Mother preaches tolerance

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Editor

Judy Shepard doesn’t expect her work to end anytime soon, although the gay rights activist wishes she were out of a job.

“I know that good things are going to happen,” Shepard told a rapt Notre Dame audience Thursday, “and they’re going to happen soon. And I’ll be out of work, but that’s a good thing,” she said.

Shepard, whose son, Matthew, died in a highly-publicized October 1998 anti-gay hate crime, spoke before a capacity crowd of about 200 students, faculty, staff and South Bend residents.

The University’s Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs sponsored the talk to promote campus unity with homosexual and bisexual members of the Notre Dame community.

Shepard on Thursday delivered an emotional speech that inspired tears as readily as it did laughs from the Hesburgh Library Auditorium gathering.

As Shepard read from a victim-impact statement she gave during sentencing of one of her son’s killers, many students sobbed openly and wiped tears from their faces.

“Shepard said she didn’t hold anyone would want to hurt Matt,” she read from the April 1999 statement. “Such an act of cruelty is incomprehensible.”

Matthew Shepard died after two men beat, robbed and left him tied to a fence in the Wyoming, Wyo. area.

Each man is now serving two life sentences in prison.

Shepard said she didn’t hold the men ultimately responsible for her 21-year-old son’s death.

“I blame society for what happened to Matt,” she said.

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SECURITY/POLICE

security/police arrests fugutive in Roseland Park

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police recaptured a suspect behind the Signature Inn in Roseland Park after he fled from police custody at University Village.

Police said the man was charged with possession of stolen property and resisting arrest by flight.

According to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of NDSPD, Security originally responded to a complaint from a woman in University Village that the suspect was attempting to break into her apartment.

While Security officers responding to the call detained a man matching the description of the suspect on Saint Mary’s Road, the victim identified the suspect as the man who was attempting to break into her apartment.

While Security officers attempted to handcuff the man, he escaped, ran across U.S. 933 and fled behind Denny’s Restaurant. Security, along with St. Joseph County Police and Roseland Police, recaptured the suspect when he was hiding in the bushes in Roseland Park.

When Security searched the suspect, officers discovered items from a wallet that had been reported stolen from Galvin Life Science Center on Monday.

Security will investigate his possible involvement in other campus larcenies.

“He’s been here and passed through some campus buildings,” Hurley said. “So we are going to be looking into his possible involvement in other crimes.”

Hurley said there have been no other recent robberies reported at University Village, but there have been recent thefts from other campus buildings.

The case has been forwarded to the prosecutor’s office who will investigate the incident and may choose to press charges against the suspect for attempted breaking and entering.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Happily never after

We’re told early on, by way of once-upon-a-time fairy tales and Disney movies, that the key to success is finding someone with whom you can share your life. Finding true love will break the spell, slay the dragon and cue the “happily ever after” ending credits every time.

As we grow older, however, we’re told to forget the fairy tale, that sharing can wait and it’s better to focus on yourself and have a good time toasting your own successes. This small contrivance of life’s instructions prompts the question: Two is better than one committed? It’s a double cliché of walking a fine line with a double-edged sword. We want it both ways.

According to any coffee table magazine (Cosmopolitan, Maxim, take your pick), being single is synonymous with being fabulous. With this sole mentality screaming at us from glossy pages filled with tuned models and tips on how to “meet ‘em and wow ‘em,” what’s not to love? It’s all rather enticing. Suddenly, a relationship seems to have the appeal of entering a dragon’s lair with neither password nor trusty shield. It’s just not something that you want to do.

It’s not the idea of not being ensnared into any of the must-see TV shows, leading the single life looks pretty good. Wouldn’t want to be hanging out in the city, drinking coffee and engaging in witty banter? However, if you look a little closer, the message is unclear. These magazines and television shows may tell you that this mind-blowing single status is where it’s at, but the majority of the articles and plot lines dedicate themselves to finding, getting and keeping a relationship.

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There’s certainly something to be said for (maybe it was something said once upon a time) always being available and putting yourself out there on a regular basis. Yet, we’re still told that this is the time of our life when we can have decision-making years and as good as it’s going to get. Why not live it up? Date around.

Meet people. Don’t let ourselves down. So, don’t don’t don’t don’t don’t... shut down.

Yes, the single life. We’re young, we’re free and we’re looking for someone new. It’s the thrill of the chase that does it for you, then you’re set. Set, that is, until you run out of breath. Suddenly, rather than this chase being a race, you can hear the sound of drums, find on the pages of Glamour and in Aaron Spelling dramas, you’re alone. But isn’t that what you wanted in the first place?

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This week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History

Malloy inauguration scheduled

Wednesday, September 23, 1987

Father Edward Malloy was formally installed as the University’s 16th president. Malloy was preceded by 15 Holy Cross priests, but they all took office without the traditional academic ritual. This was the first presidential inauguration in Notre Dame’s 145-year history.

“World News Tonight” features Hesburgh

Monday, September 24, 1979

An ABC-TV “World News Tonight” segment featured interviews with Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh and Father James Burtchaell, a university theology professor. Hesburgh addressed the change in the American Catholic Church. And Burtchaell spoke on the topic of abortion.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Displaced NYU students return with caution

NEW YORK

Students returned to New York University’s Water Street dorm Wednesday with mixed feelings about their safety.

With dust still covering the streets and sidewalks and the downtown area continuing to emanate an acrid smell, students were concerned about returning to the area.

“I’m worried about the air quality. I heard private companies tested the air and found high levels of asbestos and other chemicals,” Michelle Napoli, a College of Arts and Science sophomore, said.

Napoli used to have a view of the World Trade Center towers from her room.

“I feel less safe being close to everything,” Stern School of Business sophomore Raj Brahmbhatt said.

“How can the air quality be safe when there are rooms with asbestos?”

However, the University maintained that the air quality is safe. Lynne Brown, vice president of Student Affairs, said Water Street was reopened after utilities were turned back on, the rooms were cleaned, environmental tests were conducted and contaminated rooms cleaned.

“I don’t feel any less safe at Water Street than any other part of the city,” CAS junior Christine Hutholph said.

“I would live here again. I don’t feel any different because of this not to live here again,” General Studies Program sophomore Nahila Sheikh said.

Students also voiced their concerns about getting settled into the school year.

“I had such a hard time adjusting to classes because all my notebooks and books were at Water Street,” Napoli said.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Report gauges impact of aid policy

During an annual report presentation to the faculty on the status of undergraduate admissions last week, Dean of the College Nancy Malkiel said last week that Princeton University’s change in financial aid policy last January greatly affected the composition of the Class of 2005. Malkiel noted that 46 percent of the freshman class is receiving financial aid — the highest percentage of all the Ivy League schools and a significant jump from the 40 percent of the Class of 2004 receiving financial aid. Malkiel also said there was an increase in the racial diversity of the freshman class.

The percentage of minority students in the Class of 2005 is 28.9 percent compared to 26.3 percent of the Class of 2004. According to the dual admissions plan, students in the top 4 to 12.5 percent of their high school class would be guaranteed UC admission, provided they complete two years at a community college. It would have taken effect for the class of fall 2003 and transfer students in 2005.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Plan to increase diversity postponed

LOMGS

Plans to institute a program designed to increase the number of minority students in the University of California have been put on hold until next year due to lack of funds. The university has postponed the dual admissions plan, citing the state legislature’s failure to provide the UC’s request for $2.5 million before it went into recess last week. "The legislative clock ran out on us at a time when we were looking at high school budget choices," said Michael Reese, assistant vice president of strategic communications for the UC Office of the President. Because the state legislature is in recess, the UC cannot pursue funding for the program until it reconvenes in January. According to the dual admissions plan, students in the top 4 to 12.5 percent of their high school class would be guaranteed UC admission, provided they complete two years at a community college. It would have taken effect for the class of fall 2003 and transfer students in 2005.

LOCAL WEATHER

3 Day South Bend Forecast

Rain showers again Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Sept. 28.'
Brazilian group to perform

Special to the Observer

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Oct. 5 and are set to air in November.

"I'll be a lot of fun. I'll have my Notre Dame sweatshirt on," Nerlinger said. "It will be an exciting trip."

Nerlinger, who is working on a math and philosophy double major and plans to attend medical school next year, said he is confident despite his lack of preparation for the show. He's hoping that his favorite categories—science, math and theology—will appear on the game screen.

"I didn't prepare at all for the tryout," he said. "I heard about it a week before the tryout," he added.

While at Notre Dame, Nerlinger was on his high school's Quiz Bowl team in Wilmington, Del. As a senior, he was voted most likely to be on Jeopardy! "All my high school friends think it's hysterical," he said. While at Notre Dame, Nerlinger has been active in student government and events with St. Edward's Hall. Last year he joined the fencing team as a walk-on.

"It's the only event where they provide you with the equipment and time to stab people with swords," he said.

Nerlinger is involved in service as well. He recently established a $10,000 charity fund with a grant from the Raskolof Foundation after his grandfather passed away two summers ago. The fund is used to send disadvantaged people to Notre Dame home football games. Next month, three people selected by the Notre Dame club of Delaware from Nerlinger's hometown will travel to South Bend to watch the Navy game on an all-expenses paid trip courtesy of the fund.

"He's the nicest person in the world," sophomore Larry Hofman said of his roommate. "I really am excited for him. I might actually go out there if I can get a ticket to Los Angeles. No one deserves this more than him."

College Jeopardy! will air Nov. 7, 13-14, 19 and 20. The day each contestant comes back to play, they will arrive in California for the taping. During Jeopardy! Nerlinger hopes the Notre Dame community will tune in for the series.

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"They did not allow Matt to be who he was. And they let those two young men believe that they could do what they did to Matt and get away with it."

A "so" — silent, indifferent, complacent — society killed her son, according to Shepard.

"I think that maybe that's changed in the last two and a half weeks. I hope so," she said. Shepard and husband Dennis established the Matthew Shepard Foundation in response to the hate crime. She tours the nation speaking to audiences about making schools and communities safe.

Shepard also has lobbied the Wyoming legislature and the U.S. Congress to draft anti-hate crime legislation.

On Thursday, Shepard urged the crowd to actively work to be more tolerant.

Voting and getting involved in organizations are good ways for people to address issues that concern them, Shepard said. Ironically, she pointed out that authorities who treated her son found a voter registration card in his wallet. She also encouraged people to not hide their sexual orientation.

"It's so important to be honest with the world," she said. Shepard said "Until everyone is out and comfortable, the straight community will still be ignorant and fearful of who you are."

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Department of Religious Studies • Swarthmore College • Swarthmore, PA
9:30 a.m.
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Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan
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Dr. James T. Phalen, O.F. 
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Hermeneutical Challenges: The Intersection of Cultural and Biblical Wisdom in the Caribbean
Dr. Lorie A. Johnson
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4:00 p.m.
Panel Discussion
Women, Religion, and the African Diaspora—Future Trajectories for Research and Inquiry
Co-sponsored by the Gender Studies Program and The Graduate School
U.S. warplanes hit Iraqi artillery: U.S. and British warplanes struck two artillery sites Thursday that were a threat to aircraft patrolling Iraq's southeastern "no-fly" zone, a U.S. Air Force spokesman said. The anti-aircraft sites had posed danger for the planes monitoring Iraq's no-fly zone, Maj. Brett Morris said. U.S. and British forces were in the area to prevent Iraqi forces from attacking Kurds and Shitite Muslims and to provide early warning of any Iraqi troop movements toward Kuwait.

Pope says Mass in Armenia: Presiding over an outdoor Mass, Pope John Paul II called on Armenia's small Catholic community Thursday to help rebuild the economically suffering country. The pope's three-day trip to Armenia followed a four-day trip to Kazakhstan, a tour that has put the 81-year-old pontiff's frail health to the test.

A group of taxi drivers express their support for the Pakistan government on Thursday at a rally in Peshawar, Pakistan. The government declared Thursday a "Day of Solidarity" in support of its controversial cooperation with the West in the war against terrorism.

Officials to meet with Taliban

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD Pakistan religious leaders leave Friday for Afghanistan, the Pakistani news agency reported. The delegation may be part of a new Pakistani initiative to open a dialogue with the ruling Taliban on a possible solution to the crisis over Osama bin Laden. The Pakistan government news agency said Thursday the delegation would fly aboard a special plane to the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, stronghold of the Taliban leadership, and return Friday night.

Although the dispatch did not say so, it appeared the delegation had the Pakistan government's approval because a special plane was being provided and because the visit was reported in advance by the state news agency.

The visit was announced as the Taliban's ambassador to Islamabad, Abdul Salam Zaeef, said a Sept. 20 decision by Afghan clerics urging bin Laden to leave Afghanistan voluntarily had been delivered to the alleged terrorist mastermind.

Bin Laden is the top suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist bombings in the United States, and Bush has demanded that the Taliban hand over him and his lieutenants, among other demands, to face retaliation.

The Taliban had said they couldn't find bin Laden. But Zaeef's remarks indicated the Taliban knew where he was and were in contact with him. It also appeared that bin Laden was still in Afghanistan.

The moves could signal a willingness by the Taliban to find a solution to the crisis and avoid American air strikes.

Ex-colonel gets life for espionage

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

The highest-ranking military man ever accused of spying was sentenced to life in prison on Thursday, 50 years to the day after he declared his allegiance to United States as a new citizen.

George Trofimoff, a retired Army Reserve colonel born in Germany, continued to profess his innocence — declaring, "I am not a traitor" — as the U.S. District Judge Susan Bucklew demanded that anything less than a life term in prison. Assistant Secretary of Defense John P. Stennis told the judge in a letter on behalf of President Bush that anything less than a life term would be neither adequate punishment for him nor a deterrent to others.

Prosecutors say it is the first time such a letter has been written for a federal inmate.

"Mr. Trofimoff has conducted espionage longer than anyone else we have known of in this country," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Walter Furr. "This is not someone who made a mistake, or who got greedy momentarily. What happened here was someone who set out to live his life as a spy."

Throughout the Cold War, Trofimoff led the Army section at the Nuremberg Joint Interrogation Center in Germany. There, secret intelligence documents were stored and defectors and refugees were interviewed about life, especially military operations, behind the iron Curtain.

Trofimoff was convicted in June of taking secret documents out of the center, photographing them and selling the film to the KGB for $250,000 over more than 20 years.

He worked through a childhood friend, a Russian Orthodox priest, in a spying career that was noted in KGB archives smuggled out of the Soviet Union as it collapsed.

Trofimoff repeated to Bucklew the claim he presented to his jurors: He had only told the undercover FBI agent he was a spy because he needed money to pay debts.

"I am guilty of trying to make a foolish claim," he said. "What it did is convince me and my friends of my old-age sensibility. You are condemning an old man who served his country honorably for 46 years."

Trofimoff's attorney, Daniel Hernandez, said he intended to appeal. Trofimoff's wife, Jutta, who has been left bankrupt, did not speak on his behalf and declined to comment following his sentencing.

The judge said she was not swayed by Trofimoff's tale.

"By attempting to explain it away, you lied and lied and lied," Bucklew told him. "Obviously the jury didn't believe it. I don't believe it either."
Hurricane kills 1, nears mainland

Associated Press

CAIRO SAN LUCAS

Howling winds and roaring waves from Hurricane Juliette bore down on tourist resorts at the tip of the Baja California peninsula on Thursday, knocking out power and smashing docks to driftwood.

William Creson, 45, of Denver, drowned in 10-foot waves as the storm approached on Wednesday.

The winds blew the roofs off of shacks in poor neighborhoods and sparks cascaded from shorted-out power transformers.

Thursday's 15-foot waves destroyed docks.

Gabriel Reyes Martinez, 22, was sleeping in his home of cardboard and corrugated metal. "We saw the roof jump and then jump again and take off. It fell 45 feet from the house but thank God it didn't hurt anyone else."

Gabriel Reyes Martinez
Hurricane victim

Tourists joined locals in hunting for emergency supplies of water and groceries in the few stores still open in this city of about 25,000.

Computer consultant Peter Nunan, 43, of San Jose, Calif., said it should continue to weaken and turn away from the coast if the forecasters are right.

"Being from Texas, we know that these can cause," he said. "We were evacuating 400 people from shanties and schools were converted to emergency shelters."

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Computer consultant Peter Nunan, 43, of San Jose, Calif., peeled out at the storm from the waterfront and mourned his luck.

He said he had been through typhoons in Japan and Taiwan at the height of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I'll probably ask her at the height of the storm." Juliette was moving north at about 7 mph, but the forecasters said it should continue to weaken and turn away from the coast to the northwest.

The hurricane center said 7 inches of rain was likely in the hurricane's path, posing the threat of flash floods and mud slides.

Hurricane victim

Gabriel Reyes Martinez

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NYC mayor may seek term extension

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Rudolph Giuliani got the support of two of the three mayoral candidates Thursday for a plan that would allow him to stay on at City Hall for an extra three months while he guides the city through the aftermath of the World Trade Center attack.

But Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer, one of two Democrats still in the race, declined to support the idea, saying he was worried about the precedent it would set.

Democrat Mark Green and Republican Michael Bloomberg agreed to go along with a proposal after meeting privately with Giuliani.

Green spokesman Joe DePlasco said Thursday the Democrat would support legislation delaying the inauguration "given the unprecedented World Trade Center catastrophe, the urgent need for a seamless transition and the importance of a united city."

Giuliani said at a news conference Thursday afternoon that he had met with the GOP nominee and "Mike Bloomberg agreed to it immediately." The Bloomberg campaign confirmed its support soon after.

Ferrer said he also met with Giuliani, "but after listening to his proposal and giving it careful and thoughtful consideration I have decided that I cannot support it. I know the politics of the moment might dictate a different position, but I am deeply concerned about the precedent this would set."

Ferrer said in an interview on the local cable news channel NY1 that he would name Giuliani to head up an entity to oversee reconstruction and rebuilding efforts.

"In front of the news cameras Giuliani has remained focused on the massive recovery effort in downtown Manhattan. But behind the scenes, the mayor and his aides have been engaged in a furious lobbying effort to keep the term-limited Giuliani in City Hall after his term expires — all in the name of political unity, according to more than a dozen government officials, business leaders and other people close to Giuliani."

"We would certainly be inclined to support an extension if that's what we would be asked to do to provide for an orderly transition."

John McAdlr

GOP Spokesman

Details about how Giuliani's proposal would work are still unclear. It would likely need approval from the state Legislature as some type of emergency measure. "We would certainly be inclined to support an extension if that's what we would be asked to do to provide for an orderly transition," said John McAdlr, a spokesman for GOP state Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno.

On Wednesday, the mayor placed a call to Democratic state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver asking for his support. Silver has been cool to the idea, but pledged to bring up the issue with his members.

In Albany, Republican Gov. George Pataki said it was premature to say whether he would sign legislation to extend the mayor's term, "but obviously I would be supportive of any such effort."

Questions have been raised about the legality of the proposal. Democratic U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, a Ferrer backer who represents Harlem, said the plan would need Justice Department approval because it would affect minority voters, who are protected under the Voting Rights Act.

Rudi's plane returns to airport after threat

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

A passenger allegedly made an anti-American threat during a confrontation with flight attendants Thursday, prompting an airliner to return to Los Angeles International Airport after takeoff.

The unidentified man and his travel companions on Flight 792 to Toronto were handed over to the FBI, said Nicole Couture-Simard, spokeswoman for Air Canada in Montreal.

"Shortly after departure a male passenger was apprehended smoking in the lavatory," she said. "The passenger became verbally abusive and uttered an anti-American threat."

Couture-Simard would not describe the threat.

"I am not necessary to restrain the passenger," she said. "The pilot elected to return to Los Angeles as a precautionary measure only."

There were 145 people on the plane, including a crew of seven, an airport spokesman said. The jet returned to the airport around 1:15 p.m. and passengers were booked on the next flight.

Two F-16s escorted the Air Canada flight into the airport, authorities said. Who contacted the jets was not immediately clear, but Air Force jets normally respond to civilian incidents only at the request of the Federal Aviation Administration, said Maj. Barry Venable, spokesman for the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

The incident occurred as Gov. Gray Davis was traveling to an airport press conference on a shuttle bus.

"We were about five minutes out of LAX when those two jets buzzed the airport, so we knew something was up," Davis said.

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RUSSIA

Chechen envoys suggest disarmament

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Chechen rebel envoys have contacted Russian officials about possible disarmament talks, a Kremlin envoy said Thursday, in the first step toward peace negotiations in two years of war.

The tentative overture was announced just before President Vladimir Putin's 72-hour offer of talks — his first such serious proposal — expired. Putin had repeatedly rejected Western calls for a political settlement, insisting the rebels should be eliminated.

Kremlin envoy Viktor Kazantsev, appointed by Putin to oversee negotiations, said a Moscow Chechen official had arrived in Moscow for talks on Monday, claiming that several republics since Putin's offer of talks, a Kremlin envoy said in a telephone interview from the Chechen capital, Grozny, that a small number of rebels had already surrendered, but did not say how many.

"The process has started and it will continue tomorrow and for some time," Britvin said.

There was no immediate response from the rebels. Formidable obstacles remain to any peace settlement. The Russian military is desperate to avoid a repeat of its humiliating troop withdrawal at the end of the 1994-96 war in Chechnya, which resulted in de facto independence.

Kremlin also wants to maintain a strong presence in the region and avoid the lawlessness that blossomed after the 1996 withdrawal — the main reason cited for sending troops back into Chechnya in 1999. That invasion came after Chechnya-based rebels invaded the neighboring region of Dagestan, and after deadly apartment bombings in Russia blamed on the rebels.

Maskhadov, a rebel commander during the 1994-96 war, played a key role in negotiating a peace deal and has repeatedly proposed negotiations in the war.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Rioting resumes in Belfast

Associated Press

BELFAST

A gunman opened fire on police lines Thursday as rioting by Protestant militants raged on a ruble-strewn north Belfast street for the second straight night.

Officers in helmets, flame-retardant suits and flak jackets suffered barrages of gasoline bombs, firecrackers, bricks and rocks during confrontations with several hundred Protestants. They responded with volleys of plastic bullets, the snub-nosed cylinders that are designed to knock down rioters.

During more than three hours of mayhem on the Crumlin Road, militants hijacked and burned several vehicles. At one point, police dived for cover as about 10 live rounds were fired at their positions, some heard ricocheting off the pavement.

The gunman wasn't identified and there was no report of injury in the shooting. The violence came after 33 officers were hurt in confrontations at the same spot Wednesday night. On both nights, police have said they were preventing Protestants from marching toward Catholic homes in the nearby Ardoyne district, the focal point for regular confrontations since June between the riot-hardened police force and both sides of the community.

The Protestants this week have blamed heavy-handed police tactics for provoking them, while Catholics have complained that the police weren't being hard enough on the Protestants.

Before Thursday's violence, police searched scores of Protestant homes and pubs for weapons. They found a rifle and two handguns at one address, but arrested nobody.

Chief Constable Ronnie Flanagan, commander of the predominantly Protestant police, appealed to the Protestant militants to see sense and back down before someone was killed.

"The violence is crazy," Flanagan said. "People must realize these situations can only have one outcome — the loss of life."

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in danger because of the Sept. 11 attacks. Amid a swirl of diplomatic activity, Bush met with European Union leaders, who cautioned him to retaliate with precision and focus. The president, by contrast, has talked about a broad war. Despite words of caution from Europe, there was fresh evidence that Bush is fashioning a unique, anti-terrorist coalition of disparate nations. A U.S. official disclosed that Sudan, long accused of harboring terrorists, has quietly rounded up as many as 30 foreign extremists since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was busy, too. He met with the foreign ministers of Belgium and Turkey as well as King Abdullah II of Jordan. Adding his voice to the mix, civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said he had been invited by the ruling militia in Afghanistan to take a “peace delegation” to the region. The White House discouraged Jackson, and the Taliban militia said they had not asked him to come.

Powell said point-blank: “We have nothing to negotiate.”

In Afghanistan, where prime suspect Osama bin Laden is believed to be, Taliban leaders warned Afghans not to expect the United States to overthrow their hard-line rule. Those Afghans who want to seize power with the help of America are just like those foods who tried to stay in power with the help of the Russian army,” said Taliban chief Mullah Mohammed Omar.

The statement, distributed by the Afghan Islamic Press, referred to the Soviets’ unsuccessful military efforts in the 1980s. There were protests against the United States in Japan and Malaysia while extremist Islamic groups in Indonesia threatened to attack U.S. workers in the country. In the United States, more arrests were made of Middle Eastern men who obtained bogus licenses to haul hazardous materials. The FBI said those men were not connected to the hijackers, but there were concerns nonetheless of follow-up terrorist attacks.

While his advisers met in Washington to weigh the stimulus plan, Bush tried to rally Americans into patriotic spending.

“Get about the business of America,” he said.

Though business is down across the board, Bush focused on an airline industry jarred by a dramatic decline in passengers since the attacks.

“Get on the airlines,” Bush implored. “We will not surrender our freedom to travel.”

He sought to coax Americans into planes with a $500 million plan to secure cockpit doors and a wide range of other proposals, including having the federal government oversee security at airports.

 proper and union leaders joined him for the 9/11 Memorial International Airport event.

The crowd sang “God Bless America” as Bush shook hands. Several mayors said the package wasn’t tough enough. Some governors moved quickly to heed Bush’s call to mobilize National Guard troops to airports.

Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura, a former member of the Navy special forces team, said he didn’t think twice. Colleagues in Michigan, California and several others states followed suit. Rhode Island’s governor said the Guard wasn’t needed — not yet, anyway.

“When you’re in a time of war, you don’t question the commander in chief,” said Ventura.

Bush dispatched his Cabinet to travel on various commercial flights to demonstrate the safety of the skies. Even his father, former President George H.W. Bush, pitched in.

“I have every confidence in the airlines,” the elder Bush said before boarding a flight in Boston with several Secret Service agents.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Americans may see “some dramatic military engagements,” but warned in a New York Times article that victory won’t be easy nor clear and the war will be unconventional.

“Fret not about ‘exit strategies,’” he wrote. “We’re looking at a sustained engagement that carries no deadlines.”

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Expressing thanks to Notre Dame

This weekend some friends and I traveled to South Bend to see our Spartans take on your Fighting Irish. When we got here we were astonished by the awesome atmosphere that surrounds this University and its great football tradition.

The bands coming together for the halftime show was a chance for the nation to see that no matter what happens in these games we are all Americans. For the most part, we felt very welcome here and enjoyed the day no matter what the outcome would have been. I thought the staff and university were great and further enriched the atmosphere.

I am thankful that we have built such a solid tradition and look forward to facing each other in the future. I wish the best of luck to you this season.

Ryan Jackson
sophomore
Madison, S.C.
Sept. 27, 2001

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Apologies to Coach Davie

Fairness requires that I write this follow-up to my letter (published in Wednesday's Observer) calling for Coach Davie's resignation because our team and coaches were not on the field during the pre-game ceremonies. In my letter I stated that Coach Davie could not offer a "valid explanation" for such absence.

Since that letter was published I have received a copy of a letter written by Tex Duttle, Chairman of the Faculty Board of Athletics, which explains that the Notre Dame and Michigan State Athletic Departments had agreed prior to the game that neither team would be on the field during the ceremonies. While I continue to feel that it would have been more appropriate for both teams to have been involved in the pre-game ceremonies, keeping to the agreed upon approach is certainly a "valid explanation" for Coach Davie's actions and I apologize to Coach Davie for writing first and mingling the facts later. The Notre Dame community, which of course includes Coach Davie and the players and coaches, can then be proud of its response to the tragic events of Sept. 11th.

Tom Desmond
Class of '78
Chicago
Sept. 27, 2001

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alumni should curb hypocrisy

There have been a number of letters and even an Inside Column published this week that relate back to the Michigan State game and, more at the center of controversy, what happened following it. As a recent alum, I'm siding with the students on this one. The question of class and loyalty should not be directed at the students but at their predecessors.

First of all, there was booing at post-game. Can't deny it, it happened. LT Dan Cook called the booing a break in tradition. Tim O'Connor made an excellent point in his response that the booing was simply a way of showing the growing frustration that many Domers, past and present, are feeling right now with the program. Angelo Campos' Inside Column called for more support in the senior section and asked them to act more like their underclassmen peers. And I agree. Cheer. Do those push-ups. Yell your part of "We Are ND" when the cheerleaders cue you. Be as into the game as the cheerleaders and the band are, who, no matter the odds, will cheer like we're up 24-3 even if it we're not.

But to the students who left before the band, who crossed their arms during the 1812, who even booed, I accuse the students of being classless, or forgetting who they were once students too. That they had tradition. Tim O'Connor made an excellent point in his response that the booing was simply a way of showing the growing frustration that many Domers, past and present, are feeling right now with the program.

Friday, September 28, 2001

GUEST COLUMN

Faithwell mirrors bin Laden

"I really believe that the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and lesbians of this country are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle," the ACLU, People for the American Way — all of them who have trudged to secularize America — I point the finger in their face and say, "This is what happened," Rev. Jerry Falwell said.

Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein have found an ideological friend in Jerry Falwell. The above, delivered by Falwell during the Sept. 13 broadcast of the Christian television program "The 700 Club," is the type of statement that is more often associated with Middle Eastern dictators than with Christian television.

Later in the same show, Falwell further blurred the lines between his beliefs and that of the Sept. 11 attackers by saying that, because of the previously mentioned groups, God had allowed "the enemies of America to give us precisely what we wanted, Sept. 11." The 11 attackers by saying that, because of the previously mentioned groups, God had allowed "the enemies of America to give us precisely what we wanted, Sept. 11."

This is, after all, the same man who during the course of his career tried to "Tinkie-Winkie" the purple Teletubby, and announced that the Antichrist was living among us in the form of a Jewish man.

Though unsurprising, Falwell's latest comments are more than just another embarrassing incident from the former leader of the now-defunct Moral Majority. They signal that Falwell, like bin Laden, believes that there is currently a jihad (holy war) being fought and that God is on his side.

Nor is this the first time that Falwell's rhetoric has echoed bin Laden's. Bin Laden began his holy war by issuing a fatwa (religious edict) which said, "To kill the Americans and their allies — civilians and military — is an individual duty for every Muslim." Falwell has issued a similar proclamation, saying, "Preaching against the sin of homosexuality is the responsibility of every minister who takes the Bible seriously."

Bin Laden is fighting America, the so-called Great Satan. Falwell is fighting homosexuals, what he has called a "vile and satanic system." Bin Laden fights with bombs. Falwell fights with words.

Bin Laden wants to remove the American presence from the Middle East. Falwell wants to remove Tinkie-Winkie from television.

They are two cheeks of the same metaphorical ass, and to extend this already crude metaphor further, they both stink.

Though an agent of hatred just as surely as bin Laden is, Falwell is no threat to the freedoms of Americans. No military action will be needed to stop him. No economic sanctions will be needed to silence him.

By fighting for hatred and narrow-mindedness in an ever more progressive and educated society, Falwell has made himself vulnerable to the only force that can take him down: irrelevancy.

By fighting for hatred and narrow-mindedness in an ever more progressive and educated society, Falwell has made himself vulnerable to the only force that can take him down: irrelevancy.

With every embarrassing distraction, Falwell finds himself with fewer allies. The former leader of the Moral Majority is now a liability to the Christian Right, and few people in Washington are willing to have him buttonholed with his views.

As the bold Ku Klux Klan members of the past eventually sunk into the shadows, so will Jerry Falwell. As the once-proudly flown Confederate flag became an ugly reminder of past hatreds, so too will Jerry Falwell.

But for now, Falwell, who pointed his finger in the face of pagans, feminists, gays, lesbians, victims of the attacks and the country as a whole, should know just one thing. We are pointing a finger right back in your direction, and there are far more of us than there ever were of you.

This article first appeared in the University of Pittsburgh's newspaper The Pitt News on Sept. 26, 2001 and is reprinted here courtesy of U-WIRE.

The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Davie to blame in game, not patriotism

After two games, the Notre Dame football team ranks close to last amongst all Division I teams offensive­ly. For that, Bob Davie deserves to be criticized. The first team entirely recruited by the Irish head coach boasts the explosiveness of Michigan State. For that, Bob Davie deserves our scowls and boos.

Saturday’s Michigan State game, where the Irish players remained off the field during “God Bless America,” Davie simply followed a plan arranged by athletic director Kevin White. And for the criticism Davie received from stu­dents, fans and media this week, he deserves an apology.

To admonish Davie for Saturday’s actions is to arrest a mailman for deliver­ing an unwanted message. Why? And his fellow Irish administrators, who first decided to keep the Irish in the locker room, should face the wrath of fans, media and Notre Dame — not Davie.

Although Michigan State showed that its true colors are not green and white, but red, white and blue. Through his decision, White simply showed reverence for the blue and gold.

The claim that the Irish stayed in the locker room to maintain a sense of nor­malcy is utter nonsense. Eleven days after the deaths of 6,000 countrymen, no one could remain unaffected.

Michigan State stood up and faced the reality of America. Notre Dame stayed seated and ignored it.

Sadly, the attention given this confusion has dwarfed the real story. Enough years is long enough to make the pres­i­dent’s true presence felt in our econ­omy, in our military and throughout the world.

However, this freshman president cannot undo the terrorist network over­night that took tens of years to create. By this president’s senior year in his term, he must have attained substantial results or the American public will have become impatient.

My concern is that Bush avoid the typically exaggerated pitfalls of every freshman chief of learning. Football season opened for Bush when the World Trade Center was attacked. He won that game in the public’s opinion polls, but the season is far from over. Despite his tendency to promise too much by promising to eradicate all terrorist activities, look for Bush to beat the odds makers’ lines on most issues for another year due to the public’s inherent lust for revenge.

Bush has been presented with cir­cumstances like no other president in our history. Thus far his staff has steered him in the proper direction with our nation’s response. While the public has given him the typical support during a time of crisis it will not formul­ate a permanent impression of him until election day of 2004.

Bush is operating within a completely new and uncharted set of circum­stances. He has opportunities unseen since Franklin Roosevelt’s administra­tion. He also has pitfalls before him unprecedented throughout history. Patience is not a virtue the American public holds for long during political crisis. Our declared war sets the perfect climate for our resolve for justice, but our unseen enemy will be difficult for the public to follow.

The public is willing to blame any economic decline for the next several months on the attack, but slimmer pocketbooks will eventually mean impatience as well. The Bush advice need to temper the rhetoric so that expectations can focus at the true level of attainment. The John Wayne approach of bringing the outlaw to justice, getting the girl and riding off into the sunset is a new approach and will not work in this situation. Yet the president keeps raising expectations beyond the public’s attention span.

All of us would like to see Osama bin Laden captured and terrorism eradicated by the end of the year. Three more years is long enough to make this pres­i­dent’s true presence felt in our econ­omy, in our military and throughout the world.

But Bush still has much to prove.
Pizza is the college student's (second) best friend. When the dining hall keeps serving the same swill day in and day out, the Italian pie never loses its allure. The Observer, in keeping with its high standards of journalism, has sought out various South Bend pizzerias and put them through an excruciating series of "scientific" tests to determine which pizza is the best. While not all pizzas available to campus were sampled, The Observer tried out six pizzas available for delivery. Marco's, Papa John's and Pizza Hut all have autonomous delivery; however, the remaining three were delivered by Dine-In, a third-party food delivery service available by calling (219) 675-9999 or visiting www.dine-in.com.

Marco's Pizza
Marco's Deluxe pizza was by far the most aesthetically pleasing. Although its poor showing in the crust consistency category brought down Marco's overall score, it fared as one of the better pies in the end. This pizza makes no advancement upon the basic notion of the Italian pie, but therein lies its strength. Marco's toppings were very fresh but their flavor didn't overwhelm the pizza as a whole. Substantial improvement could be made to the mild and sparse sauce, however.

Unlike Papa John's, Marco's does not bury you in an inch of plastic-like cheese. In fact, you could even say that cheese is just another topping on the pie. Overall, Marco's had the best balance of those tested and would be a good neutral brand to order if a group cannot decide between other brands.

Papa John's
Papa John's, despite the pervasive taste of those jalapenos in the corner of the box, was a supreme pizza experience for one obvious reason: the special garlic sauce. Other than that little container of pure buttery pleasure, Papa John's finest quality is by far the toppings, which actually look like authentic sliced mushroom rooms and assorted vegetables.

The scummepious toppings overshadow the rest of the pizza, which is merely adequate in flavor; the doughy, powdery crust is conveniently bland — ideal for dipping. The test pizza, a veggie, was loaded with green peppers, onions and black olives. This pizzeria, which has earned a steadfastly devoted following among college students and become a staple of their diets, promotes its use of fresh ingredients and carefully prepared pies. It is definitely a reliable favorite. Papa John's is located on 1827 South Bend Avenue. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11 until 2 a.m. (depending upon demand), and from 12 p.m. until midnight Sunday. Call (219) 271-1177 to place a carry-out or delivery order.

Pizza Hut
Pizza Hut is quite possibly the epitome of what a pizza should be. Like most pizzas, a Pizza Hut pie comes with several crust options, including thin crust, hand tossed and pan. Whatever style crust one selects, the buttery, melt-in-your-mouth, perfectly textured dough cannot be topped — except with the perfect amounts of sauce and cheese used by the masters at Pizza Hut.

The sauce complements the crust, allowing the flavors of each to mingle well. The sauce does not dominate the pizza or make the crust soggy. There is just enough sauce to create the perfect median between the crust and the cheese.

Too often, pizzas lack sufficient amounts of cheese. Pizza Hut places a fairly thick layer of flavorful cheese on each pizza it prepares. Toppings aren't prone to slide off the pizza as the cheese holds them firmly in place. The pepperoni tested for this review was neither too salty nor too spicy as some pepperoni tend to be.

Overall, from crust to toppings, Pizza Hut delivers the best pizza. Besides, you can't knock an establishment boasting such educationally motivational programs as "Book It!"

Pizza Hut is located at 2017 South Bend Ave. Call them at (219) 273-9944 to place an order for carry-out or delivery.

Bruno's Pizza
Bruno's pie is the Natty Light of pizza. While it doesn't score particularly badly in any one area, it is entirely forgettable. Bruno's thrives on ambivalence. It does not taste good, but it does not taste bad either. You will eat it and feel strangely unsatisfied.

The toppings on this pizza are buried beneath a pancake of runny cheese, which strangely makes the slices much more fun to eat. Bruno's pie looked a lot more like a roadkill topped with mozzarella than a pizza. Eating this pizza is like drinking warm beer... make that warm American beer.

Bruno's is located on 119 N Dixie Way. They are open from 4 to 11 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and from 4 to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Call Dine-In to place a delivery order at (219) 675-9999.

Photos by AMANDA GRECO /The Observer
"I feel like I'm eating a vegetable birthday cake."
Nick Williams
self-proclaimed pizza expert commenting on Polito's pizza

Confronted by a pile of pizzas, Scene taste-testers set out to sift through layers of toppings, cheeses, sauces and crusts to find out who serves up the tastiest slice in the Michiana area.
The following is a comprehensive guide to the best (and worst) pizzas around.

**Pizza Hut**
- Toppings: A-
- Sauce: A
- Crust: A+
- Cheese: A-
- Overall: A

**Pizza King**
- Toppings: D+
- Sauce: F
- Crust: C-
- Cheese: D+
- Overall: 0+

**Bruno's**
- Toppings: C+
- Sauce: C+
- Crust: C
- Cheese: C-
- Overall: C

**Polito's**
- Toppings: A+
- Sauce: B-
- Crust: F
- Cheese: B+
- Overall: C

**Marco's**
- Toppings: A-
- Sauce: C+
- Crust: D+
- Cheese: A-
- Overall: B

**Papa John's**
- Toppings: B+
- Sauce: A-
- Crust: B+
- Cheese: B
- Overall: B+

**Pizza King**
- Toppings: A+
- Sauce: B-
- Crust: A+
- Cheese: A-
- Overall: A

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Pizza Hut's famous pan crust clinched its spot as number one. It seems that the best pizzas available to campus are from the big delivery chains. It is apparent from our results that the smaller restaurants are not going national for a reason.

Pizza King is located on 146 S Dixie Way. Pizza King has the most complex hours of any pizza parlor in the test. They are open from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, from 3 to 10:30 p.m. on Saturday and from 3 to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Call Dine-In at (219) 675-9999.

After extensive testing and a few antacid tablets the undisputed winner was the old standard, Pizza Hut. Its famous pan crust clinched its spot as number one. It seems that the best pizzas available to campus are from the big delivery chains. It is apparent from our results that the smaller restaurants are not going national for a reason.
By DAVID COOK, MATT DENCOLA and ANDREW BISHOP
Sports Writers

Forget about Stanford and Alumni. Dillon and Keenan are discovering that their rivals are no longer outside their window, but across campus.

When Dillon and Keenan take the field Sunday afternoon, they will continue a rivalry that has been maturing through the years and become especially heated last year.

After suffering a crushing 16-0 loss to Dillon during the regular season, the Knights were able to pull together a double overtime win against Dillon in the playoffs.

"This is a huge rivalry," said Dillon defensive end Ryan Hernandez. "This game will be more intense than the game against Alumni.

The other returning Dillon players share the same sentiments as Hernandez.

"It was terrible losing to Keenan in double overtime," said Dillon captain Tayt Odom. "Dillon was the hardest fought game I've ever played in.

The Knights, having returned many players from last year, also remember that game.

"We feel like usually the best team in the league," said Brian Kunitz. "That game was a big win for us. The odds were against us after that.

Both teams have a history of being powerhouse in interhall football, and this year is no different. Both Keenan and Dillon realize this will not be an easy game, but the two teams are preparing for this game all week.

"We definitely have a lot of work to do," said Knitz. "Captain Brian Morlok. "Our offense needs to sharpen, and we added quite a few new guys this year.

Defensive linebacker Pat Robinson also thinks that they need to play better if they want to defeat Dillon.

"We showed a lot of errors against Keenan that we need to improve on," said Robinson.

Keenan will be looking to their experienced offensive line and freshman quarterback Patrick Day to carry them through to a victory. The spread offense of the ball, Dillon looks to keep the ball on the ground for most of the game. Look for Dillon running back angry Vinner to see a lot of action on Saturday.

"We don't have very good passing," said Odom. "Our strength is running the ball.

Hernandez summed up the feelings of Dillon this past week.

Stanford vs. Morrissey

It has often been said that the best offense is a good defense. As true as this may seem, the fact remains that you cannot win football games without scoring touchdowns.

Ask Stanford or Morrissey, neither of whom scored a touchdown in their season opener. But when these two teams face off Sunday, neither team wants that to happen again.

"We've been focusing on defense and trying to improve the pass attack," said Stanford captain Dave Dilworth. The Griffins allowed only one touchdown down last week, and hope that the defense can step up in a similar fashion this week.

Stanford's defense may not need much work, but the offense struggled in their opener. Dilworth is confident that his offense can come alive.

"Passing game is our strength, running the ball, controlling the ball, and not giving it to the other team," said Dilworth.

Dilworth's confidence in the run is not unfounded, considering the two man back attack of Dan Campion and Mark Nuelle. Both players had in turn, 90 and 70 yards in the season opener.

"Our offense is really strong ... they keep the ball on the ground," said Dilworth. But Morrissey is not intimidated by this man back attack of Dan Campion and Mark Nuelle.

Possible tickets

The game is a 10. We have to win out the rest of the season," said Morrissey captain Andy Baum. "If we need to make any adjustments during the game, then we will make them.

The Manories also allowed only one touchdown down last Sunday, and expect to hold Stanford to a minimum number of points as well.

"The last preparation like we normally do," said Baum. "Last game both the offense and defense played really well.

Obviously the Manories are confident in their offense. Even if they played well last week, they will have to put points on the board to win. Behind quarterback Rick Yassil (5 of 11 passing) and running back Jack Hernand, Morrissey has a formidable offensive drive each time they get the ball.

Considering the similarities of these teams, this game could very well go down to the wire. Last season, Stanford was able to beat Morrissey by a spot in the playoffs.

"We were fighting to get in, we were fighting to get in ... it was a pretty intense battle," Dilworth.

A battle is exactly what we have to expect. Both teams have a game plan that is their best, and this used game experience will fix any problems. And both teams expect win.

"This game is important because it will be our first win," said Baum. "It is real important to get that first win and get rolling."

Dilworth is just as confident.

"We still want to go 3-1," said Dilworth. "On a scale of 10, this is a 10. We want to win out the rest of the season.

Both teams may have improved on their performances. However, only one will win. The game begins at 1 p.m. at Stepan Fields.

Alumni vs. Keough

The match-up between Alumni and Keough this weekend could very well be one of the better games in the regular season. Both defenses were very strong in their first games, and both teams had success with their running games.

Alumni marched down the field in several series during their 6-0 loss to Keough as quarterback Ryan Lombardo kept the Dawgs out of the end zone.

"We're going to be more careful with the ball this week," said captain Nick Linstroth. "Our offense moved the ball well but the defense did not secure it.

Alumni suffered a loss in the backfield after the game Sunday, as tailback Alex Roodhouse separated his shoulder. Taking his place will be sophomore Matt DeNicola.

The running game is anchored by the strong play of the offensive line. On numerous occasions last season, the Dawg running backs found gaping holes that led to solid gains.

"We ran a lot of plays and had success plays last week," said linerman Larry Rooney. "We're hoping to continue to pound it in there."

The passing game for Alumni did not provide as much as expected against Dillon as quarterback Chris Cottingham completed only two passes.

"A strong Keough defensive backfield looks to keep the Alumni passing game in check. Linebackers Matt Adams and safety Jody Speak each had interception last week against Alumni.

"With guys like Mike Perrone and Brian anchoring our defense, we have to hope one good out, said Waechter.

The Keough team will be led by captain quarterback Andy Hess. Supporting him was the star of last week's game, defensive tackle Ryan Hernandez. Nuelle scored the only touchdown in Keough's game last weekend.

"We looked at what we did both right and wrong, and we're hoping to improve this weekend," said Waechter. "We had a few good practices this week, we're looking forward to a good game."

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McGlinn looks to avenge last-second loss

By KEN CHAMPA, PHILIP Kosterer and MATT LOZAR

McGlinn's motivation for this week's game against the Off-Campus team (0-3) can be found by taking a walk down memory lane. This week, McGlinn (0-1-1) has carried the memory of last year's game with Off-Campus. The Off-Campus team used a "Hail Mary" last year to defeat the Shamrocks in the waning moments of a rain-soaked game, 7-0.

"It was really disappointing to lose like that," said veteran Sarah Vatterott. This week's practice has brought back the memory of losing that heartbreaker, and the veteran Shamrocks are working to make sure it doesn't happen again.

This season the Shamrocks have worked on offensive creativity, thanks to newly found playmaking ability, thanks to newly found playing time. McGlinn is also hoping to improve their defense this week, the Shamrocks in the waning minutes of the game.

"I think if we play like our last game," said Marshall. "We should be able to win."

Badin vs. Beech-Phillips

The battle of good defenses will be the highlight of Sunday's women's interhall football game between the Badin Bullfrogs and the Beech-Phillips Babes. BP's defense led them to an 8-0 win over Pasquerilla West on the opening weekend of the season.

"Our defense is doing great," said BP captain senior Jenny Wahoske. "Our defense formation in practice," said Paulson. "They have a lot of fun in practice creating different plays."

"It was really disappointing to lose on a last-second Hail Mary last year," said McGlinn captain Katie Cawley. "Hopefully, we'll be able to come by, which should be able to win."

"Our defense played really well in the last two games," said Radin co-captain Amy Marshall. "We have a lot of fun in practice creating different plays."
O'Neill hungry for more wins

By KEVIN BOYLE and MATT DeNICOLA
Sports Writers

What was it like for O'Neill Hall never having won before? "It just made us that much more hungry," team captain John Enterline said.

O'Neill had a breakthrough win last week with a 14-7 victory over St. Ed's, but its hunger was not satisfied. O'Neill hopes to follow up last week's monumental win in their upcoming match-up with Fisher Hall.

"We're looking to build upon last week," Enterline said. "We're not going to stop after one win, we want to get something going and get into the playoffs. Every game is a big game."

Fisher is also coming off of a big win, last week they defeated Enrlt 24-8. The offense was productive against a tradition­ally stingy defense while the Angry Mob needs to improve on their last performance against a dominant offense. The Angry Mob needs to step up their defense and improve their execution against O'Neill.

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"We've been focusing on defense and trying to improve the pass attack," said Stanford captain Dave Dilworth. The Griffins allowed only one touchdown last week, and hope that the defense can step up in a similar fashion this weekend.

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"Our running game is our strength: running the ball, controlling the ball, and not giving it to the other team." Dilworth said.

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Stanford vs. Morrissy

"It has often been said that the best defense is a good offense. As true as this may seem, the fact remains that you cannot win football games without scoring touchdowms."

"Ask Stanford or Morrissy, neither of whom scored a touchdown in their season opener. But when these two teams face off this Sunday, neither team wants that to happen again."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Dutch sweep Belles
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Thursday was not a good day for the Saint Mary's volleyball team.
The bad news started when senior captain Angela Meyers' MRI revealed a torn ACL. Having lost their captain for the season, the Belles traveled to Holland, Michigan to face the conference leading Flying Dutch of Hope College.
The situation did not improve as Hope dispatched Saint Mary's in three straight games, 30-17, 30-25, 30-26.
The Belles find themselves in a slump. Having lost their last four matches, the team needs a victory of any kind.

As though things weren’t bad enough, her absence makes an already young team even more inexperienced. Losing Meyers depletes the senior count to three.

In place of Meyers, Saint Mary's had to look elsewhere to replace her. Alison Shevlik led the team in that category with 13 total digs while Jolie LeBeau posted 10 kills and six blocks. Jaime Dineen chipped in 15 assists. Junior Elizabeth Wickenheiser, one of the Belles not only lost their senior count to three.

However, in losing Meyers, the Belles not only lost their strongest statistical player, but also their captain. This senior has the longest tenure of anyone on the team along with two school records.

In an attempt to replace Meyers, LeBeau will take over as the team leader. However, for the team to develop new chemistry, it will take time. Throughout the season, Saint Mary's has struggled to develop on-court chemistry and communication. After finally establishing some semblance of team cohesion on the court, suddenly the team is back to square one.

The team aims to regroup this weekend. The Belles look to snap their losing streak this Saturday as they host Saint Mary's in three straight games, 30-17, 30-25, 30-26. The situatio n did not

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A Saint Mary's player serves the ball during a match last week.

HOCKEY

Blue-Gold game to raise cash for charity
By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

This Sunday when the Notre Dame hockey team suits up for its charity Blue-Gold game, it will hit close to home. That is because the game is raise money for the Coaches Foundation for cancer research. What makes it unique is that every player has dedicated the game to a person he knows with cancer.

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The idea for a cancer fundraiser started five years ago with the Notre Dame hockey Run for Cancer. That event lasted for three days. Last fall, the fundraiser was switched to a hockey scrimmage. The idea for the fundraiser came from Maine hockey coach Shawn Walsh. Walsh was diagnosed with cancer, and then proceeded to help set up the Coaches Foundation. Last year the Blue-Gold game raised $2,500 for the foundation.

Unfortunately a somber mood will be felt on Sunday, since Walsh passed away this week from his cancer. "It was really shocking to hear about his death since all the news we heard indicated he was doing fine," said assistant coach Andy Staggert.

I was shocked by [Walsh's] death," said Nielsen. "He was a well respected coach, and it is a big loss for college hockey."

For the game the squad will split up into two teams, Blue and Gold. Assignments to the teams was random, to ensure the match would be competitive. A bonus for Irish hockey fans is that this will be the first time to see the freshman class on ice. The play will consist of two 21-minute periods. The team is excited to be back on the ice having to forget last year's disastrous campaign.

"[The Blue-Gold game] is a great thing to have. We just started this week, and it is nice to have a big kickoff for the season."

The Irish have a scrimmage against the University of Toronto next weekend in the JACC. The season starts against Union College on Thursday Oct. 11th.

The Blue-Gold game action starts Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Admission is free, but fans are asked to make a donation at the door.

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Irish battle Big East foes

By SUSAN CARPENTER
Sports Writer

The No. 24 Notre Dame women's volleyball team will face two crucial Big East opponents this weekend. The Irish start off against Virginia Tech tonight at 7 p.m. and finish with a contest against Georgetown on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Tonight's match will be the first ever between Notre Dame and Virginia Tech. Unable to rely on past meetings, the Irish have been doing their homework by studying tapes and team statistics. At 3-7 and 0-2 in the Big East, Virginia Tech is the underdog, but the Irish consider their game with the Hokies to be an important Big East matchup.

"It doesn't matter what they're bringing," coach Debbie Brown said. "It matters what we're doing on our side of the net."

In Notre Dame's last match against Syracuse, the Irish had 10 aces and five service errors. Coach Brown hopes to continue to hit efficiently with a hitting percentage of .300 while holding the opponent to a .110 hitting percentage.

In their 11 matches with Georgetown, the Irish lead the Hoyas 10-1. The Hoyas should not be underestimated, however. Last year's match was close with the Irish edging out on top 3-2.

"They've proved to have a stronger team each year we've played them," Senior captain Marcie Bomback said, "We treat them as top contenders in the Big East."

The Hoyas are also enjoying a winning streak of their own. The team has won its last three games to bolster their season record to 5-4 and has a notable record of 2-0 in the Big East. Voted by the 13 Big East coaches to finish a strong fifth in the conference, Georgetown could be a formidable opponent for Notre Dame.

Leading the young Hoyas team is Yulia Vtyurina who was selected as the Big East Player of the Week last week. The Irish are sure to heighten their intensity for this Big East competition.

The Hoyas victory over the Irish three years ago, "sparked a rivalry," Bomback said. "We don't ever want that to happen again."

Notre Dame has a season record of 5-3 and is 1-0 in the Big East. After losing close battles with No. 1 Nebraska, No. 15 Pepperdine and No. 7 UCLA earlier in September, the team defeated Valparaiso and Syracuse to build its current two-game winning streak.

With renewed focus and a surge of momentum, the Irish look to maintain their dominating presence in the Big East, having not lost a Big East match since 1998.

Notre Dame has a winning mindset because the team takes each opponent one match at a time. Heading into a match, the Irish aim to win in 3 games. In addition, part of Notre Dame's strategy includes continually setting goals for themselves for each competition. The main objective for the Irish is to score points on the serve.

The team would also like to improve their overall statistics such as hitting percentage, blocks, and established a composed style of play," said head coach Bobby Johnson.

After a 0-5 start to the season, the young Belles team is finally moving in the right direction. They have increased their confidence and are ready to face a conference powerhouse.

The Belles winning streak has increased their confidence and they are ready to take on solid competition.

"It should be a good game," said captain Lynn Taylor. "We're coming in with a lot of good momentum and a lot of confidence."

The game gets under way at 10 a.m. on the Saint Mary's soccer fields.

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Belles in thick of MIAA championship hunt

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

No more practice runs. Today is the real thing.

Three MIAA tournaments, each with a different winner, and two months of practice all come down to this weekend.

Saint Mary's wraps up its conference season this weekend at the MIAA Championship at Brookwood golf course and the Belles want to come home with a trophy. "We all want to win," team captain Megan Keleher said. "We've really been leading up to this and we've been playing consistently all season. Consistency is going to be key for the Belles this weekend. Competition Hope and Alma have been lead by a single solid player shooting under 80 — Lacy Wicksall for Hope and Courtney Rheinhardt for Alma. But Saint Mary's plays solidly across the board, with all four of their top golfers finishing in the top 10 in the three past MIAA tournaments.

This weekend, as they tee off on their home course, the Belles are hoping that consistency comes through. "We have a big advantage playing on our own home course," Keleher said. "I think that's key... because we know the course so well we'll all play consistently." Keleher will be joined by a young group of golfers who have led the team all season.

Freshman Stefanie Simmerman has consistently been the top golfer for the Belles this season and is hoping to be a top finisher again this weekend. "Personally my goal is to go out there and play to the best of my ability," she said. "I'm really looking to go out there and place somewhere in the top three or four."

Freshman Julia Adams, sophomore Liz Hanlon and junior Molly Lee will take their places alongside Keleher and Simmerman as the Belles top five golfers. "As an individual I think that because it's a championship round ... I hope to post a good score and to help the team."

Hanlon said. The Belles posted a victory during the first MIAA tournament, but fell to third and second in the next two. But this weekend they have the home course advantage. The last three years competition at Brookwood Golf Course has been rained out, so this weekend marks the first time any MIAA team will step foot on the course.

"This is a great benefit to us because this course is one that every other girl in the conference is not a favorite of," Hanlon said. "Knowing the course is a big benefit for us."

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New coach brings new approach

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning at 5:30 a.m., Shannon Byrne and her team mates crawl out of their beds and head to the weight room to begin the day’s circuit training.

This is a new era in Notre Dame women’s golf. After just three victories last season and unorganized practices, the Irish, under the direction of their first full-time coach, are ready to focus their efforts on making a name for the team. This weekend, they start with their first intercollegiate tournament.

“I have a five-year plan to get us into the top 25 (in the nation’s women’s golf rankings),” said new coach Debbie King.

King has led the University of Memphis women’s golf program to the NCAA tournament four out of the past five seasons.

Their quest begins Saturday at the Warren Golf Course, where the Irish are looking to defend their Notre Dame Invitational title. The competition this year is supposed to be tougher than before. Under the leadership of King, the team has stepped up its work outs and they feel they are ready to win.

The Irish have not played since the Notre Dame Women’s Golf Campus Championship Sept. 7 and 8.

“We’re trying to get going,” said Byrne.

In the past, the golfers usually had to practice on their own, as there was not much structure with a part-time coach. King’s full-time presence has completely altered the team’s routines, with the weight and cardio workouts two mornings a week as well as more structured practices in general.

“The additional structure has caused us to focus,” said Byrne. “We’re all on the same page now, and we know exactly what’s expected of us.”

King believes one of the major keys to improving the team’s status is getting the players to believe in themselves.

“I like to work my players from the inside out,” she said.

King, showing her dedication to the Irish, summed up her reason for coming to Notre Dame in one line.

“I felt my chances of winning a national championship would be better [at Notre Dame],” she said.

There are not just one or two leaders of the Irish. “Everyone will have their time to contribute, and everyone’s going to be needed,” said Byrne.

In addition to veterans Rebecca Rogers, Kristin Merkert, Jeannie Murphy, Taibl, and Byrne, the team will also look to freshmen Karen Lotta and Casey Rosella.

The members of the Irish women’s golf team realize that changes are coming to their program, and are looking forward to the prospects proposed to them by King.

“Things are going to be different,” Byrne said.

“It’s exciting. It’s a challenge.”

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish race to weekend meets

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The men’s cross country team will head to Kalamazoo, Mich. this Saturday for the Central Collegiate Championships with top runners.

All-Americans Ryan Shay and Luke Watson, who combined with sophomore Todd Mobley to take the first three spots in last weekend’s National Catholic Invitational will not run. Seniors Pat Conway and Marc Striowski, or sophomores David Alber and Brian Kerwin will also take the weekend off from competition.

After last week’s first place finish at the National Catholic Invitational, the team continued in the national rankings.

Junior Kevin Avenius, John Keane, Kevin Brown and Nathan Shay, sophomores Kevin Somok, senior Tom Lennon, freshmen Ryan Johnson and Eric Morrison and fifth-year senior Sean Zanderson will run for Notre Dame this Saturday.

“I have no idea how they’re going to finish,” said head coach Joe Plane.

“If you were to ask them they would say the same thing.”

Though next week’s Notre Dame Invitational will be their first opportunity for the team to be tested against other nationally ranked competition, this meet will provide a good chance for the middle of the pack runners to possibly move into varsity competition.

“It’s not as big of a meet, but it’s crucial for those that are on the bubble” said Avenius.

“That’s why we’re running the group we are.”

Western Michigan and Ohio University should be the closest competition for Notre Dame. Though the runners will be different from the full strength Irish lineup, the same pack strategy that fueled last weekend’s individual and team success will prevail in Saturday’s race.

Notre Dame took the first, second, third, fifth, eighth, 11th and 16th spots in last weekend’s meet.

“On any given day, there are 10 guys competing for the number four, five, and six spots,” said Avenius.

“It’s going to be tough for the coach to make that call, but you have to go week to week.”

“It’s a good problem to have,” said Plane.

The women will also hold out their top seven runners from last week’s National Catholic Championships, where they took second out of the 26 team field.

Junior Jen Handley, who took first place in the meet, as well as freshmen Carolyn Abler and sophomores Megan Johnson, who was third place, will compete.

Women’s cross country will compete in a race that’s a team situation,” said head coach Tim Connelly.

“We want to give those kids an opportunity to compete in a race that’s a team situation,” said head coach Tim Connelly.

“We can use this meet as a gauge to see where we are.”

Ohio University, Wisconsin, and Detroit Mercy should be the teams closest to Notre Dame.

“We’re going to make a conscious effort to work together,” said Endress.

“Everyone, no matter what level we have to work on pack running and motivating each other.”

As the team continues to grow this season they have continued their experience with new talent. They will also continue to develop their pack running strategy.

“It helps being able to go out where you’re supposed to and stay with front runners at start,” said Creary.

“The group is very talented, and we are confident about our ability to compete,” said Endress.

“A lot of the people, especially Susie Creary and Megan Peterson have improved vastly since last year.”

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1934 marks beginning of a revolution

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

When Anne Pikosovits and Frances Fuller were playing field hockey at Saint Mary's, they had no idea they were creating a revolution.

They simply wanted to have fun with their friends. In the fall of 1934, they and five other members of the Belles' field hockey team decided to form a field hockey team, marking the first time there was any organized athletic team at the College.

"We just wanted to have fun, to get out of the classroom," said Pikosovits. "We decided to form a team, and we invited 12 women to join us."

The team was scheduled for three 15-minute games on Saturday, Nov. 10, 1934, and won by default to Lake Forest College 2-0, and won by default to Lake Forest College, who did not appear for its game.

One year later and with one year's more experience, the team returned to the Jackson Park Play Day in Chicago, a regional tournament for teams from local colleges. The South Bend Tribune reported on the event, writing that the College sponsored a spaghetti supper, a "crowing" pep rally and sold hockey patches to fund the team's trip.

"That was just such a fabulous statement and landmark for Saint Mary's," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said.

"It's not a history that includes perfecting the forward pass or claiming conference championships, but it is a history worth revisiting, a history full of growth and expansion. From the first team to take the field in 1934 to the first NCAA team to qualify as part of three record-breaking relay teams for the national championship. Weldon held individual school records in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle."

The 90's produced some of the most memorable moments in Saint Mary's history, as the Belles established a solid rivalry with Notre Dame's varsity women's teams and had their share of competition across route 31.

"Although the rivalry is a fairly new one, the intensity is high," said Mary DeStantis, former Notre Dame women's basketball coach.

With the intensive program under way, the Belles needed a conference affiliation. Under the leadership of athletic director Earl Muruphy, Saint Mary's joined the NAIA in the first step toward establishing itself in the athletic world.

Following its arrival in the NAIA, Saint Mary's had one of its best spring seasons in history. The softball team claimed the Indiana Division III Championship and 14 members of the track and field team qualified for nationals. Eleven grabbed top six finishes.

"It was important to me and the team," Pikosovits said. "I feel very humble," Pikosovits said. "I think this is a very novel idea," Fuller said at the time. "This kind of peer interaction is unique, and we have fun."

The Belles continued to make a name for itself both within Saint Mary's community and the region when they were invited to play in Jackson Park's Play Day in Chicago. A regional tournament for teams from local colleges. The South Bend Tribune reported on the event, writing that the College sponsored a spaghetti supper, a "crowing" pep rally and sold hockey patches to fund the team's trip.

"For the next nine years the Belles would play in the NCAA without any conference affiliation and the basketball program hit its peak under the leadership of Marvin Wood. "The team had just taken its final steps to becoming the program it is today."

Beginning in 1997, the Belles had been playing with the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) in the NAIA. In 1999, the Belles took the final step and became full-fledged members of the MIAA. Acting athletic director Jimi Cook took the Belles most of the way and then handed the program over to Kachmarik for completion.

"I think this is a very novel idea," Fuller said. "I want to see our teams compete at the NCAA Division III national level," Kachmarik said.

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By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

After struggling in some of their early games due to injuries, the No. 4 Irish are finally healthy and ready to return to last year's form that carried them all the way to the NCAA Final Four.

With a three game streak and a newfound confidence, the Irish hope to continue their momentum this weekend against Big East opponents Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

"For the first time all season, all three separate units — offense, midfield and defense — we're on the same page," said senior fullback Lindsey Jones. "Tuesday was a great reminder that we are capable of playing well together. I think we have moved past some of the mistakes that hurt us at the beginning of the season because we are communicating with one another."

While the Irish certainly showed they were capable of defeating any team in the country with their resounding victory over No. 3 Nebraska on Tuesday, the Irish have yet to be tested on the road this season. On Friday night, the Irish will leave the friendly confines of Alumni Field and travel to Pittsburgh.

While the Pittsburgh Panthers are not regarded as one of the stronger teams in the Big East, Notre Dame knows full well that they cannot take anyone lightly.

"I do not think playing on the road will be a problem for us because all of our upperclassmen have traveled and played on the road before," said Jones. "Playing on the road will be a new experience for the freshmen, but I think we are ready for the game Friday night."

The Irish expect Pittsburgh to play a very defensive-oriented game to offset Notre Dame's superior athleticism and speed. The Panthers

The Irish will have little time to recuperate from Friday's game against the Panthers as they must return to South Bend to host the West Virginia Mountaineers on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field. Sunday's game for the Irish is critically important because the Mountaineers are currently tied with the Irish for the Big East lead.

"Last year, the Irish squeaked out an overtime victory at West Virginia so they know that West Virginia is eagerly awaiting their chance to avenge last year's loss. "This is a huge game for us for so many reasons," said Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum. "This game will go a long way in determining who will get the Big East Title."

West Virginia has three all-Big East players in their starting lineup including projected Big East offensive player of the year Katie Barnes. West Virginia is an excellent team.

"They already have some big wins this season including a big win over No. 19-ranked Auburn," said Waldrum. "I expect West Virginia to give us a real challenge, so we must play our best to defeat them on Sunday."

The Irish's record currently sits at six wins and one tie. If they play the way they did against Nebraska on Tuesday night, their record will most certainly be improved to eight wins and one tie at the end of this weekend while sitting atop the Big East with four wins and zero losses in conference play.

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Befuddled and bemused

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Friday, September 28, 2001
This weekend will be a weekend of memories and a weekend aimed at the future. A wall in Angela Athletic Facility that has long remained empty will become a memorial to the members of Saint Mary's athletics who came before and forever changed the face of Belles athletics.

On Saturday, the Saint Mary's athletic department will re-institute the Athletic Hall of Fame and hold the first formal induction in department history.

"It was something I wanted to do the day I got here," athletic director Lynn Kachmarik said. "This is a natural time to do this. We're trying to get back in touch with alumni.

Ten former members of the Saint Mary's athletic department will mark the inaugural class. Beginning with the 1934 field hockey team that competed as the first intercollegiate athletic event in Saint Mary's history. The team took part in the Jackson Park Play Day Hockey tournament.

"Some things just stood out with the 1934 field hockey team," Kachmarik said. "It was just a given — This is a team that went out and represented us back in 1934."

Mary Fran Shaff Meekison, a 1940 graduate of Saint Mary's, played an important part in Saint Mary's athletic history before varsity athletics were a part of the department. She won the Helen Holland Voll Trophy in 1938 for outstanding participation in intramural athletics. She was a key player on her class' basketball team while at Saint Mary's and remains an involved alumna. The athletic department recently named "The Mary Fran Meekison Senior Athlete Service Award" in her honor.

"Her commitment to Saint Mary's since she has left here is obvious," Kachmarik said.

Nester, who served as the athletic director for Saint Mary's from 1984-1993, contributed to the progress of the Saint Mary's athletic program. In 1989 she began taking steps to change the status of Saint Mary's from an NAIA team to full NCAA Division III status.

"There's a whole history of sports before varsity athletics," Kachmarik said.

Marvin Wood is in the minority. However, being the only male member of the induction class is not the only way he has distinguished himself. Wood served as the head basketball coach at Saint Mary's from 1964-1993. The Saint Mary's team played some of its most successful years under his leadership and, following his death in 2000, the department dedicated a memorial bench to him. His wife Marilou will represent him on Saturday.

"Marvin Wood, a coach who gave so much to Saint Mary's, was just part of history here," Kachmarik said. "He just epitomizes everything we stand for!"

The last six members of the class of 2001 represent the height of varsity play at Saint Mary's. Debbie Laverie, a 1985 graduate, pioneered the Saint Mary's tennis program that has recently risen to prominence. Laverie was Saint Mary's first NAIA All-American tennis player, was named to the All-District team and qualified for national championships. After graduation, she turned to coaching and was named the District III Coach of the Year for three consecutive years.

The 1934 Saint Mary's field hockey team that will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday was the first organized athletic team in College history. Nine other individuals will be inducted with the team this weekend.
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Holiday newest hope for Irish offense

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Desperate to avoid the first 0-3 start in school history, an 0-2 Notre Dame football team enters Saturday's game at undefeated Texas A&M the object of national scrutiny, piloted by first-time starter Carlyle Holiday.

Holiday's ascent to the highest pressure position in college football clearly illustrates a team in dire need of offensive fireworks. The Irish have scored just 20 points in their first two games. Struggling to maintain drives and facing third and long passing situations that have frequently turned into completions well short of the first down marker. "The reality is that we're not scoring enough points," said Irish head coach Bob Davie Tuesday. "Carlyle deserved that opportunity to see if he can generate points."

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The Irish front seven anchored by Grant Irons, Courtney Watson and Tony Weaver have been solid this season, mostly on defense.

"It makes me a step slower," said Black. "We'll run a lot er, said Black. "We'll run a lot of options just because Carlyle's an option kind of guy."

While pass blocking might be easier in College Station, huring Holiday's signals and snap counts amid a notoriously loud and hostile crowd at Kyle Field will complicate the line's job considerably. On passing plays, Black said he will hold hands with guard Sean Mahan and wait for Mahan to tug his hand after the snap.

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For many Irish players, the A&M game is more than the third game of what has turned into a tough season, it is a return home. Besides Holiday, who hails from San Antonio, Texas, 13 other players on the Notre Dame roster are from Texas, a top recruiting area for Irish coaches.

"Just the fact that it's in Texas is huge," said senior inside linebacker Tyreo Harrison, a native of Sulphur Springs, Texas. "This date has been marked for a long time. It's been on the Aggies' calendar a while as well. Texas A&M has yet to play a ranked opponent, with wins over lightly- regarded, non-conference opponents McNeese St. and Wyoming, with another Big-12 victory over Oklahoma State. Aggie head coach R.C. Slocum, Davie's former employer, sees playing the Irish at home as a watershed game, a win that could catapult A&M to more national attention.

"If we can beat this team, I think we are capable of beating anyone in the Big-12," said Slocum in a press conference Tuesday. "We have never relaxed since Sunday."

Neither have the Irish. The prospect of getting back on track against a team he was once so personally involved in has Davie excited for Saturday.

"We are backed in a corner," said Davie. "I'm going to stop and say I can be darned proud of what we've accomplished and I'm looking forward to this."

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Senior Irish flanker David Givens tries to shake lose a Texas A&M defender during Notre Dame's 24-10 win last year at Notre Dame Stadium.

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Facing the pressure — at home

Sophomore quarterback will make his first start in his home state

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Sophomore quarterback Carlyle Holiday walks into the interview room for his first telephone conference as Notre Dame’s starting quarterback. When he gets there, he finds a surprise.

Sitting with the rest of his pads and jersey — waiting for him to wear during a photo shoot — is what appears to be a large white ball. Upon closer inspection, Holiday finds that it is his helmet — with about seven layers of athletic tape completely covering it.

“That’s just our offensive line,” Holiday said. “When they are getting treatment, playing around with each other. I didn’t even notice it until I got there, but it had a meaning of astronomic proportions.

Holiday would take over for Matt LeVoeceh as Notre Dame’s starting quarterback Saturday afternoon against Texas A&M. Holiday, who lives in San Antonio, Texas, reacted calmly to the news that he would make his first start in his home state.

“Your first start is a Texas guy, so I think he’s very excited about it,” Holiday said. “I’m a Texas guy, so I think he’s very excited about it.”

Holiday stood patiently, helmet on his head, knee pads just visible, and listened patiently, considers every question and provides a thoughtful answer.

But the world for this quiet, collected 19-year-old changed with the telephone ring. The Notre Dame Stadium and sat down to talk about everything.

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With less than two full quarters of play behind him — none before this month — the unknown factor is how Holiday can play a full game under pressure.

“I don’t really let anything distract me,” Holiday said during the telephone conference, his voice remaining calm and collected. “I’ve just been practicing with the same mindset I have been since the season started. There’s been a lot more questions asked or whatever, but just, I know, sort of try to stay focused in football.”

While the quarterback generally answers not one bit of e-mail from fans, but I don’t check them anymore,” he said. “It’s getting a little bit out of control.”

As Holiday reflects on the answers, he exhibits not one bit of the arrogance or cockiness associated with many athletes of his caliber. He treats every reporter and every question as fairly and honestly as he can.

“He’s a special guy,” Rogers said. “You’re talking about one of the finest people you ever wanted to meet. There’s not a big shot bone in his body, I think he’s genuinely a decent human being.”

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Coming home

The attention and pressure is nothing new to Holiday. He played high school ball in Texas for Roosevelt High in San Antonio. He is recruited by Texas A&M. He is ready to for the loudest game he’s ever played, but says the team is ready as well.

It’s not really a factor, unless we make it a factor,” Holiday said. “We’ve worked on it.”

Holiday also looks forward to playing in the pep rallies.

“High school football is to Texas what religion is to a priest. Quite simply, it’s life,” Holiday said. “It’s almost like a college atmosphere. It’s serious.”

On Friday afternoons, school would let out early. The gymnasiums would fill to the rafters as cheerleaders and students and families cheered the team on at the pep rallies.

The atmosphere has its negative side as well.

“If coaches don’t win down there in football, they get fired,” Holiday said.

And Homecoming game was the biggest of all. Fifteen thousand fans would fill the stadium. Players and their dates spent more time getting ready for the homecoming dance than they did for Prom. Girls walked around with bouquets of flowers that covered their arms.

“Homecoming was real big. It’s serious,” Holiday said. “People walk around with 20 [flowers] on one of college football’s most glorified roles as well as adjusting to large venues.

“There are big crowds at the games down there,” Holiday said. “It helped out a little bit, it’s not the exact same amount as the college game, but it’s as big as it gets in high school.”

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NOTRE DAME Fighting Irish

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AP: Unranked
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Bob Davie
fifth season at Notre Dame
career record:
30-21 at Notre Dame:
30-21 against
Texas A&M: 1-0

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head coach

NOTRE DAME 2001 Schedule
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Sept. 29 at Texas A&M
Oct. 6 Pittsburgh
Oct. 13 W. Virginia
Oct. 20 USC
Oct. 27 at BC
Nov. 3 Tennessee
Nov. 17 Navy
Nov. 24 at Stanford
Dec. 1 at Purdue

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Davie’s never been on a seat as hot as the one he’s on now. He’ll need to win to get the critics off his back. No Notre Dame coach has started 0-3 — ever.

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Notre Dame
Fighting Irish

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Holiday is the clear starter here. Irish coaches have decided to shake the offense up and give the sophomore his first start. The coaches have also made clear that he will see most of the action — it’s unlikely that LoVecchio will see significant playing time.

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A weak defensive front characterizes the Aggie defense. Both offensive ends are recovering from injuries sustained last year, but Warren is a powerful nose guard. The Aggie linebackers are also fairly solid. Davie coached the first generation of the Aggie famed "Wrecking Crew."

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Any team whose offensive focus revolves around passing the ball will cause the Irish problems. This isn’t the Notre Dame team that took back in Dall and has shown they can’t cover receivers when they take off down the field.

Here’s the core of the Texas A&M offense. The Aggies love to spread the receivers, missed key interceptions, and made costly tackling errors.

The defensive line looked a 100 percent better last week, holding Duckett to just 71 yards. Watson and Harrison have also proven that they are capable of providing both run support and a pass rush.

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Texas A&M doesn’t use the run much, but when they do, they’re not very effective. Texas’ running game, with Campbell, Wims and Weisker shouldn’t leave too many problems for the Irish defense.

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This is the bright spot of the Notre Dame football team. Hildbold has been outstanding punting the ball — he’s averaging around 40 yards a punt. Last week, Jones showed he’s still capable of breaking big returns to give the offense a boost.

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Davie will hold a prominent spot in Notre Dame history — but for something he will be proud of. He will be known as the only coach to start a season 0-3. Mixing an untented quarterback with a loud and crazy stadium is a recipe for disaster. The Irish defense will remain tough, however, and keep the score close.

**Texas A&M Aggies**

**Record:** 3-0

**AP:** Unranked

**Coaches:** Unranked

**R.C. Slocumb**

13th season at Texas A&M

Career record: 112-37-2

at Texas A&M: 112-37-2 against Notre Dame: 0-3

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**Tough, hard-fought battle awaits Irish today**

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**editor in chief**

**Texas A&M**

**FINAL SCORE:** Texas A&M 14

**Notre Dame 3**

**Kerry Smith**

**assistant managing editor**

**Two games. Two losses. Twenty points. That doesn’t sound like a formula for success. The Irish need point production and they need it fast. Holiday didn’t have big shoes to fill but he has a huge task ahead of him. Once again, leave it to the defense to carry the burden of keeping the Irish in the game.**

**FINAL SCORE:** Texas A&M 24

**Notre Dame 10**
Holiday gets first taste of media frenzy

I don't envy Carlyle Holiday. Not one bit.

Nor, for that matter, do I envy Matt LoVecchio, Gary Godsey, Angry Jackson, R.C. Slocumb and the legions of Notre Dame quarterback wannabes who came before him. "I made this joke before about whether you're the head coach or whether you're the quarterback," Bob Davie said earlier this season. "Notre Dame fans love to discuss that issue of who is going to replace the quarterback."

And it's not just fans. From TV personalities to newspaper columnists to sportswriters, everyone is always looking at the new Notre Dame quarterback, wondering if he's good enough to measure up to the great Notre Dame quarterbacks of the past.

Too often, he's not. And it's not because he lacks poise or confidence. It's because they spend so much time worrying about how to handle the pressure, how are you going to handle the pressure?" Davie said.

And, when things go wrong, everyone begins to point fingers at the quarterback. "The quarterback gets too much blame and too much credit," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said.

It's hard to anticipate what the pressure is like when you first sign with the Irish. Holiday received a series of congratulatory e-mails from die-hard Irish fans when he picked Notre Dame over Nebraska and Texas A&M a few years ago.

"I understood the world I was coming to when I came here," he said.

But did he really? A few e-mails from some subway alumnini is one thing. Being asked three times in the same interview if you have ever played in Kyle Field for a high school all-star game is another. Sure, he saw LoVecchio last year answering questions about everything imaginable last year. But when people are asking about your jock size, it's another thing entirely.

"I don't even check my e-mail anymore," Holiday said. "It's getting out of control." You can try to guess at what it will be like. You can think you can handle it. And it's nice to receive the attention at first. But when it's the same questions, day in and day out, you can't help but get frustrated.

"It's been a lot this week," Holiday said. "People are going to ask their questions. When football is going on, I just think about football at that time and I just try to get away from all the questions and all that stuff." Holiday can try all he wants. He'll never get away.

People will still follow Holiday around after games, asking questions about every single aspect of the game. If the defense doesn't play well, he's going to get asked about it. If a wide receiver has a good game, he's going to get asked about it. And if Holiday screws up, he's going to get asked about it. Just ask LoVecchio. After every game, he talks to tape recorders, boom microphones and television cameras, answering questions about missed plays, missed field goals and missed opportunities two or three times.

And when the people holding these recording devices are finished with him, they walk away wondering why he didn't say very much.

In fact, the only person who answers more questions than the Notre Dame quarterback is the Notre Dame head football coach.

And that's too bad. Because all Holiday and LoVecchio want to do is play football. But they can't.

Welcome to the position of Notre Dame quarterback. Enjoy your stay.

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**game hype**

**Bob Davie**
Irish head coach

"The team is going to be confident regardless of what quarterback is in there."

**Tony Fisher**
Irish tailback

"This date has been circled for a long time."

**Tyreo Harrison**
Irish linebacker

"We have never relaxed since Sunday."

**R.C. Slocumb**
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**AROUND THE NATION**

**GAME OF THE WEEK**

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**Eye on Irish Opponents**

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**Michigan State at Northwestern**

Michigan State at Northwestern 11 a.m., ABC

**Penn State at Iowa**

Penn State at Iowa 11:00 a.m., ESPN

**Purdue at Minnesota**

Purdue at Minnesota 11:00 a.m., ESPN2

**Mississippi State at Florida**

Mississippi State at Florida 2:30 p.m., CBS

**Texas Tech at Texas**

Texas Tech at Texas 6:00 p.m., FOXCH

**Other Top Games**

**LSU at Tennessee**

Neither of these SEC powerhouses has played since Sept. 8. Saturday night's game between No. 14 LSU and future Irish opponent No. 7 Tennessee is a key battle in determining who plays in the SEC championship.

The game will be the Tigers first visit to Volunteer Stadium since 1993. The Tigers beat Tennessee 38-31 in overtime last year in Baton Rouge.

LSU has outstanding skill players. In last week's 31-14 victory over Utah State, running back Ladrian Toefield rushed for 183 yards and four touch downs. Quarterback Boomer Esiason can run and throw. He has 482 yards passing in LSU's first two games.

The Volunteers squeezed out a 13-3 victory against Arkansas in their last game. Running back Travis Stephens ranks third in the country with 158 rushing yards a game. Many experts consider Tennessee defensive lineman John Henderson the best player in the nation.

Anticipate a thrilling SEC game filled with talented players on both sides of the ball. Like most SEC battles, big plays will win this game.

**Kansas State at Oklahoma**

Two great defenses will collide when No. 11 Kansas State and No. 3 Oklahoma battle Saturday. No team played the defending national champions as tough as Kansas State last year. The Sooners needed a fourth-quarter comeback to beat the Wildcats in last year's Big 12 championship game.

Kansas State out-gained New Mexico State 528-115 last week. The defense has given up a total of six points against USC and New Mexico State. Quarterback Eli Roberson will be the key for the Wildcat offense. He has been inconsistent thus far, but needs to play well to break the Oklahoma defense.

Some believe the Sooner defense is the best college football has seen in years. Linebacker Rocky Calmus is the most watched player on the unit, but there's loads of talent elsewhere, especially with safeties Brandon Everage and Roy Williams.

The Sooners have not played since Sept. 8. New quarterback Nate Hybl will have to shake off some rust, or else the Sooners will find themselves in another war with the Wildcats.
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