team that is going to a bowl."

"I feel great right now," Weaver said. "I am just glad that I can get on this bus and ride back two hours with all these guys.

Even much-criticized senior cornerback Cliff Jefferson went out with a bang Saturday. After years of boasting in interviews after practices and giving up touchdown opportunities, he achieved.

"I remember a couple of years ago I said I would average two picks a game and I guess that came true," Jefferson said with a smile.

But this victory was bittersweet for the seniors. It was a victory but it was also their last. "It kinda hurts that I can't play with these guys any more," Jefferson said. "These guys have been with me through all the thick and thin times. I basically grew up with these guys.

Notre Dame will find a new head coach, but replacing these seniors and their leadership will be difficult. They love Notre Dame. They love football. They will be missed.

"It's been emotional. It's been a fun ride, I am just sorry it has to end," Weaver said.

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Irish secondary steps up in last game

**Jefferson gets first interceptions of his career**

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. Much maligned cornerback Clifford Jefferson's play in Saturday's game was a perfect microcosm of the secondary's role in Saturday's game.

Jefferson gave up several long gains and was flagged for pass interference. But when count­ed, Jefferson came up big with the second interception of his career in his final quarter in an Irish uniform, including the final Boilermaker Hall of Fame.

"I think Thursday in practice I said 810, go get a pick and I guess that came true," said Jefferson. "I remember a couple of weeks ago I would average two picks a game and I guess that came true.

It was revenge for a corner­back who Purdue had been test­ ing all day, sometimes success­ fully, including a 25-yard catch by Boiler­maker wideout John Standeford that was the key play in a Purdue drive leading to a field goal in the second quarter.

"Jefferson kept battling," said Irish safety Glenn Earl. "He was hanging tight and they were going at him and he knew that and he stepped up and made the picks when it counted."

The Irish secondary gave up 258 yards on the day, but picked off three passes from Purdue quarterback Kyle Orton. The Irish were called for pass interference twice and got away with some close calls, but made 32 tackles and had nine passes deflected in their most spirited performance of the season.

But in the end, it was the big plays from the secondary, including Jason Beckstrom's key interception return for a touchdown, that helped Notre Dame overcome Purdue's secondary that statistically dominated the Irish.

"They battled their butts off," said Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison. "They've been getting hung out to dry a lot ... but they stepped up ... (and) for them to do what they have done today shows that our corners and safeties have come a long way.

A long way indeed. The Irish secondary had just eight intercep­tions in 10 games entering Saturday, and only 26 passes broken up of 222 thrown at them all year.

Shane Walton, who contributed four tackles and broke up a pair of passes, agreed with his coordinator.

"Our DBs took a challenge this game," said Walton. "We were looking to make big plays."

The biggest play made by the Irish all afternoon would prove to be Beckstrom's interception return for touchdown. With the Irish up 17-9 and failing to move the ball on offense, Beckstrom anticipated Orton's sideline throw and ran untouched into the end zone to put Notre Dame up 24-9.

"You can't think too much. You've got to just play and have some instinct," said Beckstrom, who also broke up another pass.

Beckstrom's big play that sealed the game for the Irish and its roots came earlier in the week, as the senior studied the Purdue offense closely in prepara­tion for Saturday.

"I kind of noticed on film he had a tendency to stick with one receiver when he came up to the line," said Beckstrom. "So I just kind of watched his eyes and his shoulders."

Earl also became well­ acquainted with Orton, sacking the Purdue signal­caller twice. The junior safety, dogged by injuries much of this season, had what can only be described as a monster game, with 12 tackles and a fumble recovery to go with his pair of sacks.

For a secondary that had had its ups and downs this year, to end the season with a win orchestrated in part with big defensive back plays was sweet.

"We just stepped it up this game, that's what we've been trying to do every game," said Walton. "Just telling people, we've got one of the best secondaries in the country.

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Irish defensive back Glenn Earl dives over Purdue tailback Montroll Lowe to sack quarterback Kyle Orton. Earl had two sacks, a fumble recovery, three tackles for a loss and 12 tackles.

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The Irish defense piles onto Purdue freshman quarterback Kyle Orton. Orton was sacked five times and threw three interceptions in Notre Dame's 24-16 win.

FINDING A WAY TO WIN

It wasn't pretty but the Irish did finish the season on a high note with a 24-18 victory against the Boilermakers. Thanks to Vontez Duff's 96-yard kick return and Jason Beckstrom's interception return for a touchdown, Notre Dame overcame another mediocre offensive performance. The victory gave Bob Davie his 35th — and last — win as Notre Dame's head coach. It also prevented the Irish from winning less than five games in a season for the first time since 1963.

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TIM KACMAR

Grant Irons stuffs Purdue running back Joey Harris in Notre Dame's 24-16 win Saturday. Irons had three tackles in his last game in an Irish uniform. Irons was one of only the 15th player in Notre Dame history to serve as captain for two seasons.

Sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday avoids Landon Johnson as Holiday runs up field. Holiday rushed for 51 yards on 19 carries in the Notre Dame win.