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Game day tradition

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7:45 a.m.

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Senior John Dickas cooks eggs for his tailgate at Turtle Creek Apartments Saturday morning.

"The school spirit was awesome." Each freshman already recognized that Notre Dame's spirit is different from other colleges. "At state schools you do not get spirit like that," LeBlanc said.

Noon

Once inside the stadium, the freshmen looked toward seniors like Dickas who had already learned the cheers. Dickas knew the correct time to yell "Irish" during the kick off. He knew at the end of the third quarter the band would play the "1812 Overture" and everyone would chant "Bob." He knew that people would be hoisted
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**New ideas, new beliefs**

I think that football games should only have three quarters. Okay, that makes no sense. Three thirds? Or what about four quarters that last for 10 minutes each? Sure, Saturday's game versus Texas A&M was fun, but it was too long. It was too hot. A lot of students got sunburned.

It's only football. We can just change the rules. I realize that some of the people reading this agree with me. I realize that some of the people reading this are thinking I'm a stupid girl who knows nothing.

This last group of people will simply dismiss me.

Dismissing someone else's new idea is often very easy — much less time-consuming than reflecting on the idea. But easier is not always better.

In case you're wondering, this column is not about shortening football games. I only mention that idea to get your attention. But what I want to talk about is embracing new and unfamiliar concepts.

New ideas force us to examine and refine our old ideas. Humans once thought that the Earth was flat. We'd still be thinking that today if no one had come up with the crazy idea that the Earth was round.

Examining new ideas is important in more than modern science.

Looking at someone else's point of view on religion, politics or just about anything else helps to refine our own ideas. Sometimes exploring new concepts will make us realize our old ideas were wrong.

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

Planned bonfire divises Texas A&M community

TEXAS A&M community remains divided over off-campus bonfire

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**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS-ARLINGTON**

Texas students cheer 'Big Brother' star

Broadcast communication junior Eddie McGee is being cheered by his University of Texas-Arlington classmates. McGee was cast earlier this summer on CBS's reality television show "Big Brother.

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Notre Dame wins CASE award for Christmas in April

The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has presented a silver medal in its Circle of Excellence Awards program to the University for its long-time support of Christmas in April in South Bend.

Some 1,000 Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and alumni annually participate in Christmas in April, a revitalization program that renovates the homes of dozens of elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners in the neighborhoods throughout South Bend.

Entering its 13th year, Christmas in April is jointly sponsored by Notre Dame, the city of South Bend, the St. Joseph Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, and the Chamber of Commerce of St. Joseph County. Based in Washington, D.C., the national Christmas in April organization was founded in 1988 and annually assists some 70,000 homeowners in 720 cities and towns across the country. The CASE award was in the category of individual student involvement projects.

Notre Dame received two other CASE medals this year. The alumni magazine for the Mendoza College of Business received a silver medal in the visual design in print category. Margaret Barry, the college’s director of communications, serves as the magazine’s editor.

Linda Dun, assistant director of photographic and television production, earned a bronze medal in individual photography for her body of work. The CASE awards program identifies and rewards excellence in alumni relations and communications. The program includes 43 categories in the areas of alumni programming, institutional relations, student recruitment, electronic media, periodicals and publications.

Volunteers from Notre Dame help repair homes along Miner Street in South Bend during this year’s event, held last semester on April 15.

photos by ANDY WILSON

Appalachia Seminar

The Seminar

- Service-learning through various sites in Appalachia, October 15-21, 2000
- One credit Theology course
- Involves orientation & follow-up classes
- Past participants in Appalachia Seminar are encouraged to apply as Site Coordinators
- Presents opportunity to work, laugh, & learn with others

The Appalachia Seminar during Fall and Spring break presents a unique service-learning opportunity. Students travel to a variety of sites in Appalachia which focus on issues concerning rural health care, the environment, women, children, and housing construction. Through hands on work and person-to-person contacts, students experience the cultural richness of the area and begin to understand and analyze the social forces that influence the Appalachian people.

Applications

Available at the Center for Social Concerns
Due date: Thursday, September 7, 2000 10:00 am
$40 deposit with application (non-refundable if accepted)

Information Night

Monday, September 4, 7:30-8:00 pm @ CSC

Further Information

Steve Recupero, Student Task Force Co-Chairperson, 634-1217
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fixed, he said.

"I would doubt that there are still any problems out there, but there's no way of knowing until a person has a problem."

"I think it is only going to get better," Wind said. "We had to win and we did." .

Donnelly noted singing the "Alma Mater" after much of the student section had closed out the common bond among the students.

"When everyone sang, it really brought the classes together," she said. "If you were a freshman or a senior, it didn't matter."

Exhausted, sunburned and hungry, the freshmen returned to Badin. Some slept. Some showered. Each one reflected on the events of the day.

"We're going to remember that forever," Schoeder said.

On the field, another freshman had his own experience. "I had been to several football games too, I have the same view of the games too, I have the same realization."

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Colombia seizes 3 tons of cocaine: The Colombian navy intercepted a speedboat off its Pacific coast on Sunday and seized three tons of cocaine, the navy said. Several migrants told authorities they jumped from a boat and attempted to swim ashore in a suspected migrant smuggling attempt. The U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search.

Surge of rebel violence kills 35: Colombian Army generals Fernando Taplais (left) and Jorge Enrique Mora (right) accompanied the casket of Col. Jorge Eduardo Sanchez in Bogota. Sanchez and 34 others were killed during weekend outbreaks of rebel violence.

Columbian Army generals

Rain, snow slow pace of western fires:

The guerrillas arrived in three trucks and a jeep, some dressed in camouflage and others as police. Rebels shot to death the four officers posted at the station and ambushed reinforcements as they arrived, killing three more policemen, Duran added.

Nine officers survived the attack, in which rebels also destroyed the public telephone office in the town in Guajira State, about 475 miles from the capital, Bogota.

At least one FARC fighter died, police said.

Twenty-seven other people were killed in heavy overnight clashes that ended Saturday in western Colombia. Twelve of them were FARC rebels.

Seven airmen died when their U.S.-built AC-46 gunship, which was sent to support ground troops, slammed into an Andean peak. At the mountaintop communications complex they were protecting, eight soldiers died in fighting with guerrillas.

The rebels were unable to take the complex, which controls cellular and other telephone links to much of western Colombia.

Clinton's visit to the war-torn South American country was meant to support President Andres Pastrana's fight against leftist rebels who protect drug crops. U.S. and Colombian officials hope the $1.3 billion anti-narcotics aid package will weaken the rebels and push them toward peace by cutting into a major income source: taxes the FARC levies on the cocaine trade.

But some critics have said the aid, including helicopters and troop training, is skewed toward the Colombian military, leaving police forces increasingly vulnerable.

Colombia's neighbors have also expressed fears that U.S. aid will increase the intensity of the war and cause fighting and drug crop cultivation to spill over the border.

The Assad took the small town of Tomarrazon by surprise, said National Police operations director Gen. Tobias Duran.

Several migrants told authorities they paid a smuggler's fee.

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Bush, Gore agree to three debates

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas

The presidential candidates squabbled over debate schedules Sunday as Republican George W. Bush announced he had accepted three prime-time sessions. Democrat Al Gore rejected the plan, saying the formats proposed by Bush could limit audience and amount of face-to-face debate time.


The proposal also includes two vice presidential debates: Oct. 11 in Winston-Salem, N.C., and a later forum yet to be decided, Bush said.

"The debates we're accepting begin early next week because we're eager to secure the specifics of our plans for more individual freedom, choice and responsibility with our opponent's plans for bigger, more intrusive Washington bureaucracy that dictates and mandates from afar," Bush said before outlining his proposal at a hastily arranged news conference.

Only one of the debates Bush accepted was recommended by a bipartisan presidential debate commission, which had proposed three 90-minute matchups between Bush and Gore to be aired by all networks.

"These were important criteria for us," Evans said.

Bush also said the debates would be carried on the Internet.

Both campaigns are using the events to highlight what they perceive to be their rival's weaknesses.

Accusing Bush of ducking high-profile sessions, Gore's team suggests the Texas governor is not up to the job of facing Gore or running the country.

Bush's team says Gore has reneged on his regularly issued challenge to debate Bush anytime and anywhere, and cast the decision as another move against Gore's credibility. That dovetails with a Republican ad challenging Gore's veracity.

At the news conference, the Bush campaign played video snippets of Gore accepting offers to debate Bush on both CNN and NBC.

"It's important for the American people to be able to trust the next president to keep his commitments and therefore I take Al Gore at his word that he will be there," Bush said.

Gore campaign chairman William Daley said Bush should follow the example set by his father, former President Bush, and 1996 GOP nominee Bob Dole and participate in the commission debates.

"No candidate should arrogantly insist on debating only where and when it best suits him," Daley said.

"Al Gore has already accepted all three of the presidential commission debates. It's time for George Bush to act in the public's interest and do the same.

The commission issued a statement late Sunday, inviting representatives of both campaigns to a meeting early next week to reach formal agreement on fall debates.
VATICAN CITY

Some question Pope's beatifications

Pius IX's alleged anti-Semitic views draw criticism

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY Pope John Paul II advanced two predecessors toward sainthood Sunday in one of the most disputed acts of his papacy, befitting the 19th century's much-advocated Pius IX alongside the 20th century's much-beloved John XXIII.

Jews bitterly protested John Paul's recognition of Pius, who over history's longest papacy confined Jews to Rome's ghetto, condemned the church seizure of a Jewish-born boy and allegedly referred to Jews as "dogs." The Israeli government itself expressed "deep sorrow," especially in light of the progress John Paul's own 22-year papacy has made in Catholic-Jewish relations.

John Paul acknowledged the canons, calling Pius "much loved, but also hated and slandered."

"Beatiifying a son of the church does not celebrate particular historic choices that he made ..." John Paul II Pope

point, I would expect the Vatican to show greater sensitivity toward the believers of other religions."

The New York-based Anti-Defamation League called the beatification "troubling."

Pius tumultuous 1846-1878 papacy saw the violent breakup of the centuries-old papal states. Noble-born Italians, of which he was one, gave him the name "The Last King Pope."

In contrast, Italians today still know the jovial, jowly, peasant-bred John XXIII simply as "The Good Pope."

As the Vatican's envoy to Turkey during World War II, John is credited with saving thousands of Jews with transit visas and other assistance — although at one point he complained of "a convoy of Jews" heading to Palestine and its holy sites.

John died of stomach cancer in 1963, less than five years into his papacy.

"Weeks before his death, he issued the heartfelt Parem in Terris (Peace on Earth) encyclical that recognized the right to human rights as essential for the end of peace. Pius had condemned emerging civil rights in his own 1864 encyclical.

Both popes presided over the only two Vatican councils of modern times — Pius' enduring the dogma of papal infallibility, John's ushering in 1966's liberalizations such as allowing masses in local languages rather than Latin.

The shaking woke people as far south as San Francisco, some 50 miles away.

"This was by far the most severe I've ever felt," said California Highway Patrol spokesman Mark Burger, who said he has lived in the Napa area his whole life.

"It was a pretty unsettling, but this was more of a real jolting. My wife and kids were screaming. It was quite upsetting," he said.

He said his house in nearby Browns Valley had cracked plaster but no major damage. Power was restored by Sunday afternoon to most of the 16,000 customers who lost service, according to Pacific Gas & Electric Co. spokesman Jonathan Franks.

Numerous homes had damaged chimneys.

"We shook twice, back to back, with everything swaying, like a watershed," said dispatcher Rick Wallace of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department in Santa Rosa, about 30 miles northwest of the quake's epicenter.

A few wineries reported minor damage.

"We lost about 300 bottles, said Lessly Van Houtan, who works in the tasting room of Carneros Creek winery.

"Usually it's knocked off the shelves. Everything is broken," said Mark Christianson, a Long's Drugs store manager.

At least 25 people were treated for injuries, mostly minor cuts, said Denise Muce, spokeswoman for the Valley Hospital.

"When the quake hit, it bumped everything on the floor. There was glass everywhere," said Jerry Martinez, 33, who was area and screamed for cuts on his feet.

One man was in serious condition at the hospital and a 5-year-old boy was in critical condition at Loma Linda Regional Medical Center because of falling objects, Mace said.

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Sponsored by Multicultural Student Programs and Services
Today I participated in an unregistered demonstration at Notre Dame. Yes, I violated du Lac. If only students could be free on campus without breaking such rules.

The right to gather and advocate for a cause is critical for the existence of freedom at our University, however it like other essential activist tactics, questioning, forming an organization, posterizing, club trips, etc., is sharply compromised by the policies of the University administration.

I will attempt to demonstrate that the University, acting so as to preserve its control of campus (the expense of students who wish we were free, on behalf of conservative multimillion dollar donors and trustees whose values the administrators often share, displays a clear bias against progressive demonstrations. Most of the latkes comes from the arbitrary nature in which it defines "demonstration.").

Let us imagine a dozen students dressed in similar fashion, jogging through campus. Not only are they chanting, but two of them, hands-out-stretched, stop traffic at the Main Circle. Now, let us imagine a second group of four students without signs, amplification or any speakers, looking more like ushers than activists, quietly passing out pieces of paper to people going into the JACC. Which of these groups is demonstrating?

Of course if you are an administrator there is a missing variable. You cannot decide whether either of these events is a demonstration until you know the intent of the group. For the acts of progressives are demonstrations, whereas those of conservatives or moderates are not.

Thus the first activity by ROTC advocates that they were breaking a rule and advocate for the poor. In an institution with a three billion dollar endowment, this attitude is a problem.

I propose that the requirement for registration be eliminated and that the organizers of any demonstration be held responsible for the event post-hoc. If anyone was planting a sit-in or other mildly disruptive protest, they would be smart and not try to register it in advance — so the rule is useless.

Of the 55 "demonstrations" that I have known in the past three years spanned the Student Activities definition which includes leafleting and other events by anyone was planning a sit-in or other events by progressives but excludes any action by ROTC, or sports fans, all have been peaceful. Protesters can police ourselves. Of these demonstrations, 41 were unregistered and only two of these led to Student Activities taking action to punish the rule-breakers.

So what is a demonstration? Last semester during the Presidential Review of the ROTC we were told to stand for the anthem and instantly sat down. I was expressing my preference for God before country, but I was demonstrating? I often wear political t-shirts to advocate for causes and always wear several political buttons on my backpack. Is that a demonstration? What if 10 people were to sit-down or wear a shirt or buttons?

Groups of people are allowed to assemble on campus to advocate mainstream causes like violent sports (football fans), militarism (HOTCO traditional Catholicism) — but if a couple people were to dare to leaflet on a progressive cause we would be sent to see the new Director of Student Activities.

Mainstream activities are tolerated, while progressive activities are treated as demonstrations. The University's biased enforcement supports the status quo. However as Christians we are called to act on behalf of the poor. In an institution with a three billion dollar endowment that is governed by CEO trustees and is focused on rebranding America's future corporate and military elite, living the truth of the Gospel necessitates immediate action and for this you can be punished.

I violated du Lac, but it never crossed the mind of my fellow unregistered demonstrators that they were breaking a rule until I mentioned it. They felt in their hearts that their acts were very peaceful and made sense. And they did! But unfortunately from experience I know that any group that becomes too threatening to the administration can be targeted and unfairly punished. It's time for students to stand up, demand freedom on campus and revitalize du Lac.

Perhaps as a start, if the rule does not change and ROTC students continue to violate du Lac with unregistered demonstrations (not to mention all the dorm processes before pep rallies!), then they should violate the rule too. Together we'll create a campus that welcomes all views.

Despite being recently attacked by a squirrel who knocked his glasses off, Aaron Kreider is still a regu. His column runs every other Monday.

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Students’ pep doused

At this moment we, two seniors, are sitting in the computer cluster at CMRB while the pep rally rages on in the Joyce Center. As seniors, Michelle and I were looking forward to spending our final season opening pep rallies as seniors for our senior friends, as it is notoriously the craziest and most entertaining pep rally of the year.

However, apparently luck was not on our side, as we were promptly turned away at every gate we approached, despite our display of our student ID’s. We arrived 10 minutes early. Evidently, we weren’t early enough.

OK. Enough is enough. Trying to get involved in this year’s football season has been the biggest headache since DART. Right off the bat, the seniors living off campus were put through hours and hours of waiting in line to get our lottery numbers (which, by the way, counted for nothing). Now seniors can’t even get into a pep rally to cheer their friends on the team, in the band, or on the cheerleading squad in support of their first big game weekend. At least something is being done about the positively ludicrous system of student ticket purchases by the student government.

But holding the first pep rally in the JACC is simply a bad decision. For the past three years it’s been held in the stadium; why the change in plans? This decision kept not only off campus students from being able to participate, but a significant number of on-campus residents as well.

Poor, poor form.

As students of Notre Dame, regardless of whether or not we are all football fans, we are privileged enough to be able to participate in a tradition of grandly extravagant proportions. For the most part, we love every second of it. But I don’t speak for myself alone when I say that, as students, we often feel unappreciated when it comes to the execution of this pageant of sports.

As much as the other fans matter, the football team is still ours. The members of the team, the band, the guard and the squad are our roommates and friends, our classmates, the people we see and talk to on a daily basis. We don’t attend events like pep rallies and games simply to enjoy them, even though we certainly do. We also go to support our friends here at Notre Dame who go to all the effort to pull off the tradition that makes us the most well-known university to be associated with college football. Therefore, please, let us in!

Jacquelyn Posek
Michelle Rubner
Seniors
Off-campus
September 1, 2000

Aide recipient praises Shirt Project’s good works

As a recent graduate visiting campus for the ARM game I had the opportunity to read the Friday, Sept. 1, edition of The Observer.

I would like to take a minute to respond to Doug Pardon’s letter regarding “The Shirt.” I understand that some people have expressed concerns about some issues related to this year’s edition of the tradition. As with anything else, the Shirt Project is not immune to differing opinions. With this in mind, it is crucial to recognize the importance of this project on many levels, some of which are not often fully publicized.

The charity portion of the project is an essential part of the Notre Dame Community.

As a student, in September 1998, I had brain surgery which knocked me out of school for a semester and brought up huge medical costs to deal with. The support and love of the Notre Dame community was there to push me along on the path to rehabilitation and recovery. Also there to help me was the generosity of the student body with its charitable gifts to help with my medical bills. That was a saving grace in the process and one for which I will be forever grateful. So, I say a belated heartfelt thank you to Notre Dame and the Shirt Project for its help to me. That isn’t my purpose however.

Please overlook small problems that might arise in the organization of the Project and lend your full support to this effort. I am forever grateful for its help and my personal donations in Notre Dame throughout the coming years will always be made to the Shirt Project. I hope that the project always exists to help students in their times of greatest need.

Brent Mobeg
Class of ’00
September 3, 2000
The nation’s capital is much more than just the nation's capital. Within the “Beltway” lies a city that’s more than just a stop at the White House and a few Lincoln Memorial photo ops.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students spend semesters in Washington, D.C., and learn as much about its sights and sounds as they do about tail-gating and the Victory March. Here, students share their tips on a larger campus, the hub of the United States.

Sure, there are the politicians and the Congressional meetings — and, of course, the interns — but the city is most enjoyable when no tourists are in sight. The monuments are beautiful — striking symbols of a rich political and social history; but they’re best when visited at night. Seeing the Washington Monument and Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials are a must, and a plus when they’re lit. Little compares to standing at one end of the Mall (a grassy expanse that runs from the Capitol, past the Smithsonian Museums and is home to the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial) and seeing the outline of the city’s greatest architectural symbols up against the night sky.

Probably the greatest aspect of Washington is that most of the city is free enjoyment. Years of art, history and technology at the Smithsonian Museums within the public’s reach and cost not to appreciate. History lovers should visit the Museum of American History, the Holocaust Museum, while art should visit the National Gallery, which holds original pieces by Monet and the country’s only Leonardo da Vinci. Supreme Court sessions can be a great way to see behind the scenes legal action. The high court in the land deals with our issues every day, because it’s not a Big Ten argument doesn’t mean it’s unimportant. Class and group tours are available to check out men and women who rule America.

Some of the best journalists in the world come out of Washington, where everyone’s got something to say and, guaranteed, they say it. The Washington Post and The Times are popular, but for great information what’s going on in the city, The Paper is a must. Interesting stories on city and tips on what to do around the city can make it an amazing resource for visitors and residents alike.

Unfortunately, some of the best places to eat, drink or even read never make it into fit-in-all-in-one-week-end best sellers. Popular restaurants, for example, can be very overcrowded and crowded. Great food and atmosphere are found in many small, ethnic restaurants peppered throughout the city’s nicest neighborhoods. They can be harder to find, but less touristy stops along Metro, the city’s popular subway system, can reward the taste buds with one-of-a-kind cuisines.

The Lincoln Memorial (top left) has long been a site for political action and debate. It sits at the foot of the Reflecting Pool at the opposite end of the Washington Monument. This and several other tourist attractions are found on stops along the city’s Metro train (middle left). Washington is home to thousands of visitors every day, many of whom not to see the Capitol Building (bottom left), and Washington Monument (top, opposite page), two of the most recognized buildings in the city.

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COLLEEN MCCARTHY
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MARY CALASH
Sophomore tailback Julius Jones completes a 17-yard run for the end zone during the fourth quarter of Saturday's 24-10 win over Texas A&M. Jones led the Irish in rushing with 60 yards on 14 carries.

Irish bounce back to win column

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

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Davie breaks 4-game losing streak with win over old friend

Irish of his Irish teammates sang a sweeter tune in the locker room after the win. The Victory March.

"I had to pass out a sheet before the game," Davie said. "It's been a long time since we sang that song."

This last time the Irish sang the customary verses, reserved only for victories, was following a 28-24 defeat of Navy on Oct. 30.

Yet, on Saturday, the Irish looked like a different team than the squad that lost all four November games last season.

"Whether it was because of its health, maturity or lesser quality opponent, Notre Dame revived some confidence in a program beset by constant criticism the past few years," Battle said. "I'm sick of hearing all of that [criticism]."

"I think you will continue to see us do that [the rotation]," Davie said. "I feel comfortable with all three of them. That's what we need to do."

"I'm tired of being less than the best."

"I think you will continue to see us do that [the rotation]," Davie said. "I feel comfortable with all three of them. That was evidenced by the fact that Terrance Howard was in there late in the football game when you are obviously concerned about protecting the football."

Davie also plans to utilize the same aggressive defensive schemes. The defense was the biggest surprise in the Irish's fifth-straight season-opening victory.

The defensive unit yielded 255 total yards to the Aggies, including only 90 on the ground. Aggie quarterback Mark Farris completed 16-of-28 passes for 165 yards but was sacked twice and lost 15 yards rushing in his starting debut.

"We're not good at this yet," Davie said. "But I feel it's going to get better."

"I'm tired of being less than the best."
Irish corner back Brock Williams (1) and free safety Tony Driver (25) take down Aggie running back Joe Weber at the goal line, preventing a touchdown and forcing Texas A&M to settle for a field goal.

Gutsy Irish wear hearts on sleeves in opener

"I was impressed with how the team handled the momentum swings," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "To come back and tie the game at the half and then to have the stadium to stay in it throughout impressed me." Early in the second half, the Aggies drove nearly all the way downfield. While Irish fans braced themselves to fall behind by a disheartening seven points, the Irish defense transformed itself into an iron wall that no Aggie player could penetrate. Grant Evans and Rocky Boiman tackled A&M's Joe Weber for a three-yard loss, then the defense held Weber to a one-yard gain. Ja'Mar Toombs couldn't muster enough firepower to get past Boiman and R.J. Scott on the third down, and following a false start penalty, the Aggies were forced to go for the field goal.

"When you drive the ball 90 yards and have first and goal inside the 10 and you don't score, it is a moral victory for the defense," Texas A&M offensive lineman Chris Vuleta said. Although the Aggies took the lead, the defensive stop kept the energy in Notre Dame's favor. "It seemed that we got stronger as the game went on," Driver said. "The defense was [stationed] on the goal line. The offense was inside a rhythm at the end, and that's when our conditioning paid off." Battle proved a quick study at quarterback. After going 6-for-11 passing in the first half, he sharpened in 4-for-2 in the second half. And he helped the Irish convert on a third down for the first time in the game. "This game showed that Battle is explosive and a great player," Davie said. "If you look at Jarious' s [Jackson] first game against Michigan two years ago, Arzna is further along than Jarious was at that time. He's more in control and confident." Behind Battle's load, the Irish showed a little of the bravado Notre Dame football has been missing. In 1999, the ND coaching staff took a timid approach, hesitating to go for it on a fourth down. Maybe it was because they knew the 1999 Irish couldn't guarantee even a one-foot gain. Davie demonstrated more confidence Saturday, leaving his offense in to test their grid. "We wanted to put the game away," Banker Joey Gethers said. "We were driving, and I don't think anybody wanted to kick the ball right there. We wanted to show that we were ready to put some points on the board. Coach showed a lot of confidence that our offense can make a first down." On fourth-and-one, David Givens burst through for a six-yard gain and a first down. Jones, a dynamic young tailback, picked up where Givens left off. He escaped the grasp of A&M defenders and dashed 17 yards into the end zone to boost his team to a 21-17 advantage.

Once Notre Dame had the victory all but sewn up, Driver decided, for excitement's sake, to put some pizazz in the win. The senior safety capped off a much-improved day for the ND defense by intercepting Texas A&M's last touchdown at a chance. Almost more remarkable in the win, however, was what the Irish didn't do. The Irish didn't turn the ball over, a feat only accomplished twice last year. They didn't miss a field goal or a PAT, errors that have been recent hallmarks of ND football. And they didn't allow more than 10 points or 100 yards rushing by their opponent. With the victory came a huge momentum swing. If Notre Dame had started its season 0-1 with a sixth straight loss, people would have all but written off the 2000 Irish squad. But with a win, somehow everything is different.

"We're feeling confident right now and just getting some momentum going," Battle said.

Notre Dame is undefeated — opening a season in which anything is still possible. Even beating Nebraska. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Defensive scores points with solid performance

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie and his staff spent the off-season revamping Notre Dame's defense, hoping to breathe life back into a line that struggled last season.

After Davie called the performance of the defense his number one concern last week, questions of Irish defensive ability hovered over Notre Dame Stadium Saturday with the Aggies entering as 14-point underdogs.

But Davie and his staff have reason to be optimistic.

"The defense did come through holding the Aggies to just 10 points, while allowing only 90 rushing and 165 passing yards - a marked improvement over last season when the defense yielded an average of 27.6 points and 383.7 yards a game."

But Davie is far from convinced.

"I thought we were average, said Davie. "I thought early in the game we were a little out of sync. I don't think we played nearly as good as we are capable of on defense. We need to play a lot better than that. It was a good effort. I thought we were more solid and hung in there but it was sloppy."

The three pass interference calls against the Irish Saturday concern Davie.

"We still have some huge question marks," said Davie. "Can we cover on defense? We had three pass interference penalties that I thought were inexcusable."

"We played with a lot of heart and I think the foundation for good football team is retooling Notre Dame's defense," said Davie. "And being able to have somewhat of a goal line stand to hold them to a field goal," said Davie. "The defense is, let's be honest, not a tremendously confident defense but they came through."

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"It wasn't a masterpiece by any stretch of the imagination," said the fourth-year head coach. "I don't know that we played particularly well, but the thing that really encouraged me is that we played with a lot of heart and I think the foundation for good football teams is built on that."  

The Irish defense was in no way punished, causing three pass-interference penalties and missing key tackles during Texas A&M scoring drives, but the heart Davie was looking for shone through.

The game tied 7-7 in the third quarter. Notre Dame's defense pulled out all the stops. When Texas A&M quarterback Mark Farris led the Aggies down field on a 74-yard drive for the end zone, the Irish held them back on the goal line for three downs. The Aggies had to settle for a field goal after being called for illegal procedure on fourth and goal.

"We were close, but as our coach always says, you're only in it to finish out the game," said Davie. "It was a good effort."

"Iroquois left the game because of dehydration."

"With the heat the way it was, we knew it would be a gut-check at the end," said Davie. "It was a battle and a lot of guys had to step up and be ready to play, but Grant and the offense are going to be fine now."

"After receiving intravenous fluids, the senior defensive end returned in the fourth quarter to finish out the game."

"With No. 1 Nebraska coming to town next weekend, Davie knows the defense has a lot of kinks to work out before next weekend."

"We realize we have a long, long way to go as a football team in a very short amount of time," said Davie. "The football team coming here next week is as good a team as I've seen in a long time."

"But Saturday's win is one more step on the path to becoming a potent defensive threat."

Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver dives toward Aggie quarterback Mark Farris during Saturday's season opener. Weaver recorded six tackles on the afternoon.

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AP poll receiving votes:

- Colorado State 74, Mississippi State 68, East Carolina 59, Marshall 48, Arkansas 59, Georgia Tech 37, Minnesota 37.
Irish defensive tackle Anthony Weaver pulls down Texas A&M running back Richard Whitaker. Whitaker ran for 71 yards on 13 carries, while the Irish defense held the Aggies to just 90 yards rushing.

Battling Back

Notre Dame ended a four-game losing streak and put a dismal 5-7 1999 season behind them with a convincing win over Texas A&M. Saturday's match-up got personal for Bob Davie — the fourth-year Irish head coach spent nine years in College Station with the Aggies before coming to Notre Dame. The win boosted the Irish into national rankings at the No. 23 spot in the Associated Press Poll. First-time starter Arnaz Battle put on a solid performance, leading the Irish to a 24-10 win.

Irish quarterback Arnaz Battle debuted at the starting position completing 10 of 16 passes and throwing for two touchdowns.

Texas A&M linebacker Jason Glenn tackles Irish flanker David Givens. Givens rushed for 16 yards on four carries and caught one pass for 21 yards.
Things to know before making the patriotic trek:

♦ The Metro is the way to go. Generally cleaner and faster than a cab ride, the Metro is the most popular mode of transportation in the city. When staying for more than a day or two, it's best to buy a multi-ride pass. It'll save money and make it easy to just swipe the card and hit all the best stops.

♦ Shopping can be expensive. The streets of Georgetown are lined with shops and restaurants, and convenience costs. Places like Pentagon City and nearby Bethesda can also be pricey, so it's important to be a smart souvenir-shopper. D.C. memorabilia shops are a dime a dozen, so it's best to shop around for that perfect presidential T-shirt.

♦ Cars should be left at home. Driving in the city can be very trying for people not accustomed to the traffic circles. It's best to ride the Metro, or a bus when in Georgetown, since the Metro doesn't run there.

♦ Skateboards are everywhere. They went out with the early 90s, but somehow the city of the red, white and blue hasn't caught on. One should be prepared to catch the four-wheeled transportation along with bicycles and rollerblades, especially in the city's nicest parks.

♦ The city has great parks. A hidden treasure is Rock Creek Park, which is a haven for runners, walkers, rollerbladers and bicyclists with its large paved road closed off to traffic. The road follows the creek and is especially gorgeous in fall when the foliage change colors.

♦ Maryland driving can be scary. The traffic circles can be difficult enough, but it's even worse when few drivers know how to yield or merge. Just never forget the "look both ways" adage, and survival is guaranteed.

♦ Everyone reads. Young or old, business man or garbage man. The Washington Post is usually a common thread among the people in the city. It's the one accessory generally worn by everyone riding the Metro.

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Monday
- **Cinema at the Snite, "His Girl Friday,"```Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 7 p.m.**

Tuesday
- **Chicago Brass Quintet, Little Theatre/Moreau Center, Saint Mary's, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at 284-4626.**
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Thursday
- **"Latin American Area Studies Program (LAASP) Internship and Summer Research Experiences 2000," C-103 Brothers Hall Center for International Studies, 5:30 p.m.**

Friday
- **Pep Rally, JACC, 7 p.m.**
- **Booksigning, "Mona's Reflections, A View from Notre Dame," Father Edward A. Malloy, Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, 4 - 6 p.m.**
- **Art Exhibitions, Little Theatre, Hammes Galleries, Moreau Center, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

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- **Booksigning, "Stories from the Wild Things Are." Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, all day**
- **"Litfli," Anniversary Auditorium, Snite Museum, 9 p.m.**

Sunday
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Testaverde tosses game-winning TD in return

Associated Press

The New York Jets stopped Brett Favre from conspiring any late-game magic. The Carolina Panthers scored 30 times for 110 yards and a touchdown and caught a 2-yard TD pass from Vinny Testaverde with 3:30 left as the Jets beat the Green Bay Packers 20-16 Sunday in the coaching debuts of Al Groh and Mike Sherman.

But it wasn’t over until Favre was denied yet another come­back win. Victor Green made an acrobatic interception at the Jets 9 with 1:08 to play that robbed Bill Schroeder of a likely touch­down catch and clinched the vic­tory.

Favre, who led the Packers to three last-minute victories at Lambeau Field last season — including the 1999 opener vs. Oakland — stood at midfield with his hands on his hips after throwing his only interception of the game.

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On San Diego’s third series of the game, Leaf effectively moved the ball to the Oakland 34. But a pass tipped off the fingers of receiver Curtis Conway and the hands of Oakland safety Marquez Pope.

Dolphins 23, Seahawks 0

Even without Dan Marino, the Miami Dolphins had the better quarterback Sunday. They also had the better running game and better defense.

Jay Fiedler threw for 134 yards in his first NFL start, the first for a fourth-round pick since his Alloway diligence in the ‘99 opener. He overthrew several receivers and was called for two intentional grounding penalties before finishing 23-of-44 for 263 yards and a TD.

Marin carried the offensive load in the 29th 100-yard rush­ing game of his career. He left for one offensive series late in the first half with a twisted left knee, but returned for the sec­ond half and continued to pound at the Packers.

Raiders 9, Chargers 6

The Oakland Raiders provided

the scoring. Ryan Leaf provided the points.

Leaf was battered and even bloodied, with three intercep­tions, two fumbles and a Lombardi Trophy.

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Culpepper runs in 3 touchdowns, Vikings win 30-27

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Duante Culpepper's legs were more impressive than his right arm.

Culpepper, the final member of last year's heralded quarterback class to take over an offense, ran for three touchdowns in the Minnesota Vikings' 30-27 comeback victory over the Chicago Bears on Sunday.

The 11th overall pick of the 1999 draft, who took just six snaps last season as a backup to Randall Cunningham and Jeff George, rushed 10 times for 78 yards before taking a knee on the Vikings last three snaps.

Before those final snaps, Culpepper had the second-most rushing yardage for a quarterback in the team's 40-year history, trailing only Fran Tarkenton's 99 yards against the Rams in 1961.


The elusive Culpepper struggled to get the ball into the hands of Cris Carter and Randy Moss, the fourth-best receiving tandem in NFL history last year. Culpepper was 13-for-25 for 190 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

But his scrambling ability and a 109-yard rushing day by Robert Smith made it a moot point.

Culpepper finally found Moss for 66 yards to the Chicago 7 early in the fourth quarter. On the next snap, Culpepper scored on a draw, giving Minnesota a 23-20 lead with 10:39 left.

Culpepper, who also had a 1-yard touchdown dive in the third quarter, scored on a 4-yard keeper with 4:35 left to make it 30-20 after a 79-yard burst by Smith.

Cade McNown, who started six of the last seven games last year, ran for his first career touchdown, a zigzagging 8-yarder with 3:17 left that pulled the Bears to 30-27.

Jaguars 27, Browns 7

As long as Mark Brunell stays healthy, Jacksonville's window of opportunity remains wide open, even if it is a little cracked.

Brunell, one of the Jaguars' few stars who is not hot, passed for 301 yards and one touchdown as Jacksonville opened another season of Super Bowl plans by beating the Cleveland Browns.

Brunell completed 24 of 34 passes, including eight straight to open the second half when the Jaguars scored 10 straight points following a crucial fumble by Browns rookie tight end Aeron Schoe.

Playing behind an offensive line missing right tackle Leon Searey, center John Wade and left tackle Tony Boselli less than 100 percent after off-season knee surgery, Brunell still had plenty of time to pick apart the Browns' secondary.

Brunell hardly missed after halftime, going 11-for-13 for 148 yards. His three incompletions were on intentional overthrows.

Jacksonville's running game hardly missed feature back Fred Taylor as Stacey Mack and Chris Howard both ran for scores.

Kevan McCordell had nine receptions for 115 yards, Jimmy Smith had a TD catch, and tight end Kyle Brady had a career day, catching five passes for 85 yards.

Mike Hollis added two field goals.

Browns quarterback Tim Couch, ripped for his play during the preseason, finished 19-for-27 for 160 yards and one TD.

Cleveland managed just 249 yards of total offense, but the Browns did show signs they might be better than last year's 2-14 team.

Falcons 36, 49ers 28

The Super Bowl, it wasn't. Still, for a team desperate to prove last year was an aberration, the Atlanta Falcons had plenty of reasons for optimism.

Again, Jamal Anderson ran with his knock-'em-down, drag-'em-along style. Right away, Shawn Jefferson and Ashley Ambrose paid dividends on a healthy investment. And this time, the Falcons didn't have to wait until Week 5 for their first victory.

"Once we got rolling, it was very much approaching what we were able to do a couple of years ago," Chris Chandler said after Atlanta opened with a victory over the San Francisco 49ers.

Two years ago, the Falcons made it all the way in the Super Bowl. Anderson isn't making his comparisons to Tampa just yet, knowing this was the 49ers in name only.

"We've got some work ahead of us before we can run around with banners," said Anderson, who rushed for 248 yards on 24 carries after tearing up his knee early last season. "But at least we're headed in the right direction."

Jefferson caught seven passes for a career-high 148 yards, while Ambrose returned an interception 36 yards for a touchdown. Both were playing their first games for the Falcons who signed them after taking nearly $3 million after starting last season 0-4 and finishing 5-11.

"We wanted to show them what type of players they picked up," Ambrose said.

San Francisco still is picking up the pieces after going 4-12, ending a run of 16 straight winning seasons that included five Super Bowl titles.

Jeff Garcia, taking over for the injured Steve Young, threw for 253 yards and three touchdowns, but he also underthrew Jerry Rice along the left sideline in the third quarter, giving Ambrose a chance to step in for the easy touchdown.

"I really believe we are going to be a good team," Garcia said. "We know where we have to go from here."

Atlanta's Morten Andersen tied a career high with five field goals, all in the first half, and broke Mick Luckhurst's team record for most points with 119. Andersen has 421 overall.

Eagles 41, Cowboys 14

There was an inside kickoff to start the game, frequent blunders and an endless dose of Duce Staley.

No matter what the Philadelphia Eagles threw at the Dallas Cowboys, it all worked. Staley ran for 201 yards and a touchdown and the Eagles defense knocked out Troy Aikman in the second quarter, carrying Philadelphia to a stunningly easy victory.

Staley, who also had 62 yards receiving, became the Eagles' first 200-yard runner since Duane Thomas in 1980. It was also the first time the Cowboys allowed more yards to a running back since 1984 and it was their worst opening-game loss since falling 28-0 in 1989.

The embarrassing defeat for coach Dave Campo and his new defense was made worse by Aikman sustaining the ninth concussion of his career. He was taken to a hospital for observations.

Also hurt was Dallas' new $42 million receiver, Joey Galloway, who was cut off the field with a sprained ankle with two minutes left in the game.

In 109-degree heat — 171 on the artificial turf — Aikman missed all five of his passes and was sacked for 30 yards in losses on his other four attempts. Three of the sacks came on the opening series, incredible considering he went down only 19 times in all of last season.

The Cowboys did not give up a sack until early in the fourth quarter of 1999, when they allowed the second-finest sacks in the NFL. Aikman was 1-0-1 in his first games for the Falcons, who traded for him in February.

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Philadelphia's offensive started as smooth as its defense thanks to the 1-2 punch of Staley and quarterback Donovan McNabb.

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**WOMEN’S GOLF**

Freshman Jennifer Dewitt shot a 92 on Saturday at the Ferris State Invitational.

Hanlon leads Belles at Ferris Invitational

By STEPHANIE REDWANSKI

Freshman Liz Hanlon led the Belles golf team to an eighth place finish in its first tournament of the year. Host Ferris State finished first out of the 15 teams but the emergence of Hanlon made the weekend a success for the Belles.

"The freshman did exceptionally well," said head coach Theresa Pekarek. Hanlon shot a first round score of 93 and a second round score of 96. Her second round score was the best single round shot for the team in the tournament.

Her overall score was very impressive considering she had never played competitive golf until this weekend. Jennifer Dewitt, also a freshman, shot a 92 on Saturday.

Veterans also contributed as junior Mary Claire Hathaway shot her best round on Saturday with a score of 87. Senior Natalie Cook shot a 90 on Saturday and a 92 on Sunday. "These scores are something I am very proud of," said Pekarek.

The team has nine members but can only travel with six or seven of them. Pekarek said deeding which players will travel each week is hard and the away roster will probably change from week to week—especially if the freshmen continue to play well.

"From what she could tell from this tournament, Pekarek feels that she has a very competitive team with a lot of young as well as veteran potential. After this tournament she can see that there is much room for improvement.

"We need consistency and our putting needs a lot of work," she said.

Pekarek's goal is to get the team able to mentally prepare. If they have a bad hole she wants them to be able to move on and stay focused on each round.

**Soccer**

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The Irish will play to step up and be consistent enough day-to-day," Waldrum admitted. "We have some work to do."

After a sluggish, sloppy effort against Tulsa, Notre Dame entered play against Providence looking to put forth a sharper effort. After out-gunning their previous two opponents by a total of 84-4, and not having nearly as many goals as they would like to show for it the Irish were determined to make their chances against the Lady Friars count.

Indeed, that is exactly what they did. Despite the defense-minded Lady Friars parking the box, and playing very conservative-ly, the Irish were still able to strike quickly.

Freshman sensation Amy Warner scored her first two career goals in the game's first half before completing the hat-trick with just under 15 minutes remaining by volleying a ball from Makincn in to the top half of the net.

Freshman Amanda Guertin added a goal, while Dryer notchèd her first collegiate tally.

Waldrum was much more pleased with his team's latest showing.

"I think in the first half the rhythm of play was good," he said. "We're getting closer. We have no problems creating, we need to be more efficient."

Waldrum was particularly complimentary of Warner, a recruiting coup who had gone unnoticed until assistant coach Amy Edwards stumbled upon her in Florida last winter. Warner, who also run track in high school, brings a great deal of speed and fire to the offensive attack.

"We thought she'd do it," Waldrum admitted. "She was kind of a sleeper. As a team we're so much more athletic than last year."

The concerns Waldrum has for his team are rooted in the fact that the schedule becomes much tougher this weekend as Notre Dame entertains third-ranked Santa Clara — the same squad it stunned in last year's NCAA semifinals — and Stanford, the nation's seventh-ranked team. With Santa Clara having revenge on its mind, Waldrum knows his team will not have 32 shots as it did against Providence.

"We're not going to have that many chances," Waldrum said. "We're going to need to be more efficient."

Though still not all together pleased, Waldrum feels his team is moving in the right direction.

"Each game has been a bit better," he said. "I think our intensity level has been pretty good."

**INFORMATION MEETINGS**

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Wednesday, September 6 — 7:00 p.m. — Hesburgh Auditorium, ND

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**Volleyball**

**Belles view wireless tourney as success**

By KATIE MCVUY
Assistant Sports Editor

Relying on its young members, the Saint Mary’s volleyball team finished this weekend’s tournament at Alma with a record of 0-5. However, the team views the weekend as a success.

“We’re inexperienced,” head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. “[The team] played great. Even though they lost, it was a great tournament!”

The Belles, who began this season with only four returning athletes, had their work cut out for them as they faced five very talented teams with one player out injured, and junior Julie Lehman not playing at 100 percent because of illness. They did accomplish their main goal, however.

“Considering how little time we had in preseason, we really gel well this weekend,” freshman starter Leigh Ann Matesieh said.

The weekend began with a 3-1 loss to Alma Friday evening. The Belles dropped the first game 10-15, but came back and won the second game 15-4. However, they lost the momentum and dropped the last two games 4-15 and 15-12.

The Belles had little time to recover before they faced Spring Arbor, a match they lost 3-0.

Saturday morning began with the toughest match of the tournament, as Saint Mary’s faced off against regionally-ranked Wittenberg.

“Wittenberg is always really tough and sometimes nationally ranked, so we knew it was going to be tough,” Schroeder-Biek said. “But if the first two games could go one way, the third game 15-3.

“We were pumped up about how well we played against Wittenberg,” Schroeder-Biek said. “So we were ready for Carthage.”

Saint Mary’s played its strongest match of the tournament against Carthage, losing 3-2. The Belles dropped the first game 4-15, but came back and won the next two games 15-5 and 15-6.

The last two games finished the wrong way as Saint Mary’s dropped both games 10-15 and 8-15.

“We picked up the pace, and it was really close. The last game was a rally score and they just broke away,” Schroeder-Biek said.

Saint Mary’s finished off the weekend with a 3-0 loss to Augie.

Regardless of the losses, some of the Belles turned in solid performances.

Leading those solid performances, was freshman Leigh Ann Matesieh — who surprised her team and the competition with her serve.

“Even she doesn’t realize how well she played,” Schroeder-Biek said. “She’s a very talented player.”

Matesieh made that adjustment well, leading the team with 12 aces, 80 digs and 43 kills.

Matesieh wasn’t the only Belle who turned in a strong performance this weekend. Returning senior Angie Meyers turned in a solid performance as well with 88 digs and 52 kills, leading the offense.

“Angela Meyers had an absolutely awesome tournament,” Schroeder-Biek said. “She got her hands on whatever came near.”

Saint Mary’s will face Bethel College this Tuesday at 7 pm. Schroeder-Biek will be working with her women on defense before that game.

“We want our defense transitions to be quicker and I’ll be focusing primarily on front line defense.”

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**Volleyball**

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improved over last year and I think that’s the aspect of the game that’s probably improved for us the most,” Brown said.

Down by two games, the Irish fought hard to gain control and eventually top BYU in five games (5-15, 10-15, 15-10, 15-10, 15-10).

After leaping back into action with a game three victory, the Irish fell behind by six early in game four, before striking back hard with a 10-point rally to take control.

Kreher led the match for the Irish with 23 kills and 17 digs.

“I think that one of the things, definitely in the BYU match, that helped us is our depth on the bench. We had people come off the bench and play very well and give us lifts at the times when we weren’t playing very well,” Brown said.

Sain Dame ended its weekend Sunday as it defeated Almad in three games (15-7, 15-8, 15-4) to clinch the tournament title.

Boylan racked up 49 assists with Kreher earning 16 kills and eight digs.

Junior Marcie Bambach also helped the Irish with 11 kills while Girton added 15.

“We walked away from the tournament with even better than we anticipated and I think it’s just a great start for the team,” said Brown.

BYU is legitimately a top-15 team. I think they are very good. It was great for us to go up against a team like that and see what we could do. That win gave us confidence, especially since we have a lot of ranked teams on our schedule.”

The Irish will have their strength tested this weekend as they face four nationally ranked teams in the adidas Invitational Tournament. No. 20 Michigan State, No. 6 Nebraska and No. 1 UCLA will all travel to the Joyce Center to face the Irish.

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Horoscope

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY
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Happy Birthday: Don't try to do everything by yourself. You will need a good sounding board in order to make the most of any situation that arises. You need to adapt to the needs of those who have your best interests at heart. This is a year to envision possibilities as well as expand your creative interests. You will find it easy if you take courses that bring you added knowledge and skills. Your new success will attract new challenges.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can expect things around home to be hectic. Friends who have problems will want to drop by looking for some advice. You may not want to get involved but your chance will not be yours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Have patience with the ones you love. Indecision will lead to paradox and disaster in your relationship. Try to sort things out by talking openly and honestly about the concerns you have.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be depressed in this area too much because things aren't going according to your plans. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. You can move into a leadership position at organizational functions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do not overstep your boundaries. You will find it harder to be fair to your mate if you end up going to far in favor of friends only. Opportunities for romance will be plentiful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Because you are in a situation where you will have to wait for something to happen for a reason. Leo could be undone by a lack of patience with the ones you love. You can move into a leadership role. Your position at organizational functions will most likely not let others get involved in disputes at family gatherings. You won't let others get involved in your personal life. Get together with friends who are less likely to intervene.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make big changes in your home if you do the work yourself. Overemphasizing on big things that require contracts will result in financial setbacks and untimely woes when you run out of cash.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't expect your partner to pick up on your signals. Spell out your needs if you cannot get your way. Your desires will need your attention. You'll never get what you want if you act and don't ask.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Don't let depressions get you too. Just because things aren't going according to your plans doesn't mean they can't turn out. Remember, things always happen for a reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your communication skills will win you points. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. You can move into a leadership position at organizational functions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't put yourself out on a limb for someone else. You've worked too hard to get your life back in order and you won't do the time to risk every thing. As a result, when you work out a situation with someone else, you will never put your plans at risk.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Fishes in the process of organizing projects you pursue. Let your intuition lead you to the right direction. It's time for you to start getting back to the things you enjoy the most.

Birthday Baby: You need to keep your life well-balanced and harmonious. The better you feel about yourself and your surroundings, the more you will be able to extend a helping hand to others. You are happier when you can make a difference to those who can't do it for themselves.

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Women's Soccer

Undefeated Irish look to fine tune play

By KEVIN BERCOU
Sports Writer

It's hard to find many coaches of undefeated teams who aren't entirely ecstatic with their team's play, but Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum is such a man.

Even after watching his team lose to Tulsa, an unexpected 2-1 result that left the Irish with two losses in 13 career starts when entering the game, Waldrum was still pleased with the team's overall performance.

"We have some pretty important work to do," Waldrum said. "We need to a better job converting our chances around the goal." The Irish struggled against Tulsa in the first half, and for a while it looked as if the Golden Hurricanes might pull off an upset. After failing to score on their first 23 chances, the Irish finally took a lead they would never relinquish in the game's 69th minute. Senior All-American Atie Makinen buried a feed from sophomore Ashley Dryer to get the Irish on the board, then tallied again just minutes later — launching a rocket shot from 20 yards out for an unassisted goal, her third of the season.

Despite the favorable outcome, Waldrum was not at all pleased. After outshooting Tulsa by a count of 35-2, Waldrum felt his team had been wasteful by a count of 7-2, Waldrum is hopeful that the team will help to distinguish themselves.

"Right now, we are still not resolved in terms of what our starting team is and that's the problem. We can't even get vetoed over seven players that we want to try and get on the field so it was good to gel those first match jitters over with," said head coach Debbie Brown.

Junior co-captain Julie Girton and senior co-captain Debbie Brown.

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Women's Soccer

Cougars upset highlights tournament win

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball jumped into the 2000 season with a first place finish in the Shamrock Invitational tournament, including a win over No. 15 Brigham Young University.

The Irish, now 3-0, also topped Fairfield and Clemson to secure the tournament.

Senior co-captain Denise Buxton was named MVP of the tournament while fellow co-captain Christi Girton and junior Kirsty Kreher were named to the all-tournament team.

"I think it was particularly important for all the freshmen to get on the floor and play and we were able to do that. You're always very very nervous for the first time as a freshman stepping out on the floor so it was good to get those first match jitters over with," said head coach Debbie Brown.

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"Overall, over the weekend our offense was very, very strong. Our defense has really improved," said head coach Kevin Bercou.

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