U.N. prepares to send troops to East Timor

**Studying in the shadows**

Graduate students thrive on research at undergrad-focused institution

By CHRISTINE KRALY

As the United Nations prepares to send an Australian-led peacekeeping force to East Timor, the independence of the Indonesian territory is still uncertain, and the long-term ramifications of the event are even more so, Notre Dame government professors said.

On Aug. 30, the East Timorese voted for independence from Indonesia in a U.N.-sponsored referendum. More than 75 percent of the voters chose independence.

As a result, graduate research often goes unnoticed.

However, there are nearly 1,500 graduate students on campus working, studying and researching every day. They collect data, write reports and analyze the latest information in their respective academic fields.

While faculty members often are recognized for large research grants and high-profile discoveries, many big-budget research projects are, for the most part, run by graduate students.

"It's the grad students who turn the knobs, run the experiments," said James Merz, vice president of the Graduate Studies and Research.

Faculty researchers agree.

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Refugees and militia have attacked refugees and forced the U.N. to abandon their plans.

The U.N. approved up to 8,000 peacekeeping troops to restore order on the island state. Australia and Malaysia will provide the majority of the peacekeepers.

Major-General Kiki Syohnakri, the Indonesian military commander in East Timor, said Indonesia will withdraw all of its troops once the U.N. force arrives.

**East Timor activist discusses the conflict**

By KATE STEER

East Timorese student groups are right to be concerned about the future of East Timor, said East Timor activist Kristen Sundall.

"Students are a critical part of the future of East Timor," Sundall said.
Through the lens

You probably don’t know me. I am the photo editor here, which means that while my pictures take up big chunks of these pages, my words do not. But my work puts me way down on that beloved gridiron program — a vision that focuses on one play, one player or one coach.

It’s a close vision, and for a long time, I thought one of the few to be privileged to it. But this week is different. This week I realize that too many fans have their own narrow vision of our beloved gridiron team — a vision that focuses on one play, one player or one coach.

Some of these fans are shooting with a very powerful lens. They are focused on the outcomes of this team, these mortal players and imperfect coaches who stand before them on the gridiron, trying to win these few contests. You might guess that Notre Dame’s season is over, that there are no more battles to be fought, no more moves left to make and no more heart left to beat.

On some days, I might agree with you. Last Saturday was almost one of those days, if it weren’t for something I did while on the field. I stopped shooting for a moment, and I just looked out and took in the fleeting experience of being a photographer for Notre Dame. And I listened.

I didn’t hear the players whining on the field. I didn’t hear the coaches suctioning in respiration. I heard a team that would not give up to a hostile crowd and a Heisman hopeful. While I didn’t hear the coaches sighing in resignation. I wasn’t for something I did while on the field. I didn’t hear the coaches suctioning in respiration. I heard a team that would not give up to a hostile crowd and a Heisman hopeful.

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Several Brown students and recent University graduates divided $30,000 in cash and services as part of the newly formed Brown Entrepreneurship Program.

Daniel Goldstein was awarded the first prize of $5,000 cash and $5,000 in legal and marketing services for Proletariat Entertainment, Inc., a project he sponsored along with five teammates: Matthew Howard, Greg Slavicek, Stephen Kurlancheck and Rhode Island School of Design students Damon Jankowski and Matthew Sinistrum. Proletariat has since moved to the West Coast and is currently developing Internet-based computer games.

Jessica Nam was named runner-up and awarded $6,500 in cash and professional services for Jessica’s Wonders, a fresh-baked goods company.

Nam has named her creations after friends and family who inspire each recipe, like “J’s Most Moot Mocha” and “Kelly Belly Jelly Banana Bread.”

The Entrepreneurship Program was founded in January 1998 by Evan Geller and David Cohen.

Proofing for the program is raised externally through alumni contributions, a grant from the Coleman Foundation, and corporate sponsors.

Through the program, students interested in business are mentored by professional entrepreneurs who help them refine their ideas and develop plans.

Brown entrepreneurs take $30,000 in awards

James Madison club sets trend

HARRINGTON, Va.

Up for a night of rolling around in some mud, hiking, climbing or even crawling into the depths of the earth? Last year approximately 120 James Madison University students answered “yes” to this question by joining the Caving Club — and this year over 375 students showed an interest in joining at last week’s student organization night. “I wasn’t suprised about the number of sign-ups — we had about that many people sign up last year,” Caving Club President Patrick Rodgers said. He was, however, pleased to see 125 of their fans try to destroy them from the outside. Rodger said. He was, however, pleased to see 125 of their fans try to destroy them from the outside.

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Koppel: Technology rapidly changing news industry

By LAURA ROMPF and MAUREEN SMITHE

The face of journalism is changing due to continuing technological advancements. “Nightline” anchor and managing editor Ted Koppel told a packed the Hesburgh Library Auditorium Thursday.

Over his 36 years in television news, Koppel said, his experiences have evolved due to changes in technology and, he predicted, the experiences of reporters will continue to evolve.

“The nature of journalism is a moving target and a changing phenomenon. The future will be very different from what I have seen throughout my career,” he said.

Technology has widened the definition of who can practice journalism, a definition which has always been broad, but primarily only so in theory, he said. “Journalism is one of the very few professions which requires no training whatsoever,” he said. “It is a privilege implicitly granted to everyone … and recently, that privilege was universal.”

Technology has expanded journalists’ audience — no longer fully dependent on access to a printing press, said Koppel. “Without the capacity to distribute, you can say what you want, but no one will hear it. Now anyone with a computer can read what you wrote,” he said.

Despite the temptations and challenges posed by new distribution methods, journalists must perform their work honestly and fairly, he said. “Never publish or broadcast a story before you know it is accurate,” he said.

Emphasizing “honesty, fairness and decency,” Koppel added that all journalists should “provide a voice for the powerless. You have an incredible license to anything, but your main purpose is the communication of ideas.”

The nature of communication has changed dramatically, Koppel said, and the results are not always for the better.

“The technology of delivering information has changed, but the fundamentals have not,” Koppel said. “Thirty years ago car phones barely existed. I may have received three or four important calls over a year, but I’ve made and received hundreds of irrelevant calls simply because I can.”

Koppel presented a paradox he has experienced during his career. While reporting from Cambodia in 1970, he attempted to call his wife in the United States from his hotel. After waiting two and a half hours, her voice was “cottony and cloudy.” However, 25 years later in Kosovo, his cellular phone was capable of reaching London or Washington within seconds.

Koppel also addressed the explosion of new networks into television airwaves. “When I joined ABC news in 1961, there were three networks,” he said. “The average U.S. household now receives 57 television channels. Communicating with a national and even international audience is now technologically in the reach of anyone with the Internet.”

Koppel considers the Internet’s full access for all to be “a blessing and a curse.”

“The glory of new technology and the acquisition of information has made journalism a truly democratic process,” he said.

He warned, there is “so much information that the mind does not know what to believe.” “We are these days drowning in information … almost none of which evolves into wisdom,” he said. “Information does not always lead to knowledge and knowledge is rarely enough to produce wisdom.”

Koppel has won 32 Emmy awards, 17 honorary degrees and was inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame. He has anchored “Nightline” since its 1963 inception and has worked for ABC for 36 years.

The lecture was sponsored by the department of American Studies and the Notre Dame Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy.

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to the U.S.'s sale of M-16s used in the massacre.
Sundall first traveled to Indonesia a year ago when student
groups began meeting and becoming active.
"It was powerful to watch
them come together," she said. "Movement toward indepen-
dence was inevitable."
In May 1999, the United
Nations conducted a vote regarding the independence of
East Timor. Following this deci-
sion, the Indonesian govern-
ment began forming and arm-
ing militia groups.
ETAN put together an obser-
ver project that sent members in East Timor in late August to aid
those being threatened and to assist in voter registration.
When the registration
process was complete, groups
promoting independence and
Indonesian integration were
allowed 10 days to campaign.
The Indonesian government
began campaigns to discourage people from voting or to instead vote for
another party, Sundall explained.
"I personally witnessed rice
being distributed to the people and
them being told, 'If you accept
this, you must vote against independence,'" she said.
The ETAN activists received
threats and intercepted radio
messages instructing border
guards to kill them if they tried to
leave, she explained.
"Eventually it wasn't possible
for us to function in the town," Sundall said. "We became tar-
geted now that there were threats and intercepted radio
messages instructing border
guards to kill us."
On Sept. 5, the part of the
group was evacuated. The team
found space on a departing
U.N. convoy and were able to get
out members, including Sundall, out of the town before
the results of the vote were announced.

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Despite this, East Timor will
not officially be independent
until the Indonesian parliament
votes to approve the secession.
Indonesia's diversity creates
problems for its Jakarta-based
government.
"They [Indonesia] are a very
diverse nation, there are
groups that don't want to be
tuled by the government in
Jakarta," said Andrew Reynolds,
government professor.
Indonesia, I sincerely believe,
are concerned now that if East
Timor goes then these other areas in the
country may be even more vociferous in trying to demand
that they have autonomy as
well," Sundall said.
Gen. Wiran, the chief of the
Indonesian armed forces, con-
ceded on Sept. 11 that he had
lost control of his troops in East
Timor. If the rogue Indonesian
forces in East Timor continue to
support the militias, Indonesia
may face severe consequences.
"There would be a direct con-
tradiction to what the United
Nations has set in motion and
also what the population of the
territory has expressed a prefer-
ence for," said Robert Johansen,
professor of government.
"I think there would likely be increased diplomatic
efforts including economic sanc-
tions that would be far more
severe. Certainly a military
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**South African lieutenant kills seven**

A black army lieutenant on Thursday went from building to building at his infantry base to deal with any kind of emergency, but he didn't have to take the bus to school Thursday, sending city workers home early, curtailing commuter installations, as well as in residential areas. During a meeting of his Cabinet, he turned to the television cameras and appealed to citizens to protect themselves. "I want to turn to military veterans, police veterans. Take the initiative on yourselves," he said.

**Russia**

**Voters approve new peace plan**

Algerians overwhelmingly approved a peace plan designed by their new president to reconcile a nation torn apart by an Islamic insurgency, according to preliminary results Friday of a national referendum. More than 98 percent of Algeria's 17 million voters said "yes" Thursday to the single question: "Do you agree with the steps by the president of the republic toward civil concord?"

The approval was a strong endorsement for President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who was elected in April after six other candidates withdrew, charging widespread fraud. About 61 percent of the eligible population turned out to vote in the April election. About 85 percent cast ballots in Thursday's referendum. Bouteflika's plan is intended to end violence that has left 100,000 people dead since 1992.

The centerpiece of Bouteflika's peace plan is amnesties and prisoners term reduction for all Islamic insurgents, except those convicted of rape, murder or planting bombs, provided they give up their weapons. The initiative has already been passed by parliament.

National reconciliation has been Bouteflika's top priority since he was elected in April after six other candidates withdrew, charging widespread fraud.

Thursday's referendum was seen as a plebiscite for Bouteflika, Algeria's first civilian leader in 24 years. He turned on his own will to turn to military veterans, police veterans. Take the initiative on yourselves," he said.

**Algiers**

**RUSSIA**

A street kitchen worker gives food to a survivor of a terrorist explosion that destroyed an apartment building in Volgodonsk on Sept. 16. Associated Press

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**Interfax news agency reported that the cache was almost 31 tons. Police also uncovered six timing devices, apparently designed to detonate bombs, the Federal Security Service said.**

**Thursday's bomb, hidden in a truck or an under­ground pipe, sheared off the front of a nine-story apartment building in the city of Volgodonsk, about 500 miles south of Moscow, around dawn, officials said. The blast left a crater 16 1/2 feet deep in front of the building and severely damaged a nearby police station and about 20 other buildings, Interior Ministry officials said.**
Grad students Jennie Jackson and Sarah Scott do laboratory research in the Environmental Geology and Crystal Structures Lab in Fitzpatrick Hall. Notre Dame allocated an all-time high $34.1 million for research in 1998-99.

"They're invaluable," said Notre Dame's institutional identity center director Mike Waddell. "Researchers understand how Notre Dame's institutional identity is focused heavily in the Big Ten decision."

"There are people who fear Notre Dame becoming more suitable in research," Merz said. "Some believe, he said, that becoming more research-oriented may determine the University's undergraduate reputation.

There was an overwhelming agreement among some of Merz's colleagues that "going to the Big Ten would've been advantageous for the grad school," he said. "It would've been a big help in many ways," Merz said. "I was for it." However, he added, staying independent was "probably the right decision" for the University as a whole. "But in a sense, it makes what I'm trying to do a lot harder.

In the wake of the decision, University provost Nathan Hatch initiated eight task forces to investigate research aspects of the University, with some on the task force studying the formation of consortia relationships with organizations other than the CIC.

Professor Merz said he is optimistic for the graduate school and was quick to note that the Big Ten Big Ten's focus should not longer be part of the school's focus.

"Just move on," Merz said. "We move on from here.

The graduate school has a 10-year plan, Merz said, to increase research funding by a factor of two or three.

"If we can do that, we can join the CIC. (Association of American Universities)," he said. Membership in the CIC is one requirement for a school to be considered a major research university.

The school also plans to expand its library collections and build bigger and better laboratories to help attract more and better teachers.

"As we hire good people, more good people will want to come," he said.
Justice Kennedy talks to London students about U.S. law

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
London Correspondent

The interest of American citizens in their Constitution and the legal system based upon it is unique among world countries, said Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy in a lecture Thursday to Notre Dame students in London. "Americans (during the Revolutionary War) now identify themselves as existing for a Constitution [ll] in their self-identity," he said. "The Constitution doesn't belong to judges and lawyers. It's the people's." Kennedy noted that the First Amendment is of particular significance in developing citizens' interest in the document. "The First Amendment is very important, because it gives the citizen a tangible stake in the Constitution," he said. "Loyalty to the Constitution is not some generic thing. It has to be taught." Kennedy noted that legalistic thinking and concern about constitutional matters has been a hallmark of American citizens throughout history. Americans in the 1760s were probably the most legally literate people the world has ever known," explained Kennedy. "We didn't have many lawyers, but [law books were] on the bookshelves. America has been legalistic in its self-definition ever since. For us, sovereignty was a solution."

Kennedy explained that the Revolutionary War occurred in part because colonists wanted more involvement with their government and legal system. "It really was an accomplished feat before we had a constitution, and when we declared our independence, we said, 'We want freedom,'" he said. "We wanted to be part of a constitutional process, and the English constitutional system was too delicate. There simply wasn't any room [to allow] the colonies to be part of that." Kennedy noted that the pattern of debate over constitutional issues continues in the present day and that the American people's understanding of the Constitution evolves into new meanings as time goes on.

"The Constitution doesn't belong to judges and lawyers. It's the people's." Anthony Kennedy Supreme Court Justice

"I had admired him for years," said Kelly, who attended the University when Krause served as Notre Dame athletic director and humanistic. "He knew everybody that was anybody," said Kelly. According to Kelly, Krause received a sombrero as a gift after years of coaching in Texas. "Moose" Krause is remembered in front of the Joyce Center at 2 p.m. "Moose is considered to be one of the great legends of Notre Dame," said executive vice president emeritus Father Edmund Joyce. Krause was known as a versatile student athlete until his graduation from Notre Dame in 1934. Joyce said he was a member of the football, baseball, basketball and track teams during monograms in each sport. His numerous athletic achievements included being named an All-American in basketball and football, and induction into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in 1976.

The bronze sculpture of Krause shows him sitting, facing Notre Dame Stadium while holding a sombrero. According to Joyce, Krause often wore a hat when he was outside the Joyce Center. "Moose was considered to be one of the great legends of Notre Dame." Father Edmund Joyce executive vice president emeritus

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Soisson receives top Alumni Assoc. award

Special to The Observer

Richard Soisson, a 1950 University of Notre Dame graduate from Kalamazoo, Mich., will receive the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Harvey G. Foster Award for distinguished civic and athletic endeavors.

He will be honored at a dinner at the Morris Inn today and at halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan State football game Saturday.

Soisson is a full-time volunteer counselor at Kalamazoo's Hackett Catholic Central High School, where he coached for 41 years, taught for 30 years and headed the guidance office for 15 years before retiring in 1991. He also is treasurer of "Caring for Kids," which offers leadership workshops and drug education programs for high school students throughout Michigan. He was also recognized by the Michigan state senate for exemplary work with the youth of Kalamazoo.

Soisson served as president of the Notre Dame Club of Kalamazoo and received the club's 1999 award. His other awards include induction into the Detroit Free Press and the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Halls of Fame.

Soisson twice was named Michigan coach of the year, and the Hackett Catholic High football stadium was renamed in his honor in 1984, the year he became one of the first Michigan high school football coaches to reach 200 victories.

Soisson entered Notre Dame with a football scholarship from coach Frank Leahy, but only played one year before suffering a career-ending knee injury. He and his wife, Rosemary, had seven children, three of whom are Notre Dame graduates.

Russia

Police hold suspects in apartment blasts

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Police detained two suspects in connection with the deadly apartment blasts in Moscow, and authorities pressed ahead with a security sweep today in a bid to halt a wave of explosions in Russia.

Also, a small explosive device black in appearance, was found in St. Petersburg, killing two people and injuring three.

The Thursday night blast was the sixth fatal bombing in Russia in less than three weeks, with nearly 300 people killed altogether. However, the St. Petersburg explosion was not on the same scale as the other apartment bombings, and authorities viewed it as unrelated.

Bombs wishes to maintain both the research and teaching aspects of his academic career.

"My goal for the future is to continue building the program here at Notre Dame," Burns said. "I want to carry on strengthening the undergraduate, graduate and post-doctorate programs, hoping to build the programs as we go.

Future students are lucky to have Burns' enthusiasm leading the way. Ryan said. "I can say that I am indebted to him more than once for setting aside his own projects in order to happily and cheerfully help me to complete mine," she added.

Burns, a native of New Brunswick, Canada, received a B.S. from the University of Brunswick in 1988, a M.S. in geology from the University of Western Ontario in 1990 and a Ph.D. also in geology from the University of Massachusetts in 1994. He conducted post-doctoral research at the University of Cambridge in England and the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque before joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1997.

Burns named scientist of the year

By LAURA ROMPF
New Writer

The Geological Society of America recently named Peter Burns, associate professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at Notre Dame, its 1999 young scientist of the year.

This award is given annually to someone 35 years of age or younger for achievements in geological knowledge through original research that makes a major advance in the earth sciences.

"I was very excited when I won," Burns said. "There is only one award given by the society in the world per year. I felt shocked and pleased at winning the unexpected honor."

The award, also named the Donath medal for its donors, is a $15,000 cash prize and a gold medal. Burns' work on mineral structures near the surface of the earth led to the discovery of the complex details associated with the atomic arrangements of crystals. This intricate research led a colleague to nominate Burns for the award.

Students of Burns said his recognition is well deserved.

"His excellent qualities as a teacher were displayed for me in mineralogy class," said Jennifer Ryan, a senior in mine engineering and geology from coach Frank Leahy, but only played one year before suffering a career-ending knee injury. He and his wife, Rosemary, had seven children, three of whom are Notre Dame graduates.

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Reynolds analyzes smooth '99 South African elections

By CHRIS DESBARRES

Despite the lingering effects of decades of apartheid, South Africans this summer enjoyed a smooth transition of power to new president Thabo Mbeki, assistant government professor Andrew Reynolds said on Thursday.

The June election was South Africa's first since 1994, when the Nelson Mandela-led African National Congress (ANC) won control of the government. A major question leading up to the vote was if the ANC would be able to gain control of a two-thirds majority in the South African National Assembly, Reynolds said. This would empower them to enact any Constitutional amendments they wished.

While the ANC achieved that supermajority, the National Party — which had maintained apartheid while it was in control — suffered heavy losses, winning only six percent of the vote.

"The NP led a somewhat disharmonious campaign," Reynolds said. "We might be seeing the final death throes of the National Party." One of the major surprises of the election was the success of the Democratic Party, Reynolds said. Originally a party of anti-apartheid whites, the Democratic Party shifted drastically to the right, proclaiming that they were "the only party committed to a non-ANC alliance," as well as urging disenfranchised white voters to "Fight Back."

"One of the ironies of their campaign," said Reynolds, "is that they are now seen as a more racist party, even though their voting pattern became more ethnically diverse."

Twelve percent of the total vote from the Democratic Party came from black voters, a phenomenon that Reynolds was largely unable to explain. His only conjecture was that some black voters, who still work domestically for whites, could have voted for the DP out of a lingering sense of subservience.

The diversification of voting patterns is a phenomenon that dominated this year's election, he said. While the ANC lost four percent of the black vote, they earned enough support among voters to more than replace the slight attrition.

"The ANC does appeal across the spectrum," said Reynolds. "Purges are becoming less ethnically homogenous."

It now appears that voters are increasingly becoming more concerned with issues other than race, he said. A soaring crime rate and continuing poverty are just two of the major obstacles that the ANC-led government hopes to address in the coming years.

The United Democratic Movement, a party promoting cooperation between the races, is generally regarded as the only party capable of mounting a viable opposition to the ANC in 2004. "Many people see them as the one party with potential for growth," Reynolds said.

Reynolds is a fellow of the Kellogg Institute. He worked for the United Nations and has served as a constitutional consultant for several nations.

By NICOLE HADDAD

A number of Saint Mary's faculty members have been granted promotions for the 1999-2000 school year.

Tom Hartley of the chemistry and physics department has been promoted to associate professor and given tenure.

Dale Banks, in the education department, has been promoted to assistant professor with tenure.

I am pleased that I am now a more permanent part of the family," said Banks. "I look forward to spending many productive years here in the Education Department," he said.

Theodore Billy, in the English department, has been promoted to professor.

"Being promoted gives you a different feeling about the college," he said. "Instead of feeling as though you're an employee at the school, it feels as though it's a part of you."

In the modern languages department, Nancy D'Autunno, an assistant professor, has been promoted to professor.

"I'm delighted with my promotion and look forward to continuing my work with the Rome Program," she said.

Nancy Nekvassis has been promoted to professor in the biology department.

"I worked hard to get here, but now it's back to work," she said.

"Having been involved in the humanistic studies department for 18 years, John Shinnors has been promoted to professor and is tremendously pleased with his promotion. He said that it is his "last step in life as a faculty member and a college recognition of my accomplishments."

David Stefancic, an assistant history professor, said, "I'm delighted with my promotion and look forward to continuing my work with the Rome Program," said.

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Bradley calls for more gay rights protections

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WASHINGTON

Lining up months before the homosexual community's agenda, then Vice President Al Gore, Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley called for expanding the 1964 Civil Rights Act to protect gays and lesbians.

Bradley also rejected the Clinton administration's "don't ask, don't tell" policy for the armed services and said, "We ought to get to a time when gays can serve openly in the military."

The former New Jersey senator, in a gay and lesbian newsmagazine interview due on newsstands Sept. 28, went on to criticize a California anti-gay-marriage ballot initiative.

"I was a voter in California, I would not support the Knight initiative," Bradley told The Advocate. "I think it's divisive and ... I don't think a referendum is the best way to move forward on an initiative."

Bradley said he still opposes same-sex marriage because of "the religious nature of marriage and respect for the diversity of views among our citizens."

But he and Gore, who also opposes same-sex marriage, favor legal protections for "domestic partners." Bradley and Gore, rivals for next year's Democratic presidential nomination, are dueling for the gay and lesbian vote.

The several issues dear to that community, Bradley, in his interview, came out ahead of positions that Gore laid out in a separate Advocate interview, published last month.

On the so-called Knight initiative on California's March 17 ballot, a bellwether for the gay community because it would define marriage as between a man and woman only, Gore told The Advocate: "I'm going to have to educate myself on that measure."

Late Thursday, after Bradley's interview was released, Gore campaign spokeswoman Kiki Moore said the vice president had decided he would, if he was a California resident, also vote "no" on Knight, "Consider him educated," Moore said.

Gore went further than Gore's push for a pending anti-job-discrimination bill, Bradley said he would add sexual orientation to the historic 1964 act outlawing racial, religious and sex discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations.

That would clearly indicate that discrimination against gays is in the same category as discrimination against other protected groups," Bradley said.


Moore said Gore is focusing on the act as "the most practical way to introduce an agenda of non-discrimination because it can actually pass."

U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner chairwoman Mary Frances Berry, who was appointed by President Clinton, called Bradley's approach "naive."

"I hope it doesn't go anywhere. We have avoided opening up the Civil Rights Act for fear that [conservative] amendments would be added to it," Berry said.

In the military, Bradley said, homosexuals should be allowed to serve openly, but he admitted that he has not determined "the timing and method" of such a change to military policy.

Bradley voted in 1993 for a legislative amendment to lift outright the military's ban on gays.

Gore blasts Bush stance on guns

SAN DIEGO

Vice President Al Gore lashed twin attacks on Republican front-runner George W. Bush, charging that his education plan would "desp­artate" public schools and rejecting the Texas governor's contention that more gun laws would not have prevented a shooting rampage in a Fort Worth church.

Gore, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomi­nation, ignored his lone primary opponent, former Sen. Bill Bradley.

During 12 hours of stumping through Southern California on Thursday, Gore returned again and again to themes of gun control and education that distinguish him from Bush, who leads the GOP presiden­tial field in polls and in fund­raising.

Gore's remarks on guns came one day after a gunman opened fire in a Fort Worth, Texas, church, leaving seven victims and the shooter dead.

Bush said that "a wave of evil" — not a lack of gun control laws — was the cause of same gun violence in America.

Gore, in contrast, said, "We can do something to cut down on the kinds of tragedies that these people have suffered in Fort Worth."

"We do know that the availability of assault weapons and deadly weapons in the hands of people who shouldn't have them contributes to a repeat in [such] incidents, to having these things happen over and over again," Gore said.

Bush signed a law in 1995 that allowed Texas to carry concealed weapons with a per­mit.

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The law banned guns from certain places, such as churches and synagogues. But Gore aides noted that in January 1997 Bush signed another law forcing churches to put signs up to warn armed visitors that guns are off limits.

The law barred prosecution of those who bring guns into churches, unless they received such notice.

"Has it come to this? Are we not even safe in church any­more?" Gore said in a Hollywood studio during an appearance on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Bush spokeswoman Mindy Tucker said the Republican governor believes certain gun-con­trol laws, such as instant back­ground checks, have merit. But quoting Bush, she said, "What gov­ernment can't do is make the system work."

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Feds allow sale, export of encryption technologies

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The White House agreed Thursday to allow U.S. companies to sell the most powerful data-scrambling technology overseas with virtually no restrictions, a concession to America's high-tech industry over law enforcement and national security objections.

The move was a defeat for the Justice Department, which had forcefully argued that criminals and terrorists might use the technology to scramble messages about crimes or deadly plots.

"In stopping a terrorist attack or seeking to recover a kidnapped child, encountering encryption might mean the difference between success and catastrophic failure," she said. The policy "will mean that more terrorists and criminals will use encryption."

To help law enforcement, the White House will urge Congress to give the FBI $80 million over four years to develop techniques to break messages scrambled by terrorists.

"It is critical to America's future that we draw from the full range of talent and ability to develop the next generation of leaders," Gates said in a statement issued before a news conference at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The gift — being made through annual investments of $50 million a year — is the largest single philanthropic contribution and one of the largest ever, matching a $1 billion commitment by CNN founder Ted Turner to the United Nations.

"This is truly a historic day. It's a wonderful moment," said William Gray III, president of the United Negro College Fund. "This is truly a historic day. It's a wonderful moment," said William Gray III, president of the United Negro College Fund.

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Lott: Congress surpasses limits

Senate leader blames budget 'emergencies'

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
Reversing themselves, Republican leaders are conceding what many others have seen as inevitable for months: Congress will fail legally required spending limits this fall.

"You have to be honest and acknowledge we're not going to meet the caps," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., told reporters Thursday. "If for no other reason than the emergencies we've dealt with." Lott spoke after a busy Senate sent President Clinton legislation raising salaries for members of Congress, the next president and a host of top executive officials, and approved other measures as well.

Lott said the spending limits would not technically be broken. By law, budget "emergencies" Congress plans to declare for the 2000 census and other items that spending from the limits. Even so, money that is supposedly protected by the limits would be spent.

GOP leaders spent the first months of this year insisting the limits would not be exceeded. Lott's comments spotlight how leaders have veered from that position as they struggle to find enough money to pay for fiscal 2000 spending measures.

Instead of promising to live within the spending limits, Republican leaders are now emphasizing the protection of Social Security surpluses and combating President Clinton's demands for higher spending.

Many Republicans and Democrats have long seen breaking the limits as an inevitable response to spending pressures. Lawmakers also say that few voters have heard of the spending limits or care about them.

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1 in 10 Americans born elsewhere

Associated Press
WASHINGTON
In some ways, the American population of today is beginning to resemble that of 1850, with nearly one resident in 10 born in another country.

But the resemblance is largely statistical, with the 19th century influx coming largely from Europe, while today's new arrival is more likely to be from Asia and Latin America.

During the 1990s, the nation's foreign-born population increased nearly four times faster than that of the native-born population, the Census Bureau says in a report released today.

As of July 1, 1998, there were 25,208,000 foreign-born U.S. residents -- 9.3 percent of the population. That was up from 19,767,316 in the 1990 census, when they were 7.9 percent of the population.

The current share is close to the 9.7 percent recorded in 1850, the first year the Census Bureau asked people their place of birth.

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The number of foreign-born Hispanics grew 14 percent from mid-1990 through mid-1998, from 8.0 million to 10.7 million.

And among Asians and Pacific Islanders, the increase was from 4.6 million to 6.4 million in the same period. Indeed, foreign-born Asians outnumber native-born Asian-Americans, 6.4 million to 4.3 million.

During that time span, the foreign-born population grew by 27.1 percent, nearly four times the 7.1 percent increase in the native population, which increased from 228.9 million to 245.1 million.

The foreign-born share has been steadily increasing since its low point of 4.7 percent of the population in 1970. However, it remains well below the peak of 14.8 percent in 1990 during the massive European migrations here.

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Gore pushes for stricter online stalking laws

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Vice President Al Gore said yesterday that online stalking is a serious new problem and state and federal laws must be stiffened to "give us tools to deal with this crime appropriately."

A new Justice Department report says state and federal laws need to be updated to outlaw online stalking because the practice is on the rise.

Gore requested the federal report on the problem in February and released it today. He met with students, police and campus officials at San Diego State University to discuss the report's findings and said more states should follow the lead of California, which recently amended its stalking statute to cover cyber-stalking.

According to Gore, one in 12 women will be victims of some form of stalking during their lives, as will one in 45 men. "And increasing numbers of them will be victims of cyber-stalking," Gore said.

"Getting tougher sentences is part of the whole education process, so everybody takes this crime as seriously as it should be taken," one of the women said.

Two women who declined to identify themselves at the session said electronic harassment had left them unnerved. "They can find out things about you that your friends don't even know, and that's a hard thing to deal with," one of the women said.

Two-thirds of states have no laws on the books that explicitly cover stalking on the Internet or through other electronic communications means, the report found.

"And federal law contains gaps that in some cases hinder investigators from tracking cyberstalkers who repeatedly harass and threaten others on the Internet, it said.

The report surveyed steps that law enforcement, online industries, victims groups and others are taking to crack down on cyberstalking, and explored whether existing laws are adequate to combat a problem it contends is on the rise.

Internet service providers, which link users to e-mail and the World Wide Web, report a growing number of complaints about harassing and threatening behavior online, it said.

The head of the sex crimes unit in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office reported that about 20 percent of the unit's cases involve cyberstalking.

The report cited several chilling examples from other parts of the country.

In one case, a Los Angeles security guard terrorized a woman who rejected his romantic advances by posting online messages that she fantasized about being raped, and listed her phone number and address.

On at least six occasions, sometimes in the middle of the night, men knocked on her door saying they wanted to rape her.

A San Diego man sent more than 100 e-mail messages to five female students at area colleges last year.

They included death threats and sexual descriptions and references.

Time change causes political battles

Associated Press

JERUSALEM - The switch from daylight-saving time to Eastern Standard Time is usually an excuse to sleep an extra hour.

In the Midwest, it's a political act. Israelis switched early to promote religious redemption. Palestinians decided to wait two weeks, citing patriotsion.

As a result, the region has operated on two clocks — throwing a lot of people off schedule.

Businessmen were kept waiting, peace negotiators double-checked their schedules, diplomats found their parties pooped.

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after Cisneros was fined but
given no jail time for lying to the
FBI about payments to her.

Linda Jones was released
Thursday. Her 3 1/2-year sen­
tence was reduced to time
served — nearly 18 months —
for her coop­
eration in the
Cisneros case,
according to
court docu­
ments filed in

federal court in Lubbock.

Jones, 50,
was to be the
star witness in
the government’s prosecution of
Cisneros. But Cisneros pleaded
guilty last week to a single mis­
demeanor count of lying to the
FBI in a plea deal. The agree­
ment, which included a $10,000
fine, called for no prison time or
probation.

Cisneros admitted in court that
he falsely told the FBI, while
under consideration for a
Cabinet post, that he had never
paid his ex-mistress more than
$2,500 monthly after their affair
ended. He gave Jones more than
$250,000 between 1989 and
1994, prosecutors said.

She pleaded guilty in January
1998 to 28 counts involving
fraud, conspiracy and money
laundering for, among other
things, lying about the payments
and concealing evidence.

She was freed Thursday in
Washington, where she had
been under the custody of
Independent Counsel David
Barrett, one of her lawyers said.
Authorities would not say where
she was held, but said it was not
in prison.

“I am relieved that she is going
to get out and be reunited with
her family,”
said attorney
Sam Ogan.

“She had got­
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this episode is
finally over.”

Barrett, who
has refused to
talk to
reporters since the abrupt end of
the Cisneros prosecution, offered
no comment. U.S. District Judge
Sam Cummings, who had sen­
tenced Jones, granted Barrett’s
motion to release her.

Cisneros’ plea marked a sharp
reversal for Barrett, who had
indicted the one-time Clinton
Cabinet member in 1997 on 18
felony counts of conspiracy,
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Sweatshops and the Catholic Difference

Given that the next session of the symposium on sweatshops (Sept. 27) is on Catholic teaching and sweatshops, it is worth looking at least one way in which addressing the issues from a Catholic perspective can make a difference.

Any effort to come to grips with the reality of sweatshops must consider the questions of the working conditions of the laborers and the just remuneration for their work. Creating acceptable working conditions and a living wage, however, will in most cases increase the cost of production. Most discussion of this likelihood focuses on whether consumers will continue to buy the product when the additional cost is passed on to them. In the case of Notre Dame apparel, for instance, it can fairly be asked whether persons would be willing to pay more money for a sweatshirt. This was the question that William Hoye rightly posed in the audience at the last symposium. How many would be willing to pay a dollar more? Five dollars? Ten dollars? Hands went down as the dollar amount went up.

The problem becomes more complex when, as was pointed out by a member of the audience due to the pricier sweatshirt may well lead to the laying off of some of the workers. People and institutions who wish to help the workers are therefore stuck with a conundrum: Improving working conditions and raising wages for workers may mean that fewer persons actually have work at all. At minimum, the decline in demand will reinforce pressures to go back to previous conditions and wages.

It is at this point that Catholic teaching may make a difference. Most economic theories that seek to include a moral component focus primarily and even exclusively on improving the lot of the least well-off, with reflection on the most well-off generally limited to the presumption that their pain itself helps the poor. Catholic teaching, however, highlights the gap between rich and poor as a specific moral problem. In “Divus in Misericordia,” for instance, Pope John Paul II writes, “This fact is universally known. The state of inequality between individuals and between nations not only exists, it is increasing; it still happens that side by side with those who are wealthy and living in plenty there exist those living in want, suffering misery… this is why moral uneasiness is destined to become more acute.”

How might a focus on the rich-poor gap get us out of the conundrum where better conditions and pay leads to fewer jobs? If we assume that the university in question and the apparel company are both relatively well-off (which is not to say that they are being wasteful), then the way is open to suggest that they also, and not just the consumer, should absorb some of the cost involved in improving conditions and wages. Splitting the cost three ways means that less of the increase is passed on to the consumer. More consumers buy sweatshirts and more people work in better conditions with higher wages.

In Notre Dame’s case, the University receives a percentage of the manufacturer’s profit. Notre Dame could arrange a deal where it agrees to take less of a cut in exchange for the manufacturer agreeing to have less of a profit margin. One objection would be that the money the University makes by licensing Notre Dame products goes to scholarships. The counter-argument is that whatever is lost could be reallocated from another budget line, perhaps even though I like our campus very much (a small point). My sense is that if the income from apparel were to diminish for whatever reason, the University would attempt to find other avenues of funding for the scholarships. The well-being of the workers who make our apparel seems to be about as good a reason as one might imagine.

When Mr. Hoye asked who would be willing to pay an extra dollar for a virtually hand-woven sweatshirt, virtually every hand went up. When he asked who would be willing to pay ten extra dollars, only one hand remained. Sharing whatever cost is involved in improving worker conditions and wages is one way to assure that while the improvements are being made more hands remain in the air and more workers remain on the job. The fact that the University has already allocated significant sums to address the problem means that less of the increase is passed on to the consumer. More consumers buy sweatshirts and more people work in better conditions with higher wages.
Student Government addresses advertising ban

Churney ridiculous, victim of numerology

Brian Churney’s scathing indictment of Bob Davie in yesterday’s Observer is ridiculous and deserves a reply. Logic was never a required course at a university, but perhaps the deans should again encourage its study judging by Mr. Churney’s lack of it.

First, don’t argue from the particular to the general. Poor clock management does not equal poor officiating.

Second, don’t use false syllogisms. Churney states, “If he’s a good coach … he must …” which questions the very basis of the Davie’s decision to bar advertisements in The Observer illustrates a poor decision on behalf of the administration. The University of Notre Dame’s decision to bar advertisements in The Observer illustrates a poor decision on behalf of the administration. The University does not specifically know what GALA’s positions are. This realization suggests that if Notre Dame has failed to take adequate measures to investigate the position of GALA, then the University seems to have made a decision in great haste without all of the important facts. This apparent negligence by Notre Dame clearly illus-
The Band of the Fighting Irish practices daily for one and a half hours to prepare its music and marching for busy football weekends. Currently in its 154th year, the band has performed at every home football game since the Civil War, against Michigan in 1887. It also had the honor of playing in front of presidents and popes.

"Being a part of something like this is unbelievable ... Knowing that I'm part of something that is over 154 years old is a real high."

Benny Ciszek
senior band member

The competition is tough this last week before the beginning of the fall semester. Before the end of the week, some students will not return, while others continue their struggle for the chance to be a part of the Band of the Fighting Irish and continue the tradition.

"The band and the Irish Guard are the best signs of Notre Dame spirit," said Luther Snavely, Notre Dame's director of bands. "They don't receive scholarships. The grade they receive is meaningless, but they still make sacrifices and work very hard to virtually make other people's events a success."

"Tryouts were very difficult," added senior and new Irish Guard member Mark Loughlin. "I trained over the summer, but the muscles used for the trot and hike step are difficult to target and train. I was really sore after the first couple of days."

Despite the physical demands of the training, many members of the band and Guard enjoy the challenges they are faced with throughout the week.

"I had a great time. The other tryouts and the guardsmen were really great guys," said senior James Cochran.

But for most band and Guard members, the big payoff was becoming a part of more than 200 years of tradition.

"I really wanted to be a part of the tradition," said senior guardsenor, Rick Saxen. "It is a really great way to become a part of the University."

The band and the Irish Guard are as much parts of Notre Dame's tradition as the Golden Dome. The band is currently in its 154th year and has performed at every home football game since the inaugural game against Michigan in 1887.

Football games are not the only time the band performs. In 1871, the band played a concert to benefit those affected by the Chicago Fire. Since the Civil War, the band has played at the entrance to the campus — "the circle" — for students leaving to fight in wars. It also had the honor of playing in front of presidents and popes.

The band usually plays at between 60 and 70 public performances per school year, not including its performances at the football games.

"Being a part of something like this is unbelievable," said senior saxophone player Benny Ciszek. "Knowing that I'm a part of something that is
The Irish Guard leads the band onto the field for its pre-game show.
Rodriguez’s slam lifts Seattle past Tampa Bay

The Observer • SPORTS
Friday, September 17, 1999

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez hit his third grand slam of the season in the eighth inning as the Seattle Mariners beat the Devil Rays 5-3 Thursday night.

Rodriguez broke out of a 3-for-23 slump with his 10th career slam, a shot to center field, giving the Mariners a 4-3 lead.

In his first at-bat against Tampa Bay starter Rick Time, Rodriguez connected for his second career grand slam. He had hit his other two against the Boston Red Sox.

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Tampa Bay starter David Damon allowed three runs and eight hits in seven innings.

The Devil Rays (66-93) have lost their last two games after winning 23 of their previous 30.

Tribe’s Lowery snaps scoreless tie

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay pitcher Scott Lowery snapped a scoreless tie with an RBI single during a two-run seventh against Seattle.

The Mariners beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-3 Thursday night.

Seattle scored two runs in the second inning to take a 2-0 lead. Mark McLemore hit a two-run home run, an opposite-field shot that cleared the right-field wall.

Seattle added a run in the fifth inning on Scott Servais’ sacrifice fly.

Tampa Bay scored two runs in the sixth inning to tie the game.

In the top of the sixth inning, Tampa Bay’s Travis Lee hit a solo home run off Seattle starter Freddy Garcia to make it 3-3.

Seattle added two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Seattle’s Kenji Johjima hit an opposite-field triple in the seventh, driving in McLemore and Servais.

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**NFL**

**Signing Peter pays off for New York**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. —

Giving Christian Peter a second chance is starting to pay big dividends for the New York Giants.

Not only have the Giants found a usable defensive lineman, Peter is pushing Robert Harris for his starting left tackle spot.

Peter had an outstanding game filling in for an injured Harris last week. The play everybody noticed was his 38-yard fumble return for a touchdown, a play on which he bear-hugged the ball all the way to the end zone. But his play against the run was even better as New York limited the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to 77 yards in a 17-13 win.

Peter laughs a lot about the touchdown. He has taken a lot of grief about it from teammates and even his brother, Jason, who plays for the Carolina Panthers.

After Jason saw Christian rumble down the field with both arms wrapped around the ball on a highlight film, he didn’t hesitate to call him.

“He just told me I looked slower than I did when I returned the one at Nebraska 95 yards,” Christian Peter said. “It was just a very fortunate play. Jessie (Armstead) made an unbelievable play and it bounced into my hands. Anybody could have done it.”

Peter’s road to the end zone was a lot longer than 38 yards. It started more than 2 1/2 years ago when the Giants made a controversial decision to sign Peter as a free agent.

A New Jersey native, he had been drafted in the fifth round by New England in April 1996. He was released a few days later when the team took some flak because of his off-the-field problems.

During his college years, Peter was arrested for a variety of offenses, including a third-degree sexual assault. He also was the defendant in a civil suit in which a former Nebraska coed alleged Peter twice raped her.

Since joining the Giants in January 1997, Peter participated in a rehabilitation program that included substance abuse and psychological counseling, treatment for attention deficit disorder and a program to complete his undergraduate degree.

Entering his third season, Peter’s game is improving. After making only two tackles in 1997, he had 32 last year along with a sack and forced fumble.

“It’s not easy, sitting out a year. Talk to anyone who did that,” Peter said Thursday after the Giants finished practice for Sunday’s game against the Washington Redskins. “Just getting back into the swing of things is never easy. I think I am doing all right, but there is so much room for improvement.”

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Riley takes over in San Diego

Associated Press

Mike Riley seems almost too good to be true.
The new coach of the San Diego Chargers does things others in the NFL won't; he values players' opinions, lets his star linebacker make cameo appearances at tight end and is friendly to everyone.

He's the anti-Kevin Gilbride.

And to listen to the players, Riley is precisely the coach needed by this floundering franchise, which has lost 31 games in three seasons.

"What he has done in a short amount of time is gain the respect of men in this locker room, and we haven't even played a game yet," said Junior Seau, the All-Pro linebacker-part-time tight end.

That first game comes Sunday when the Chargers, idle on opening weekend, visit Cincinnati. It's also the NFL debut for Riley, 46, who helped lead Oregon State — once described as "a coach's grave yard" — back toward respectability before becoming San Diego's fourth head coach in as many seasons.

"Riley's temperament certainly matches the city he works in," Terrell Fletcher said. "Don't mistake it that he doesn't have a fiery edge; that he doesn't have a competitive edge. Because he does. It's just an extremely unique blend, particularly in this business."

"Right now, the guys, we're giving all we have for him. We'll lay out in front of trucks for him if we have to." Well, maybe they all won't go that far.

"I'd chase the truck for him, maybe run into it for him," linebacker LewBush said.

"I think he's exactly what the NFL needs," Bush said. "We all know that the bottom line is winning, all right? You get a guy in here sometimes who gets so serious and so caught up in, 'Win, win win, drill, drill, drill,' that you lose the fun in it. And he's brought the fun back to the game."

Riley's personality and open-minded approach is opposite that of the stubborn, dictatorial Gilbride, who lost the players' confidence and was fired after six games last year, with a record of 6-16.

The players appreciate that the yelling and belittling have gone away, that there's less hitting in practice and that Riley lets the assistants do more coaching.

"We still work hard," Bush said. "When Sunday comes, I'm not going to forget how to hit."

Then there's Riley's reputation as a truly nice guy.

"If you go to heaven and you look around and Mike Riley isn't there, you'll know you're not in heaven," said John Robinson, Riley's former boss at Southern Cal and now coach at UCLA.

"I'm just not going to have it any other way," Riley said of his disposition. "I like coming to work and I like the good atmosphere."

Seau wouldn't even have approached Gilbride about playing tight end. Riley was receptive because he felt it could only help a team that went 5-11 last year.

"If somebody's got an idea, I always tell guys, 'Hey, you can tell me whatever you want,' " Riley said. "I don't mean we're always going to do it. If they're thinking about stuff, then that's what you want."

"I really like people to feel ownership in something, and along with that I want them to feel great about coming to work. I don't want them to dread coming in the gate over there. I don't want the kids at Oregon State to dread coming into the football facility. I want them to feel excited about it."

That Riley was willing to leave Oregon State to dread coming into the Oregon State job for two years says something about him. True, he had been an assistant coach there, and Riley was a star high school quarterback in Corvallis. But the only tradition Oregon State had was losing.

The Beavers were 5-6 last year, their best record in 27 years. They came close to upsetting UCLA and did beat rival Oregon, in double overtime.

Many broadcast stories have been aired.

"Frankly, I can't blame him. For a guy making his pro debut, the world spotlight would be a hard thing to deal with, especially from the male point of view."

Morales' trainer, Lou Chow, also a lightweight boxer, signed a contract agreeing to take Morales' place should he be withdrawn, Jarvis said.

The new matchup needs approval from the Washington State Boxing Commission, which gave the go-ahead to the Morales-McGregor bout after considering it for three weeks.

"She wants this to happen," said McGregor's trainer, Vern Miller, who said he's optimistic the second fight will be approved. Miller said Chow is an equal match for McGregor, who has a 3-0 professional record against women.

Man decides not to fight female

Associated Press

BREMERTON, Wash. The man slated to fight a woman in a road boxing match has pulled out, the fight's promoter said.

But the fight will go on with a different male boxer, said Bob Jarvis of Tom O'Malley Promotions.

Hector Morales of Vancouver, British Columbia, was to fight Margaret McGregor of Bremerton on Oct. 9. But Morales pulled out, after becoming increasingly uncomfortable with the idea, Jarvis said.

"He kept talking about all the publicity the fight has received," Jarvis said. "He kept saying he couldn't believe how many phone calls he has received, how many newspaper stories have been written and how
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NCAA FOOTBALL
Staley's touchdowns put Cougars on top

Associated Press

Freshman Luke Staley had three touchdowns and Brigham Young's defense was dominant throughout three quarters as the No. 25 Cougars beat No. 23 Colorado State 34-13 on Thursday.

Kevin Feterik threw for two touchdowns in his Mountain West Conference's first game. One went to Staley, Oregon's high school player of the year last season who chose BYU (2-0) over the likes of Nebraska, UCLA and Washington.

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The Cougars showed Colorado State (2-1, 0-1) what it feels like on the losing end of a blowout. The Rams, unranked in the preseason, broke into the Top 25 after a 41-14 victory over then-No. 14 Colorado. Colorado State didn't have Kevin McDaniel, who rushed for 190 yards against the Buffaloes and 147 before a hamstring injury forced him out of last week's victory over Nevada.

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Lazaro Borrell signs with Super Sonics

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Lazaro Borrell
Super Sonics' rookie

"I wanted more freedom to be able to do what I do best, and that's play the game," he said.

Super Sonics' versatility gives him a real chance to make the Sonics' roster out of training camp, team president Wally Walker said.

"Lazaro has a great feel for the game, a tremendous amount of ability," Walker said.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE

Borrell, speaking through NBA contract comes with a baggage claim on Saturday night.

"This kind of came out of the blue," Walker said. "After seeing him work out, the coaches called me, and after seeing him play today, I can see why. He has too much ability for us to pass." Borrell, a former Cuban national team player who defected July 17 during the Tournament of the Americas in Puerto Rico. On Thursday, the 6-foot-8 Borrell, 26, signed a two-year contract with the Seattle Super Sonics. Additional terms weren't immediately available.

Borrell, speaking through an interpreter during a news conference, said signing a contract while separated from his parents and three siblings "was very sad, and at the same time it was very exciting." Since defecting, Borrell worked out for the Houston Rockets, New Jersey Nets, Portland Trail Blazers and Miami Heat.

NBA

Borrell signs with Super Sonics

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Lazaro Borrell says realizing the dream of signing an NBA contract comes with a price.

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"It's comfortable handling the ball, he's comfortable away from the ball," Billy McKinney, Sonics executive vice president of basketball operations, said. "He's a good passer, he's a good shooter. I could see, once he gets comfortable with the language, maybe playing some shooting guard, maybe even playing the point guard."

McKinney said Borrell has a good chance to make the team, but added, "We're going to have a lot of competition for spots. We have some very hungry people here this year who want to play."
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SAN FRANCISCO THE San Francisco Giants, who trail Arizona by seven games with 16 left to play, refuse to believe the race in the NL West is over.

The Giants won their fifth straight Thursday, defeating the Florida Marlins 6-5 in the last of a three-game series, and moved a half-game closer to the idle Diamondbacks. San Francisco has won 22 of its last 29.

Marvin Benard homered and drove in two runs as the Giants sent Florida to its seventh loss in a row.

Bronswell Patrick (1-3) got the win in his Giants debut, pitching two scoreless innings of relief. Robb Nen pitched the ninth for a save.

The Giants took a 6-5 lead in the sixth. The tying run scored on a throwing error by shortstop Dave Berg and the lead run scored when his poor throw prevented the Marlins from turning an inning-ending double play. Brent Mayne got an RBI on the groundoul.

Benard led off the first with his 14th homer of the year. The Giants added a run-scoring groundout in the fifth. Armando Rios and Bill Mueller had RBI singles.

Mike Maddox, who had not homered since Aug. 19, 1998, hit a three-run shot for the Giants out West this season. But when that sput­tered today — and the bullpen stalled, too — the Mets were car­eening toward a disappointing end to what had been a successful trip.

The Mets needed saving as much as Benny Agbayani needed to salvage his own season, which he did as the Mets grabbed a 10-5 victory.

Agbayani, a part-time out­fielder, who had hit 10 home runs in his first 73 at-bats and one out. His drive off the base of the wall scored Abbott to tie the game in the sixth inning to give the Mets a 5-4 lead. After the Mets loaded the bases in the seventh, they went ahead in the eighth.

Darryl Hamilton hit a pinch- hit triple to drive in Robin Ventura to give the Mets a 6- 5 lead, and Agbayani hit a sacrifice fly in that scored all the cushion needed by a shaky John Franco, who loaded the bases in the eighth, and Armando Benitez who got out of that jam until the Mets offense finally unleashed a week's worth of pent-up hits for the victory.

"Benny came up with as big a blow as we had on this road trip," said Bobby Valentine, who has known and encour­aged Agbayani since manag­ing him in Class AAA Norfolk in 1996.

The Mets finished the pun­ishing road trip at 5-2. They remained two and one-half games ahead of Cincinnati, which beat the Cubs by 5-4 tonight, in the wild-card race. They gained ground on Atlanta, which lost by 4-1 at San Diego later tonight, and trailed the Braves by only one game in the National League East.

Despite the late flurry of hits that ball­ooned the lead, the Mets seemed to drag toward home as if they had blown a tire. Although the Mets scored three runs in the first two innings, their start­ing pitcher, Orel Hershiser, struggled early. He hung on for six innings, but the Reds approached the game hoping only to go six innings and give his team a chance to win in a park that is a nightmare for pitchers — and Agbayani has not hit a home run since he was a 30th-round draft pick.

After he got his 12th in the sixth inning, Agbayani struck again. Ventura walked and Hamilton, a former Rockie, pinch-hitting for Shawn Dunston, slumped a triple to right field that Walker dived for but failed to grab.

As the ball skittered to the wall, Ventura scored to give the lead and Hamilton went to third with Hamilton right and Walker dived for but failed to grab.

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The Mets were sliding like a car with a driver who had slammed on the brakes too hard, spinning toward a sec­ond straight loss to the Rockies that would send them home with some unflattering ski marks.

Their offense had looked sleepy in the last games of this road trip, as if they were weary from playing 13 con­secutive days.

Their starting pitching had buoyed them through their last two series out West this season. But when that sput­tered today — and the bullpen stalled, too — the Mets were car­eening toward a disappointing end to what had been a successful trip.
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Boston still trails New York in heated pennant race**

Associated Press

TORONTO

What could the Red Sox have been thinking while watching the scoreboard in Cleveland the last couple of days? What about the Oakland Athletics - what was going through their minds, as they followed the Yankees' progress here?

The Red Sox must have felt good when they saw Toronto's second baseman ripped a two-run double and Toronto led, 2-0, through their minds, as they followed the last couple of days?

But how did the Red Sox and Athletics feel when they saw the scoreboard in Cleveland the last couple of days?

 jogging through their minds, as they watched the Blue Jays build a five-run lead late in Tuesday's game. 

Jays build a five-run lead late in Tuesday's game. What was going through the Blue Jays mind when they saw the Athletics - what was going through the Blue Jays mind when they saw the Athletics?

Maybe the teams chasing the Yankees might have figured it was about time for a Yankee recovery. Maybe the teams chasing the Yankees might have figured it was about time for a Yankee recovery. 

And they were feeling good about the regular season. The Yankees, going into Cleveland. 

Manager Joe Torre said, "as far as our confidence is concerned. And they're feeling good about themselves."

Williams said, "This definitely gives us a pretty good boost going into Cleveland."

The games against the Indians will be the last the Yankees (87-58) will have against any team outside the American League East, until a series at home against Minnesota.

The Red Sox beat the Indians, 6-4 in 13 innings, to remain three and a half games behind the Yankees. 

Andy Pettitte (13-11) was the winning pitcher, giving us a pretty good boost going into Cleveland.

"We're back on track, as far as our confidence is concerned. And they're feeling good about themselves."

"We're just going to feed off of that and keep it going," Williams said.

"The key is this guy has a fastball past him inside, but did not jam him enough. Martinez stepped into the pitch, twisted his torso and smashed a home run well over the right-field wall. It was a counterattack typical of the Yankees of 1998."

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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Kustok settles lawsuit with NCAA**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Northwestern quarterback Zachary Kustok, who used the NCAA to regain his eligibility, reached a settlement Thursday that allows him to play after Sept. 28, according to his lawyer.

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**Boston still trails New York in heated pennant race**

Associated Press

TORONTO

What could the Red Sox have been thinking while watching the scoreboard in Cleveland the last couple of days? What about the Oakland Athletics - what was going through their minds, as they followed the Yankees' progress here?

The Red Sox must have felt good when they saw Toronto's second baseman ripped a two-run double and Toronto led, 2-0, through their minds, as they followed the last couple of days?

But how did the Red Sox and Athletics feel when they saw the scoreboard in Cleveland the last couple of days?

 jogging through their minds, as they watched the Blue Jays build a five-run lead late in Tuesday's game. 

Jays build a five-run lead late in Tuesday's game. What was going through the Blue Jays mind when they saw the Athletics - what was going through the Blue Jays mind when they saw the Athletics?

Maybe the teams chasing the Yankees might have figured it was about time for a Yankee recovery. Maybe the teams chasing the Yankees might have figured it was about time for a Yankee recovery. 

And they were feeling good about the regular season. The Yankees, going into Cleveland. 

Manager Joe Torre said, "as far as our confidence is concerned. And they're feeling good about themselves."

Williams said, "This definitely gives us a pretty good boost going into Cleveland."

The games against the Indians will be the last the Yankees (87-58) will have against any team outside the American League East, until a series at home against Minnesota.

The Red Sox beat the Indians, 6-4 in 13 innings, to remain three and a half games behind the Yankees. 

Andy Pettitte (13-11) was the winning pitcher, giving us a pretty good boost going into Cleveland.

"We're back on track, as far as our confidence is concerned. And they're feeling good about themselves."

"We're just going to feed off of that and keep it going," Williams said.

"The key is this guy has a fastball past him inside, but did not jam him enough. Martinez stepped into the pitch, twisted his torso and smashed a home run well over the right-field wall. It was a counterattack typical of the Yankees of 1998."

"We're just going to feed off of that and keep it going," Williams said.

"We felt like this was a very fair offer, and we accepted it," he said.

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**Volleyball**

Notre Dame looks to spike Miami of Ohio for victory

By MATT OLIVA
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team will host Miami of Ohio tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

The Irish enter the game with a 4-2 record, coming off a disappointing second-place finish at the Big Orange Bash in Clemson, S.C., and will face the Redhawks for the first time since 1991.

Miami (5-3) returns three starters from their 1998 team that took them to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The Irish and the Redhawks have both lost to top-ranked Pacific in three games.

"This is a strong team," said Irish captain Denise Boylan. "It will be a good competition for us before heading into the Big East.

Leading the Redhawks is last year's Mid-American Player of the Year Allissta Thompson. Thompson averages four kills and 2.5 digs per game, while outside hitter Mandy Collins is adding more than four kills per game. Andrea Stone has averaged more than one block per game for Miami this year.

The Irish are led by senior middle blocker and co-captain Mary Lefiers, who leads the Irish in kills per game (3.44), hitting percentage (.317) and blocks per game (1.70). Boylan is leading the team in kills with 3.07 per game.

"Emilly Schiebout and Jo Janousky both have played well defensively for the Irish, averaging 3.5 and 2.6 digs per game, respectively.

Miami and Notre Dame have faced each other five times, with the Redhawks holding a 3-2 series lead.

"This is a big match for us," said Boylan. "We have a good non-conference schedule and need to get back on track.

The Irish have only three more non-conference matches before their Big East opener Oct. 1 against West Virginia."

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**Boxing**

Tyson to enter ring with Norris

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS

Mike Tyson didn't dodge any questions at a news conference Thursday formally announcing an Oct. 23 fight against Ortin Norris - and some of his answers were dished in acid.

"I feel good, I'm in shape, I'm ready to fight," Tyson said. "I went from 280 pounds - for they had me in the joint for a minute - to 232 pounds.

Why, someone wanted to know, did he put on weight in jail?

"Have you ever been incarcerated, sir," Tyson replied. "Go outside, bit somebody with a car, get incarcerated and see how fat you are when you go home."

The 12-round fight against Norris, a former cruiserweight champion, at the MGM Grand will be Tyson's first since he was released from May 24 from a Maryland jail after serving 3 1/2 months for assaulting two motorists after a bender-bender.

The former undisputed heavyweight champion, who also has three years in Indiana on a rape conviction, was asked if he ever thinks about what could have been different in his life.

"Coulda, shoulda, woulda," Tyson said. "What would happen is there shouldn't be racism, there shouldn't be dysfunctional alcoholic Babes that are reporters. I keep it real.

"And if he thought it was fair that he served jail time after pleading no-contest in Maryland, he replied, "It's politically correct to put me in jail to send me to prison."

"I added, however, "I have no man to blame but myself. Other people contributed, but I have to carry the weight of a fool by myself."

A smiling Tyson, with hair on his head but none on his face, actually showed up early for the news conference, signed some autographs and talked to reporters after the conference ended.

The fight, to be televised on Showtime at 8 p.m. on the first since he knocked out Francois Botha with a right to the jaw in the fifth round Jan. 16 at the MGM Grand.

He had been blocked three of the national officials' cards afterwards.

What was his 46th win in the world nearly crumble.

That was Day 3 without Vinny, Vinny was abruptly ended on Sunday.

Wednesday, Coach Bill Parcells, whose team has a 1-4 record, to take it one game at a time.

"I told them to focus on Buffalo, not the season," Parcells said. "We are a team that can try to make you think the season is over and it's not."

Bill Parcells Jets' head coach

My initial reaction to this, you see, was that this was being jolled. We are so used to seeing statisticians and cliches from athletes that hard-edged, emotional responses take us by surprise.

Johnson said yesterday that he was consumed by loss: loss of a hard fought game, fought of a quarterback and, for a moment, what he thought was the loss of a winning season.

Last Friday, Johnson and Rick Miler joked across the locker room about the Notre Dame-Southern Cal rivalry.

"I told them to focus on Buffalo, not the season," Parcells said. "We are a team that can try to make you think the season is over and it's not."

"I feel good. I'm in shape, I'm ready to fight," Tyson said. "People who write about me with respect, the odds were 10-1 that Norris can't do it.

Less than a week later, Miler holds Johnson's fate in his hands. The Jets acquired Miler on Aug. 20 in a trade with the Packers. Miler has attempted 11 passes in the regular season since 1997, and all 11 were against New England on Sunday. Now he will start Sunday against the Bills.

On Sunday, Johnson lamented how, in Testaverde's absence, the Jets offense stalled and the passing game flew out the window.

"I told them to focus on Buffalo, not the season," Parcells said. "We are a team that can try to make you think the season is over and it's not."

For all the handwringing, the fundamental question now is how debilitating is the early season loss of Testaverde?"
Farley looks for revenge against BP in season opener

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

This Sunday will be the chance for Farley to get revenge against Breen-Phillips for eliminating it from the playoffs last year.

Farley, who ended the season with a winning record, lost to BP in the second round of playoff action while BP ended the season at 7-2 after a loss to Paxquiera East in the championship game.

"It's going to be a tough game," Farley captain Jennifer Ross said. "Last year's loss is a motivating factor for our returning players." Rookie sophomore quarterback Megan Sheehan will lead Farley's offense. "We threw her into the position and she's really stepping it up," Ross said.

Farley also will be strong defensively with almost the entire defense returning. "This game will give us a starting point on what to work on for the rest of the season," Ross said. "Plus no one's lost yet, so it's going to be a lot of fun."

BP, however, is without many seniors, but is optimistic about the freshmen turnout. "We're excited about the young and inexperienced players. We have good freshmen athletes," BP captain Katie Leicht said.

Returning quarterback Jenny Chui, a fifth-year senior, will lead the strong defense. "Defense is definitely our motivation factor for our team," Ross said. "Plus no one's lost yet, so we have a really solid defense."

"We've had a good defense the past couple years," Cavanaugh captain Melissa Tacey said, "And we're looking to maximize all scoring opportunities with our new offense and still keep our strong defense."

Howard will be led by returning quarterback, sophomore Jillian DePaul. "She did a great job for us last year," said captain Julie Werzick. "And we're anticipating her to be even better this year."

"We're strong defensively and we're focusing on offense a lot too, trying to strengthen it," she said. "We're just going to go out and play hard and hope we can come away with a win."

Pangborn vs. McGlinn

Pangborn and McGlinn also face each other Sunday. McGlinn ended last year at 2-3 and looks to improve this year. "We didn't really lose anyone, only two players, last year so we have a really solid defense," McGlinn captain Juna Poscharski said. "And we have a young enthusiastic offense full of freshmen this year."

Katie Sullivan, a senior cornerback, and Jess Cosmo, a senior linebacker, are expected to lead the defense. "They're the heart of our defense this year," Poscharski said. "We are looking to be more competitive this year than in past years. And we hope to do that by playing well and kicking the season off right."

Pangborn will look to improve last year's 4-3 record. "We have a very young team, defense especially," captain Jillian DePaul said. "We have a lot of speed and basically a new look offensively."

1998 champion PE practices Wednesday for its season opener. The Pyros will face another tough road to the stadium.
MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Red Storm defense plans to wreak havoc on Otters

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

When Zahm and Sorin face off this Sunday, a batch of new talent will debut.

The teams are depending on stellar play from new faces as it prepares to start the season in the right direction.

Captain and coach Fred Faber insists that freshman safety Greg Carney is "one to watch."

Faber hopes the two weeks of practice will pay off, but insists that it still was not that much time, and his defense is still learning.

"Every day we are getting a lot better," said Faber of his team of 22 players. "And I think we are going to show them we can compete even though we lost a lot of players."

Zahm's "Red Swarm" defense hopes to return in full force from last year's 4-2 season.

"Zahm interhall football is known for its great attack defense," said coach Jerry Fitzpatrick. "And we intend on continuing our tradition."

Captain Mike Garko and Matt Meyer will lead a relatively new squad boasting the talent of freshmen Dan Burke and Gabe Ibanez.

Zahm's strengths may be discovered on gameday, as Garko says, "The surprises are going to be unleashed on Sunday."

"Our definite strengths are team speed and pride," noted Fitzpatrick. "And we will strive every week to be consistent at executing our game."

Siegfried vs. Knott

Going into their matchup against Knott Hall this weekend, Siegfried coach Jamie Bordas has high expectations for his team.

"We should definitely be one of the teams playing for the title," said Bordas. "And we should have an outstanding season."

Siegfried is rebounding from a tough first-round playoff loss to Zahm after a 3-1 regular season record from last year.

Their high hopes ride on a host of experienced players. The defense is led by linebacker Robert Miyakawa and free safety Peter Aguilar, while the offense includes key players in quarterback Rob Plumby, tailback Travis Smith and fullback Kevin Haley.

Bordas notes the tough running ability of Smith and Haley, and their capability of getting first downs.

Also expected to make an impact is first-year player Mike Bossen, whose quickness will be a definite asset.

On Sunday, the Ramblers look to dominate the defensive side of the ball and said Bordas "expects to shut people down."

The Juggernauts of Knott Hall are on a quest to improve on last year's record of 1-2-1 as they enter Sunday's game against Siegfried. The offense hopes to show off the talent of running backs Brandon Landas, Pat Virtue and fullback Joe Mueller.

Captain Mario Suarez says the key to a win on Sunday rides on the ability of the team to execute and run their plays correctly.

"It would be nice if we played over our potential," Suarez said. "New faces to watch include freshmen Jonathan Smith, Looe Baker and Kyle Trotter."

Suarez is looking to the defense to step it up a notch in the season opener. "We're hoping to attack on defense," said Suarez, "and keep them on their toes."

A Siegfried quarterback works on his passing for the Ramblers' Sunday opener against Knott.

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A Siegfried offensive player watches the ball during their game against Knott Hall at Notre Dame on September 17, 1999.

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Being in good hands is the only place to be.
Defending champion Keenan looks to hold on to title

By KEVIN BERCHOU

That cool breeze the last couple of nights usually signifies the arrival of two things: autumn and interhall football, which kicks off this weekend.

Not surprisingly, opening day is filled with many intriguing matchups. In Blue League play, Morissey on Sunday at 3 p.m. Keenan looks to reprise past success. Though the running game will be used often, senior quarterback Dan Sullivan's talents will allow for a great deal of offensive variation.

Neither team has relished of favorite, with both captains demonstrating, at least outwardly, a great deal of respect for their opponents. "We've heard they're the team to beat," said Keenan captain Herb Giorgio. "We'll see what made of right away."

Morissey captain Matt Wohlberg, however, would have none of that. "They haven't lost in two years. They're obviously the favorites," he noted. "We've been pointing towards this game ever since we started practice four weeks ago."

All signs point to an exciting opener, with the big question being if Notre Dame's ability to three-peat.

Assistant coach Nick Costanzo will be relied upon heavily as a steady two-way player.

Morissey looks to provide the defending champs with a difficult opening test. Anchored by four-year stalwart lineneman, center Eric Depke, and guard and coach Matt Wohlberg, the offense will feature a running attack.

"We'll go with more of a straight ahead style this year," said Wohlberg. "Last year we tried a lot of technical plays. This year, it's more like straight football."

A Fisher Hall kicker practices his moves Thursday in anticipation of the team's season opener against St. Ed's Sunday. The defense will look to stifle the offense while fellow second-year wide receiver Steve Dougherty.

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Junior quarterback Zack Fenton will lead the offensive attack while fellow second-year man, middle linebacker Mike Garofola, takes charge of the defense. "We're learning real quick," said sophomore coach Nick Sirois. "I think we're already better than last year."

Fisher will prove a valid indicator of Notre Dame's improvement by providing a stern opening day test. Led by sophomore captain Dean Kerollis, Fisher will look to better last year's 1-2-1 mark.

Junior quarterback Zark Allen's speed and great field vision will open up the offense allowing for plenty of balls to be tossed in the direction of junior wide receiver Steve Dougherty. The defense will look to stifle the St. Ed's rushing attack on the strength of sophomore defensive lineman Dabs Marrs, who provides excellent support in the middle.

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Let's hope so, students don't want to be disappointed when they got homework guide to take in some interhall action.
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Horsemen

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began with the famed line, "Outlined against a blue, gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again," to every newspaper in America.

Following Rice's story and the

photo spread across the country

of Angeles on Dec. 31, 1924, a crowd

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"Outlined against a blue, gray

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But in the shadow of its own goalpost, the Irish defense dug in and stopped Nevers short of the goal line on fourth down. Finally, Layden finished off Stanford with 20 yards remaining in the game.

"Every play was something new and the

combination ... was something that probably no team in the country could have solved at first sight," junior Natalie Cook said.

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As for next week, the Belles have a good

shot at gaining second place.

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Dillon, Alumni to square off in intense interhall rivalry

By JASON KROM PINGER
Sport Writer


This Sunday on Stephie Field, the Alumni Interhall football team takes on Dillon's team in one of the many established hall rivalries on campus. The two teams will be fueled by that extra bit of adrenaline that comes from facing an archenemy. The game looks to be a one full of old fashioned smash-mouth football.

"Whoever loses this game has to hear about it from the other guys the rest of the year," said Alumni captain Pat Paquette.

Dillon coach Jason Visner says his team looks strong, young, and talented this year. Leading the team is junior liner man Joe Parker, anchoring the trenches, keeping defenders off the quarterback Colin Conway, and blazing open holes for junior running back Rob Bicka.

Ridenour will also see action on the other side of the ball at cornerback, in a defensive backfield featuring standout senior defensive back Ron Sutsko.

The team also features six freshmen this year, with one lineman and the others at skill positions. Visner says that his team will most likely be running a split-back set and focusing on the running game, emphasizing a "here it comes try to stop it" approach. The team's defense will be running an even front, with four down linemen.

As for Paquette's Alumni squad, the emphasis for the game is pride. Paquette, a junior, plays outside linebacker in Alumni's 4-4 defense. Joining him on defense will be senior defensive end Ryan Jochum and junior inside linebacker Mitch Karam.

Both players will be playing old school ironman football as they are each offensive standouts as well.

On the offensive side of the ball, this year Alumni will be featuring a two-quarterback rotation and a single-back "1" formation. Sophomore Matt Anton Giovanni and Nick Altoss will be splitting time at the helm. According to Paquette, Giovanni features a great ability to run the ball and will shift over to receiver when Altoss steps in to deliver the deep threat.

In addition, Alumni features the talent of four freshman and twelve new players altogether. Paquette says that despite their inexperience with interhall, they all understand the great impact of the rivalry. After Sunday's game, they will also learn what it's like to feel the thrill of a victory or the anguish of a defeat.

Stanford vs. Keough

A year ago, the Stanford Hall football team was involved in several close games, including a narrow 9-6 loss to eventual champion Keenan, leaving the team greatly unsatisfied and frustrated.

This Sunday, they will look to take out some of these frustrations on Keough Hall. Stanford is led by player-coach John Bicka, a junior who plays defensive end. Joining him in Stanford's even four-man front will be sophomore Josh Kaukas and junior Dave Hunt at the inside tackles.

Bicka said both these players have a deep threat.

"Last year we had a lot of guys playing both ways," said Laffer. "But this year we're looking to put that number down to just 2 or 3 guys."

Others helping out a strong defense for Stanford will be freshman defensive end Shamus Robins, who Bicka describes as 'very talented,' and junior linebacker Anton Kemps.

Bicka looks for the defense to identify their opponents scoring ability in a point where his offense will only need to put up a touchdown or two to win a game.

Some of the players involved in this cause will be the powerful junior fullback J.C. Perez and senior running back Chris Ileid.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Irish look to dominate at Catholic Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The men's cross country team aims for its fifth straight title and the women seek their fourth-consecutive championship as Notre Dame hosts the National Catholic Invitational today.

"For this meet, we're looking to go out in a group and just dominate the meet," said sophomore Luke Watson, who is running in his first meet of the season today. "If you're hurting in a race, it really helps to have your teammates there and pull you up with them."

Thirty-three teams will compete in the meet, held on Notre Dame's Burke Golf Course. Despite the large number of teams competing, only 10 squads are Division I. Only a few teams present a high level of competition.

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The seven varsity runners in the National Catholic Invitational are Deeter, Klemmer, Olson, senior captain Erin Luby, and freshmen Jennifer Handley, Chrissy Kuenster and Muffy Schmidt.

On the men's side, Watson, fifth-year senior Ryan Maxwell and junior Ryan Shay are competing for the first time this season. However, men's coach Joe Piane will hold out last week's victors — sophomore Marc Striowski, senior Sean McManus and sophomore Pat Conway.

Shay won the Notre Dame meet his first two years, with an improvement of nearly one minute from 1997 to 1998.

"Our goal is clearly to win," Piane said. "It'd be nice to get three or four guys in the top 10. If we do that, it will be a successful day."

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practice Thursday. "I am comfortable that we acted immediately on any information we had," Davie said. "I'm totally comfortable that we've taken the right steps with our action."

He refused to elaborate on any University actions concerning Chappell. "I'm not going to comment on that," he said. "I don't think that'd be fair to Eric. And that's our policy here at Notre Dame, to not comment on that."

University rules allow every uniformed player to invite four guests free access to each game. The players do not actually receive tickets but list guests who are admitted without charge into the stadium.

The players must show identification at the gate for the tickets, which are purchased by the athletic department. The NCAA Committee on Infractions currently is investigating the University for a case involving a former football booster who allegedly gave former team members $18,000 in gifts.

Notre Dame appeared before the committee June 4 and was told the case would be resolved in six weeks. A decision has not yet been reached.

Chappell, formerly a third-string quarterback, hadn't played at all for the Irish this season.

Last year, he played in only three games, going 0-for-4 with two interceptions.

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FOOTBALL

ND investigates Chappell’s reported NCAA violation

*Officials aware of allegations for a few weeks*

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor
and TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is investigating allegations that backup quarterback junior Matt Chappell may have violated NCAA rules by attempting to sell complimentary football tickets, school officials said Thursday.

"Anytime something happens that could involve an NCAA violation, we make a report to the NCAA," University spokesman Dennis Moore said.

Moore refused to provide specifics on the investigation, but said he has been aware of allegations for a few weeks.

"Just because a story is published, doesn't mean it is news to everyone," Moore said. "It is not something we didn't know about before."

A source told The Observer Wednesday night that Chappell was dismissed from the football team for attempting to sell complimentary tickets and for accepting gifts totaling $5,000. Chappell reportedly offered the source and an acquaintance, described as a 1998 Notre Dame graduate, two tickets for $50 each for the Sept. 4 Notre Dame-Michigan game. The source said they did not purchase the tickets.

The source then reportedly informed the athletic department of the attempted sale. The source and the graduate previously accepted free tickets from Chappell and other players, the source said.

Chappell, a senior, denied the allegations Wednesday. Davie announced Chappell’s dismissal, referred to as an “internal team matter,” last Tuesday.

Chappell released a statement last Tuesday to the athletic department assuming responsibility for the actions which led to his dismissal.

"I don’t want to be interviewed about the reason I was dismissed," Chappell said Thursday night. "The whole situation is embarrassing."

Chappell said he has not had contact with the athletic department since submitting the statement.

Head coach Bob Davie commented on the allegations involving Chappell after team remarks last Tuesday. See CHAPPELL/page 34

FOOTBALL HISTORY

Irish go to Rose Bowl in 1925

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Writer

Lost in the shuffle of returning starters, All-Americans and dominating seniors on the women’s soccer roster, two freshmen have emerged as starters and important pieces of a possible national championship picture.

Venessa Pruzinsky and Nancy Mikacenic have started every game for the Irish and each picked up their first point Wednesday. Mikacenic scored the first goal of the game. The source said they did not purchase the tickets.

Pruzinsky scored the first goal of the game for the Irish when she cleaned up a loose ball in front of the Bulldogs net and punched it in for the game-winner. Mikacenic’s first collegiate goal was a thrill for her.

"It was very big time," she said. "So when they announced that I had scored my first career goal, I couldn’t believe it."

Mikacenic’s goal was no fluke. Later in the half, she nearly scored from outside the penalty box with a blistering shot that sailed just wide of the net. She had another good scoring opportunity when she headed a crossing pass toward the net. The Bulldog goalkeeper, however, made a great save to deny Mikacenic her second goal of the game.

Pruzinsky, not to be outdone by her classmate, picked up a point of her own later in the game. She fed senior midfielder Jenny Streifel as she streaked through the Bulldog defense. Streifel beat two defenders to blast the ball into the net.

Pruzinsky and Mikacenic both started the year on the back line for the Irish. When head coach Randy Waldrum arrived at Notre Dame, he implemented a four defensive back set. With Jen Grubb’s move to the midfield, two positions needed to be filled on the Irish defense.

Mikacenic and Pruzinsky quickly distinguished themselves as talented players in pre-season. By the time the season opener against North Carolina rolled around, they have firmly established themselves as the starters.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

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Center of attention

Senior Irish center John Merandi is the only returning starter from last year's Irish offensive line. His experience and leadership have been crucial for the growth and improvement of the young offensive line. For more on the center of the Irish attack, see page 3.
Notre Dame seeks revenge against Spartans

By BILL HART
Assistant Sports Editor

At the start of this season, many Irish supporters saw the Michigan State game as a chance to exact some revenge. Now, however, most fans see it as an opportunity for the team to get back on track.

After two close losses to Michigan and Purdue, the 24th-ranked Irish return to home turf to begin a five-game home stand—an advantage apparent to head coach Bob Davie.

"I know for our football team it is good to have a chance to be back home and playing Notre Dame Stadium," he said. "When you start this season or prior to this season when you look at our schedule, you knew that [the Big Ten stretch] was going to be a grind."

Davie knows the challenge before him is daunting. The Michigan State squad is off to a 2-0 start, fresh off a 51-7 rout of Eastern Michigan.

"Coming back and playing Michigan State is not an easy task," Davie said. "Without a doubt, they are the most talented football team we have played so far this season. That is a pretty strong statement, but I have no doubt about that."

The Spartans certainly seem to have all their pieces in working order.

In last week's game, quarterback Bill Burke led his offense to 492 total yards, while the defense allowed just seven Eagle first downs.

"You just look at the athleticism they have," Davie said about the Spartans. "Really, just about at every position; the size they have, but the combination of a lot of skilled players that can run and a lot of big strong bodies, they are a very talented football team, in my opinion."

Much of that talent was put on display the last time these teams met. The result was a 45-23 Michigan State win in East Lansing, Mich.

Many Irish players still remember that loss, and look to this as an opportunity for some payback.

"There is a revenge factor in this," quarterback Arnaz Battle said. "We're coming off two close losses, which puts us in the same position that they were in going into last year's game."

Still, the Irish have many factors in their favor, most notably a 10-game winning streak at home, the longest in almost 10 years.

In addition, a solid passing game led by quarterback Jarious Jackson has kept the team within striking distance.

Jackson's combined 569 passing yards during the last two games ranks third on the Irish all-time list since 1970.

"He's been making some great plays," Battle said about Jackson's performances. "He's made some key third-down conversions in the past two games. He's made big plays, and that's just part of his being a team leader."

With its 1-2 record, this game could determine how the rest of the season progresses. With that in mind, Davie said he realizes the game's importance.

"To think you are going to win and then have it snatched away from you, you don't envision that happening," he said. "Because of that, it makes this Michigan State game that much more important; even that much more of a challenge."

Tony Fisher will continue to split time with Tony Driver at tailback this Saturday against Michigan State.
Merandi exemplifies leadership

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

As dusk approaches, a long day of football practice finally ends. The players slowly funnel out of Cartier field in groups, discussing the day’s events and shooting the breeze. But it’s in the back corner of the practice field, senior center John Merandi continues to work with the offensive line unit, preparing them for Saturday’s game against Michigan State.

“It’s a big role for me,” the 6-foot-3, 300 pounder said. “I was the young guy last year, but now it’s my turn to lead by example. Every week you have to go out and get the guys ready to play. We’re working extra and making sure our technique gets better each week because Michigan State is a good team.”

Last season, Merandi was the only non-returnee on the offensive line. He gained valuable experience from Jerry Winse, Luke Petitgout and Mike Roosenthal — all of whom were ’99 NFL draft picks. As a junior, Merandi started all 12 games and logged the most minutes of anyone on the squad.

Now Merandi has inherited and accepted the role of teacher in Notre Dame’s inexperienced line. 

“The best experience is game experience and that is what these guys are finding out,” he said. “It’s adjustment. You get out on the field and it’s 100 times faster. That’s why practice is so important. When you get out there, you have to know what you’re doing when you’re blocking.”

Merandi has been a mentor for players like freshman Jeff Faine, a USA Today first-team prep All-American who looks to be the future at center for the Irish.

“He’s a tremendous teacher,” Faine said. “He’s probably been the best influence on me since I’ve been here, helping me learn the plays. He’s been one of the greatest leaders I’ve ever played under and has taught me everything I know since I’ve been here. John Merandi is a great player, a great center and a great leader.”

Merandi has taken Faine and the rest of the young o-line under his wing and the players genuinely look up to him.

“He’s a great leader when it comes to helping out the unit and trying to get the unit straight,” Faine said. “I’m trying to work to be like him. He’s all I have to look to. He’s a great center and a pre-season All-American. Why not try to emulate him and be like him?”

After all, Merandi was ranked seventh nationally among centers in ’99 preseason rankings by Lindy’s and was named a first-team preseason All-American by Street and Smith’s magazine in conjunction with the Walter Camp Foundation.

“They are great but the biggest award I wanted was to win a national championship and be 1-2-2,” Merandi said. “That’s my number one goal and what I’m looking forward to.”

While it seems that a national championship will elude the Irish once again this season, Merandi may be eligible for a fifth-year and another shot at a title.

“I’m not sure yet, so I just have to prepare like it’s my last year here,” he said.

Merandi, however, clearly isn’t writing off this season and he continues to lead the Irish into battle in the trenches. So far, the offensive line has held up reasonably well for a young corps.

The Irish withstood Michigan’s big, talented defensive line and had a good showing against Purdue. Costly penalties, however, have overshadowed many of the positives.

“We’ve done some good things, but I also think we’ve made some mistakes that need to be corrected,” Merandi said. “Each week you have to try to get better. That’s our job as seniors to make sure the guys don’t settle for anything but the best. You have to be a vocal leader, but the biggest thing is to lead by example.”

Merandi is enjoying his role as a leader in the Irish huddle.

“I think it’s exciting,” he said. “It’s a great opportunity because you get to direct traffic out there and make sure everyone is on the same page.”

Head coach Bob Davie realizes the importance of Merandi’s role on the team.

“John Merandi is key,” Davie said. “We need to establish our fullback and our center is with Michigan State. So that whole offensive line and in particular John Merandi’s leadership, I think that is key.”

♦ Senior center works overtime preparing inexperienced line

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up close & personal
WITH JOHN MERANDI

birthplace: February 23, 1978
hometown: Blue Jay, Calif.
major: management
dimensions: 6-foot-3, 300 pounds
favorite class: management with professor Michael Crant

A word to describe him on the field: killer
A word to describe him off the field: relaxed
People who have helped the most while at Notre Dame: my parents and coaches

football area he most wants to improve: use of hands
if he could play another position on the other side of the ball it would be: linebacker
best personal athletic moment: beating Michigan last year
1999 Michigan State Schedule

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2 Tony Fisher RB 6-2 225 SO
3 Amp Campbell CB 6-0 200 SR
4 John Larlham QB 6-0 215 FR
5 Joe Patrick OL 6-6 310 FR
6 Rich Bryce DB 6-3 192 FR
7 Ruben Pearson RB 5-11 193 FR
8 Rich Bryce DB 6-3 192 FR
9 Josh Shaw DT 6-3 275 SO
10 Arron Agler QB 6-4 229 FR
11 Mike Tribe ILB 5-10 220 JR
12 Tony Fisher RB 6-2 225 SO
13 Ryan VanDenOord QB 6-5 215 SO
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20 John Crowther QB 6-3 210 FR
21 Nick Saban head coach
22 Dan O'Leary TE 6-4 260 SR
23 Dwayne Francis DB 6-0 189 SO
24 John Owens TE 6-3 246 FR
25 Curt Hill LB 6-1 208 JR
26 Todd Zayti WR 6-0 172 SR
27 Amanda Jones LB 6-0 203 JR
28 Matt Kropf LB 6-3 229 SO
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In his first season as starting quarterback, Burke completed 54 percent of his passes for a Michigan State record of 2,595 yards to go along with 19 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

"He's gotten a lot stronger and has a lot more confidence," said Mattison. "He'll be a load for us to handle."

While Burke directs the Spartan offense, he has a pair of talented receivers that make his job a little easier. Both junior Plaxico Burress and senior Gari Scott will pose a threat to the thin Irish secondary.

"They're the best wide receivers we'll play all year long," said Mattison. Burress—one of the top five receivers in the country, according to The Sporting News, and a potential first-round draft pick—began his career as a tight end. A 6-foot-6, 229-pound target with speed, Burress led the Spartans with 65 receptions, 1,013 receiving yards and eight touchdown receptions a year ago. Included among his receptions was an 86-yard touchdown against the Irish.

Scott, the returning starter at flanker, ranked second on the team a year ago with 58 catches for 843 yards. He also has returned two punts for the Spartans.

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**Around the Nation**

**Florida takes on Tennessee in the Swamp**

By KATHERINE O'BRIEN

Assistant Sports Editor

Florida fully expects to get its revenge on defending national champion Tennessee as the Volunteers come into the Swamp this weekend.

Last year, Tennessee defeated Florida in Tennessee 20-17 in overtime on its way to an undefeated season. However, the Gators committed five turnovers in that game. It will be a battle between a team with a 14-game winning streak (Tennessee) and one with a 29-game home winning streak (Florida).

One of those records will fall this weekend, and the trash talk coming from both sides indicates the importance of this game.

Neither team has faced a challenging opponent yet this season. The Volunteers defeated Wyoming 42-17 in their season opener, while the Gators have defeated Western Michigan and Central Florida by about 30 points each. Tennessee returns 14 starters from its 1998 title-winning team, including quarterback Tee Martin and tailback Jamal Lewis. Lewis is returning from knee surgery. He scored three touchdowns in Tennessee’s opener, but also had two fumbles, leaving reason to worry.

The Volunteers also have a formidable defense, totaling a record 13 sacks against Wyoming.

Florida has not shown all its potential in the season’s first two games, allowing Western Michigan and Central Florida to pass for 405 yards in the opener.

However, coach Steve Spurrier says that part of that is because the Gators were not giving everything they had, instead holding back certain plays and players.

The Gators have a number of new starters on defense, but return a talented offensive crew which rushed for 289 yards in the opener.

With motivation acting as a strong revenge factor for Tennessee, it will have to overcome the fact that it has not won at Florida since 1971.

No. 3 Penn State at No. 8 Miami

In the third time this decade that Penn State and Miami have faced each other as top-ten opponents, it should be another exciting matchup. Both top-ten face-offs earlier in the '90s were won by Miami with margins of a touchdown or less.

Penn State was widely regarded as one of the top teams in college football at season's start, but nearly ended all hopes of a national championship last week, barely holding off unranked Pittsburgh for a 20-17 win after hardly beating its first two opponents.

Miami, meanwhile, dominated its first two games, beating Ohio State State 23-12 and Florida A & M 57-3.

The play of Penn State quarterback Kevin Thompson has its ups and downs this season — tailback Davy Ford and receiver Marvin Minnis.

Kevin Thompson had its ups and downs against FSU in 57 games.

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The Tennessee Volunteers are favored by ESPN over Florida State.

If both teams score at least 15 points, the Volunteers will win the SEC championship.

Against Pittsburgh Saturday by leading the Nittany Lions 77 yards downfield for the final score of the game.

Luther head coach Joe Paterno, Penn State has achieved considerable success. This year, its defense is particularly solid, including linebacker LaVar Arrington, Brandon Smith and Mac Morrison.

Miami’s offense, usually known for its speed, features quarterback Ken Kelly and running back James Jackson. However, the Hurricanes will miss Najeh Davenport, who injured his knee against Ohio State.

The Hurricanes have fought with their nemeashe week, struggling to get in practice time despite the impact of Hurricane Floyd in the area.

No. 20 North Carolina State at No. 1 Florida State

Florida State has perhaps the deepest squad in the nation lined up to reverse last year’s outcome, a 24-7 loss to North Carolina State.

The Seminoles, under coach Bobby Bowden, easily won its season opener vs. Louisiana Tech 41-7, but had to put up a strong fight to beat Georgia Tech last week 41-32. Florida State gave up 301 offensive yards to Georgia Tech, the most by any Atlantic Coast Conference team against FSU in 57 games.

The Seminoles’ defense is only ranked 13th in the nation right now, after being No. 1 last season.

However, on offense, Florida State has a large number of players which can contribute, including an experienced quarterback Chris Weinke, All-American wide receiver Peter Warrick, and several players returning to action for the first time this season — tailback Darcy Ford and wide receiver Marvin Minnis.

N.C. State has scored six touchdowns against the Seminoles, thanks to an exceptional game by its secondary.

It has a quick defense which has not allowed an opponent to score a touchdown since the first half of its season-opening win over Texas.

On the other hand, the Wolfpack will be missing graduated senior Terry Holt, who was an All-American wide receiver last season. They also must go into the Seminoles’ home stadium to win.

The Wolfpack is 3-0 this season, with wins over Texas, South Carolina and William & Mary.
The Irish held an unusual Sunday practice last week after the Purdue loss. After a second-straight game in which the Irish were a few yards away from winning, the practice gave Bob Davie a chance to refocus his team. A chance to break from the emotional roller-coaster that the trips to Michigan and Purdue turned out to be as exactly what the Irish need. No Irish fan can help but dwell on the near wins. After all, a 3-0 Notre Dame team could have certainly propelled them into the top 5 in the rankings. But a Sunday practice and a look at the rest of the 1999 schedule might be exactly what the teams needs at this point. If a national championship is the only goal you think the Irish had for this year, then yes, Davie should have taken Sunday off and sit out the remaining nine games. In reality, the season is still young and full of teams looking to steal one from the Irish. Yes, that's right, the roller-coaster could get much worse before the season is over. There aren't any "sure wins" on the schedule, and teams like Michigan State, Arizona State, USC, Pittsburgh — who almost beat Penn State last weekend at Happy Valley — are teams hoping to use a win against the Irish as a springboard into the rankings. That is, if the Irish remain in the top 25 by the time opponents face them. So, to answer all of those Irish fans who don't think you can feel any worse — after all, a national championship was the goal just two weeks ago — things could get a lot worse. Hence the need for Davie to shake things up and calm and focus the team. The same schedule that could finish off the Irish could also serve to correct the mistakes and give Notre Dame a respectful finish. Of course, it all starts this weekend at home, a place where the Irish have felt comfortable in the past few seasons. Riding a 10-game home win streak, facing Michigan State in the game to turn around the Irish is almost too ironic of a situation. It was just last season that the Irish rode into East Lansing, Mich., a week after upsetting the Wolverines. Heading into that game with two upsetting losses, the Spartans were out to break their own streak, and they humiliated the Irish from start to finish in a 42-23 win. A good football team should come out of a situation like that of Notre Dame's past two games with a refocused attitude and the reassurance that a team like Michigan State can be beat. But then again, not many teams can say that seconds on clock and inches on the field lost them back-to-back games that would have ranked them among the elite. The view expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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