Student forum offers few football ticket solutions

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

It wasn't the showing they hoped for, but Notre Dame student government representatives received an earful Thursday from students disillusioned by the current football ticket distribution system.

Eight University students joined student body president Brian O'Donoghue, vice president Brooke Norton and their chief of staff, Jay Smith, in a Student Union-sponsored forum to discuss this year's ticket distribution program.

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As the organization's first female, senior Molly Kinder says she intends to be 'as full of an Irish Guard member as possible'

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

From the painting of the gold helmets to the concert on the steps to the Irish Guard, football at Notre Dame is steeped in tradition. On Saturday, as the high-stepping Irish Guard leads the band onto the field, a new face among this group will signal an end to the 51-year all-male tradition within the Irish Guard.

Molly Kinder, a 6-foot-3 senior, said she decided freshman year she wanted to be a part of the Irish Guard. Until Kinder's selection, the Irish Guard had been all-male mainly because of the height requirement.

"I was at activities night the other evening and saw a friend from one of my freshman year classes," said Kinder. "He came up to congratulate me on making the Guard and said that he remembered that I had mentioned even freshman year that I wanted to be a part of the Irish Guard."

Kinder first auditioned for the prestigious group of 10 students during the fall semester of her junior year.

"It was the most challenging thing I had ever done," she said. "I worked out all summer but when the practices came in the fall, I found we were using totally different muscles groups and it was very physically and mentally challenging."

The fact that she was female also added to her nerves going into the practices.

"I hadn't gone to any of the meetings in the spring of 1999 about the Irish Guard so when I showed up on the first day of tryouts, the guys
INSIDE COLUMN

Member for life

It’s that time of year again. Today begins a new year of Notre Dame football, complete with traditions, expectations and high hopes for this year’s team. As we count down to the first game, some believe the team is destined to greatness, others to failure. And regardless of whether our team wins or loses tomorrow, we will all have the opportunity to be reminded that we are part of something bigger and more important than ourselves. In many ways, each and every home football Saturday is the same. Tomorrow morning alumni and fans will descend on the Quad, and students will prepare to sell food and drink to hungry fans. Fans will line the path from the Basilica to the stadium. On our way we’ll catch a glimpse of their favorite football player as the team walks by, and on the field, we’ll step off from Bond Hall to lead students, fans and alumni into Notre Dame Stadium. The seats will fill with the rush of 60 minutes of Notre Dame football, and when it is all over we will stand arm in arm and sing the alma mater of Our Lady’s University.

But our very presence in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday will represent something much greater than our enthusiasm for football. As we look at the faces of the people around us, and place our hands on the arms of our neighbors, we will be reminded that we are part of a legacy. How many people around the world have dreamed of standing where we are today? How many Irish fans will watch the game on TV and wish that, just once, they too could be present for a game in Notre Dame Stadium? How many have so desperately wanted to become a part of the community that we so often take for granted?

As we look at the faces of the people around us on Saturday, it will not be difficult to see that the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community transcends nearly every human boundary. There will be people of all ages, races, nationalities, political beliefs and cultures, perhaps with no common bond but their humanity and their membership in this community.

What makes Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s so unique is that, unlike many other contemporary organizations or institutions, this common membership transcends all. With nothing to bind us to one another but our associations with those institutions, we are united in friendship and solidarity. We do so not only when we unite to support the Notre Dame football team or the humanity, study groups and members of student organizations. After graduation, we will continue to do so in the workplace, in service organizations and, in short, life.

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Texas A&M University

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas

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Sorin Hall bans smoking

Sept. 5, 1990

After a dorm-wide vote with a majority in favor of a smoke-free environment, Sorin Hall prohibited smoking in its residences. "The (smoke) gets in the curtains and the rugs and stays forever," said Father Steve Newton, then rector of Sorin. "The first test of our policy will be on the first home football weekend when many parents come to Sorin and may want to smoke."

Outside the Dome

U. of Virginia places female RAs in all-male halls

Lifedepartment selected RAs in the spring, anticipating that the ratio of females to males would remain three to two.

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Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The latest weather forecast for South Bend, Indiana, shows temperatures reaching into the mid-60s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Auburn University

Baseball player arrested for DUI

AUBURN, Ala.

Auburn baseball player Joseph Zanotto was arrested Aug. 27 for driving under the influence of alcohol after his Jeep Cherokee collided with Southern University student Jeffrey Cockett's Toyota Supra around 5 a.m. on West Magnolia Ave., killing Cockett. Cockett, 19, was pronounced dead at 5:43 a.m. at East Alabama Medical Center. His passenger, 18-year-old John Cred, was treated and released from EAMC.

Zanotto, 21, was leaving the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity house when he hit Cockett's moving car and then three other parked cars.

Chris Strickland, president of Sig伊, said he didn't know why Zanotto was leaving the fraternity's parking lot or why he was there. "It really didn't have anything to do with us directly," Strickland said. Zanotto, a junior in zoology from Vestavia Hills, was released on $500 bond for his DUI. Police said no other charges have been filed yet. Cockett's family can decide to press charges for manslaughter or the Grand Jury can decide to indict Zanotto.

National Weather

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University to help plan, create local community center

By LYNN OLSZOWY

Notre Dame announced plans Thursday to establish a Community Learning Center in the former Goodwill building on North Eddy Street. University President Edward Malloy made the official announcement to more than 90 people who gathered at the building site.

The Community Learning Center (CLC) is a collaborative effort between the University and the northeast community of South Bend. The center will offer educational programs, recreational activities and health care services to both the students of Notre Dame and the residents of the northeast side.

As evident by the press conference, the overall mission of the community center is to improve the relationship between Notre Dame students and the north-east residents. South Bend residents Cheryl Ashe and Reverend Timothy Rouse along with Notre Dame sophomore Margaret Clemency and senior John Mick shared the stage with Malloy.

"This is an amazing opportunity for Notre Dame students to create an avenue bringing together the community and university," Mick said.

The CLC will furnish a variety of services and programs for both University students and northeast neighborhood residents. The Center will include a Computer Teaching and Learning Center equipped with 20 computers, educational software and Internet access — available to both students and residents.

Additionally, a Health Maintenance Center and Neighborhood Clinic operated by St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center will extend health services to the community. Along with informative health programs, the clinic will also give physical examinations, prenatal assessments and medical assistance.

The projected cost for the Center's completion is more than $500,000 and the annual operating budget is estimated at $300,000. The University has pledged to fund the renovation and the first year of the Center's staffing.

An advisory committee for the CLC is made up of numerous University administrators as well as local residents and religious, civic and government leaders. Currently, the CLC is applying for grants and performing a search for the Center's program director.
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Kinder didn’t know I was planning to try out,” said Kinder.

Kinder’s goal was to make it to the final day of practice and the audition.

“My goal last year was just to do the best I could,” she said. “I did everything that every guy did. Whether I made it or not was not what was going to make or break me. I already had the skills to try out successfully for me. Last year was more of a personal goal for me.”

Her persistence and hard work also eliminated any reservations the Guards had about her during the tryouts.

“When I talked to some of the guys afterward, they said they were wary at first but they were taken by surprise,” she said. “They told me they were confident because of my auditions. I made it? I didn’t know what to believe it, I was so unnerved. I couldn’t do it on Monday morning and I was so nervous. I was praying during my audition and it was a mix of trotting, marching, turns and spins and learning to stand at attention and maintain a straight face. Kinder said that she had heard only positive comments and that her gender has not been a distraction.

“There have been a few guys auditioning from last year so I felt a lot more comfortable and I had more confidence,” said Kinder. “That made a big difference.”

The final auditions took place on Aug. 20. Kinder felt more comfortable than ever.

“I was so unnerved, I couldn’t believe it,” she said.

For her audition junior year, her entire family came from their home in Buffalo, N.Y., for the event. This year, her mom made the eight-hour drive for her audition.

“My mom was at the Grotto praying during my audition and it must have worked,” said Kinder. Her roommates also came to her audition wearing t-shirts that spelled out her last name.

Kinder learned the next morning that she had been selected to fill one of the six openings on the Irish Guard from a field of 28 who auditioned.

“I raced over to the band hall on Monday morning and I was so excited when I saw my name on the list that I didn’t know what to think,” she said. “It’s hard to put it into words. Does this mean I made it?” she said.

Despite some who think the all-male tradition of the Irish Guard may have been broken for the sake of political correctness, band director Kenneth Dye, who makes the final decision regarding who is selected for the Irish Guard, said Kinder had all the qualifications.

The response from within the ranks of the Irish Guard remains unknown. When asked for comment on Kinder’s selection, Guard captain Paul Ball declined comment.

Kinder, however, maintains that her gender has not been a distraction.

“It’s definitely been an adjustment for everyone but we’ve really focused on learning our routine for the game on Saturday and we’re not focused on the media attention or difference,” said Kinder. “It’s been a weird experience so far. We’re pretty serious but we have a lot of fun together. After going through auditions together, the guys know that they can be themselves around me and they know that I can take a joke.”

Kinder said she intends to follow all of the traditions of the Irish Guard as closely as possible. Although she has not shaved her head as is the tradition of the Irish Guard, she has cut her hair very short, she said.

“T really want to be as full of an Irish Guard member as possible,” said Kinder, although she said she was “a bit nervous about talking about any of the Irish Guard traditions.

On Saturday, Kinder will have her family in the crowd watching her as she makes history.

“I tried on the kit today and I’m excited to put on the whole uniform,” said Kinder. “I’m nervous about Saturday because I don’t know what to expect. I do know that there will be a lot of attention on me so I just want to do my best and I know that the rest of the games this season should be a lot of fun.”
World News Briefs

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Casinos hurt Apaches: The plaque outside the Apache Gold Casino declares the $40 million hotel, golf and gambling resort has "helped enable the San Carlos Apache Tribe to give a better quality of life to its tribal members." But seven years after the casino opened — and four years after the debut of a glittering new complex — many Apache families who moved to the reservation to work in the casino have been encouraged to return to classes.

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PARIS

French fishermen on Thursday called an end to a nationwide wave of protests, including an hours-long traffic blockade of the Channel Tunnel, after the Agriculture Ministry promised to offset the costs of rising fuel prices.

The French government announced Saturday that it will at least send a top official to argue at an international conference in Havana.

guns lost 20 percent. The reservation's unemployment rate has jumped 20 percent.

Elian Gonzalez have been encouraged to treat the 6-year-old survivor of a shipwreck and the world's most publicized custody battle "just like anybody else" when he starts the second grade Friday. After recovering from his ordeal in the company of friends and relatives and out of the limelight, Elian is expected to make his public reappearance when he — and 2.2 million other Cuban students — return to classes.

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Fishing boats from Nice, Cannes-sur-Mer and Antibes block the entrance to the harbor of Antibes, France, in conjunction with a nationwide transportation protest against the rising prices of fuel.
Tickets
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end, where they were getting overloaded with information," said senior Steve Harris. "Then they got bombarded with this complicated ticket system."

Smith, too, said he "didn’t know what was going on, and I’m supposed to be the chief of staff." A number was drawn to determine which student could buy the first ticket from his class, and sales proceeded in numerical order. Students with- out stickers on their ticket applications, were placed last in line on days that tickets were sold.

"If I were the number that was drawn first, I’d have to get in line pretty early if I didn’t want to be skipped," said graduate student Bill Cassidy, a transfer from Arizona State University. "It sounds like a penalty to me."

Smith also expressed concerns about late access to his ticket application. He said the University should consider mail- ing the applications to off-camp- us and graduate students prior to the beginning of the academic year. That would be similar to the distribution system at Ohio State University, according to graduate student and OSU transfer Paul Vasquez. Vasquez said that OSU students receive ticket applications in the spring and their tickets by late sum- mer. He said, however, that a similar program at Notre Dame might pose problems for incoming freshmen, transfer and graduate students.

In the past four years, the University has made annual revisions to the distribution sys- tem. In 1997 and 1998, stu- dents camped overnight outside the Joyce Center for tickets. But prompted by concerns about alcohol and student safe- ty, the 1999 system featured a lottery similar to this year’s, but students were still able to camp inside the stadium gates.

Although he believes the University will not return to the campus system, O’Donoghue said, "If I could bring back the campground, I would."

"A campground to me sounds like the ultimate college experi- ence," said Cassidy.

But while that system may be a go-go, Clemency expressed what he thinks is a very feasible idea. Clemency’s proposal is a pro- cedure he calls "The Test." It is based on the ticket distribution reform platform that Joe Priest and Bill Xuter, both 2000 grad- uates of the University, ran when campaigning for student body president and vice presi- dent in 1999.

The test would be 100 points, with top scorers from each class receiving priority consideration for stadium seating. Clemency’s program would also give auto- matic points, based on grade- level, to Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s sophomores, juniors and seniors. Clemency said Notre Dame students would receive an additional 10 more points than Saint Mary’s students.

"This is not about gender dis- crimination. If Saint Mary’s stu- dents know their stuff, they’ll get good seats," said Clemency, who noted that "The Test" would weed out serious football fans from those who attend games to socialize with friends. It would do so, he said, by quizzing students on football trivia. One-third of the test would be based on Notre Dame football history, one-third on NCAA football history and the remainder on general knowl- edge of the sport.

There would also be statistical variation among scores to allow friends with similar scores to sit together, said Clemency. But he said that if one friend scores high on the test and another scores low, the top scoring friend would have to opt for "worse" seats if he wanted to sit by the other student.

"If you think it’s about social- izing, then you don’t care where you sit," Clemency said.

Some students, though, expressed doubts about Clemency’s recommendation, questioning how to administer it and how to make it fair for all students.

O’Donoghue said he was unsure if the University would move forward with a change as drastic as Clemency’s recom- mendation. He said, however, that he valued the student input.

"I guarantee that there’ll be some tweaking, but I can’t say that it’ll be an entirely new sys- tem," said O’Donoghue, who this fall begins his term on the University’s ticket planning committee. "This is about what we can do to make the current system work better or to invent a great new system."

O’Donoghue vowed Thursday to keep students informed of his committee work saying he will not serve on it unless the planning for next year’s distribution is made a public process.
Alumni gifts to establish scholarship

By ALISON HEINZ
Notre Dame News

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“What happened this summer is in my head probably 94 percent of the time,” said one of the victims, who asked not to be identified. “I don’t want to think that it happened only because it was summertime and no one else was really here because that makes it too easy to let your guard down now that everyone is back. You still have to be careful.”

Even though the off-campus residences are technically out of the jurisdiction of the Notre Dame Security Police Department, the NDSP does work with the South Bend Police Department when it comes to protecting the students.

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Cheney plugs Balkan exit strategy

Candidate says he'll work for troop reduction

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. Dick Cheney said Thursday that if he and George W. Bush are elected they would look at crafting an exit strategy to get U.S. troops out of the Balkans.

"I haven't seen yet any proposal from the administration to get out of Kosovo or Bosnia," Cheney said as he campaigned for the GOP ticket at a southern Florida elementary school.

Cheney has been scaling back troops in the Balkans from the nearly 20,000 sent there in 1995.

About 4,600 U.S. troops remain in Bosnia, out of a total of 22,000 peacekeepers. There are about 6,200 troops in Kosovo, out of a total force of 44,000. Administration officials have expressed hope for further reducing the U.S. presence, but have set no deadline.

The troop deployments that Bush and Cheney criticize, meanwhile, have generated more than $2 billion in federal contracts for Halliburton, the Dallas-based oil services company Cheney ran from 1995 until two weeks ago.

Halliburton's Brown & Root Services subsidiary reap a large chunk of business in 1995 when troops were sent to Bosnia. The Army paid it $546 million to provide logistical support for more than 20,000 U.S. soldiers in Bosnia, Croatia and Hungary. The company had already earned $269 million on the contract.

Cheney said he had no role in that or any other contracts for Halliburton.

"I never approached the department about any contracts. All those contracts were competitively bid," Cheney said, adding that he didn't want anyone to criticize him for using his past assignment as defense secretary to get contracts for the company.

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Cheney delivered a withering attack Wednesday on the Clinton administration, saying Bush "is not ready to be commander in chief. He clearly doesn't understand what is going on in the world."

Spelled said U.S. troops make up less than a quarter of the peacekeeping forces in Kosovo and in Bosnia. She added that there have been no combat casualties and that U.S. allies pay for 90 percent of the effort.

"I'm not ready to say that you're Cheney told reporters at Crossiant Elementary School, where he announced a $2.8 billion proposal to build new schools and repair crumbling ones.

He said there first must be a "complete scrub" of overseas commitments and a look at future defense planning.

"That could conceivably lead you to the conclusion that you need larger forces, or you may want to change the mix in some fashion," Cheney said.

Cheney also said President Clinton has been scaling back troops in the Balkans.

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"We can have it if you will stay with us and win this battle," Gore said.

Republican George W. Bush, too, says that he supports strengthening the rights of patients, but Gore's campaign contends the measure Bush backs in full of holes.

Steven Epstein, a lawyer who represents managed care interests, says politicians are trying to magnify differences that are relatively small.

"It's a non-issue," he said. "I've seen much ado about nothing."

While in Seattle, Gore and Lieberman collected the endorsement of the American Nurses Association.

Gore has dwelt at length on the often arcane details of his health policy proposals and has sought a contrast with Bush, who has repeatedly said he's offering only vague notions of what he would do if elected.

In Seattle, the vice presidential candidate was seeking to light a fire under backers in a state, important to his hopes of winning the election, deflating his coat and offering a flurry of questions.

"I want to ask you to open your hearts and allow yourself to really, sincerely believe without reservation that we can do the right thing in America," said Gore. "Push past any fear of disappointment or irritation and reject the appeal of cynicism."
Greek Church fights ID card changes

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece: Greece’s powerful Orthodox Christian Church is taking its fight against the ID card changes in Athens and the northern port of Thessaloniki. While most Greeks vacationed in August, church printing presses worked overtime churning out millions of ballots that will be carried door-to-door as part of their campaign.

Christodoulos planned to formally open the signature drive Friday, the first day of the ecclesiastical new year. It will end on March 25, the day Greece celebrates its early 19th century war of independence from Ottoman Turkish rule.

By that time, however, the new IDs should be in circulation. The government said it will begin issuing the new cards in October.

Premier Costas Simitis has the government, arguing it abolished the religion entry because it ran counter to Greece’s modernization efforts and European outlook.

Human rights groups and the country’s religious minorities, including Jews, Muslims and Roman Catholics, also welcomed the decision. They claimed the old ID cards allowed religious discrimination.

The government fears the church’s signature campaign could deepen divide in Greece, where more than 67 percent of the native-born population is baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church but opinion polls show a near even split on the ID issue.

But many Orthodox church leaders are wary of the government’s drive to bring Greece into the mainstream of

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Clinton vetoes 'death tax' repeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Clinton vetoed a bill Thursday that would have gradually repealed inheritance taxes, saying it would have benefited the wealthiest Americans while threatening the nation's financial well-being. Republican House leaders vowed a prompt veto override attempt, hoping to keep the so-called "death tax" issue alive in the fall campaign.

Clinton, during a ceremony in the White House East Room, acknowledged the estate tax can hit some farmers and small businesses hard, but he said many Democrats favored tax law changes to exempt them without handing the richest 1,000 families an average tax cut of $7 million apiece.

"Our party is not against reasonable estate tax relief. But this bill is wrong. It is wrong on grounds of fairness. It is wrong on grounds of fiscal responsibility," the president said.

The White House said the $105 billion cost during the 10-year phaseout would explode to $750 billion in the decade after full repeal, rapidly consuming budget surplus dollars needed to shore up Social Security and Medicare, pay down the national debt and increase spending on education.

The bill, like the marriage penalty tax cut Clinton vetoed a few weeks ago, was part of last year's vetoed $792 billion tax cut that congressional Republicans are now trying to pass bit by bit.

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Convicted nun killer

Associated Press

One of two former soldiers still imprisoned for the 1980 slaying of four U.S. religious workers has lost an appeal for release, the Supreme Court announced Thursday.

Magistrate Eduardo Tenorio said the court rejected the petition of Francisco Orlando Contreras because it believed he had not been rehabilitated.

A former member of the country's National Guard, Contreras was one of five men sentenced in 1998 for good behavior under a law that reduced some sentences to prison over crowdfunding.

Contreras and Carlos Joaquin Contreras Palacios were kept in prison because they had participated in a prison uprising.

Human rights organizations have long pressed the government to act against higher-ranking military figures they say were responsible. Families of the victims said they believe the women were targeted because officials suspected they sympathized with leftist guerrillas during the war.

The women had been detained at a highway checkpoint in December 1980 while headed to the capital from the nearby international airport.

Their bullet-riddled bodies were found a day later. They apparently had been raped.

Three of the men were freed in 1998 for good behavior under a law that reduced some sentences to prison over crowdfunding.

Contreras, who was incarcerated as the nation's first president in almost a decade on Sunday in neighboring Jibouti, said he wanted reconciliation with the armed faction leaders and would bring stability to Somalia.

"Through peaceful means and reconciliation, we can maintain our unity and achieve prosperity," he told a jubilant audience of businessmen, adding that his government would work "under the principles of Somali tradition."

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The pair have established a tentative ceasefire that the government hopes will lead to a broader agreement with the armed factions. The government has offered to end its three-year sieges in two regions and has promised to work with the armed factions to establish a new government.

"Our goal is to bring stability to Somalia. It is a country that has had no central government since 1977."

Hassan had been in the small Djiboutian town of Arta, where he was elected and where Somalia's new assembly currently sits.

Neither the assembly nor the president were expected to return to Somalia — viewed as their staunchest test — until a prime minister and Cabinet had been appointed. The president's offices have yet to take place.

But in a highly unexpected move Wednesday, the 58-year-old flew into the Horn of Africa nation, which has endured nine years of violence and chaos, by gift, not extension of thousands of extremist, flag-waving Somalis.

Hassan's decision to go to Mogadishu was seen as a bold move to demonstrate to his assembly, opponents, and a generally skeptical international community, that he and his legislators have the support of the Somali people, observers say.

"It's very significant that he returned and proved the pundits wrong," Bahafemi Badjoe, a senior adviser from the U.N.'s political office for Somalia, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from Jibouti.

"Several of the faction leaders made statements with affect that any of the people who went to Arta would not be allowed to enter any airport in Somalia. It also demonstrates to the international community ... that the Arta process has support within Somalia."

"Throughout a peace process which began in Arta on May 2, there has been opposition among a number of faction leaders and skeptism from the international community."

Brainchild of Djibouti President Ismael Omar Guelleh, the Arta conference was the UN's attempt to find a peaceful solution to Somalia's problems.

So far it has led to the election of Hassan and a 245-member parliament — designed along Somalia's clan structure — which is expected to lead the country through a three-year transitional period.

And for Somalis, who have been glued to their television screens throughout, it has brought an optimism unmatched for years.

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The country descended into chaos and has had no central government since opposition leaders joined forces to oust dictators.

Among those opposed to the peace process are the leaders of the breakaway regions of Somaliland and Puntland, self-declared President Mohamed Ibrahim Glig and Col Abdullahi Yassir, respectively.

The pair have established relative stability and their own administrations in the northern regions and despite the apparent success of the initiative they remain indifferent.
In light of Molly Kinder’s acceptance as the first female member of the Irish Guard, the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s University have come into debate. Some have questioned if Kinder can fulfill the duties of a Guard member. One should doubt, however, if women in general can fulfill those duties.

Although a female member of the Guard changes its all-male history, it does not have to change the tradition of the Irish Guard as honorable representatives of the University. While there has never been a female member of the Irish Guard, the Irish Guard was not formed to represent malehood. The Irish Guard functions as a visible symbol of the University.

For 1972, the United States Supreme Court had a history of being an all-male body. With the appointment of Sandra Day O’Connor in 1981, that history changed. The tradition of the Court, however, remained the same. The Court still represents the justice and integrity of the United States.
Voicing support for female on Irish Guard

Guard chosen because skill and talent

Last week a girl made the Irish Guard. A girl. Yesterday, Anthony Farina kept up with a lost, but not doubted that Dr. Dye or the captains of this heralded club chose this "young lady" simply because she fit the criteria. Did he ever cross your mind that she was the best person for the job? Were you aware that she tried out last year and had to try doubly hard to make it this year? I doubt it, because in your eyes everything must be politically correct. Dr. Dye will not regret his decision, as you presume, because the excellence will not be lost. The duties and skill of the Irish Guardsmen will not have changed. They won't attempt to "lit in better with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society." There is simply a girl on the Irish Guard. They won't exchange their big fluffy hats for upside-down backwards ones and they won't lead the band into the stadium doing the Roger Rabbit. What they will do, however, is represent the University like those before them. Everything, Mr. Farina, is inevitable. I am just glad that this female pioneer was chosen because she is excellent and deserving, not because of her sex.

Christopher Howald
Senior of campus
August 31, 2000

Proud to be led by newest Irish Guard member

This letter is in response to Anthony Farina's letter "New Guard Breaks Tradition." While I understand Mr. Farina's viewpoint that some traditions should not be broken, he blatantly missed the fact that the criteria for the Irish Guard are: (1) the guard candidate should be over six-foot-two inches tall and (2) possess outstanding marching skills. Obviously she meets the criteria to be in the Guard. The fact that a woman has never been in the Guard before is not a "time-honored tradition," it is a matter of circumstance.

Anyone present at band auditions would have observed that Molly marched an outstanding audition. Dr. Dye, the Assistant Directors and the graduate students all deemed that she had the qualities necessary to be a member of the Irish Guard.

Molly was not selected for the band "to be politically correct, or to try to fix it better with some of the idiotic ideas floating about in our society." Nothing about the decision was made to "promote equality." She was selected as a member of the Irish Guard because she possesses superior marching abilities and she will exude a strong presence on the field. Since day one of her selection into the Guard she has exceeded expectations. Demonstrating the half-time show and showing her complete dedication to the spirit of the band.

I feel that this exemplifies the spirit of the Fighting Irish and I am proud to lead the band with Molly Kinder as a member of the Irish Guard.

Jim McFarlin
Head Drum Major
University of Notre Dame Marching Band
August 31, 2000

Breaking traditions is progress

Out of the sense of spirit that so characterizes everything we do at Notre Dame and a desire to watch history being made, I applaud Molly Kinder's tryout for the Irish Guard. She saw her nail each and every complicated maneuver, easily outclassing most of her male competitors. Not only did she possess the necessary height and skill requirements, she had more grace and presence than almost all of the men out there. If the other nine men on the Irish Guard have any insight at all, they will take advantage of what Molly has to offer instead of feeling sorry for themselves or excluding her as Farina suggests.

Furthermore, I had the luck to live only a hall away from Molly last year in McGlinn and I was constantly amazed by how warm, friendly and constant handful of people to showcase her talents simply because it would break tradition. I realize that everyone could possibly suggest we should deny an outstanding, skilled and qualified person the opportunity to represent the University as an Irish Guard. Breaking tradition? What kind of a school would we be if we weren't constantly re-evaluating our rules, regulations and traditions? Yes, tradition is often a vital and necessary component of life at Notre Dame. However, Farina makes it appear as if breaking tradition was a cardinal sin, as if the entire infrastructure of Notre Dame would crumble if one of its "prized traditions" was changed. Guess what? Traditions are broken everyday: it's called progress.

Meg Fitzpatrick
Senior of campus
August 31, 2000

President of "The Shirt" committee defends decision

As lead coordinator of "The Shirt," I feel compelled to respond to yesterday's article entitled "Student questions "The Shirt."" The article is filled with false information and may be full of false information and may be.

Contrary to the article, "The Shirt" is student-run. Every year, students choose the design of the shirt, the color and the manufacturer. They negotiate with vendors, deliver the shirts and handle marketing. University officials are not involved in any of these activities.

As President, I am the one who, in the end, not only chose the design, but helped design it as well. I also was the one who chose the manufacturer for the "The Shirt," Cadre Athletic.

No Notre Dame official made that decision. I did. Regarding Neil Fitzpatrick, we apologize that his design was not allowed by the administration, but that was beyond our control. This is the most visible shirt Notre Dame produces. Tens of thousands of these shirts will be seen on NBC weekly. The administration has the obligation to make sure "The Shirt" satisfies certain standards. I had the best interest of the student body when I made the decision to change to a new design. The design is original and uses photography that far exceeds Mr. Fitzpatrick's own composition.

The true purpose of "The Shirt" is to raise money for Student Activities and a unique Notre Dame charity. It is the largest student fundraiser on campus raising over $200,000 annually. Half of this money goes to Student Activities to help fund such events as SYRs, concerts, speakers, etc. The other half goes to a charity fund to help Notre Dame students, faculty and administration who have experienced tragedies. For example, in the past the charity has helped very sick students who could not afford the medical attention they required. This year, part of the shirt's profits will be distributed to rectors to help students who may be in need. Basically, what it boils down to is that "The Shirt" is a great tradition at Notre Dame. It will be awesome if everyone wearing green at the game. Don't be swayed by yesterday's article. Go out and purchase "The Shirt." Support Notre Dame.

Doug Pardon
Senior of campus
August 31, 2000
The rich tradition of Texas A&M motivation to pump...

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Scene Writer

At last year's home opener, Irish traditions and spirit had the whole stadium to themselves. Kansas wasn't really known for its football traditions and its fans were more interested in seeing the Dome than cheering for their team. This year, everything has changed. While the spirit of Notre Dame and its wondrous traditions are unmatched, they will not go unchallenged.

This year, the Aggies are coming to town.

While A&M's success on the gridiron is great, the stands are where the best in A&M traditions reside. Led by five student "yell leaders," A&M fans are known for their synchronized hand motions and cheers, known as "yells."

"It's a whole lot of fun," head yell leader Ricky Wood said about cheering at an A&M game. "Even when you are a freshman you feel like you are a part of something bigger."

The yell leaders act as the preachers before the choir of Texas A&M fans. Students, alumni and fans all know the yells and hand motions that are as much a part of an A&M game as the quarterback.

The first documented evidence of yell leaders dates back to 1907 but Wood believes the tradition extends into the 19th century. The all-male military school atmosphere at A&M gave rise to the organization and spirit needed for the boisterous yells, according to Wood.

Although A&M students are no longer required to join the Corps of Cadets and the school went co-ed in 1973 (yes, some schools took even longer than Notre Dame to admit women), the traditions of the yell leaders live on.

Wood expects the yell leaders to use between 10 and 12 yells this year. Each yell is many years old but is occasionally modified by the yell leaders to fit certain games.

"It's at the discretion of the yell leaders to choose the yells to motivate the crowds," Wood said. The yells range in tone from humorous to motivational but all of them are loud. "It really depends on the situation. Some are funny. Some make fun of the other team and some are just for motivating the team."

After every cheer each student makes a noise and hand motion known as a "wildcat." Each class is assigned a different "wildcat." Every Aggie fan will know which yell to cheer by watching the hand signals of the yell leaders. The hand signals and cheers are taught to the freshmen at yell practices. Yell practices are midnight pep rallies that are attended by up to 30,000 fans the night before each game.

The two junior and three senior members of the squad are elected by a popular vote of the students. "It's sort of like a small town election," Wood said. The students choose the person who will best represent the school. In addition to leading the cheers at sporting events, the yell leaders also attend many social functions and meet with alumni groups.

"It's not always the craziest guy," Wood said. "People assume it's the guy who can drink the most and yell the loudest but it is really the people who will be the best representatives for the school."

The Aggie cheers will surely make the Stadium an intense place this Saturday.
mouth and yell!

Yell leaders will give Notre Dame fans some extra volume in the stands this weekend.

After the two Irish Cotton Bowl victories, his A&M friends have been itching for a chance for a rematch.

"Notre Dame is kind of the evil northern aggressor who came down and trampled them one too many times," he said.

While Newhouse and his friends have exchanged friendly barbs, things have remained relatively calm in the home of Deigo and Christy Jimenez - Texas A&M Class of 1996 and Notre Dame Class of 1998 respectively.

"I wouldn't say there is any extra tension," Christy said. "I hope Notre Dame wins but we'll see."

Although A&M is known for their intense fans, Christy says she takes her football more seriously than Deigo. Considering last year's record, however, Christy isn't making any bold victory predictions.

"With the past couple of years, I am hesitant to say we'll win," she said. "Deigo is a little more laid back than I am. He will be a lot less upset if Notre Dame wins than I will be if Notre Dame loses."

The couple met through their jobs with Spirit shortly after graduation and were married in 1999. While Deigo and Christy have gotten along well despite the upcoming gridiron showdown, Deigo is a little concerned with the way an A&M fan will be received at Notre Dame.

"I am a little worried about how I'll be treated," he said. "With my A&M hat and shirt, I going to try to keep it a little covered. I just have to be ready with some witty comebacks."

Although the crowds at A&M are known for their spirit throughout the stadium, Christy has been disappointed sitting with the alumni since she graduated.

"That's one negative about coming back to a game as an alumna," she said. "You don't feel the spirit of the stadium. You are with adults and they are much more relaxed. They just sit there."

Thanks to the yell leaders at A&M, however, the whole crowd gets into the games.

"It's pretty intense," said Deigo. "It seems kind of silly to talk about but once you are there it's extremely powerful. They do the yells and so all the motions with the songs that the students do. There's a lot more movement at A&M."

He assessed the Notre Dame crowds as "pretty tame" in comparison.

A possible reason for the yelling ability to incite a crazier crowd at A&M than the Irish cheerleaders can incite in the stadium could be the physical preparations the yell leaders go through. Rather than attending separate cheerleader practices, the yell leaders all work out with the football team.

Although NCAA regulations prohibit them from suit up in pads anymore, the yell leaders still run drills and drill in the hot Texas sun, right along side the football players.

Wood says the Aggies are ready to avenge the previous losses to the Irish.

"Regardless of what you all are ranked, it's still a big deal to beat Notre Dame," he said.
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In less than 24 hours, the Blazers added nearly 14 feet of brown aimed at slowing down Shaq and disrupting the Lakers' chances of repeating as NBA champions.

A day after acquiring 6-foot-10 Shawn Kemp from the Cleveland Cavaliers, the Blazers got 6-11 Dale Davis in a trade with the Indiana Pacers on Thursday.

"We're trying to win a championship," Blazers general manager Bob Whitsett said. "We're close, and we're trying to do all we can while we're in that window."

Kemp was traded Wednesday in a three-way deal that also sent Brian Grant from Portland to the Miami Heat, who dealt Chris Gatling and Clarence Weatherspoon to Cleveland along with a future first-round pick. To get Davis, the Blazers gave up 6-10 Milt Bobbitt, 6-9 Victor Tsegaye and a 2002 second-round pick.

"The best thing to do with Shawn is to put a guy like me and Rasheed Wallace at power forward, but he also could play center behind Agydas Iahibon and small forward in relief of Pippen. That adds up to a lot of fouls to throw at O'Neal."

The best thing to do with Shaq is to put a guy like me and Rasheed Wallace on the court and let us out run Shaq," Kemp said. "If he can do that for seven games in a series and not be tired, he might be the real Superman. But I can't say that."

White Davis averaged 10 points and 9.9 rebounds, making his first All-Star team. O'Neal contributed virtually nothing since coming out of Eau Claire (S.C.) High School in 1986. He averaged just 12.3 minutes, 3.9 points and 3.3 rebounds last season and couldn't crack the rotation playing behind forwards Wallace and Grant.

"I just don't think he was as talented as the guys who were playing in front of him," Dunleavy said.

O'Neal, entering the second year of a four-year, $24 million contract he signed last summer, demanded to be traded in mid-June. Dunleavy said O'Neal could have improved his chances at more minutes by playing on Portland's summer league team, but on the day he was supposed to leave for Long Beach, O'Neal went shopping for hats at a downtown store.

Portland must seem like paradise revisited for Kemp, who fled a terrible situation in Cleveland and returns to the Pacific Northwest, where he became a star with the Seattle SuperSonics.

"It's going to be a rebirth of my career," Kemp said. Kemp deftly handled questions about his weight, which soared past 300 pounds last summer and brought him waves of taunts with the Cavaliers.

"I've heard so much about the weight the last couple years that all I can tell you is, once I go to training camp, that won't be a problem," he said.

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Davenport ignores scoreboard in comeback victory

**No. 2 player advances to third round of U.S. Open**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The scoreboard message was not encouraging.

Lindsay Davenport, seeded No. 2 in the U.S. Open, winner of three Grand Slam events in her career, was down a set and struggling against Kim Clijsters, who came within four points of beating eventual champion Serena Williams here a year ago.

Concerned?

Not Lindsay.

"I hadn't gotten worried," she said. "I would probably think about going home if I was down a break or something. I wasn't thinking that yet."

And she never would.

Davenport pulled her game together Thursday and advanced to the third round with a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Clijsters.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match," she said. "It's just the way you feel when you're up a set and a break. You just lose your focus."

"I really thought I was going to lose," Clijsters said. "I was really nervous, and she was playing great."

Davenport's strength is her mental toughness.

"I had no problem at all," Clijsters said. "She's very mental and I think she has the right attitude."

"I didn't have the attitude in a couple of matches," Davenport said. "I was 1-2 in my first round match."
**Weekend Events**

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

**Author Events:**

Nicholas Sparks, Class of 1988, author of three bestselling novels, will sign copies of his books on Friday, Sep. 1 from 11:00 a.m. to noon, including the newly released paperback edition of *A Walk to Remember*.

Also on Friday, Sep. 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., University of Notre Dame President Father Malloy will be signing copies of his book, *Monk's Reflections*.

Professor Ralph McNerney will be signing copies of his newly released Notre Dame mystery, *The Book of Kills*, on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. McNerney is the author of over 30 books including the popular Father Dowling mysteries.

On Saturday, Sep. 2 the *Stellaluna* storybook character will appear periodically during the day—cameras are welcome.

Also appearing on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. is Gerry Faust, to sign copies of *The Golden Dream*.

Storytime featuring a reading of *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, with craft and sing-along on Tuesday, Sep. 5 at 11:30 a.m.

**Music Events:**

On Friday, Sep. 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Sep. 3 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Pianist Emmeline Schoen, Class of 2003, performs.

On Friday, Sep. 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, Sep. 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., nationally renowned Pianist Tim O'Neil, Class of 1994, performs and signs copies of his CDs.

On Saturday, Sep. 2 at 8:00 a.m., Bagpiper Joseph Smith, Class of 2001, performs. Also on Saturday, Sep. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to noon., Pianist Joe Fremeau, Class of 2002, performs.

Acapella group, The Undertones, performs one hour after the game on Saturday, Sep. 2.
Clement knocks Agassi out of U.S. Open in straight sets

Associated Press

NEW YORK

There was no sadness in Andre Agassi's eyes, no regret over the lushest loss of his U.S. Open title, no excuse that his thoughts were on his cancer-stricken mother and sister more than his tennis.

Agassi stared straight ahead, his eyes clear, his voice firm, and gave all the credit to Frenchman Arnaud Clement for ending his reign as champion.

Agassi had jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first set, then simply melted in the muggy heat of the next nine games. His body language, shoulders sagging, his eyes wandering, indicated the frustration he was feeling. Clement could see it, even through his wraparound sunglasses, and so could the perplexed fans who tried futilely to pump him up.

"Good morning!" one fan yelled out as Agassi struggled on in the late afternoon. Truly, Agassi looked half asleep.

When asked if his heart was in it, Agassi said, "Yeah, very much." When asked if he was distracted at all, he said he wasn't. When asked if his back bothered him, he said no. If Agassi was hurt, it was clearly not physically, he was keeping it to himself.

"I'm just trying to figure out how to get to him, but I couldn't do it," Agassi said. "Just got outplayed. ... You've got to give people credit where credit's due." In truth, Clement played splendidly, but not spectacularly. It was a case, this time, of Agassi shooting nothing but blanks.

"It's finding the balance between hitting offensively enough to control the point, but not playing too big," Agassi said. "I struggle with that. Sometimes I played too big and occasionally just took a little bit off of it. I never found my quality pace shot that allowed me to dictate without taking too many chances. It was a little bit breezy down here, tough conditions.

"Once you start second-guessing your shots, your fee don't respond as well. We both were doing a lot of that.

While Clement bounced jauntily around the court, Agassi looked leaden, his feet lacking pace and depth and accuracy.

They each made 27 unforced errors, but Clement's usually came when he went for winners, before he was ready. Agassi's were when he was playing half-speed and easy shots that he might normally make with his eyes closed.

"He hasn't had the best summer, and I don't think he came in here with the expectation that he would be able to impose his game on his opponents." Agassi didn't even come close to imposing his game on the 37th-ranked Clement, who had lost to him in the French and U.S. Open last year in their only previous meetings.

While Clement bounced jauntily around the court, whacking an unspoken 36 winners to Agassi's 19, Agassi looked leaden, his feet barely moving, his usually quick hands moving slowly, his shots lacking pace and depth and accuracy.

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M. Soccer

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is far from inexperienced. The majority of the sophomores logged significant playing time as freshmen last season. Also, the eight freshmen joining the team are regarded as perhaps the best recruiting class in the history of Notre Dame men’s soccer.

Apple has already used this depth to his advantage in the preseason.

“We played 19 players last weekend in exhibition play, we’ve never been able to play that many players in a game or in a weekend.”

After a day off on Saturday, the Irish take on the host Rebels Sunday afternoon. The Rebels are coming off of a 1-0-1 preseason which saw them defeat Master’s College 1-0 before playing to a 3-3 tie against Grand Canyon. Last season the Rebels finished 7-11-0 and placed seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, four places below New Mexico.

Junior forward Jason Melendez leads the Rebel offense. Melendez tallied eight goals and four assists last season, and already has scored twice in the two preseason games.

Sophomore Tuomas Talvio added five goals and four assists last year, and also has put the ball in the net once this year in a preseason game against Grand Canyon.

The Irish counter with a defense that combines youth and experience. The team’s other two tri-captains, Steve Maino and Connor LaRose, are both returning starters. They are joined by returning starter, sophomore Andreas Forstner who is known for his intelligent play which helps him to intercept passes.

The new man in the back is freshman Greg Martin. Like Detter, Martin is a Parade All-American and played on the 1999 Youth World Cup team. A hard-nosed player, Martin’s maturity has impressed teammates this fall.

“He has taken on a role in the back that is very difficult for a young player,” said Pridmore. “He has been able to fit in right away.”

The Irish return home to open their home season next Wednesday against Bradley at Alumni Field.

The Irish hope to rely on on a strong recruiting class to add depth to their roster. They open their season today against the New Mexico Lobos, followed by a game with the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Rebels on Sunday.

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MADISON, Wis. — The NCAA suspended 26 Wisconsin football players Thursday for one to three games for receiving undeclared discounts at a shoe store, forcing the Badgers to bench 11 players for their opener.

The 11 suspended for the No. 4 Badgers’ game with Western Michigan on Thursday night included starting receivers Chris Chambers and Nick Davis, cornerback Jamari Fisher, offensive lineman Ben Johnson and linebacker Bryson Thompson.

Eleven of the 26, including Fisher, Davis, Johnson and Chambers, were suspended for three games for receiving benefits of more than $500, school officials said.

Another 15 players, including running back Michael Bennett, defensive tackle Wendell Bryant, cornerback Mike Echols and Thompson, were suspended for one game and ordered to do 24 hours of community service.

Chambers’ suspension could be an especially big blow to the Badgers. The team’s leading receiver from last season was already sidelined a stress fracture in his right foot that was expected to keep him out until at least the end of September. School officials aren’t sure if he will be allowed to serve the suspension while injured, meaning he could miss more than half the season.

“I think you have tremendous disappointment, You have to feel for them,” Wisconsin athletic director Pat Richter said. “We felt this was not warranted.”

The NCAA ordered all 26 players to serve the suspensions within the first four games of the season. The other six suspended for Thursday’s game were: Delante McGrew, George Pratt, Ryan Simmons, Chuck Smith, Stephon Watson and Southern.

The suspensions stem from reports last month that members of the football and men’s basketball teams may have received special credit arrangements at The Shoe Box in Black Earth, Wis., that were not available to other clients.

Another 24 players, including starting quarterback Brooks Bollinger, were not suspended but were ordered to perform 24 hours of community service for the discounts they received.

Women’s soccer player Wyanter Pero was suspended for two games and ordered to do 24 hours of community service.

All will be required to repay the discounts they received.

The school also investigated allegations that some athletes may have exchanged university-issued shoes for merchandise but found no evidence of that so far, said Melaney Newby, vice chancellor for legal and executive affairs.

A report in the Wisconsin State Journal detailed purchases by eight members of the Badgers’ Final Four men’s basketball team and 14 players from the Rose Bowl championship football team. The paper reported players received discounts of 25 percent to 40 percent and interest-free credit.

The university and NCAA still have to review the eligibility of winter athletes, who also could face penalties.

The NCAA notified the university Monday that 81 full athletes would be ineligible in various capacities. Richter said the university appealed the findings and the NCAA then decided to knock down the number of athletes required to serve suspensions and pay reparations to 48.

Richter said the university proposed lighter sanctions when they made their initial report to the NCAA, and many of the players told NCAA officials they did not know they had violated any rules.

“This was a shock to them,” Richter said.

NCAA spokesman Wally Reinro said the suspensions were not a major infraction but they were still serious.

The NCAA ordered the university to pay reparations to 48. The school also investigated and suspended two athletes for the past.

NCAA associate director of enforcement Robert Strauss said the suspensions were too severe and that the Badgers should have been suspended more severely.

Wisconsin head football coach Barry Alvarez said the university had appealed the sanctions but the school had not made a recommendation to the NCAA.

Newby said the university’s investigation was continuing and the school had not made a recommendation to the NCAA whether the violations constitute a major or secondary violation.

If the purchases constitute a major rules violation, it would be the third such infraction within the last decade for the university.

The Badgers are expecting a weapon or two in the backfield with Chambers’ suspension and the Badgers’ 14th-ranked quarterback, Wyanter Pero, also suspended for two games.

“TUESDAY’S games of the season. The suspensions but would not comment specifically on the infractions.

Shoe Box owner Steve Schmitt said Thursday he talked to university officials several times about the discounts he offered players, which he said are extended to all his regular customers.

Schmitt has men’s basketball season tickets and has donated money to the university in the past, which would qualify him as a booster under NCAA rules.

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The wrestling program was put on probation in 1994 for improper use of booster funds that included impermissible benefits to athletes, a major rules violation.

Last year, the NCAA found the athletic department had committed a major rules infraction because coaches and staff members received reimbursement for expenses from a boosters fund without approval from the chancellor.

That probation was scheduled to end in November.

Still, the NCAA Committee on Infractions did not penalize the university under repeat violations rules last year, partly because Wisconsin self-reported the violations.

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Wisconsin beats Western Michigan despite suspensions

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Michael Bennett rushed for 128 yards and a touchdown as No. 4 Wisconsin survived the suspension of five starters in a lackluster 19-7 victory over Western Michigan on Thursday night.

"The game was little more than a timeout for Marshall as it prepares for non-conference games at Michigan State and North Carolina."

It marked the debut of Southeast Missouri coach Tim Billings, who missed the past 10 years and its defensive coordinator last season, when the Heisman second in the nation in fewest points allowed in 2004.

It was the first win for the Badgers, who won only two in 2003, when they lost 1-7 and 2-7.

"We're looking forward to seeing how we play against a top-five team."

"It was a good start to what will be a tough season," Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez said. "We were able to gain some confidence today and some experience our younger players will need in the future."
Irish volleyball kicks off the season today as it faces Fairfield in game two of the 2000 Shamrock Invitational Tournament in the Joyce Center.

Notre Dame will be participating in the Shamrock Invitational for the fourth straight year. The Irish finished second last year behind Pacific and have an overall 14-3 Shamrock record in its six appearances.

Senior Denise Boylan led the Irish in last year's tournament, being named to the 1999 Shamrock all-tournament team. Boylan also earned honors this year as the 2000 Big East preseason player of the year, while fellow senior Christi Girton joined her on the preseason all-Big East team.

The Irish finished 20-9 overall last season while grabbing the regular season conference title with an 11-0 record in Big East play. The Irish controlled their home court last season, finishing with a Joyce Center record of 10-2. Since 1991 Irish volleyball has racked up 108 wins out of the 124 home matches for an outstanding homecourt advantage.

Notre Dame returns 10 monogram winners, including five starters and also gains five new freshmen.

"Our starting lineup looks like it's going to be all returners so that's good for us. We also have a lot of depth and versatility which seem to be our strengths," said co-captain Girton.

Friday's match will mark the second meeting between Fairfield and Notre Dame with the Stags having the upperhand defeating the Irish in 1998 14-16, 15-13, 8-15, 15-4 and 15-17. Fairfield combined for a 30-win season last year while gaining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title.

"Fairfield's a revenge match from two years ago for those of us who were here," said Girton.

On Saturday Notre Dame continues tournament play as they face No. 15 Brigham Young University at 7 p.m. BYU has a two-match advantage over the Irish with a 12-15, 7-15 and 7-15 success last year.

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Clemson looks to gain the upperhand Sunday as it faces Notre Dame. The Tigers have played against the Irish twice, taking their last match in three games in 1999.

"We are going to go out and play well and take care of things on our side," Girton said, "We are just going to play the way we know how and the games will take care of themselves."

The Irish will play against Fairfield at 4 p.m. in game two of the Shamrock Invitational followed immediately by the football pep rally.

Correction: The tryout tennis tournament will be Monday, September 4, at 4 p.m.

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Saint Mary’s will face its other tough competition of the weekend on Saturday, when the women line up against Wittenberg College at 9 a.m. Wittenberg finished the 1999 season with an 18-12 record.

“We’ve played well against Wittenberg, but things may change this year because our team is so young,” Butcko said. “Wittenberg will be another tough match.”

The Belles finish off two more matches on Saturday before heading home. Saint Mary’s will play Carthage and Aquinas Saturday afternoon.

Carthage came out on top when the two teams met last year, winning the game 3-1. The Belles dropped the matches 17-19, 12-15, and 11-13. This season’s match promises to be a close one.

Saint Mary’s has not played Division II school Aquinas previously. The winner of the tournament will be decided by the team with the best record after five games. The Belles are looking forward to this weekend’s tournament.

“We are all really excited for this weekend,” Butcko said. “This is our only overnight tournament so we’re going to play our best and really work on our skills.” Because her team is so young, Schroeder-Biek has been working on the basics at practices.

“We’ve really been focusing on defense as well.”

Victoria Butcko

NCAA Football

Michigan starts new quarterback Navarre

Associated Press

At first glance, the situation at Michigan has disaster written all over it.

“Dreisbach was the last red-shirt freshman to start for us,” Carr recalled. “He didn’t play very well for three quarters. But he certainly finished like a champion.”

This was supposed to have been Henson’s day. The talented two-sport star, who plays professional baseball in the summer, paid his dues as Tom Brady’s understudy the past two years. Henson passed for 800 yards and six touchdowns as the backup.

Henson’s potential, coupled with many returning offensive players from a team that went 10-2 with an Orange Bowl win over Alabama last season, earned the Wolverines a No. 6 ranking in this week’s AP poll.

It will be Navarre’s job to hold the fort until Henson returns. A tall order, to be sure.

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Women's Golf

Belles strike into action Saturday

By STEPHANIE REDWANSKI
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's golf team opens its season this Saturday at the Ferris State University tournament at Katke Golf Course.

The Belles are returning seven members of last year's team who finished the 1999 season with a strong third place finish in the MIAA.

The seven returning players and three freshman golfers will be competing against some of the top golfers in the area. Saint Mary's will face tough competition from Tri-State, Ferris State University, Grant Valley State, Aquinas, Ashland, Dayton, Depau, Findley, Indianapolis, Louis University, Manchester, Nebraska-Omaha, North Wood and University of Saint Francis. Although all the teams the Division III Belles face are Division I or II, head coach Theresa Pekarek believes her team has a chance to come out in a top position in this two-day tournament.

"I have no certain expectation, but I think this team will really surprise its competitors," she said.

The Belles will look to experience from senior captain Kyle Veltri and team leader Natalie Cook. Cook, a returning senior, was named to second team All-MIAA last season.

The Belles have a good chance in this competition if they capitalize on their short game. Pekarek wants the team to be able to improve its putting, chipping and bunker play.

"We've really been focusing on our short game," Pekarek said. "A good short game can win a match.

With the short game goal being met, Saint Mary's could be strong competition.

Pekarek believes, "winning is not out of the question. It can be done and we are capable of a first or second place." Pekarek is looking to this tournament as the beginning of a successful season.

"We finished third last year," she said. "And I think we have a very good chance of finishing in the top two in the MIAA this year."

The Belles only finished six strokes out of second place last year. Saint Mary's will begin conference play at their home match at Brookwood Golf Course on Sept. 14 at noon.

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scored six goals.

Waldrum knows that his squad will have limited chances against a Tulsa team that has yet to yield a goal. He stresses that his team must convert the chances it gets on Friday night.

"We need to do a better job around the goal. We really do," he said.

Junior Melissa McCormick and sophomore Jackie Twelvetrees — the Hurricanes' best — will lead the threat against the Irish.

Senior star Anne Makinon will do her best to prevent an Irish loss. After tallying one goal in addition to handling out two assists, Makinon already looks good in midseason form.

Waldrum insists there is no sentimentality on his part as he battles his former team, but there are other ties between Tulsa and Notre Dame.

Assistant coach Amy Edwards played at Tulsa and then coached there from 1995 to 1998.

"There might be a bit more motivation for Amy," he said. "She still has connections there and still knows a lot of the girls there.

The Irish will get little rest before they begin Big East Conference play against the Lady Friars Sunday afternoon at Guam Field.

Providence is off to a 2-1 start but played poorly in a 4-0 loss to Connecticut earlier in the week. Waldrum is unsure of what to expect.

"They're (Providence) one of the teams we didn't get a chance to play last year," he said. "We don't have much to go on other than slats."

Even with the limited information he has, Waldrum believes that Providence is a threat to his Notre Dame squad.

With an attack anchored by junior forward Mary-Frances Monroe, the Lady Friars boast a potent offense that will have a young untested Irish defense on its toes.

Youth is a concern for Waldrum, who hopes that his team becomes more cohesive as the season progresses.

"Right now we are a bit young and inexperienced," Waldrum acknowledged. "We're still trying to fit the pieces together. We're just hoping to play well and get the conference schedule off to a good start."
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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Nation’s No. 4 team preps for home opener**

By KEVIN BERCHOU

The action at Alumni Field kicks into full gear this weekend for the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women’s soccer team.

After whipping the University of Detroit 6-0 in the season opener, the Irish anticipate much sterner competition from the Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa and the Lady Friars of Providence.

The Golden Hurricanes come breezing into South Bend with its best start in seven years. The Golden Hurricane defeated Oklahoma and Oklahoma State to win the Oklahoma Shootout. Irish head coach Randy Waldrum, who coached at Tulsa, is leery of the team.

"They’ve been a real solid team over the years," he noted.

On paper, the match-up looks even the Golden Hurricanes could strike back if given the right opportunity.

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Irish begin season beneath Las Vegas lights**

By NOAH AMSTADTER

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team plays under the bright lights of Las Vegas this weekend as it opens the 2000 season at the UNLV Fall Classic.

The Irish take on New Mexico tonight at 9 p.m. and host Nevada-Las Vegas at noon on Sunday.

"Our team is getting better every day," head coach Chris Apple said.

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**Volleyball**

**Youthful Belles jump into action**

By KATIE MCVOY

The young Belles’ volleyball team, under the direction of head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, is looking to get its feet wet at the Alma Tournament this weekend.

Saint Mary’s will open its season up against Alma College and play four other games during the Friday-Saturday tournament. With only four returning members, the team is looking to become a cohesive unit.

"We really want to use this tournament to gel as a team and get to know each other because we are so young," said senior Victoria Rutkoski.

"These are very intelligent women who are playing for the love of the game," Schroeder-Biek said. "They can learn to work well together."

Schroeder-Biek returns to Saint Mary’s after spending four seasons off to stay home with her daughter. The women on the team are looking for her to bring focus to the team.

"She’s very goal oriented," senior Angie Meyers said. "She makes sure we focus on our goals."

Those goals will be important in getting the Belles off to a good start this weekend.

"We really want to improve, stay intense on the court and gel as a team," Meyers said.

Saint Mary’s, after finishing last season with a 17-14 overall record and a 5-3 MIAA record, will face the 16-16, 4-4 Scots in the season opener. The Scots finished in a tie for fourth place with Kalamazoo College, right behind Saint Mary’s. The Belles are looking for good competition from the Scots.

"Alma has always been a pretty solid team, so it will be a tough match," Butcko said.

Saint Mary’s had the upper hand in last year’s encounter with Alma, winning 15-8, 15-9, 15-7.

After a short break, the Belles will face off against the Spring Arbor Cougars at 9 p.m.

"We’ve never played Spring Arbor before, so we don’t know what to expect," Butcko said.

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**Luck of the Irish**

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**Junior defender Lindsey Jones (No. 16), shown here in Notre Dame’s 6-0 win over Detroit Mercy, is a valuable veteran for the Irish.**

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Stepping onto the Battlefield
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right tackle

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"There is more uncertainty here than there has been in a long time."

R.C. Slocum
Aggie head coach

A&M game gets personal for Notre Dame

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

When two teams do not compete regularly, it's usually hard to start a rivalry. Notre Dame and Texas A&M have met only three times in their programs' histories, but personal ties on both sides make Saturday's season opener as competitive as any heated rivalry.

Twenty players on the Irish roster hail from Texas, and seven attended high school with Texas A&M players. Irish head coach Bob Davie spent nine years coaching beneath Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum.

"It is a different kind of game playing against someone you may consider your best friend," said Davie. "But I think both of us have been in this profession long enough and both of us plan on being in this profession for a long time to come."

Saturday's season opener is not only an opportunity for friends to take opposite sides of the field, but, more importantly, it's a chance for Davie and the Irish to prove they are more competitive than last year's 5-7 record shows.

Junior quarterback Arnaz Battle will take the helm for the Aggies on offense. Battle paid his dues for two years as Javarris Jackson's understudy. His 35 catches in 1999 make him a potent offensive threat. Tight ends Jabari Holloway and Dan Howard and Julius Jones.

"I think the guys are fired up. We are a lot closer this year and we're all in this together," said Battle. Notre Dame's aerial attack will rely on top returning receiver Joey Getherall. His 35 catches in 1999 make him a potent offensive threat. Tight ends Jabari Holloway and Dan Howard and Julius Jones.

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Battle steps out from Jackson's shadow

♦ Junior starter ready to create his own legacy

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Arnaz Battle is no longer just Arnaz Battle. He is now Ar-nez, Ar-naz. No. 3, Battle, "the quarterback back", "Jarious's successor" and "the guy who can run but can't pass." Alumni, subway alumni and non-alumni all have preconceived opinions of the 11th starting Irish quarterback since 1985. He has more all-islases than Prince — or is it The Artist?

When the 6-foot-1-inch, 218-pound junior jogs onto the Notre Dame Stadium field in tomorrow's season opener against Texas A&M, the entire college football world's eyes will be focused on the humble, quiet kid from Shreveport, La. If he throws touchdowns, avoids tacklers, runs over line backers and leads the Irish to victory through his arm, he will be the next Mal by fans, media and sponsors. If he throws interceptions, pitches errantly on the option, is slowed down by defensive linemen and leads the Irish in defeat, he will be constantly criticized by the same triumvirate.

All for tossing and running with an oblong shaped pigskin. All for being the quarterback at Notre Dame.

"I never thought I'd be here," Battle said. "I envisioned myself as a southern school, an Arkansas or a Mississippi State or somewhere like that."

The will to win

On a cold, November afternoon in 1998, while gathered with his family, Battle's life forever changed. That day, Battle's brother Brandon was found floating in his grandmother's swimming pool. A few hours later, Brandon Battle died of a heart attack. Brandon was 3. Arnaz was 9.

In the summer of 1989, while gathered with an oblong shaped pigskin, Battle devoted himself to the game and the way he handled things. That day, that's pretty much the only thing that changed. That's pretty much the only thing that matters. Everyone wants a piece of him," said Lisa Nelson, Notre Dame's public relations coordinator who handles football media relations. "I guess it all comes with being the quarterback at Notre Dame."

Adjusting as leader

The interview requests are constant, the attention is just beginning. Already this preseason, ESPN, NBC, MSNBC, the San Diego Union-Tribune, College Football News Online and KTBV, the Shreveport CBS affiliate, have sent reporters to question Battle. Not to mention all the local media outlets bundling Battle every day, looking for sound bites, quotes or anything else.

"Everyone wants a piece of him," said Lisa Nelson, Notre Dame's public relations coordinator who handles football media relations. "I guess it all comes with being the quarterback at Notre Dame."

Battle hopes the Irish fans will heed his advice of sticking with the 2000 Irish in victory or defeat. But that may only be a dream.

Until Arnaz is under the gun, he'll do his best to turn my back on them just because they're competing with me."

But the most difficult thing, Battle said, was learning the college game, Battle also had to adjust to a new offensive coordinator, Kevin Rogers, who implemented a more complex system, with the main emphasis on the quarterback.

"Watching Jarious Jackson and the way he handled things helped me out a lot," Battle said. "This year we'll put Notre Dame back where it's supposed to be. I think guys are fired up.

"I probably knew 70 percent of the offense and that was mainly running plays," Battle said. "It was a tough situation to be in."

In the season opener a year ago against Kansas, Battle got his second chance, albeit one with much less pressure. He quarterbacked 12 plays, mixing poor throws with sensational running in the 48-13 Irish win.

With 2:08 left in the game, Battle scrambled to his right on a keeper, broke a tackle and ran 74 yards for his first and only career touchdown.

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- **Sep. 16** vs. FORDHAM
- **Sep. 23** vs. Michigan State
- **Oct. 7** at Stanford
- **Oct. 14** vs. Navy (Orlando, Fl.)
- **Oct. 21** at West Virginia
- **Oct. 28** at Air Force
- **Nov. 1** at Boston College
- **Nov. 8** at Rutgers
- **Nov. 15** at Pittsburgh
- **Nov. 29** at Notre Dame

### Aggies schedule

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- **Sep. 16** vs. Texas-EL PASO
- **Sep. 23** vs. Texas Tech
- **Oct. 7** vs. Colorado
- **Oct. 14** at Baylor
- **Oct. 21** at Oklahoma State
- **Nov. 4** at Kansas State
- **Nov. 11** at Oklahoma
- **Nov. 25** at Texas

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### Irish kick off on right foot

**Observer Staff Report**

One of the most highly contested positions on the Notre Dame football team this year is that of kickpunter. The Irish hope to finally gain some consistency here after the rollercoaster Jim Saxon era.

David Miller, who missed part of last season due to an injury, could cement his role as the starting placekicker and punter with a strong performance Saturday. Sophomore Nick Setta and senior Matt McNew will also compete for the kicking position.

Setta and classmate Joey Hildbold will test each other at the punting position.

The race is so close that Davie has predicted all four will share kicking duties throughout the season.

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### Depth Charts

**Notre Dame**

- **QB**: Matt Lovenio (6-3, 200, FR)
- **RB**: T.J. Johnson (6-0, 206, JR)
- **FB**: Mike Yelle (6-0, 206, FR)
- **WR**: Joey Geller (6-7, 175, SR)
- **TE**: Mark Huggins (6-3, 272, SR)
- **OT**: Kurt Vollers (6-7, 310, SR)
- **OG**: Mike Zelenka (6-0, 225, SR)
- **OL**: Scott Paine (5-10, 220, SR)
- **DL**: Jared Clark (6-4, 220, FR)
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- **K**: Andy Williams (6-0, 188, SR)

**Texas A&M**

- **QB**: Matt Sarbo (5-11, 201)
- **RB**: Chip Miller (6-3, 239, SO)
- **FB**: Mike Mcintyre (6-3, 256, JR)
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### Roster

**Notre Dame**

- **QB**: Anthony Brannan (5-10, 215, SR)
- **RB**: Shane Walton (5-11, 180, JR)
- **FB**: Gary Vail (6-3, 236, SO)
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"Wrecking Crew" looks to crush Irish hopes

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The “Wrecking Crew” of Texas A&M hopes to demolish Notre Dame’s hopes of a season-opening victory Saturday.

Senior outside linebackers Roylin Bradley and Jason Glenn tallied 27 tackles for losses and 12 sacks a season ago. Along with two experienced inside linebackers in Cornelius Anthony and Brian Gamble, the Aggies’ linebackers have their sights set on breaking up the Irish offense. Notre Dame’s offense must counter the Aggies despite having a rookie quarterback and an unproven offensive line.

“Every time we touch the ball on offense, there’s going to be someone new handling it,” Irish coach Bob Davie said. “Whether we’re in the shotgun or whether the quarterback is under center, that’s a concern.”

Texas A&M finds itself in a similar position, with a new quarterback in sophomore Mark Farris. Farris virtually mirrors Notre Dame quarterback Arnaz Battle at 6-foot-2 and 212 pounds, and both players will have all eyes on them every time they set foot on the field.

Running back Ja’Mar Toombs led the Aggies in rushing a season ago, racking up 583 yards and nine rushing touchdowns. In the air, the best options are Chris Taylor and Bethel Johnson, the top two wide receivers in 1999.

While the Irish starters at linebacker — Tyreo Harrison, Anthony Denman and Rocky Boiman — form a solid block, Davie is concerned about the opposition.

“The question will be, can we block really explosive players like A&M has, [a really] explosive scheme like they have?” Davie asked. “How do we handle their quickness up front? How do we handle their experience up front?”

The Aggies’ offensive line, like that of the Irish, has suffered from injuries which struck at their consistency. The defensive line, on the other hand, starts an experienced trio in noseguard Ron Edwards and ends Ronald Flemous and Rocky Bernard.

Texas A&M will be hard-pressed to replace All-American punter and kicker Shane Lechler, but punter Terence Kitchens and Timm Gergen will give it their best shots.

Texas A&M and Notre Dame, both schools with storied histories, are coming off less than satisfactory seasons. The Aggies finished last year at 8-4, while the Irish were 7-5.

Head coach R.C. Slocum, a member of the 100-career victories club, was Irish coach Bob Davie’s mentor a few years back.

With close parallels in the two teams, Saturday’s matchup should be well balanced and hard-fought. Texas A&M is ranked 25th while Notre Dame is looking to break into the top 25. Both teams are looking to raise their rankings with a season-opening victory.

fast facts

ABOUT TEXAS A&M

- Location: College Station, Texas
- Enrollment: 43,422
- Colors: Maroon and White
- Nickname: Aggies
- Conference: Big 12
- Founded: 1871
- Aggies’ coach R.C. Slocum is one of seven Division I coaches to reach 100 wins in just 11 seasons.
- Texas A&M’s home stadium with 80,650 seats is slightly larger than Notre Dame Stadium.

Texas A&M’s Jay Brooks, a defensive back, is shown here returning an interception last year. The Aggies hope to give the Irish offense fits with their talented defensive crew.
**Associated Press Top 25**

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**Game of the Week**

Alabama's Shontua Ray (No. 33), shown here knocking down a Vanderbilt punt returner in last year's 28-17 victory over Vanderbilt, returns at cornerback for the deep Crimson Tide squad.

By PEYTON BERG

Crimson Tide return talent-laden team

Alabama coach Mike DuBose started last season denying allegations of sexual misconduct. He finished by beating Florida in the SEC Championship game en route to a 10-3 record.

The Crimson Tide lost its two best players to the NFL, but the roster is far from depleted. Alabama comes back loaded at every position and expects to return to the SEC title game.

The Tide go two deep at quarterback, a luxury few teams enjoy.

Andrew Zow will start, but DuBose won't hesitate to play sophomore Tyler Watts. The tailback position is a question, with Shawn Bohanon taking over for the departed Shawn Alexander.

Wide receiver Freddie Milons is a deep threat and probably the most talented offensive player in the SEC. Look for him to see action at quarterback, receiver, and kick returner throughout the year.

The defense is strong and quick, with trade marks Alabama defensive ends and linebackers putting heat on opposing quarterbacks. Linebacker Saleem Rasheed reminds Tide fans of 'Bama great Derrick Thomas.

Two years ago, Cade McNown and Company were contenders until the Bruins' defense missed the flight to Miami and surrendered 500 yards to the Hurricanes. Coach Bob Toledo parlayed this successful season into a stellar recruiting class, which now enters its sophomore year. Injuries, a handicapped parking permit scandal and the departures of McNown and Danny Farmer hurt the Bruins last season.

This year, however, the Bruins will make a statement. Offensive threats Brian Poli-Dixon and DeShaun Foster return from injury to inject speed into what was, at times, a dormant 1999 offense. Promising defensive end Kenyon Coleman will lead an improved defense. Look for the Bruins to contend for the PAC 10 Championship, provided they can survive their final two games against Washington and USC.

**Observer experts**

**Notre Dame**

**Alabama**

**Colorado**

**Tennessee**

**Season Record**

0-0

**Other Top Games**

**Colorado vs. Colorado State**

Once upon a time, this "rivalry" was thought to be an easy victory for the vaunted Buffaloes. Gone are the days of Kordell Stewart, Rashaan Salaam, and Hail Marys to beat Michigan in the final seconds.

The Rams humiliated Gary Barnett in his coaching debut last year 41-14, so revenge will be a motivating factor.

Colorado State will be the first of six tough teams in a row on Colorado's schedule, giving the Buffaloes the toughest schedule in the nation.

Barnett, must find a new quarterback and break-in an inexperienced secondary quickly. He has talent at the skill positions, most notably prized recruit tailback Marcus Houston and wide receiver Javon Green.

Colorado's linebackers may be the best in the Big 12. Jason Sykes has All-American potential, and follows a great CU linebacking tradition that includes Chad Brown, Greg Biekert, and Ted Johnson.

**So. Mississippi at Tennessee**

Tennessee was decimated by players graduating (quarterback Peyton Manning) and leaving for the NFL (Jamil Lewin). But a rebuilding year for the Volunteers means losing two games. The Golden Eagles return an experienced crew and should make the top 25, but are not talented enough to overcome the Volunteers.

**Around the dial**

Boston College at W. Virginia

11 a.m., ESPN

Alabama at UCLA

2:30 p.m., ABC

Louiana Tech at Kansas St.

6 p.m., FOXSN

Colorado vs. Colorado State

5 p.m., ESPNU

So. Mississippi at Tennessee

6:30 p.m., ESPN

Stanford at Washington State

10:15 p.m., FOXSN
the inside edge

quarterbacks: Both teams’ quarterbacks are untested. Battle’s seen more game time than Ferris, and wins the edge.

running backs: A&M’s No. 1 Jullback Toombs is a powerhouse, but Notre Dame rotates in a trio of talented tailbacks at Fisher, Howard and Jones.

receivers: The Aggies’ Taylor and Johnson averaged more than 18 yards per reception in 1999. The Irish lost Bobby Brown, but return tight ends O’Leary and Holloway as captains.

offensive line: The Irish gained experience last year, although both team’s lines battled injuries in 1999.

defensive line: The Aggies start one of the most veteran defensive lines around. For the Irish, Irons and Weaver need to step it up.

linebackers: Two words: Wrecking Crew. Denman, Harrison and Hoiman are solid but not yet at the same caliber as the Aggies.

secondary: Both teams lost a great deal to graduation, but the Irish have seniors Driver and Williams back in the lineup.

special teams: A&M’s All-American punter graduated, but Kickmen impressed in the early season until his kicks lost height. Notre Dame’s Miller is back and healthy after losing his starting role to an injury last year.

coaching: Davie trained under Shocum, but has not matched his mentor’s success. Shocum ranks among the winningest coaches of the 1990s.

Intangibles: The Irish need this win for momentum heading into the game against the ‘Huskiers. Plus, they’re on their home field.

Overall Even though it’s the first game of the season, most people consider it do or die for the Irish. Texas A&M struggled on the road last season in tough stadiums, and Notre Dame Stadium is unforgiving. The teams almost mirror each other in experience and talent, so it may come down to the intangibles, which favor Notre Dame.

Unpopular Davie deserves a fresh start in season opener

Here we are again, at the start of the 112th Notre Dame football season. The Bookstore is on pace to earn more in six weeks than the entire yearly GNP of Malaysia. Alumni-Senior Club is occupied by 10 times as many of the former, as the latter. VIPs are seen mingling with RV drivers. Otherwise fashionable apparel are clothed in a crude combination of blue, green and gold.

And, since school commenced, there have been 467,923 “Davie sacks” chants (or variations of it) on campus. Another million or so ranks will be heard this weekend.

When I arrived here three years ago, freshmen were immediately programmed to despise two evils. Zahm and partietals.

Back then, Davie was driving his golf cart, distributing adidas rocker’s. Already, rumored replacements for Davie are being mentioned. Most of the speculation is as reliable as a Shaq free throw. I suggest a new one — any coach whose first name does not begin with ‘L’ or ‘B’ cannot be considered. Or else the 1912 Overture will be terminated.

Is all the criticism justified? Of course not. It never is. But it’s convenient.

Plenty of question marks exist on the 2000 team besides Davie’s 21-16 career record. The defensive secondary features Clifford Jefferson, the Clifford Jefferson of 1998 (Brock Williams), a former star soccer player (Shane Walton) with four minutes of college football experience and two senior safeties (Tony Driver and Ron Israel) who have nine combined starts in three years. Only two defensive reserves (defensive end Ryan Roberts, and Jefferson, who is competing with Walton for the starting right cornerback position) played more than 35 minutes in 1999.

David Miller is the lone place kicker with any game experience after finishing 2-for-5 on field goals, including misses from 25 and 29 yards out last season. The top returning wide receiver (Joe Getherall) stands 5-foot-8 and weighs less than 180 pounds. Arnaz Battle has never started and the quarterback backups have never played in a college contest.

All pretty gloomy facts. I can hear the grumblings: Aren’t those players the same recruits Davie mentions every February as “talented” and “outstanding”? Isn’t it Davie’s ultimate responsibility to surround him with the best possible athletes? Is there any way Notre Dame should ever go 5-7?

Yes, Yes and No.

Yet, place some of the blame on the player’s shoulders and on the other members of the coaching staff.

Even better, don’t place any blame at all on this team. Give the 2000 Irish time, say four or five games. Then judge.

We’ve all heard enough, spoken enough and read enough about last year’s debacle. ESPN’s Bean Cook likes to say the three loudest jobs in America are, in order, being the mayor of New York, President of the United States and Notre Dame football coach. This is the same guy who predicted Ron Powel’s would win two Heismans so his “expertise” is questionable.

But he has a point. This season, whether fair or not, will probably have a major impact on the 26th Irish head football coach’s future. Borrowing a line from a white rapper not named Snow or Vanilla Ice, “will the real Bob Davie please stand up?”

If it’s the Davie of ’97 and ’99, he can take solace in one fact. There’s always Zahm and partietals.

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Public opinion of Bob Davie has declined during his three years as head coach, leaving him to hope for a fresh start in the 2000 season.

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