Dealing with the unexpected

♦ Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s offer support to pregnant students

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Associate News Editor

Farley rector Sister Carline Etheridge remembers several years ago when one Notre Dame student came back from summer break with a big decision to make.

Discovering she was pregnant and without the support of the baby’s father, (also a Notre Dame student), the woman had frightening questions and concerns.

Etheridge, in conjunction with other on-campus support services, helped the student make the best decision for herself.

“Now she’s married and older and wiser, it was a hard choice, but it wasn’t a bad choice,” Etheridge said.

“God gives us nine months so we can take this thing step-by-step.”

Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s offer a variety of services to pregnant students seeking advice and support. Through health services, pastoral care and residential support, women facing an unplanned pregnancy are not alone.

Ann Thompson, director of University Health Services, said her staff provides confidential pregnancy tests and counseling. Regardless of the outcome, UHS will not disclose the test’s results to anyone. Students can even arrange to pay for the test so records are not sent home to parents.

Saint Mary’s brings a gynecologist to campus every Tuesday, and therefore the school can offer the first prenatal exam to a student experiencing an unplanned pregnancy.

“We are a campus of women. We want to be supportive of women,” said

Senior Rachel Jones discovered she was pregnant June 22 and has spent the last six months coping as a pregnant student at Notre Dame.

Peter son’s quarter design.

Siegelman opened the contest to design the state quarter to all students in Alabama. Peterson’s father, who himself had previously won a contest to design the state’s forestry license plate, read about the contest in the newspaper and encouraged her to submit a design for the quarter.

She says that her father’s past artistic success inspired her to enter the contest and be a part of Alabama’s history.

“While designing the quarter required patience and research, I really enjoyed the entire process,” said Peterson.

Siegelman declared the theme of the new quarter to be “Education: Link to the Past, Gateway to the Future,” and Peterson’s design for the quarter draws from different areas of education and advancement in Alabama’s history.

She began with the Cherokee

Student spirit suffers with losing season

By MARIBEL MOREY
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Faced with a disappointing football season, student fans seem to be arriving at the stadium after the opening kick-off with a waning sense of spirit.

“It makes students sound like fair-weather fans, but you can’t argue with the fact that football games are more exciting when they’re good games and we’re winning,” said Curt Roberts, an off-campus senior finance major.

Because of the losing season, Saturday mornings might not seem to hold the same thrill as previous years.

“This year I haven’t woken up on Saturday with the same excitement in the past,” Roberts said. “Part of the reason could be that I’m a senior waking up off-campus — not on campus with all the excitement. Part of it could be going and seeing us lose heart-breaking games.”

Brian Dosal, sophomore finance major, has seen a similar reaction.

“A lot more people are not as enthusiastic about going to the game. (And) there’s a lot less talk during the week about the

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Don’t get enough football on Saturday?
This year’s interhall championship games will kickoff Sunday at 11:30 a.m. with Lewis vs. Wash. Dillon vs. Siegfried will follow the women’s game.

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I'd take the Ushers throw me out.

On Sept. 5, 1998, I awoke at 7:30 a.m. in my Dillon Hall dorm room hung-over but filled with excitement. In a few hours I would watch my first Notre Dame football game inside Notre Dame Stadium as a student. Nothing could be more exciting.

I wanted to do it all that first morning.

I had taken a course at ESPN College GameDay. I watched the band march into the Stadium. I cheered with excitement. In a few hours I would watch that first game. It was an exhibition of emotion.

Ever since that first morning, it just hasn't been the same.

I've watched 25 more games inside the Stadium as a student but nothing could match that first morning. It has nothing to do with Notre Dame's record or what team the Irish were playing. I've seen improbable blocked kicks and improbable touchdown passes.

But I can't even say my name as the Irish upset the defending national champi­ons Michigan Wolverines.

Later that night I watched the replay on WNDU and relived every moment of that first game. It was an exhibition of emotion.

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I knew I had to do it again.

Yesterday's game against Navy will be my last. My last in the Notre Dame Stadium. I want to recapture the spirit and energy that filled me as a freshman.

I want to wake up tomorrow morning, hang­over, but exhilarated. I don't want to take any­thing for granted. This is my last time and I don't want to regret anything.

I will tailgate on the soccer field. I will watch the students in the band and break my friends to the band. I will enter the Stadium as early as possible and savor every second.

I will watch the band finish playing, I won't leave. When the Ushers come, I will not leave.

I want to see the band's drumbeats pulsate through me and know that Notre Dame's band is the best in the country. I want to watch my friends storm out of the tunnel high-stepping and remembering. I'll savor every second of that game and the memories that keep Krzyzewski at Duke for the next 10 years. The terms of that contract — including his salary — have not been released. But Alleva said Krzyzewski would be compen­sated "appropriately, reflecting his achievements and his many contrib­utions to the athletic program and the University." In turn, Krzyzewski stated his new contract left him "well compensated."

Alleva, Krzyzewski and Keohane insisted contract negotiations during the summer, following the announcement that Krzyzewski would be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Krzyzewski's goal was to reach an agreement with Alleva before the start of this year's season, which begins Monday in Maui, Hawaii, after a final exhibition game Thursday night. With little specula­tion from local media, the proceed­ings were held in private, to the satisfac­tion of the involved parties.

The controversy surrounding racist photos taken at two Auburn University fraternity Halloween parties continues, and is not the result of any change in the University's position.
Students travel to SOA protest

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Nov 16

This weekend thousands of individuals from across the country will unite to seek the closure of a school that has provided military training for individuals who have gone on to corrupt dictators and military officials in Latin America. Young, old, religious, lazy, pacifists and anarchists will descend upon Columbus, Ga., to engage in the annual non-violent protest to close the School of the Americas (SOA), or as it is now known, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

A group of Notre Dame students, who are sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, leave Friday evening following a 5 p.m. vigil at the Peace Memorial. For many of the Notre Dame students who are attending, this weekend is important to them because of the awareness that it brings and the message that it represents. "I have spent time in El Salvador and Mexico and feel called to represent the pain and suffering that I heard of through the friends I made. I have seen the pieces and remains of U.S. military equipment used to kill men, women, and children and I feel responsible to some extent for this aspect of U.S. involvement. For me, the issue deals with the fact that a School here in the U.S. was directly involved in trying to kill those who have become my friends in El Salvador," said senior Brendan Egan.

Since its establishment in 1946, the SOA, a U.S. government-funded school, has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers. El Salvador's Atlacatl Battalion, which is composed of several SOA graduates, is responsible for the deaths of six Jesuit priests, more than 800 deaths at the El Mozote massacre and more than 500 deaths at the Sumpul massacre.

"I think for me personally, it's more important for me to go this year to be a voice to say what our policy is in Latin America and to take a stance to say that I don't support what our country is doing with regard to Latin America," said senior Megan Sheehan.

As a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this year's protest has taken on a new significance.

"If we are against terrorism then we have to recognize and abhor our own complicity with terrorism. Terrorism is not only Bin Laden and Islamic extremism. Terrorism is training oppressive military forces as well as such things as drive-by shootings. Terrorism is any act of a force that attempts to drive fear and a sense of death upon a people. If George Bush is truly against terrorism, then he should close down the terrorist training camp in Fort Benning, Ga.," said Igan.

One of the many aims of the protest has always been to increase awareness of the injustices and infringements on freedom that many in Latin America are subjected to due to their military and governmental leaders.

The schedule for this year's protest has changed due to the nation's current battle against terrorism. Calls for a heightened state of national security. The protest will take place at South Columbus Park instead of outside the gates of Ft. Benning where the School of the Americas is located.

This two-day event includes talks from family members of victims who were killed by SOA graduates, analysts and educators. Vigils and prayer services take place throughout the day, interspersed with music.

Many past participants said that the most powerful part of the weekend is the solemn funeral procession that will take place on Sunday. Due to the changed location, the procession will begin at the park and participants will walk carrying coffins that are symbolic of the six Jesuit priests who were murdered by SOA graduates. A drum beat is heard in the background as the list of victims read aloud.

The need for a non-violent protest is more important than ever this year. The Columbus police will be present and will not allow any protest that violate any laws. Participants will be taking a risk by leaving the grounds of the park to walk in the procession and can be held liable.

Unlike in past years when protestors would cross the gates of the SOA, the protest will end in front of the recently constructed eight foot perimeter fence where participants from the procession will cover the fence with pictures of victims.

"Every time I go I am struck by the hope that there is and will be the power of the people who are acting on the behalf of others along with the power of unity and strength to act out against violence," said senior Rachel Solis.

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Grandmother to join SOA protesters

By NOREEN GILLIESPE News Writer

Among the dust-filled roadways, as trucks rolled through the metropolitan center, Rumbling along on caterpillar tracks, piles of corpses lay heaped in the trucks like cargo, limbs hanging limp on the sides.

It was a message, 77-year-old Hazel Tulecke saw, believing from the government to the Guatemalan people: obey the government, or end up like those who didn't.

"This was a warning to the people — Don't get your hands in this, or you'll end up like all those who are lined up over there," she said.

And although she didn't know for sure, Tulecke began to hear rumors circulating among the intellectual undergrowth of the violence in Central America, which was supported by the United States government.

Observing the Central American political climate while living with an international group named Peace from the Americas, Tulecke was arrested at the protest demonstrating against the United States government leaders and local government officials responsible for the SOA.

"I had a better understanding of what was happening in the world," said Tulecke. "I just saw the events of the past year and the ongoing conflict in Afghanistan in Thursday night's discussion. The group including Holy Cross priests Michael Baxter and Patrick Gaffney, Mohamed Gad-el-Hak from the engineering department and visiting professor Thomas Scheffler, discussed the realities of war and the importance of maintaining peace.

"What gave them [the terrorists] the arrogance, some would say the hubris, to challenge the United States so much more powerful," Scheffler rhetorically asked.

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Speakers discuss religion, terror

By ANDREW THAGARD

Notre Dame professors from the anthropology, theology, engineering and history departments and a Kroc Visiting Fellow professor discussed the religious aspects surrounding the events of Sept. 11 and the ongoing conflicts in Afghanistan.

"I must admit I was mystified [by Islam]. But I don't want to be mystified much longer," Michael Baxter Holy Cross Priest and Patrick Gaffney, Mohamed Gad-el-Hak from the engineering department and visiting professor Thomas Scheffler, focused not only on Islam fundamentalism, but also Christianity and how the two religions interrelate.

"One way to look at this is a problem of Muslims," said Gaffney. "Our task as Americans is to start engaging them. We've got to work together so it isn't 'us versus them.'"

"For people who have gone around as a threat to those who didn't," Baxter said.

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U.S. may allow food sales to Cuba:
For the first time since the United States imposed trade sanctions against Cuba four decades ago, Havana is negotiating a deal with American producers to buy food and agricultural products to replenish stocks destroyed by a recent hurricane.

Nations hope to aid global growth:
Reaching a consensus that they hope will rejuvenate the world’s economy, trade ministers from more than 140 nations agreed today on an agenda to topple tariffs and liberalize trade on everything from wheat to insurance policies. In six days of nearly round-the-clock meetings in this Persian Gulf emirate, the members of the World Trade Organization sought to balance their national interests against the urgent need to shore up the world’s battered economy.

**AFGHANISTAN**

New clues in airline crash found:
American Airlines Flight 587 twice ran into turbulence left by a jumbo jet, including a blast of air that sent it careening sideways just seconds before it crashed, investigators said Thursday. The doomed plane’s flight data recorder indicates the Airbus A300 had two wake encounters during its three-minute flight, said Marion Blakey, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

Two killed after trains collide:
Cleanup crews cleared the wreckage of two freight trains Thursday as investigators tried to determine the cause of the head-on crash that killed two railroad workers and injured two others. The Canadian National trains collided about 6 a.m. in a marshy, wooded area of Oakland County, Undersheriff Tom Quinliven said. Two schools closed and residents were evacuated until authorities determined no hazardous materials had leaked.

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Lawmakers push terrorism bill:
Two state lawmakers plan to push a package of bills designed to enhance the state’s ability to respond to terrorist acts. Rep. Mike Murphy and Rep. Dale Grubb announced Thursday they would work to win support for them when the General Assembly convenes in January. The eight-point plan includes a constitutional amendment that provides an order of succession if the officers of the governor and lieutenant governor are vacant at the same time and the General Assembly is unable to meet immediately to appoint a new governor.

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**Security bill ready for approval**

President Bush or House Republicans initially wanted. The Senate prevailed in its insistence that the screeners should be federal employees, at least for three years. The improvements in airplane security, including higher wages for screening personnel, will be financed with a fee of $2.50 imposed on each passenger boarding a plane. House Republicans did get some additional improvements in the legislation.

**British troops fly into Bagram**

Up to 100 British commandos have flown into Bagram airbase north of the Afghan capital Kabul, defense sources said Thursday. The sources said the Royal Marines were checking out the base’s facilities and paving the way for humanitarian operations in an area which is now in the hands of the opposition Northern Alliance.

"They did not have to fight their way in,” said one defense source. The British soldiers were drawn from forces retained in the area after Operation Swift Sword, a major military exercise staged in Oman. British Prime Minister Tony Blair had put British troops on standby to be rushed to Afghanistan to secure airports and aid routes after Northern Alliance troops swept the Taliban from great swathes of the country. International Development Minister Clare Short stressed on Thursday the need to move swiftly. The crucial next step in terms of the humanitarian effort is securing order,” Short told reporters a day after Britain put thousands of soldiers on 48-hour notice for duty in the region. France said Thursday it would send troops to northern Afghanistan “in a matter of days” as part of an international aid and reconstruction mission to the country.

"We are working on a French contribution, probably with other coalition countries, to create a security base that would reestablish infrastructures and normal living conditions in the northern zones," Defense Minister Alain Richard told reporters.

British Royal Marine Commandos take part in an exercise at Camp Fairburn in the desert of Oman October 14, 2001. The British are now involved in humanitarian operations in territory controlled by the Northern Alliance.
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leader, Sequoia, who created the alphabet for his tribe. She next chose to add the Southern tree of Alabama and a symbol for sovereignty and structure. Next, she inscribed the statua of Vulcan in Birmingham, which represents Alabama's early 20th-century steel industry. By 1950, Sequoia was the State Capitol Building in Montgomery to symbolize progress in education and civil rights.
Lastly, the Saturn IV Moon Rock represents the impact of NASA's research in Huntsville.
Peterson chose these images to represent the history and future of education in Alabama and takes great pride in her state. "So much of Alabama's history and its many contributions are overlooked, and I hope that my illustrations can serve as reminders of Alabama's accomplishments to Alabamians and to all Americans," Peterson said.
Peterson is an art major and has always been interested in the visual arts. "I've been drawing and painting as long as I can remember," Peterson said.
She is very excited about the prospect of her design being chosen. "Just the thought of having my artwork on a coin blows my mind away," Peterson said. "That is a forever thing."

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Cathi DeCleene, the Health and Human Development studies professor and faculty advisor for Sequoia, said, "We encourage women to talk in their support system."
"Although prenatal health classes are offered at the State University, women do not exist on either campus. Notre Dame and the Saint Mary's. Notre Dame provides transporta­tion to any off-campus doctor's office. She especially recommends the Women's Care Center in downtown South Bend.
In congruence with the College's "Everyonewelcome" policy, the school provides information about local abortion clinics on request. There is no requirement that you have to be responsible for yourself, "Peterson said."

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With her 16-year-old sister due in a month with her first child and her 21-year-old sister a new mother, Jones said their mother was ready to support her from the start.
"It shocked her, but she is very supportive. I'm 23. Had I been 17 or 18 things would have had more of a say-so. She still has lots of her own questions, though," Jones said.
Without a doubt, Jones said her greatest source of strength comes from her friends, especially those in the Notre Dame theatre department. Jones came to Notre Dame as a chemistry major, but found the tight-knit family atmosphere of the theatre department especially appealing. That family has been the most supportive aspect of Notre Dame.
"If they had been negative all this time, I don't think I'd be able to be as accepting of my situa­tion as I've been," Jones said.
Facing obstacles and changes. Jones said her friends are not as comfortable with her condition as her friends in the theatre department. Cross-cousin campus everyday has been quite a challenge. "I'm a bit of a gossip and I'm quite a social person. I'm a gawking staries and inquiring minds, Jones can't help but feel like an outsider. She opts to stay in most nights rather than go to bars where she'll be the only sober one out. She spends her money on diapers and baby clothes, not new clothes for an upcoming party. She knows that there are only a handful of women who are pregnant campus every year, making it harder for the other students who don't know how to react or to what.
"I don't know if people think I'm pregnant or just fat," Jones said. "I think she's gained only seven pounds during the past six months. People stare. I catch people staring at my stom­ach, and I want to ask, "is there a foot hanging out of me on what?"
Regardless, Etheridge insists that support is the main focus.
"You don't have to go it alone. You don't have to make every decision within the first 48 hours," she said.
"Life is beautiful no matter how it is conceived."
In a female dorm, she has witnessed incredible acts of spirit and generosity towards women dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. "In every instance, friends rallied around the pregnant woman. We call ourselves a community that only mean in good times" Etheridge said, adding that she has even seen a few dorm-sponsored baby show­ers over the years.
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Pregnancy lies in the lack of a peer support group.
"I do believe that I am the only pregnant woman here. Even gay students who are blas­tically discriminated against have a group," she said, suggest­ing that a group be formed to bring together pregnant stu­dents, new parents, students who gave their children up for adoption and even students who underwent an abortion.
Jones said her experience with Notre Dame's support services has been less than exemplary. With no on-campus day care services and no residential faciliti­es for single mothers, Jones expressed real concern for other women from out of state or the South Bend area who have no family in the vicinity or immediate knowl­edge of nearby health services.
She has anxiety about walking from campus to CI once cold tem­peratures settle over the Golden Dome, a concern that fell on deaf ears to the Notre Dame Security and Police.
When she approached them requesting a special parking space that would limit the dis­tance she'd have to walk to class, they insisted that she had to bring in a "doctor's note" to her office.
"You would think that they would understand we're pregnant as possible. There aren't many pregnant students on campus - there wouldn't be a parking space if they offered special parking for pregnant students," she said.
That wasn't her only off-cam­pus obstacle.
While trying to drive onto cam­pus to pick up her laundry earli­er this fall, she faced a particu­larly skeptical gate guard.
"It is her practice to question anyone before they want to use our campus every year, making it harder for the other students who don't know how to react or to what."
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Keeping the baby
Right from the start, Jones knew that she wanted to keep the baby. Uncomfortable with the idea of adoption, she never considered abortion either even though she is pro-choice. As soon as she found out she was pregnant, the word "mom" didn't sound so far off.
"I don't think anyone should have an abortion because the baby would be an inconve­nience. I'm an adult and I'm able to take care of a kid. It's a conse­quence of having sex," she said.
This consequence has taken her body on a roller coaster ride. The spring morning sickness for the first few months and back­aches since day one. Jones promises that this is the last time she'll be pregnant.
"Pregnancy is not fun and it's a lot on your body. I have so much respect for women who do it over and over again. My body isn't mine," she said.

Future possibilities
Upon her graduation in December, Jones plans a life in New York City. After the baby is born, she, like to live and work in Chicago. The possibility of employ­ment at Notre Dame doesn't lie far­ off, either. She was offered a position in the Detroit troupe of Second City, but Chicago seems like a better fit for her because it is closer to home and family.
"My attitude has changed. I think a baby can fit into my lifestyle. It is an addition to what I'm going to be," she said with an air of possibility. "It is just a little detour." When Feb. 11 rolls around, Jones will welcome baby Christopher Jalen or Raivyn Christopher Jalen or Raivyn Jones said to her mother, a loving mom.
"I don't worry about giving birth, but I really worry about the pain. I'll be using all the drugs that can supply for me," she said.
And even though this baby will be her first — and presumably her last — she said everyday will be a learning experience.
Despite a few uncomfortable instants, Jones said another comfort­ ing moment when a chemistry student on her golf cart offered her a ride in from D6. She was struggling to make it to class on time and the angel-in-disguise gave her "the first bit of compassion" she encountered at Notre Dame.

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Abandoned terror lab found

Associated Press

KABUL

Materials left behind in a compound used by Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida network — including a booklet offering advice on how to survive a nuclear explosion — suggest the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical and other unconventional weapons.

Foul-smelling liquids and charred papers covered with chemical formulas littered a makeshift laboratory in one al-Qaida building in the heart of Kabul. Maps, mines and computer manuals were found in others.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday that the documents are consistent with bin Laden’s statements saying he was among the bombs and missiles — written in English — were among the weapons.

For all eventualities including a direct hit from what northern alliance troops had identified as a nuclear explosion — suggest advice on how to survive a nuclear explosion — suggest the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical and other unconventional weapons.

"There are descriptions of how the detonation of TNT compresses plutonium into a critical mass, sparking a chain reaction, and ultimately a thermonuclear reaction," The Times said.

Room after room was filled with papers, formulas and maps, some partially burned, some with handwritten Arabic notes. They were followed page from an old issue of Plane and Pilot magazine. — a story titled "A Flight to Remember."

At the rear of the main house, one room contained mountains of papers, some from training manuals showing diagrams of weapons. An English-language book described how to use a recoilless rifle. Small, anti-personnel mines littered the floor of another room.

An all-American soldier in camouflage drew, Mohammed Nisar, walked through three houses with papers, formulas, handwritten diagrams, pictures of rockets and other weaponry. In the basement of one house was what looked to be a laboratory. In another house where the al-Qaida men resided, according to Nisar, four different types of land mines were found. Northern alliance troops had emptied two old railway cars parked in the yard that its soldiers said had been packed with arms and ammunition.

"Look, you can see the land mines," Nisar said, moving to pick one up. "It’s safe now; we have disarmed it."

Deep beneath the house what seemed to be bunkers, with a roof of fresh cement in one were parts of weapons, with the barrels of anti-aircraft weapons propped up in the corner.

In the yard and in the rooms were more papers and diagrams — some in Arabic, some in Persian, some in Urdu — and maps with large circles to mark locations.

Earlier this year, The Associated Press acquired an 11-volume Encyclopedia of Holy War, written in Arabic and dedicated to bin Laden and the Taliban.

Another sprawling al-Qaida compound, built on a former Scud missile base in the hills that surround Kabul’s Darulaman Palace, apparently served as training grounds.

"We found lots of books and papers and newspapers," said Haji Abdullah, a northern alliance commander. "We threw most of them out."

A laminated certificate retrieved from the rubble identified the holder as a "military training instructor," alliance official Jan Aga said.

"There are descriptions of what the terrorist group may have been trying to develop chemical and other unconventional weapons."

"Terrorism is not an easy goal as it was last year. The crowds aren’t as into it and they just haven’t been great games," said Dossal.

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Although many students still feel the school spirit, some students opt to stay tailgating or just wake up a bit later on Saturday morning.

"I go to the games and show up five minutes late when I never used to be late before [this season]," said Creagan. "And we don't cheer as much as we did last year."

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Despite how the squad has obviously been a disappointment for future wins and some disgruntled fans tend to blame head coach, Bob Davie.

"The central premise is that it has obviously been a discouraging year," said Cappy Gugnon, coordinator of student personnel since 1996. "It think it’s harmful to school spirit, but if you talk to those people (who scream anti-Bob Davie chants), nobody says they’re now anti-Notre Dame. It’s that they’re frustrated we’re not winning."

"The basketball teams have disarmed it."

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"The students probably have a better vantage point than the administration," he said. "[Students] are the ones with the spirit and if they say it’s declining, it’s declining."

Roberts was excited with football his freshman year after the win over Michigan before the crowds rushed onto the field. "I’ve never seen the school spirit as it’s been at that point," he said. "But if we go in a major bowl next year, it’ll be major excitement. It’s obviously not a permanent change where Notre Dame’s spirit has declined."
A Week of Peace and War Education

a series of talks and panel discussions that goes beyond the media's portrayal of the events and aftermath of September 11th

Sunday Nov. 11
Collections in Baslica and Hall Mans. to beneﬁt Catholic, Social Service, Refugee Camps.

Monday Nov. 12
4:00 pm, Hesburgh Center Auditorium
"War, Peace and Implications of Justice: An Islamic Perspective"
lecture by John Arif, Florida State University
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Kearny/Stanford: "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"
McGinn: "Students, Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
Morrobay: "Seeing Through the Media"
Pasquella East: "Refugees and Displacement"

Tuesday Nov. 13
4:00 - 5:30 pm, 117 Hayes-Mahon Hall
"The Ethical, Moral Dimensions of Terrorism: Understanding the Psychological Impact of Trauma"
(Len McMahan, Wendy Settle, Suzan Nair)
7:00 pm, 201 DeBartolo
"Appalachia. Sept. 11, and Broader Implications" presentation at Appalachian Summer by George Lopez, Kroc Institute
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Kearny/Stanford: "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"
McGinn: "Civil and Human Rights"
Morrobay: "Justice in War and After War: Is U.S. Foreign Policy Ethical?"
Pasquella East: "Fighting Terrorism"
9:15 pm, Hesburgh Library Auditorium
Irish Film: "Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujahedeen" introduction by Jil Godinow

Wednesday Nov. 14
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Kearny/Stanford: "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"
McGinn: "Seeing Through the Media"
Morrobay: "Students, Take a Stand: A Call to Action"
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Irish Film: "Jung (War) in the Land of the Mujahedeen" introduction by Jil Godinow
10:00 pm, Morrissey Manor Chapel
Interfaith Prayer Service
Muir-Alumni Chapel

Thursday Nov. 15
7:00 pm, McKenna Hall (CCE)
"Holy Lands and the End of Conflict: The High Price of Nations Today"
lecture by Benedict Anderson, Cornell University
7:30 - 9:00 pm, Quad Panel Discussions
Kearny/Stanford: "Fighting Terrorism"
McGinn: "Religious Dimensions of the Conflict"
Morrobay: "Religious Development"
Pasquella East: "The Historical Roots of Anti-Americanism"

Friday Nov. 16
12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm
Hesburgh Center Auditorium
"What We Have Learned"
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Aid workers lifted to freedom

After three harrowing months — freedom

Eight Western aid workers were freed Thursday by anti-Taliban forces and then helicoptered out of Afghanistan to Pakistan by U.S. special forces. The workers, members of Shelter Now International, a German-based group, had been accused by the Taliban of preaching Christianity, a serious offense under Taliban Islamic rule. Two Americans, two Australians and four Germans made up the group.

Aug. 3: Two American aid workers are arrested by the Taliban.

Aug. 29: Taliban announce that the workers will be put on trial for preaching Christianity.

Sept. 1: Taliban moves the eight foreign aid workers to another detention center for security reasons.

Oct. 3: A lawyer in Kabul makes defense arguments at a hearing for the aid workers.

Nov. 8: Four Germans and two Australians are arrested, as well as 16 Afghan staff members.

Sept. 26: Jessee Jackson says he will not travel to Afghanistan as a mediator but will appeal to the handover of suspected terrorists and the release of aid workers held there.

Nov. 12: Guards take the workers and head toward Kandahar. The eight are later locked in a steel container somewhere in Taliban province.

Nov. 13: Taliban take the workers with them as they are flown via an helicopter to Kandahar.

Kabul on Tuesday, said U.N. officials in Islamabad.

Tilden Curry was standing in line at a church supper Wednesday when he heard his daughter was free. Dayna Curry called her father her Friday and said they spoke for about 15 minutes. It was overwhelming to hear her voice," he said. told Nashville television station WSMV. "They both said to say thanks to everybody for their prayers," he said in Germany.

President Bush hailed the dramatic turn of events, and said he spoke Wednesday morning with the two Americans — both natives of central Texas. "They both had to say thanks to everybody for their prayers," Bush said. Bush thanked the Taliban for their humane treatment of the aid workers. "We were good days and there were bad days," he said. "There were good days and there were bad days." Overall, he was impressed with the Taliban's treatment of the workers.

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Bush had rejected several attempts by the Taliban to use the aid workers as bargaining chips.

The Taliban had agreed to turn over the aid workers through the International Committee of the Red Cross, two senior administration officials said. The Red Cross was going to get them into the hands of U.S. troops. But before the exchange could be accomplished, the anti-Taliban northern alliance overthrew the Taliban.

The Red Cross said in Geneva that a local military commander contacted the ICRC, saying he had released the eight foreigners and wanted help transporting them out of Afghanistan.

The aid organization said it reduced contacts with the Taliban and the U.S., Australian and German governments, but said it was unable to say which ethnic or military group the commander belonged to.

Bush said only that the Red Cross and other "people on the ground facilitated" U.S. troops' ability to rescue the aid workers.

The president said he had been worried that the Taliban might put the aid workers in a house that might be bombed accidentally, and said the U.S. military had been working on plans for a secret rescue if needed. He did not elaborate.

The co-director of Shelter Now International, Joseph Lauer, said in Germany that the eight workers had been held for six and a half months, or three weeks to recover from their ordeal at a place he did not name. In Australia, Joseph Thomas, author of aid worker Diana Thomas, said Thursday his prayers had been answered. He also gave credit to the Taliban for their humane treatment of the aid workers.

"If you look at the facts, since they've been captive, they've been looked after and they've been given everything that they have wanted," Thomas told Sydney radio station.

Taliban Supreme Court judges had indefinitely postponed the aid workers' trial since they were charged Aug. 3. The judges said they feared their anger over U.S. airstrikes could hamper their ability to make a fair ruling.

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Labor department writes anthrax guide

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Labor Department is issuing guidelines to help employers and workers deal with possible anthrax exposure and to assess risks of contracting the disease.

"Most employers and employees face little or no risk of exposure to anthrax and need only minimal precautions," said Labor Secretary Elaine Chao. "But some may have to deal with potential or known exposures, and we want to make sure they have all possible information available to protect Americans at their workplace."

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration guidelines being released Friday establish risk zones and guidelines to deal with the potential for exposure. Four people have died of anthrax exposure.

All businesses should avoid opening suspicious mail and wash hands after handling all mail.

"We are providing needed guidance, not creating new requirements. The world has changed since Sept. 11. Threats to our national security now can clearly involve the workplace."

Elaine Chao

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Businesses that receive mail from facilities that are known to be contaminated fall into the yellow zone. Guidelines include limiting the number of people working near mail areas. Impermeable gloves, such as nitrile or vinyl, are recommended. Also, properly fitting, filtering face masks that are level N95 or greater can be worn. Respirators with P-type filters also should be considered.

A work site is in the red zone if law enforcement or public health officials have notified of possible contamination. The level of protection depends on the risk. Employees can consider wearing tight-fitting, full-face Powered Air-Purifying Respirators and skin protection suits with hoods and booties.

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Bishops approve military force

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The nation's Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly supported the United States' right to use military force against international terrorists Thursday.

However, the bishops said the response must be part of a broader foreign policy that alleviates poverty, stops human rights abuses and helps to end violence.

"Within any way gaining indefensible terror acts, we still need to address those conditions of poverty and injustice which are exploited by terrorists," the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops said in the proclamation.

The statement was approved on the final day of this week's gathering in which the bishops elected their first black president, Wilton Gregory of Belleville, Ill., and updated their anti-abortion plan to highlight opposition to human embryo research, euthanasia and the death penalty.

The conference also expressed concern for the plight of Africans and welcomed the growing number of Asian immigrants in the church.

The war statement attempted to reflect the range of views among the bishops, from pacifists who see no justification for war to clergy who hoped for a stronger statement of support for the Bush administration.

"This terrorist threat cannot go unanswered. We have a right to self-defense," Fiorenza said. "But we wanted to be pastoral in understanding heartfelt, grief and rage. Our desire is to bring a great sense of hope to those who have suffered."

Another religious statement on the war Thursday, from a National Council of Churches assembly in Oakland, Calif., did not specifically endorse or condemn America's military campaign. The council includes 36 Protestant and Orthodox denominations.

The council called for "an early end" to U.S. bombing and international collaboration "toまま nonviolent means" to bring world terrorists to justice. It also urged long-term American commitment to economic development and peace in Afghanistan.

On Wednesday, the conference "approved a documented call for "Campaign in Support of Life," which urged Catholics to continue to lobby public officials and the general public to support the church's positions.

The bishops said they were encouraged by a decline in abortions and new state laws that restrict the procedure. But they noted their failure to reverse the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

"Diversity was a focus of much of the meeting," Gregory said he hoped his election sent a message that the church embraces those from all ethnic backgroun

The bishops specifically acknowledged Asian Catholics at the meeting, approving a proclamation that asks parishioners to pray for the group's spiritual needs. Asians comprise about 2.6 percent of U.S. Catholics.
8 pm  Only ten are lucky...

9 pm  and three are Charmed

Thursday on Michiana's WB
Rarely does this column delve into football, especially Fighting Irish football. However, while in New York City last weekend, I had the most unusual encounter.

After viewing a Broadway play, our party ventured to the restaurant Iguana. On any given day, celebrities like Al Pacino dine with patrons on sandwiches literally stacked with three inches of meats and cheeses. Last Saturday was no exception for us as I sat next to Joy Philbin and two men who were wearing paper bags on their heads.

I guessed that Begis and his television producer, "Gelman," were under the bags while poor Joy sat alone and exposed to the world. I tried to identify the two as I sat quietly listening to their conversation. "You know, Regis, I would like to be frank with you. May I?" asked the brown bag.

"Sure coach, if you let me," replied the white bag.

"What are you complaining about? You can quote statistics relating to every facet upon whose contract gets better ratings or ticket prices." That was what the intensity was able to a game with national champi­

"It's a deal. First, Reege, you really bug me when you mention your alma matter on every show. Those of us affiliated with Notre Dame stuff... says it is wholesome." I turned away thinking of how the Yankees barely reached game seven of the World Series, and only because they had demanded excellence. Could I expect excellence from Notre Dame football in the future or more conversations from beneath a paper bag? I guess it depends upon whose contract gets better rating at the end of this month.

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, served in President Clinton's administration as a Congressional and public affairs director. His column appears every other Friday. He can be reached at hotlinemail.com.

The Observer employees are not eligible to submit nominations.
It was a time of great and exalting excitement for all. Upon the firing of the first guns of the war, the nation was at war, in every breast burned the holy fire of patriotism, the drums were beating, the bands playing, the toy pistols popping, the bunched firecrackers bursting and voluntering, on every hand and far down the receding and fading sparkle of rockets and bursting shells, a dazzling wilderness of flags flashed in the sun; daily the young volunteers marched down the wide avenue gay and fighting, in uniforms, the proud fathers and mothers, and sisters and sweethearts cheering them with voices choked with happy emotion as they swung by; nightly the packed mass meetings listened, panting, in patriotic oratory which stirred the deepest hearts of their, and which they interpreted at certain situations in which such behavior is unpropitious.

It was indeed a glad and gracious time, and the half dozen rashes spirits that ventured to disagree of the war and cast a doubt upon its righteous straightforward got such a stern and angry warning that for their personal safety their sake they quickly shrank out of sight and offended no one more.

Sunday morning came — the day the batters would leave for the front; the church and temple, the school and college, the shop where there, their young faces alight with martial dreams — visions of the stern advance, the gathering momentum, the rushing charge, the flashing sabers, the flight of the foe, the tumult, the enveloping smoke, the fierce pursuit, the surrender! Then hyme from the war. Bronzed heroes, welcomed, admired, submerged in golden seas of glory! With the volunteers sal their dear ones, proud, happy and beloved by the neighbors and friends who had no sons and brothers to send forth to the battle, then the wide avenue gay and fine in their new uniforms, the proud fathers and mothers comfort, and sisters and sweethearts cheering them in the day of battle and the hour of peril, bear them in His mighty hand, make them strong and confident, invisible, in public and private, upon the minister, his pale, pale even to ghastliness. With all his eyes fixed upon the minister, his long face, his long hair, his eyes fixed upon the minister, his head bare, his white hair, descending in a flowing catarrin to his shoulders, his seaney face unalterably calm, even to ghastly stillness, his eyes following him and wondering, he made his silent way; without passing; he ascended to the preacher's side and stood there waiting. With shut lids the preacher, unconscious of his presence, continued with his moving prayer, and as last finished it with the words, uttered in fervent appeal, "Bless our arms, grant us the victory, O Lord our God, Father and Protector of our land and flag! The war touched his arm, motioned him to step aside — which the startled minister did — and took his place.

During some moments he surveyed the assembled audience with solemn eyes upon a form which burned an uncanny light; then in a deep voice he said: "I came from the Throne — bearing a message from Almighty God! The words could not be heard, but if this stranger perceived it he gave no attention.

"He has heard the prayer of His servant your shepherd, and will grant it if such shall be your desire after 1, His messenger, shall have explained to you its import — that is to say, its full import. For it is like unto many of the prayers of men, in that it asks for more than he who utters it is aware of — except he pause and think.

"God's servant and yours has prayed his prayer. Has he paused and taken thought? Is it oyer prayer? He has reached the ear of Him Whose voice the lips of angels have not move, the heart of man has not beat, the prophet has not called, the messengers of the Law have not uttered..." The audience, which no doubt was listening, fixed its attention on the speaker.

"He has heard your prayer. You have prayed it; if ye still desire it, speak! The messenger of the Most High waits!"

It was believed, however, that the man was a lunatic because there was no sense in what he said.

The War Prayer was written by Mark Twain and was delivered orally by the author between 1904-1905. It was sent to The Observer by Michael F. Diamond, a member of the Peace Education Society, who thought it would be a fitting conclusion to this week's war and peace education.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By AMANDA GRECO
Associate Scene Editor

If you will be going to see "Les Misérables" this weekend, be prepared to sacrifice a significant piece of your time. While the musical itself lasts slightly more than three hours, the powerful effect this performance leaves will continue to resonate long after the final bows.

Calling "Les Misérables" the most famous show in the world is far from an overstatement. "Les Mis" debuted in London 16 years ago and is now in its 15th year on Broadway. Through the years, "Les Mis" has received 50 major awards internationally, including several Grammys and the 1987 Tony Award for Best Musical.

But the show's merit extends far beyond the talented performers and exquisite sets that comprise its many performances. The story, characters, music and emotion transport the audience to revolution-era France where the story is held entranced by the saga of a struggling nation and the story of one man — both fighting for their freedom.

"Les Miserables" is based upon Victor Hugo's classic 1861 novel. Covering several decades in 19th century France, the story line follows the country's progression towards revolution and convict Jean Valjean's rise towards self-renewal. This stage production of "Les Mis" is more like an opera than a musical. Every line is sung, and while some may find this detracts from the comprehensibility of a show, it is precisely what the drama of this play requires. Actors maintain their characters with ease and portray vivid, affecting emotion without having to break out of rhythm. All too often in traditional musicals, the audience loses a sense of the character and his or her objectives when he or she breaks into random song.

The production is masterfully staged with breathtaking visuals and an awe-inspiring set. The 36 actors are decked in full, time-specific regalia thanks to the more than 1,000 costumes and 45 wigs. The barricade built by the show's Revolutionaries weighs in at an astonishing 12,250 lbs.

With every new venue this travelling show visits comes a new stage with new dimensions and limitations. It is unfeasible, then, that assembly of this stage can be executed in the less than two days before the curtain rises on what has come to be known as the world's best-loved musical.

The play begins while Valjean (Randall Keith) is serving time for stealing a loaf of bread for his dying nephew. After laboring nearly two decades previously. Finally, Valjean is released on parole, only to find that no one will look past the crime he committed for employment, he is moving through the streets of Digne, his allies with cries for freedom. However grateful he may be, Valjean cannot resist the temptation to steal the Bishop's silver. When Valjean is caught by the police and taken — along with the stolen silver — to the Bishop's house, the Bishop lies for Valjean, saying that the silver was a gift and that Valjean had forgotten the matching candle sticks. The Bishop's only request in return for his kindness is that Valjean reform to lead a life as God's child.

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This opening scene presents one of the stronger on-stage images of the production. When Valjean is searching for employment, he is moving through the streets of Digne, passing through crowds and from one employer to the next. These are the first revolutions of the turntable and are one of the most impressive and effective displays of motion presented on any stage.

The next scene carries the audience eight years into the future after Valjean has broken his parole to reinvent himself as a good man with a new name. He has successfully become a mayor, factory owner and well-respected citizen. Here we meet Fantine (Jayne Paterson), a woman

Prostitutes sell their wares in "Lovely Ladies," a song about their profession and the men who keep them in business.
The Revolutionaries rally at the barricade before fighting for their cause.

"Les Miserables" stirs emotion and pulls the audience in as few shows can. It is for this reason that your mind will remain entranced in the scenes for hours after the performance. A production that can affect people for days after attending is as rare as a show that can remain powerfully moving after years on the stage, which is as uncommon as a story whose message can still ring true centuries after being penned.
The Observer sports section on Friday, November 16, 2001, page 16.

NBA

Heat comeback, smoke Bay East Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK--The severely undermanned Miami Heat showed plenty of grit and determination in their 83-74 victory over the New York Knicks on Thursday night. The Heat shot 28 free throws, but the Knicks missed 17 of their 30 attempts.

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Caminiti posts $2,000 bond

Associated Press

HOUSTON
Former National League MVP Ken Caminiti posted $2,000 bond and was freed from jail after police arrested him on drug possession charges.

Authorities said they found Caminiti in a Houston hotel room with crack cocaine. A court appearance for him was set for Friday.

Early Wednesday afternoon, officers from a drug task force stopped a 2001 Mercedes registered to Caminiti. The vehicle was being driven by another man.

Law officers — part of a task force that included the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration — said they stopped the car because the driver was "suspicious." The officers did not elaborate.

The driver told authorities he had permission to use the car and that Caminiti could be found at a hotel.

Harris County Sheriff's deputies were sent to the hotel to check on Caminiti's welfare and make sure the car wasn't stolen.

They found him in the room and "when the door was opened, deputies could smell what they believed to be crack cocaine," said Harris County Sheriff's Department spokesman Lt. Robert Van Pelt.

Unspecified drugs and drug paraphernalia were found in the room, authorities said.

Caminiti, 38, who lives in the Houston area, was arrested along with two other people who were in the room.

He was charged with possession of less than 28 grams of a controlled substance and booked into the Harris County Jail.

"I'll wait to comment until I know more of the facts," Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell, one of Caminiti's closest friends, told the Houston Chronicle.

In 1994, Caminiti went public with his battle with alcohol dependency, saying he had conquered it after volunteering for rehabilitation.

Caminiti split last season with Texas and Atlanta. He hit .232 with nine home runs and 25 RBI for the Rangers and, after being released in July, batted .222 with six homers and 16 RBI with Atlanta.

The Braves did not re-sign Caminiti and last week he filed for free agency.

Hilltoppers upset 'Cats

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. —
David Boyden scored 15 points, and Chris Marcus added 13 points and 10 rebounds as Western Kentucky stunned No. 4 Kentucky 64-52 night in the first round of the NABC Classic.

The victory was the Hilltoppers' first over their intrastate rivals since a 107-83 victory that knocked the Wildcats (0-1) out of the 1971 NCAA Tournament.

Western Kentucky (1-0) advanced to face George Washington, a 69-64 winner over Marshall, in Friday's championship game.

Tayshaun Prince and Marvin Stone each scored 12 points to lead Kentucky, which will play the Thundering Herd in Friday's consolation game.

The Wildcats shot 34 percent from the field, finishing only 2-6 of-18 from 3-point range (11 percent), and turned the ball over 20 times to lose their season opener for the second straight year.

Kentucky had problems at the free-throw line as well, making only 12 of 24 and missing several key opportunities that could have put the Wildcats back in it late in the second half.
AROUND THE NATION

Friday, November 16, 2001

GAME OF THE WEEK

Miami-Syracuse has Big East title implications

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Florida State at Florida

Can anyone imagine Florida State outside the top 25? That’s the danger the No. 21 Seminoles face when they take on the No. 4 Gators in Gainesville, Fla. this weekend. Florida State has spent every week in the polls for 12 years, but after a 34-28 loss to North Carolina State last week, the Seminoles face the daunting task of needing to beat the nation’s hottest team to stay in the polls.

There is a lot of finger pointing going on at Florida State, but the problem is the defense. The young Seminoles’ defense has given up 92 points in the last three games. But the Seminoles still keep Florida coach Steve Spurrier on his toes. We haven’t beaten these guys since 1997, so it would be ridiculous to think they don’t have a chance to beat us,” Spurrier said.

The Florida offense has been on fire. The Gators have not punted in two games, including the mind-boggling 54-17 win against a tough South Carolina team. Grossman threw for 302 yards and three touchdowns in that game—most yards for the Gators’ quarterback.

One of the great things about college football is that heated rivalries bring out the best in teams. The Gators are heavily favored, but the Seminoles will be ready to play.

Washington State at Washington

No. 9 Washington State will battle in-state rival No. 16 Washington for the Apple Cup this Saturday in Seattle.

Washington State’s only loss of the season came at the hands of Oregon, 24-17. With a win Saturday and an Oregon loss to Oregon State Dec. 1, the Cougars will be off in the Fiesta Bowl.

Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser is questionable for Saturday’s game after suffering a concussion and bruised ribs against Arizona State last week. Gesser has completed 54 percent of his passes for 2,502 yards, 23 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions. Both teams have stellar defenses. Playing at home is the No. 1 team. Miami might be able to get away with a struggling offense, but the team who executes the best offensively will likely win this game.

around the dial

Navy at Notre Dame
2:30 p.m., NBC

Illinois at Ohio State
noon, ESPN

Michigan State at Purdue
noon, ESPN2

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3:30 p.m., CBS

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8:00 p.m., ABC

ESPN/USA Today poll

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Eye on Irish Opponents

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Temple at WEST VIRGINIA (5-3)
ULLA at UCD (4-3) vs Rutgers
BOSTON COLLEGE (6-3) at Rodgers
TENNESSEE (7-1) at Kentucky
CALIFORNIA at STANFORD (6-2)

HUBBA (11-0)
TEXAS A&M (7-3)
PITTSBURGH (6-4)

Miami tailback is tackled by Boston College’s Vinny Ciurciu during the Hurricanes’ 18-7 win against Boston College last weekend. Miami looks to defend its perfect record against Syracuse this weekend.

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MLB
Clemens takes Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK
With his record sixth Cy Young Award on route to his crowded trophy room, Roger Clemens turned his attention to the Hall of Fame.

"I'm still leaning on wearing the Yankee cap in, the Rocket revealed Thursday after earning the American League's top pitching honor yet again.

"I was just happy I was able to win one in the pin-

stripes," Clemens said.

Clemens, 29-3 with a 3.51 ERA and 213 strikeouts for New York, received 21 of 28 first-

place votes and 122

points, beating Oakland's Mark Mulder (60 points) and Seattle's Freddy Garcia (55) in voting by a panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

At 39 years, 3.5 months, Clemens became the third-oldest Cy Young winner behind Early Wynn (39 years, 10 months in 1959) and Gaylord Perry (40 years, 2 months in 1978). When Clemens won his first Cy Young in 1986, Mulder was 9 years old and Garcia was 10.

"That's just unbelievable," said today. "Those young guys have plenty more time to win it." Clemens said, referring to his wife.

Clemens is the only pitcher to win more than four Cy Youngs. Arizona's Randy Johnson won his fourth on Tuesday, match-

ing Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux.

"We'll make room for it," Clemens said from his home in the Houston area. "The five Cy Youngs right now are positioned, in fact, that from every position in my weight room you can look up and see them front and center.

"I want to see them every morning when I get up in that gym and get to work.

After he won his first Cy Young in 1986, Clemens said each of his sons would get one: Koby, Kory, Kasy and Kody. The kids said No. 5 was for their dad. Clemens said No. 6 was for his mother, Bass, who has emphysema.

"She said she wanted me to win one for her," Clemens said.

He called her right away and she got short of breath.

"It was so emotional, she has in really concen-

trate to breathe properly," Clemens said.

He is the first player to win a BBWAA award on three different teams. He won the Cy Young for Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, then won it for Toronto in 1997 and 1998. He also was the AL MVP in 1986.

With 280 career wins, he's now at 300 next season. He's still

in New York's 3-2 loss in Game 7.

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game winner, had the sec-

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AL Cy Young winner, be-

hind only Greg Maddux's 3.66 for the Chicago White Sox in 1981.

Clemens became the first starting pitcher with no complete games ever to win a Cy Young, according to the Elias

Sports Bureau, baseball's statisticians.

He became the 50th Cy Young Award for the Yankees, the first since Ron Guidry in 1978. Bob Turley won in 1958, Whitey Ford in 1961, and Sparky Lyle in 1977.

SMC BASKETBALL
Belles open season at Hanover Tip-Off

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

Despite an 8-17 record, last season was one of the most successful the Belles basketball team has seen in almost a decade. And the team, under second-year coach Suzanne Smith, is looking to improve on that and reach at least .500 this season.

With talented junior forward Kristen Matha back in action after numerous injuries last season and 6-foot freshman recruit Emily Creachbaum, the Belles begin their quest toward a suc-

cessful season tonight versus Franklin College at the Hanover Tip-Off Tournament.

Franklin, along with Hanover College, which Saint Mary's plays Saturday, traditionally has been a strong team, and that's one of the rea-
sons why Smith scheduled them.

"I wanted to schedule this because some of the top teams in our confer-

ence compare very closely to these teams," she said.

It seems as though Franklin may have some weakness which the Belles may be able to exploit.

"Franklin has a new coach. They've had a change in their program," said Smith.

"We don't totally know what to expect as far as Xs and Os (but) I feel good about that fact that it's a new coach, a new system they're trying to get used to. We're playing them early, so maybe it hasn't totally come togeth-

er yet.

Last season, the same words could have been said about Saint Mary's. As it was Smith's first year coaching the Belles, this season is different though.

The players and coach understand the depth.

"Our focus is to work as a team," said senior forward Anne Blair, last season's most valuable player.

Earlier this week, Saint Mary's had a scrimmage against North Central College, and Smith came away very impressed.

"The first twenty minutes was the best defense I've really seen for the level we're at," she said. "Defensively, we're really going to be able to take some teams out of their games."

According to Matha, the Belles' defense was strong despite a challeng-
ing opponent.

"I had never seen a team that tough. It was one 6-foot-1 woman coming off the bench after another," she said.

"The Saint Mary's guards did a great job coming down on the post. Defense is going to create our offense this year." The improvement of the defense from last season is due to increased trust, according to Blair, who averaged 9.5 points and six rebounds per game.

"We're there for each other. We're talking. If you trust each other, you have it made," said Blair.

While the defense was strong, the offensive needs some tweaking, but not much.

"We struggled a little offensively throughout the whole scrimmage, but it's things I don't think we're worried about," Smith said.

Blair believes that the offensive will improve once the season starts at the Hanover tournament.

"We're just really excited," she said. "We just need to go play [and] settle down. We have the skills, the talents, the depth.

Contact Joe Lindsey at lindsey.1@nd.edu.

The Congregation of Holy Cross welcomes our military chaplain guests.

At about 9:00 the Confederates commenced firing, and one hundred and twenty cannon from their side delved forth from their fiery threats missiles of death into our lines. The Third Corps were pressed back, and at this critical moment I proposed to give a general abdication to our men...
Irish gear up for Big East tournament

By CHRIS FEDERICI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team prepares today for what could be one of the most important contests in its program's history. The Irish take on the St. John's Red Storm tonight in a semifinal match of the Big East Conference tournament in Storrs, Conn.

With the games being played in Connecticut, the Irish may have a chance to avenge a tough 1-0 loss to the Huskies in the Championship, which was the only blemish on the Irish's last 10 games. "I can't wait to go back (to Connecticut) -- we didn't do so well last time," Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark commented. "We can't wait to go back. Hopefully, it could be a chance to get a good victory to get us towards the NCAAs as well."

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"Now we go to the final four in UConn, and that is a great experience for (the players)," Clark said. "I don't know what this season will bring, but we'll take it one game at a time."

Coming off a 1-0 opening-round victory against Georgetown, Notre Dame will hope to continue its strong play of late. In seven of their last nine matches, the Irish have held their opponents scoreless.

The eighth-ranked Red Storm should prove to be a tough match for the Irish. St. John's entered the postseason with a 12-2-3 record as the third seed in the conference, having scored as many points as the Irish during the regular season. The Irish earned the higher seed due to more conference wins. The Red Storm's lone Big East defeat came by way of a 2-1 loss to defending national champions and top-seeded Connecticut.

Tonight's match-up may prove to be a duel of stingy defenses. Notre Dame goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and St. John's goalsie Guy Hirz enter the match-up ranked first and second, respectively, in the Big East. In addition, both teams have posted seven shutouts during regular season play this year.

The Irish may have a bit of history going against them. In the previous eight matchups in their series with the Red Storm, the Irish have only taken one victory, being outscored in that span 20-6. If the Irish win this game tonight, they would meet the winner of the Connecticut-Rutgers game at noon on Sunday for the conference title. The Irish last won the Big East tournament title in 1996, their first year in the conference.

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other team's strengths. For instance, last week we had midfielder Ashley Drier shadow BC's and West Virginia's best offensive midfielders and we'll probably do that again this week.

Prior to Notre Dame's game against Eastern Illinois, the University of Cincinnati was square off against the University of Cincinnati Alumni Field. The winners of these two games will play each other in the second round of the NCAA tournament at 5 p.m. at Alumni field.

While the Irish are heavily favored to defeat Eastern Illinois on Friday, they realize that they cannot underestimate any of their opponents and must guard against an upset.

"We have to take it one game at a time," said Waldrum. "If we advance on Friday, then we will have a tough game on Sunday. Oakland and Cincinnati are two very underrated teams."

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

Author Events:

Professor Ralph McInerny, will be signing copies of *Emerald Aisle*, 5th in the Notre Dame series, on Friday, Nov. 16 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fr. Nicholas Ayo will be signing copies of *Signs of Grace* on Friday, Nov. 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

John Heisler will be signing copies of *Quotable Rockne* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Reid Duffy will be signing copies of his book *Indiana's Favorite Restaurants* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Joe Garner will be signing his book *Echoes of Notre Dame Football* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Michael Oriard will be signing copies of *King Football* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Ted Mandell, ND Professor of Film & Video Production, will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys* on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The 12 Nights Before Christmas Tour will have readings and signings on Saturday, Nov. 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Father Malloy, University of Notre Dame President, will read *The Newborn King: The Story of the First Christmas* on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 11:00 a.m., as part of our 2nd annual "True Meaning of Christmas" Celebration.

Musical Event:
The Undertones, Notre Dame acappella group, will perform on Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Bookstore one hour following the game.
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Her stellar prep effort also
captured the attention of Big
East coaches, who voted her
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Irish head coach Muffet
McGraw has been most
impressed with Jacqueline
Batteast’s work ethic in prac­tice.

"She’s really come in with an
open mind in terms of her way of
playing,” McGraw said. “She’s not
come in and been told how she
is. She’s really working hard,
she’s learning a lot of things.
She’s listening and trying to
learn more. I think that she’s
going to continue to get better
as long as she wants to.

The freshman got her first
lesson in Notre Dame’s open­ing
preseason game against
Ohio Girls’ Basketball
Magazine. The exhibition
featured experienced college
graduates and guarded the 15-
year-old like she’d never been
guarded before. Batteast was
still getting rebounds,”

McGraw said. “It’s good to
actually touch them good to
make her South Bend fans

magazine.

But it wasn’t until some good
luck after a loss that she began
to learn how talented she
really was. Batteast played for
an AAU team in Chesterton,

where she was just 14. That
team was beaten by a squad
based in Indianapolis called The
Family. After the game, the
coach of The Family questioned
Jacqueline wanted to join their
side. She gladly accepted.

As a member of The Family,
Jacqueline Batteast played
alongside Shyan Elzy, currently
a freshman at Tennessee and
regarded as the best player in
Indiana last summer.

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in the nation for four years,”
Jacqueline Batteast said. “That
helped my game too. When
you’re around good people it
makes you good.”

Jacqueline Batteast always
excelled at Washington,
averaging 21.3 points and 14
rebounds as a junior and 16.9
points and 11.8 boards as a
sophomore. During her senior
year, many teams called with
scholarship offers, some of
which she seriously consid­ered.

“Early on, I thought that she
would probably go away,”
Wayne Batteast said of his
dughter. “She looked at other
schools kind of seriously.” But
in the end, Jacqueline Batteast
called her dad’s advice of
“If you can’t beat what’s at
home, why leave” and decided
to attend Notre Dame.

Wayne Batteast thinks Notre
Dame is the perfect school for
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Jacqueline Batteast also
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doors and saved her parents
quite a bit in tuition bills, but
sport won’t be there forever.
For that reason, Jacqueline
Notre Dame on the top of her list.

"Basketball only lasts for so
long and Jacqueline really has
no pro aspirations,” Wayne
Batteast said. "It’s good to see
her really come in with an
attitude," Wayne Batteast said.

"Wayne has been sur­prised by the num­ber of fans
to attend games, but
more than
total family members to each
game, and
Wayne has been surprised
most by the number of fans
showing up who over the past
four years have been the oppo­sition.

With her going to Notre
Dame now, a lot of people tell
me they couldn’t cheer for her
as much when they were play­ing
their schools, but now
accepting you and thean,” Wayne Batteast said.

So besides helping the Irish
increase the student points and
rebounds, Batteast is helping
and play their second game of
the season, and he posted his first
shoutout of the year in last week­end,
and that is against Ferris State.

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three out of four points in a week­end,
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw inks pair for class of 2006

By KATIE MCVY
Assistant Sports Editor

Two high school seniors have signed national letters of intent to play basketball at Notre Dame for the 2002-2003 season, head coach Mugg McGraw announced Thursday.

Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere committed to the Irish women's basketball program after the signing period began on Wednesday.

"I'm really excited about this class particularly... these two classes back to back," McGraw said on Thursday. "I think it's really important we got these positions."

Duffy and LaVere will join an Irish team already heavy in underclassmen following this season's six-member recruiting class. Although most of her key players will be returning next year, McGraw is looking for enough recruits to make their presence known early.

"We'll have eight of our top nine players back so we won't have to rely on freshmen to come in and make an immedi-
Belles
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to escape a meal at the dining
hall. "I get to go home and do my
laundry," she said with a laugh.
"I don't get the homework feeling and that
would add to all the other kinds of
stress. It's just easier."
Not only did Saint Mary's give Creachbaum a place of
home, it also gave her the ben-
efits of a great community in
Notre Dame across the street.
"I chose Saint Mary's because
I wanted to go to a school that
wasn't so close, but was
involved in all the Notre Dame
activities and play basketball.
And playing basketball is what
gets people involved in the
Anne Blair, a South Bend
native, will find
something else. What she
found out was that sense of
community found in staying
home.
"It's a plus," Smith said.
"You can stay close to your family,
you can be here, you can stop in
our program any time and talk to
us about what to offer."
James Aldragge, Marioni's
current head coach, took part in
Creachbaum's decision to come to Saint Mary's by being a
teaching assistant and a friend.
Prior to coming to Saint Mary's,
Aldragge spent his time as an assistant coach for Bethel College
and knew Creachbaum's reputation as a coach. That, coupled with
Saint Mary's proximity to Elkhart, was all he wanted to make a
recommendation.
"We were very confident [Smith] would do a great job
turning the program around ... talking to Emily it was very
easy for me to recommend that," said Aldragge. "It was
important for her to be able to play closer to her family so people
could watch her and I think she made a
good decision."
ND VOLLEYBALL

Five sign on for next fall

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame volleyball team has announced the signing of five incoming freshmen for the 2002 season. Lauren Brewster, Kelly Burrell, Carolyn Cooper, Meg Henican and Lauren Kelbley have all signed letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame in the fall of 2002 and will make up the volleyball class of 2006.

"We are very excited about this class," head coach Debbie Brown says. "Going into recruiting this year we thought we were going to give four scholarships. When the opportunity to sign this great class with five talented players presented itself, it was an opportunity we could not pass up. "All five players will comple­ment each other very well and will add valuable depth to our team next year. They are really going to help the competitive level of the team. I think this is one of the top five classes in the nation."

Lauren Brewster played at Brentwood High School in Tennessee in 2001. A 6-foot-3 middle blocker, she was named most valuable player of the TSSAA tournament in 2000 and 2001, leading Brentwood to an undefeated record during her junior and senior seasons. Brewster also earned the 2000 City Year, an AmeriCorps program, has an exciting opportunity for those December graduates who

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FOOTBALL

Irish ready to sink Midshipmen

By MIKE CONNOLLY

The Irish are bigger than Navy. They are stronger and they are faster. But that doesn't mean they will win.

"Athletically we are going to be more talent­ed than they are but they have a great scheme and they play hard," Irish linebacker Rocky Boiman said.

Although the Irish currently have a 37-game winning streak against the Midshipmen, the last two games in Notre Dame Stadium have been very close. In 1999, Jerious Jackson completed a pass to Jay Johnson with just 40 seconds remaining to win the game 28-24. The 1997 game was also close as the Irish out-rushed the Midshipman 399 yards to 283. But three Navy turnovers kept the Irish in the game as they went on to win 21-17.

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Irish open season without senior Humphrey

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

After two dominating exhibition outings led by forward Ryan Humphrey, the Irish are readjusting their game plan for tonight’s season opener against the University of New Hampshire Wildcatters.

With Humphrey sidelined for two games due to an infraction of an NCAA outside competition rule, head coach Mike Brey knows his team will not be able to rely on Humphrey’s dominance down low.

“I think it’s a great challenge,” Brey said. “We don’t have the inside scoring threat as much.”

Replacing Humphrey in the starting lineup will be Jerem Macura.

“I’m a little concerned about our numbers for Friday and Monday especially as far as our front line goes,” Brey said.

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But Brey has confidence that his outside shooters can make up for the lack of power down low.

“We’ll have to get a little bit more out of our perimeter,” he said. “Certainly Matt [Carroll], David [Graves], Chris [Thomas] and Torrian [Jones] — which they have done in the exhibition — are going to have to score from the perimeter.”

The Irish have played in two exhibitions to prepare for tonight’s opener. And if their dominance in those two games are any indication, the Wildcats will be in for a long night. Third-year coach Phil Rowe’s team finished last year’s season with a 7-21 record and a ninth-place America East conference finish.

The Wildcats did retain their leading scorer in Austin Ganly (13.3 ppg) and their emotional leader, senior captain Chris Brown, but have yet to prove a program turnaround.

Playing at the Joyce Center could also be a daunting task for the Wildcats, as the game kicks off just after the Notre Dame football pep rally.

“About a year ago we started talking about this idea of playing after a pep rally. I was a little nervous and didn’t know how it would take, but from what I understand, it’s going to be a sellout, so I think it’s going to be an exciting way to kick off the Notre Dame football pep rally,” Brey said.

“The game begins at 9 p.m. and fans must exit the Joyce Center after the pep rally concludes and then re-enter for the start of the basketball game.”

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Irish senior David Graves dribbles downcourt during a recent exhibition game. Notre Dame opens the 2001-02 season tonight against New Hampshire.

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ND Women's Basketball

Staying close to home

South Bend's Batteast to start at forward for Irish

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Having lived his whole life in South Bend, Wayne Batteast naturally grew to become a Notre Dame fan. He attended football games during the fall at the nearby University and basketball games during the winter.

But Wayne and his wife, Margaret never realized the special meaning Notre Dame would someday have for them. Their daughter Jacqueline Batteast should start Notre Dame's regular season home opener against Valparaiso on Sunday.

"To have my daughter actually out there playing is unreal," Wayne Batteast said. "I'm very proud of her and she's worked really hard to get there." Jacqueline Batteast earned her fair share of honors and lofty expectations before ever taking the court in a Notre Dame uniform. After a senior season at South Bend's Washington High School in which she averaged 26 points and 16 rebounds per contest, Jacqueline Batteast was named to Parade Magazine's first-team girls All-America team.

Irish Women's Soccer

host NCAA tourney game tonight

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women soccer team's season can be divided into three phases: the regular season, the Big East tournament and the NCAA tournament. So far the Irish have completed the first two phases in impressive fashion by winning both the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division regular season title and their seventh-straight Big East tournament title with a 2-1 victory against West Virginia last Sunday.

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While Coach Randy Waldrum and his staff have been diligently preparing a scouting report for their opening round opponent, Waldrum believes his team must be more concerned with executing their own game plan rather than stopping Eastern Illinois.

"We really don't know that much about them. They have a forward named Beth Lawson who scored 18 goals for them so our defense is going to have to be very alert. We want to put our defense first and try to limit what we do best," said Waldrum. "Friday night, we'll try to stick with what we do best. I don't anticipate us changing our lineup of four defenders, three midfielders, and three forwards.

"Obviously in the playoffs, you have to do a few things differently to counter the

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Odom leads Dillon into championship against Siegfried

New Faces at the Top

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A Siegfried ball carrier rushes the ball during the regular season. When the Ramblers take on the Dillon Big Red Sunday it will mark the team's first championship game appearance.

By PHIL KOESTERER
Sports Writer

A new championship will be coronated Sunday in Notre Dame Stadium, and it may signal the dawn of a new era in men's inter­ball football.

This championship game will be the first in the Big Red's history, and Dillon hasn't been in the Stagg Bowl in recent years.

The No. 2 Ramblers bring a fearsome offense that has dominated opponents 90-13 in the six games leading up to the championship. At the core of this unit are senior quarterback Bob Plumby and senior running back Travis Smith, who know they have to play their best game of the season to beat the top-seeded Big Red.

"We're going to have to be even more offense than we have been in past games," said Plumby. "Their defense is very tough, so we have to be in both areas of the ball.

Dillon senior captain and quar­terback Tayt Odom acknowledges Siegfried's offensive strength.

"We respect that they have their own personal defense and we're not expecting to just roll in there and win. We have to bring it up a level and dominate in the trenches.

One aspect of the Ramblers offensive that the Big Red defense may not be able to exploit is the loss of senior full back Joe Gagliardi, who will be replaced by sopho­more Mark Ryan.

I have total confidence in Mark's ability, said Plumby, loftly praise, considering that he called Gagliardi "one of the hardest hitting, toughest players on the team."

Nonetheless, it is Siegfried's seniors that lead the team.

Our seniors have been playing football for a long time," said Plumby. "Smith, Pete Aguilar, Eddie Valentine, and I have experience in big games and (we) know what it takes to win.

Despite both teams posting unbeaten records thus far, Dillon remains the team to beat. The dominant Big Red offense is led by Odom, who can both scramble and pass for touchdowns easily. His favorite targets include sophomore Rick Hassy, junior Brian Meyer and freshman Kevin McCarthy.

"He's (McCarthy) a freshman and he's one of the more valuable players on the team," said Odom. "We played both ways and he's a leading contributor on both sides of the ball.

Dillon has already given evidence that they can and will play like champions. Their defense held defending champion Kenyon scoreless most of the game in a convincing 28-7 win earlier in the regular season.

Our defense has been pretty good, but we haven't played an offense like Dillon's," said Siegfried co-captain Smith. "They have been dominant and I still consider them the team to beat.

The Big Red's 8-0 win against Alumni last week is not representa­tive of their actual offensive production, because the Big Red had two touchdowns called on penalties.

I don't think our physical intensity caused the penalties (in that game), said Odom. "We just weren't playing like champions.

Siegfried isn't fooled by the apparent slow-down from Dillon's offense.

We don't take those numbers as a hallmark, said Smith. "They are a machine.

With the final game looming Sunday, both teams are proud that they have finally made it to Notre Dame Stadium to play for the inter­ball championship.

This has been our goal for four years, and we are definitely excit­ed about it," said Odom. "Not many people get to play in the Stadium, but you can't get too caught up in it.

Dillon and Siegfried face off at 12:30 p.m.

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Title games nothing new for Dillon QB

By JOE HETTLER
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Playing a championship game inside a huge stadium with a perfect season on the line is nothing new for Dillon's senior quarterback Tayt Odom. In fact, he may even be getting used to it.

When No. 1 Dillon faces No. 2 Siegfried in the men's inter­ball championship game on Sunday, Odom will be playing in his second championship game in four years. The first goes back to the 1998 Indiana Class A state championship game played at the RCA Dome where Odom led Pioneer High School to a 49-21 victory against Knightstown High School to capture the title.

During his senior year of high school, Odom played in the Indiana Coaches Top 30 All-Star game, earned All-State quarterback honors and finished third in the voting for Indiana's Mr. Football as well.

The similarities between Odom's high school team and Dillon's team this year are astonishing.

"Our team is turned it around little bit and lost in sections and then senior year we went 15-0," said Odom. "Junior year in high school, we turned it around little bit and lost in sectionals and then senior year we went 15-0.

"Here, last year we went undefeated throughout the season, got the No. 1 seed and our team's turnover high in the semifi­nals. This year we're not (champions) yet, but we hope we can get to where we want to be.

Perhaps the reason Dillon has won, much like Odom's senior year in high school, is because Odom implemented the same offense, the wing-T, into Dillon's game plan before his junior year. Using the wing-T set, Odom piloted a Pioneer offense that averaged more than 300 yards rushing and 48 points per game.

The wing-T offense, similar to Navy's offensive attack, uses forma­tions with three running backs and an option quarterback and runs counters and triple options.

"After our sophomore year, we basically decided we wanted to run the wing-T and that decision kind of put me in charge," said Odom. "A couple of guys had run a few wing-T plays in high schools, but in my high school we were hardcore Delawares Wing-T. We were trying to run it by the book and what it says was the Bible and that's what we followed.

So Odom went home, talked to his old high school coaches, got his old high school play book and made copies for his Dillon teammates. Knowing that a whole new offense would take time to learn, Dillon began practicing last spring.

The reason (for practicing in the spring) was basically because we knew it was going to take a lot time and practice and it was going to be signifi­cantly different from what most people were used to doing from their high school," said Odom.

Dillon believes that Dillon's running backs and offensive line have adjusted well to the new offensive scheme.

"In high school we had four guys (in the backfield) that could run the ball," said Odom. "I think we have kind of the same thing this year. Our line is the best in high school and in this league was good last year and quicker also, and that's what we want.

Now the Odom-directed Dillon offense uses the wing-T set to confuse and deceive opponents the same way Odom's high school team did on their way to the state title four years ago.

This year, Dillon hopes a champion­ship happens again. And while Odom runs the offense, he knows the whole team has helped Dillon reach title game.

The Big Red's Tayt Odom hopes to lead his No. 3-seeded Dillon team to its first inter­ball championship win in recent memory.

"Our team went to the state champi­onship," said Odom. "Our team is going to the Stadium here. It's not because I'm out there playing. I've just been fortunate to be part of two good teams.

While Odom may stay humble, his teammates know just how important he is to the team.

"He calls all the shots and we all look to him to make the big plays and he comes through," said Dillon sopho­more tight end Rich Hassy. "He's big on offense and defense and he's the focal point of our team."

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Women's Interhall Football Championship

Lewis, Welsh have different approaches

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Nobody enjoys it. Musicians, athletes and actors all would prefer to skip it. That's right, the dreaded "p" word. Practice.

This year's women's interhall football championship game features No. 1 seeded Whirlwinds and No. 2 Lewis. These two teams exhibit unique practice styles that are fit for each squad. While each team has taken different approaches on the practice field, they've both arrived at their ultimate destination — Notre Dame Stadium.

With the Whirlwinds making their third consecutive appearance in the championship game, one would think the practice routine has not changed much. However, according to junior captain Vanessa Lichon, this year's practices are actually a little easier than previous years.

"In the past, I think they were more intense," she said. "It all depends on the given day, if the coaches are in a good mood, then they are easier on us. If they are in a bad mood, we may be running a few more drills that usual."

The Whirlwinds hold two practices a week and also arrive at their game an hour early. They spend about six hours on the practice field every week. After some routine stretching, the team breaks off into its offensive and defensive units. "After the basic stuff, we break into the separate units and work on what we've (coaches) planned on for that day's practice," said Welsh coach Joe Blaney.

The units rejoin and start practicing against each other. Blaney and the other coaches work on what they feel the team needs to work on from that week's opponent.

"We end our practices with a scrimmage," said Blaney. "Sometimes the coaches call the plays, but other times we let the girls do it themselves."

The Whirlwinds don't take it easy on each other in the scrimmages. "We go all out in the scrimmages," said Lichon. "The offense is trying to beat the defense in a system one and the defense is trying to beat the offense."

"But while Welsh has a much more regimented, intense practice schedule, Lewis adopts a much more laid back approach."

Attitude at the Chicks' practices is pretty loose. The players and coaches have established a relaxed laid back feel together for the past four seasons.

"As a coach, I think it's just what a good season is like," said Kirkman. "They know what a bad season is like. This year, the system perfected itself."

Welsh senior Lewis at 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

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Schlosser follows in sister's footsteps

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Katie Schlosser put it simply: "I always follow in my sister's footsteps."

Whether it was playing sports, choosing a college, or studying abroad, Meg Schlosser has always been the strongest example for her younger sister, Katie.

Five years ago, Meg played for Lewis in the interhall football championship game. Katie, only a senior in high school at the time, came to see her sister play. In fact, watching her sister play in that game ended up being part of the reason Katie came to Notre Dame.

"I was surprised at the enthusiasm this school had for interhall sports," Katie said. "There were chicken feet all over the sidewalks, and a pep rally for the game. Surprisingly, it really made me want to come to Notre Dame."

Katie had been recruited to Boston College for field hockey, but she changed her mind after watching Meg play interhall football.

"I was really having a lot of fun," she said. "I realized I didn't want to dedicate myself to one sport."

The following year, Katie came to Notre Dame, and ironically enough, she was randomly placed in Lewis Hall with her sister, Meg and Katie had the opportunity to play interhall football and soccer on the same team.

"We played on the same team in high school," said Katie. "It was weird how it carried over into college."

On the interhall football team, Katie became a wide receiver — the same position Meg played. And like most siblings, Katie and Meg had their own little rivalry on the field battling for playing time.

"We had our own rivalry, although I was starting to overtake her," Katie laughed. "She still thinks it's funny."

When Meg was a senior, she played on the football team with eleven other seniors and a senior coaching staff — a tight-knit group of friends that have been with Lewis football for four year. That same year, with eleven freshmen including Katie — the seniors recruited a group of freshman coaches to maintain the strong team chemistry.

"My sister and her friends lived in College Park (when she was a senior). We idolized them," Katie said. "Now my friends and I are living in College Park. It's come full circle."

Katie and the rest of that freshman class have succeeded in carrying on that spirit started by Meg's class. All 12 freshmen who started playing three years ago are still on the team, working under a staff that had coached with them all the way.

"Our class and my sister's class are really remarkable," said Katie. "There's something special about these classes."

When Meg left, Katie started taking on leadership roles of her own. Whether it was giving motivational speeches or just showing up to practice every day, the tradition of the senior taking over was passed on.

"Last Sunday Katie ran the Chicago marathon. That same night she drives back to Notre Dame and shows up for practice. She's a invaluable to our team, said coach Blake Kirkman. "Katie had to be driven to the field so that she wouldn't have to walk the whole way. She didn't practice, but she was still half ready to play."

"She gives a lot of motivational speeches," said teammate Kara Helming. "She's very energized."

When Katie's team takes the field on Sunday, they will have senior Katie in their corner. "We keep the traditions carry over," said Katie. "We rip up the big beat and wear the pieces around our heads. And we have a giant chicken head we bring way back from five years ago."

"I think we were the ones that made our chicken head and brought it in," Katie said. "We all were the ones that made that chicken head and brought it in. It's been a family tradition since freshman year while Katie watched from the stands. Now it's Katie's turn to bring it into Notre Dame Stadium."

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different approach
same result

Lewis meets Welsh in title game
Walk-ons play football for the sake of playing

A couple days ago at practice, Bob Davie looked toward the guys playing opposite the first string. The scout team. The walk-ons. The guys who never play in a game.

"You guys realize what's coming right now? You have probably 150, maybe 200 guys who are crazy. Give them a football practice and you think they're talking about intramural football. They'll smile and nod when you chant "Rudy, Rudy" after you hear they're a walk-on. They'll never brag that they're on the team; they'll leave that up to their friends. Instead, guys like Ryan Kraeger and Mike Klockner will go out to the practice field and warm up the same way as Carlyle Holiday and Anthony Weaver. If you ask them what it is like to be a walk-on and look at them with an awe-struck look, they'll say they're just regular members of the team. "I give them a hell of a lot of credit," said Rocky Boisman. "They aren't getting school-paid but they come out here and do the same things we do. I really have a tremendous amount of respect for them."

"Don't try to compare Rudy to any other walk-on. The film Rudy made the remarkable story of Daniel Ruttiger public in households across the nation and gave the walk-on tradition at Notre Dame legendary status. While Ruttiger's story is remarkable, each member of the current crop of walk-ons each has his own story that's just as compelling as Ruttiger's. There's Bernard Akatu, a Nigerian native who lived in South Bend for two years when he was seven and fell in love with Notre Dame. There's Chad DeBolt, whose best sport isn't even football — he's a standout lacrosse player and led the Irish to a Final Four berth last season. There's Jeff Campbell, who transferred from Holy Cross and balances football and Air Force ROTC. There's Eric Nelson, who got smacked upside the head with a baseball bat and suffered brain damage weeks before coming to Notre Dame. Don't try telling them they won't get in a game, either. If you tried telling Matt Sarb when he walked onto the team as a freshman that he was wasting his time and he wouldn't play, he would either laugh in your face or shrug his shoulders. Before you turned around, he'd be determined to prove you wrong. Now, four years later, the guys he's plowing over on kickoffs probably don't even know he's a walk-on."

It's gritty, determined mindsets like Sarb's that help the walk-ons earn the undying respect of both coaches and scholarship players. "I have tremendous respect for them," said Davie. "Those guys are unbelievable."

"I always try to give props to the scout team," said Tyreo Harrison. "It takes a lot to come out and do what they do. They have the same academic load and they are volunteering to come out here and work so hard with no chance of getting a scholarship — and they do it anyway."

Call them crazy. Give them strange looks. Wonder why they like getting leveled day after day. They don't care. They love football. They are playing football.

And nothing else matters.

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The power of three words

Matt Sarb

Sarb followed family legacy and earned starting spot on kickoff coverage team

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Three words transformed a dream into a reality. Three words prepared one player for the 80,000 fans he would have to face.

"You got it." Sarb raced onto the field. All his dreams had finally come true. All he wanted was one opportunity. All he wanted was one chance.

He got it.

"I was trying to block it all out and focus on what I had to do," he said. "I had to hit the wedge. Because I was on the kickoff coverage team I wanted to make sure I knew what I had to do, so all week I watched kickoff film. I knew my job was to hit the wedge." But Sarb didn't just hit the wedge. The Nebraska defenders loathed him. He loathed them.

After the Irish took a kickoff, Rockne turned to Sarb and uttered three words, "You got it." But Sarb didn't want to play. He wanted to play for the Irish — something he got from his father, Pat, who played cornerback for the Irish and was one of the players who gave up their jerseys so Rudy and three other seniors could dress for the 1975 season finale.

"I lived my whole life trying to imitate what my dad has done," Sarb said. "He's been my biggest role model, and football was more one thing to becoming closer to him."

Rudy
e doesn't like having his football career compared to Rudy, Notre Dame's most famous walk-on. He'd rather prove he's got his own story.

"It's good that they know what we go through, but at the same time, it's hard to be compared to someone else constantly," Sarb said. "Instead of replacing what someone else did, you want to be yourself and be your own person."

But when Sarb has established a new standard for Notre Dame walk-ons — going far beyond anything Rudy ever accomplished, there are too many similarities between Rudy's story and Sarb's story to ignore. Sarb gets it. He's thought about making it. He's thought about doing it. He's said, "In Rudy-esque fashion. "Nobody believed it. It's a lotta goal. It's hard to obtain, but I think I'm able to persist and achieve it."

Although Sarb made the team, he had a long way to go before he made it onto the field. He was kicked out of his first practice because he didn't have the right papers filled out. When he reported with the scout team defense, he walked over to the scholarship defense back unit instead of going with the rest of the walk-ons to the scholarship receivers.

"When you're the new guy, the coaches don't trust you," Sarb said. "You try to get in a drill, and they kick you out and put an older guy in. I talked to one of the guys, and he said go out there and keep getting kicked out and let the coaches know you want to be a part of this." Sarb did just that. And when it didn't look like he'd be able to move up to the scholarship defense, his father suggested a switch to special teams. It ended up being the perfect advice.

"I made it a point to beat the scholarship players down the field," he said. "I asked Coach Rosberg to look at some film and hoped I could make in on the scholarship squad. I made third team, and by persistence and hard work I made it up to first team."

Making an impact

Sarb's hard work paid off tremendously. Not only did he earn a spot on the starting kickoff return unit, he also distinguished himself as an emotional leader.

"Matt is a great guy," said Notre Dame graduate assistant John DeFilippo, who works with the scout team defense. "He is a leader back there. The kids really look up to Sarb because not only is he a leader on the scout team but he also gets playing time on Saturday."

"He's a guy that gets everyone fired up about it," said Rocky Boisman. "On the sidelines, right before the kickoff team goes out, here's jumping around getting everyone excited."

After the Nebraska game, Sarb never gave up his spot on the field. He started on special teams the rest of the year. His only job was to run down the field and hit the wedge as hard as he could.

"That's what I had to do," he said. "I was on a kamikaze mission every time you get on the kickoff."

"He had an opportunity a year ago and took advantage of it," said Sheridan. "He made an impression, and hasn't relinquished the spot yet."

Last year, Rosberg called the first player down on the kickoff the tip of the spear. Because Sarb was consistently the first player to hit an opponent, Rosberg started calling him "Tip of the Spear" — a nickname people still call Sarb today. And while Sarb's role on the kickoff team this year is to beat the kickoff protection downfield, he still fondly looks back on the days when he could simply level other people.

"I'm not hitting the wedge as much, which is fine with me," he said. "My goal is to beat the front five guys down the field. I still kind of miss it, I liked doing it."

It's been a long road for Sarb. But he's always known what he's wanted to do. From the minute he first set foot on the campus in 1992, he knew he was going to attend Notre Dame. From the minute he broke his leg, he knew he was going to get healthy so he could play football at Notre Dame. From the minute he put a shaving hand to a piece of paper, he knew he was going to step onto the football field in front of 80,000 fans.

It didn't matter how long it took. All he knew was that he would make it.

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Senior Matt Sarb races down the field during the Blue-Gold game last spring. Sarb is the latest in a long line of family members who have had connections to Notre Dame.
Message from the heart

Inspired by letter from Tim Brown, O’Neill’s hard work ethic earned him a place on the team

By KERRY SMITH

When 14-year-old Jonathan Heart needed inspiration, he turned to someone he had never met.

Looking for guidance, he sent a letter to senior walk-on Timmy O’Neill, writing about the recent frustrations and desire to quit football. He asked for advice.

Timmy O’Neill received the letter, he responded to the teenager, offering support and encouragement.

And with that, Heart found a new friend.

“I told him about my experiences and how football had been a positive influence in my life,” Timmy O’Neill said. “I sent a highlight tape. I put everything I could think of into the tape — even news clippings. I sent it in on a Monday and on Thursday Coach (Brian) Chmiel called me and said they wanted me to walk on. And so I said, ‘You want me to come and try out?’ And he said ‘No, we want you to come here, get your physical, and join the team.’”

Timmy O’Neill’s accomplishments in high school put him on the fast track to a spot on the Notre Dame roster as a tailback. As a two-year starter, he logged more than 2,000 yards rushing and receiving and as a senior earned the titles of team captain and most valuable player. He became one of only three freshmen selected to walk-on, bypassing the spring try-out process.

“I didn’t know how the process worked. I didn’t know that wasn’t typical,” Timmy O’Neill said.

Once on the team, Timmy O’Neill quickly earned the respect of his coaches and teammates with his love for football and his work ethic but not until he started practicing.

“Timmy O’Neill and fellow walk-on Matt Sarb started the day like all the other players,” Coach Davie said. “They completed their physicals, they put on their pads and huddled out to the field, eager to get started. But, the coaches had other ideas.”

“We saw that the head manager gets a phone call and asks for ‘Tim O’Neill’ and Matt Sarb. And then he finds out who we are and then says, ‘You two guys have to go back and fill out paperwork.’” Timmy O’Neill said. “So we go inside and Coach O’Neill asked us if we could have gotten everyone to fill out paperwork, and told us we couldn’t practice until the next day. So we went back into the locker room with our pads on and just started hitting each other. We were so excited.”

That excitement has pushed Timmy O’Neill to excel. At 5-foot-5 and 175 pounds, the senior is not a typical college football player.

“It just shows the great thing about football and football players,” Irish defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. “Players come in all shapes and sizes. If you work hard and you have heart and you want to help a team then you can make it.”

As a tailback who works with the scout team, O’Neill has done his job well.

“Timmy’s been unbelievable,” graduate assistant Dennis Monihan said. “No matter how many good tailbacks come in here, Timmy’s always still played scout team tailback for us. He’s always there.”

The coaches aren’t the only ones who notice the senior’s drive.

“It’s a hard worker,” starting fullback Timmy Lopieinski said. “He just gives a full effort every single day — 100 percent. We see that even though he doesn’t say too much about it. I’m really impressed by him.”

“I think you earn respect by your work ethic,” Timmy O’Neill said. “You work hard and your teammates look at you as a football player and not necessarily a walk on or a scholarship player.”

The respect he has earned for a four-year walk-on has produced some memorable moments. He has seen playing time in two games — Arizona State during his sophomore season and Navy last year — and traveled in a handful of away games.

“I was on the sideline (during the ASU game) and I heard Coach Davie say, ‘Where’s Tiny Tim?’ So at that point I knew I was going in,” he said. “I just kept thinking it was just like practice. I was excited, but I wasn’t nervous.”

He carried the ball twice for four yards.

“I was so happy for him,” O’Neill’s four-year roommate Matt Murphy said. “Our section went crazy. We know how hard he had worked for it. It was great.”

Davie also asked Timmy O’Neill to speak at last season’s Stanford pep rally.

“It caught me by surprise,” he said. “It’s probably one of my most memorable moments — to get up in front of everyone and speak about what Notre Dame means to me and what my teammates mean to me.”

And by voting him on to the team’s leadership council this season, Timmy O’Neill’s teammates have shown he means a lot to them too. Each season, the Irish players vote a handful of players to the group, which serves as a liaison between players and the head coach.

“You vote for people you most respect,” Timmy O’Neill said. “It was an honor because it means your teammates respect you.”

But the highlights of his tenure at Notre Dame haven’t come without some frustrations. But according to Timmy O’Neill, the successes have been worth the disappointments.

“It is frustrating. When I walked on, I didn’t think I’d just be the scout team tailback. I figured I’d be playing,” he said. “If you don’t have that mentality of being successful, you aren’t going to be. It can be hard to stay positive when you have high expectations for yourself. But I also realize there are a lot of people out there who would like to trade places with me. So I realize how lucky I am.”
BERNARD AKATU

Nigerian crosses ocean to play football

By JOE LICANDRO
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Although he spent a majority of his youth growing up in Lagos, Nigeria, Bernard Akatu dreamed one day he'd walk onto the famous gold helmet and play football for the Irish.

When Akatu was seven years old, his family moved to South Bend, Ind., for two years. His father studied for a graduate degree in economics at Notre Dame. From the moment he stepped foot on the Notre Dame campus, Akatu fell in love with the University.

"My Dad came to Notre Dame to study economics," said Akatu. "When I lived here as a kid, I got to be around the campus a lot. I was always thinking about going there for college."

Growing up in the soccer-crazy nation of Nigeria, soccer naturally became Akatu's first-love, but his manner would change when his family moved back to the United States prior to Bernard's sophomore year in high school. Although he had never even strapped on football pads before in his life, Akatu wanted to give football a shot at his high school in Chevy Chase, Md. because he thought he possessed the right attitude to develop into a good football player.

"Soccer is by far the biggest sport in Nigeria," Akatu said. "Basketball is starting to get popular, but there's no place for football. When I moved back to the United States, I wanted to try out for football because I just wanted to go out and hit somebody. I remember watching Notre Dame football before, and football seemed like so much fun. I didn't know all the rules or even how to put on the pads, but I did remember leaving the football around with some of my friends when I was in South Bend so it was not as if I knew nothing about the sport."

Because of his speed, Akatu made the Bethesda Chevy Chase High School team as a wide receiver on offense and safety on defense. Even though he played only three years of organized football, Akatu raised the eyebrows of some smaller colleges and even a few Division 1 programs, most notably Tulane and Army.

However, the thought of attending his first love, Notre Dame, never even crossed Akatu's mind.

"When it came down to applying for college, Notre Dame and the University of Virginia were my top choices because of their tremendous academic reputation," he said. "When I got accepted to Notre Dame, I knew that I wanted to try out for the team for the reasons that it was something I always planned to do. Sports teams had always been a part of my life. Notre Dame is the biggest stage for college football, and I wanted to be a part of that tradition. Had I gone to Virginia or somewhere else, I probably would not have been as successful because those schools simply don't have the same challenges."

While football is important to Akatu, he knows that it will be academics and not athletics that helps him achieve his goals. Originally, Akatu thought he would major in computer engineering, but before his senior year, Akatu decided to switch to his major to MIS within the Merrone College of Business. In order to fulfill his business requirements and graduate from Notre Dame in a five-year senior, Akatu will have to return to Notre Dame for a fifth year senior, be able to play football for Notre Dame and make the team as a walk-on.

Accomplishing each other because we are all going through the same practices on the field and the same academic challenges off the field. Walking-on has made my experience at Notre Dame so much better. If I hadn't gone somewhere else, I would not have faced the same challenges."

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"I just have this feeling that I want to go to Notre Dame and get a degree," said Akatu. "I want to be a regular student for a couple years while I'm here. I want to be a regular student for a couple years while I'm here."

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Mishawaka product a player of many roles

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Ryan Krueger is an actor always taking on a new role. One week the senior walk-on on the Notre Dame football team may play the part of a high school quarterback, and the next week the defensive back. For Ryan Krueger, the next role in his Notre Dame career may be the most challenging yet: His older brother, Ryan, will be playing professional football.

This past week, he has observed, researched and acted out the role of a Navy slot back.

"At Marian, Ryan helped out in different ways, but like most college students, he is preparing for walk-on tryouts. Although he was slowed by an injury incurred during tryout season, Ryan Krueger made it through and earned a spot on the team.

As a junior, Ryan Krueger got some company in Notre Dame's stable of quarterbacks — someone other than a freshman from Marian High School named Matt Krueger, Ryan's younger brother. Ryan and Matt won a race at Marian when Ryan was injured.

Today, they often take the field with different roles. While Ryan lines up at receiver or back, and Matt at quarterback.

"It's a lot of fun. Because of the age difference we never really got to play together in high school," Ryan Krueger said.

Both brothers learn the plays alongside scholarship quarterbacks Carlyle Holiday, Matt Longo, and Jared Clark. But while both Krueger brothers learned the plays at quarterback, Matt takes more snaps while Ryan helps out in different ways.

"He's been versatile," said graduate assistant coach Dennis Minaya. "Today we used him as a slot back on the Navy offense because they use two slot backs. He's a quarterback but he's more than that on the scout team.

And Ryan Krueger has developed friendships with all the players, not just the non-scholarship ones.

"The team is a pretty close-knit group — Carlyle [Holiday] usually stays at my house over fall break," Krueger said.

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Jeff Campbell, No. 97, looks at the next play the scout defense will run during practice earlier this week.

"Jeff Campbell has something to prove," said O'Neill. "But another year of football won't change the turf. He's willing to do that just to play for one more year on the team."
"Crowther moves from interhall center to starting long-snapper in one year"

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

"This is amazing!" Every Irish football player has done it since Notre Dame Stadium was built, and every freshman long-snapper has one opportunity to run through the tunnel onto Notre Dame field with the starting varsity team gleaming in the sun.

"The first time I ever dressed with the team was at Michigan State our freshman year, and it was unbelievable," Crowther said. "I had goose bumps, and it was the most incredible feeling. There were 80,000 people, it was night game on ABC, and I just thought, 'This is amazing!'"

Since his first game with the team was on the road, Crowther couldn't wait to experience the thrill of running through the famed tunnel at the north end zone of Notre Dame Stadium.

The next weekend was the Purdue game and it was the first time my family had come down to campus for a game," Crowther said. "So running out on the field, as excited as I was for the Michigan State game, it wasn't even close to what it was at home. You see all the students, and the band is playing the fight song. It's like something I can picture over and over again in my head in pretty good detail because it was so memorable."

On the Spot
Everyone who was on campus last year remembers Notre Dame's thrilling 23-21 victory over Purdue. The Irish were down by one point with just enough time left on the clock for one play — Nicholas Setta 38-yard field goal attempt. Everyone remembers how the ball just cleared inside the right upright, and then the students rushed onto the field, and Setta was carried off on his teammates shoulders.

But nobody remembers it as well as Crowther, the player who started it all off with his snap to holder Adam Tibble. That play marks his greatest moment in the crowded team.

"Before every snap, whether it's my first or my last one, I am always extremely nervous," Crowther said. "I kind of describe as if I'm almost scared, but I think if I don't have that feeling, then I'm not in the right mind set."

Crowther said for any player that finds himself nervous in the most timid situations, a game saving play that relied on his snapping ability was nerve-racking.

"I was pretty nervous — like always but even more so because the game was on the line," Crowther said. "But (quarterback Gary Godesey) came to me after he had led the team down the field and looked at me and said, 'You've got this. No one else should be doing this right now except you.'"

After several coaches and players reminded him that the play was just like they had practiced — just like they do a hundred times every day — Crowther stepped up on the field with his team for the biggest play of his career.

"I just went out there with the mindset that if I make a good snap, I knew Nick was going to kick it — we always know Nick is going to kick it well — and Adam was going to get a good hold," Crowther said. "So I just basically put the pressure on myself that if I did this, we were going to win, and it worked out."

Bouncing back
After handling the snapping duties on field goals and extra points during his junior year, Crowther was also given the job for punts this season. In the first game of the year against Nebraska, on just his second snap of the year, Crowther fumbled the ball well outside punter Joey Hildbold's head for a 45-yard loss with the Irish already down 14-0.

"After that, I was mad at myself," Crowther said. "I knew I had a mental error, because I had lost my concentration on exactly what I was supposed to be doing at that time. But (that play) allowed me to refocus and say, 'This is what I have to do from now on.'"

For a snapper whose sole job is to send the ball back to his holder's or his punter's hands, a mistake like that can be crushing to his confidence. The possibility of reliving the same mistake could rise up in the back of a player's mind every time he leans over the ball. That's not the case with Crowther.

"Crowther is a very good snapper, and he obviously works very hard," said Irish assistant coach Kirk Dool, who works with the kickers and punters. "He's a good competitor, and he won't let one thing in particular ruin his whole career. Obviously, he can bounce back from this, and he's done a good job for us.

Indeed, after that 45-yard snap in the opening contest, Crowther's play has been nearly perfect all year long. His accurate snaps have allowed him to slip back into the obscurity the snapper, the automatic aspect of special teams, but that role is fine with him.

"For my position, if you make a mistake, it's going to be costly, and that's the only way you ever get noticed," Crowther says. "So in my position, you don't want to be a high-profile player, because that means you're messing up a lot."

Life goes on
If you ask John Crowther about his dream job in the future, he'll tell you about his desire to host his own hunting and fishing program like the ones that air on ESPN on Saturday mornings. But realistically, his plans for the future hold closer to his life at Notre Dame. He will graduate this year with a degree in finance, but he hopes to stay around for another year to begin his graduate work.

"I'd love to stay here for another year and enter the MBA program, but you have to apply and it's not sure," Crowther said.

If he were to return, Crowther could be granted another year of eligibility to play football, because he did not enter a game as a freshman or a sophomore.

That's something I'm looking at right now, because I'd love to come back and play," Crowther said. "I feel like I could still contribute, but at a certain time, you have to move on. I don't want it to be at the end of this year, but that's the way things work out. I'm ready to do that. If not, I'd be happy to go back for another year."

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COACHING

The rumors continue to swirl about Davie's future. He's said he won't resign, and he said he's focused on coaching. You have to admire Davie's persistence—he's not going to go down without a fight.

Two weeks ago, Holiday showed that he could throw the ball when the run is taken away. And he better get used to throwing because teams are going to start keying their defenses on the athletic sophomore.

Simply put, Madden is Navy's offense. He leads the team in rushing yards and passing yards, averaging 126 and 125 yards a game, respectively. If only he could play defense. He has been hailing a slightly-separated shoulder most of the season.

Lantz has coached exactly one collegiate game. He also worked as an assistant coach under Faust from 1984-85. In his only game, he led the Midshipmen to a 42-28 loss against Tulane.

Notre Dame's strong running game plus Navy's poor defense doesn't bode well for the Midshipmen. The Irish should be able to run all over the Stadium—if they can hold onto the ball.

The secondary is at least better than the front seven, but that's not saying much. They've given up 243 passing yards and only have four interceptions.

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Head to head

IRISH PASSING

Holiday can throw the ball—all he needs are some receivers. Hunter has been Holiday's go-to receiver all season long. But Givens will not play Saturday, and the Irish seem to have forgotten about Battle.

ANALYSIS

Irish experts

Navy

Navy is just a flat-out bad football team. Lantz has a whipping one game under his belt and the defense is horrible. While Navy has played the Irish close the last two trips to Notre Dame Stadium, that won't happen again. Notre Dame's rushing attack will destroy Navy's defense and the game will be over.

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While the secondaries have played well most of the year, Clausen’s third quarter explosion two weeks ago killed the Irish. Walton has been stellar all year long, however.

Setta is Setta — he’s been good all season long. Notre Dame’s kick off coverage units will get plenty of action Saturday, and they’ve done a solid job preventing big returns.

Navy’s coverage teams are pretty good — they only allow an average of 15 yards on a kickoff return. Skaggs averages 45 yards a punt and Hills is 9-of-10 on field goals.

Notre Dame’s special teams-hoop-laied up to the lofty expectations of last year. Meanwhile, Navy’s Special Team’s unit is pretty good and worthy of respect.

The final home game for Notre Dame’s seniors — they won’t have any problem getting fired up. The only thing people are wondering is if Saturday’s game is also Davie’s last game in Notre Dame Stadium.

At 0-8, Navy just wants to get their season over. While they may be motivated by how close they’ve played the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium, they still haven’t won in 37 games against the Irish.
By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sporz Wear

Eric Nelson's chances of playing football at Notre Dame almost ended before they started.

Two weeks before he started his sophomore year, Nelson asked some men at a party not to smoke in his friend's house. Rather than extinguishing their cigarettes, they attacked Nelson with a baseball bat.

"The next thing I knew I was on the ground but I got back up," Nelson said.

The now-senior suffered a concussion, a cut above his eye and a bruised brain. Two weeks before school started — and hopefully his football career — Nelson said. "I felt like if I am at Notre Dame, I might as well try to walk-on and play football," he said.

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"I guess the only thing I will miss about football is the headaches," Nelson joked.

What he will miss, however, is his teammates and the friends he has made through football.

"You go to practice and you are with the guys who are going through the exact same stuff you are going through every day," he said. "It's like a companionship ... They know what I have to go through every day."

Nelson's dedication to the team without any chance of getting into a game is inspiring according to former walk-on Chad DeBolt.

DeBolt plays on the scout defense. "Eric has done a great job," said graduate assistant Dennis Moynihan, who works with the scout offense. "He's been working at fullback and he's really done a nice job for us."

For two years, Nelson has gone to practice with the scout offense. "He's been working out by himself," said head coach Bob DeBolt.

"Eric Nelson, rear, works on a drill in practice this week. Nelson was hit on the head with a baseball bat before he came to Notre Dame. Even though his dreams of playing for the Irish were put on hold, Nelson didn't stop playing football. He continued playing for the Keenan Hall intramural team. But even though the Knights were very successful — they won the championship when Nelson was a freshman and lost in the first round of the playoffs as a sophomore — intramural football wasn't satisfying enough for Nelson.

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POISED FORWARD

Focused forward

Poised holder known for fake field goal and trip to Kenya, but looks to future

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Assistant Sports Editor.

People seem know Adam Tibble. Last year, in Notre Dame's final home game of the season against Purdue.

He made a pitch to beat Setta on a fake field goal that resulted in a touchdown.

This year, he spent nine weeks in Kenya helping homeless children during a summer service project.

It's fine with Tibble if that's all people know about him. He spends most of his time looking toward his next goal.

"I'm absolutely flabbergasted at the attention I get," he said. "Now, if the players on our team, you're never bigger than Notre Dame. I don't see a lot of other holders on other teams get great attention. It's fun to laugh, and it isn't annoying, but you kind of want to get back into the game and be efficient. You don't have to notice me, you don't have to pay attention to me. I'll just go back there, catch the ball, and do my job."

That's the modest, selfless attitude of the player who opened his role as a holder on all of Setta's field goal attempts. There's no difference between the Tibble that races onto the football field to hold place kicks and the Tibble who has the highest grade-point average on the team -- of any member on the football team. There's no attempt to separate his importance or brag about everything he's accomplished. Instead, the Irish senior is so used to being eyed fixedly on his duty.

"It's not how he puts in the time no matter what it is," said Tibble's best friend and fellow walk-on Matt Sarb. "And he gets the job done."

The pitch

For the first 10 games of the season last year, Tibble was relatively unknown. In fact, he might have been remembered for being the first person to congratulate Setta after he kicked a game-winning field goal against Purdue.

But that all changed with one pitch.

Late in the third quarter, Irish head coach Bob Davie called for a fake field goal. The option was to pass to Setta to gain a 3-7 lead.

Tibble ran onto the field, read the defense, took the snap with two real blockers and past Setta, and the fake resulted in a 3-7 lead.

Under pressure -- after all, his only previous kick was in high school -- he calmly put the ball on the tee.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said. "People were literally living out of a dump, out of the trash you and I throw away every day. There's houses made out of trash bags and cardboard boxes. It's literally a different culture."

While Tibble admits he couldn't wait to get back to the turf, he was so thankful that he made the trip in the first place. Tibble will enter medical school next year and hopes to make it back to his home in the future.

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The trip

If making a simple pitch is one of Tibble's most rewarding experiences, then his summer in Kenya is hands-down the most rewarding any.

He spent nine weeks with Notre Dame anthropology student Marita Eibl in Kenya, a city the size of South Bend, eating bad food and sleeping in deplorable conditions.

During his stay, he helped with a program that sends Kenyan children off the streets and volunteered at a local hospital nursery.

"It's something that when I was there, I thought, 'What the heck am I doing? I don't need to be here. I don't want to be here,'" he said. "But the farther you get away from it, you remember the good stuff and you remember what made it so rewarding."

During his stay, Tibble said he realized just how fortunate he was at Notre Dame. In the hospital one day, a man was wheeled in who had suffered a car accident. While most of Kenya is attempting to Westernize, the hospital still didn't have the medical resources like the United States has. There were no IVs available and the only medicine given the man was some aspirin. He finally saw a doctor, about 40 minutes after he first arrived.

Another day, Tibble was walking past the local dump site when a tractor arrived, pulling a trailer full of trash. Immediately, dozens of young men gathered around the trailer and began sorting through trash for items to take back to their family.

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Coming back, you really have a sense of appreciating the opportunity. The opportunity to learn at a place like Notre Dame -- it's incredible. I saw street children who don't have those opportunities. I'm sitting here, and I better take something away from it."

The person

That's the attitude Tibble had his entire life. When he broke his leg in high school and was told he couldn't kick anymore, he didn't listen. When he wanted to make an impact on the football team but was only a third-string kicker, he kept a positive attitude. Whatever he's been handed in life, he's been determined to make the most out of everything and anything.

"I would like to describe myself as poised and focused," he said. "Really focused. School always came first here. I focused on academic goals and athletic goals as well. I always had a dream of playing, even when I wasn't."

Tibble, who kicked in high school, initially walked on to the football team in the spring of his freshman year as a kick-

er. While he was accurate, his leg strength couldn't compare to that of Setta and David Miller.

So he looked at holding.

"After figuring out what goes on when someone holds, I really started working on it over the summer," he said. "It turned out to be a lucky situation. We would work so much before practice. I would hold, and they would do the kicking. I own a lot to Dave Miller because he suggested, 'What would it be like with Adam in there?' From there on, it was pretty fun."

Tibble admits he feels some pressure -- after all, his only job on the team is to catch the snap and put the ball on the ground, and if he messes up, everyone notices. On his first hold -- which was also Setta's first kick -- he remembers just how nervous he was.

"The first time, I got down, I couldn't feel my leg. I was so nervous," he said. "I looked back at Nick, and I thought to myself, 'I can't feel my leg. I'm glad I'm not kicking right now.'"

But Tibble made a good hold, Setta hit the kick, and since then, it's been all business every time the field goal unit runs onto the field.

"When someone does their job so well, they take you for granted and you forget about how much pressure there is," Setta said. "Adam's like that. He does his job and every time it goes down, it's perfect."

"He's so focused and so relaxed and so confident in his abilities, I don't think he'll have any problems," said Sarb. "He's been perfect all year like he was last year, and that's just how he is. He's a perfectionist."

However, Tibble isn't the type of individual to spend much time dwelling on his successes in the past and in the present. He's not going to toot his horn or brag about his multitude of accomplishments.

Walking on to the football team is in the past. Traveling to Kenya is in the past. Tibble keeps looking toward the future.

"There's a lot more footballs to catch," he said. "And that's what I'll do, just catch the ball."

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By JASON McFARLEY

Spor T Writer

If only Mike Klockner had let his voice, and not his play, do the talking for the past two seasons, then he might have been more famous to Notre Dame fans. But the offensive and defensive end with a 151-pound frame might have concentrated on doing what his father told him not to do - play football.

The religious, soft-spoken 22-year-old would rather play ball than tell someone what to do. He was the ultimate team player, the type of player Notre Dame coach Jeff Buchanan said, "He was the ultimate citizen that you could ever want to have, and he was still able to be a tremendous leader. He's an inspiration to our school still today." All our folks lose Notre Dame.

Klockner's collegiate track, in fact, led him to St. Bonaventure and not immediately to Notre Dame. He spent three semesters at Holy Cross College. He transferred to the University as a sophomore in January 2000.

Freshman spring training was the next month, and the possibility of walking on to the team in Klockner's old defense was a nightmare situation.

"I just tried to do my best, I was very determined," Klockner said.

And Klockner is a better player for it. A spring 6.43 in the 40 yards and a guy that obviously started playing the game to its peak. On one of his spring training days, there was definitely improvement in him. He definitely got better.

"He's a kid that's not going to be the biggest, not going to be the fastest, not going to be the strongest, but he tries to give you everything he's got and do it there on the field," Lockwood said about the 6-foot-2, 151-pound Klockner.

That was the case even when coaches switched him from the offensive to the defensive end. "He's still really relaxed, really composed, which is his quarterback nature, and with that, he's able to work out well there," Sark said.

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He got on the field while a sophomore in his junior year. But Francis has never been the type to talk about his run-in with Notre Dame. His childhood dream was to get the chance to walk on to the Notre Dame football team. His work and as few quietly uttered words as possible: "I always knew I wanted to play football in college," said Klockner, who made the squad as a quarterback and was quickly moved by coaches to the cornerback position.

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"I always felt a special presence there. It's a very special setting for me," Klockner said.

One day he expects that he'll teach high school and return to the Gridiron as a coach. His experience on the Notre Dame field will serve him well.

"It's been a great experience. It really has. I just feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity," he said. "Being a member of this team required hard work, so I can take that with me. It's taught me to work even harder. It's taught me to push myself.

And it's taught him the value of stepping up in instances where he wasn't likely to speak up.

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DWAYNE FRANCIS

Humble player modestly earning scholarship

By JEFF BALTRUZAK

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Dwayne Francis has many reasons to be proud.

He is the only senior walk-on to earn a scholarship this spring.

But Francis is also one of the most humble people you could ever meet. He has no trouble walking around and wearing the scout team uniform.

"Dwayne's a great leader out there," said John DellFilippo, the graduate assistant in charge of Francis' section of the scout team.

"He's a smart player, who never even looks at me as the coach that shows what coverage to play!"

DellFilippo says that while his leadership on the scout team comes from his experience both as a senior and as a walk-on, it's an experience he has experienced with the first-team defensive unit.

"Dwayne manages the role of the scout team players in preparing the offense for the weekend's game, and making sure the rest of the scout team players understand the importance of that role.

"I think I've been able to help the freshman on the scout team," said Francis. "I always do what I can to help the freshmen on the scout team, and make sure they're doing their job right."

Dwayne earned a scholarship after he covered the opposing team's players that were split wide in a punt formation.

"He's a great player, and he does a great job," said Jeff Buchanan. "He never complains.

After his junior year, and three semesters as a walk-on, Francis earned a scholarship, the coaching staff recognizing his combination of ability and dedication. "I'm guessing they evaluated me, and I was chosen," said Francis. "When I came here I didn't have intentions of watching the game... I wanted to come here and play.

"Francis would play more his junior year, but he would be challenged by his arch-nemesis throughout the 2000 campaign - injuries.

"I started the season on the kickoff and punt return teams, but pulled his hamstring in the Purdue game after making his first career tackle against Nebraska a week earlier, one of multiple hamstring injuries Francis has sustained in his college career.

"Francis returned to the field against Navy a month later. He played on the special teams and even saw time in the defensive backfield at cornerback. But the week after Francis finally saw the field as part of the Irish defense, he tore his medial collateral ligament in his knee on a kickoff, an injury mostly due to West Virginia's Armstrong field.

"The guy turned me, and my leg got stuck in the turf," said Francis. "It was a debacle" he said last fall would play Francis would participate in his junior year. But Francis has never let his injuries justify sulking or having a negative attitude.

"I always try to do my best, and he does a great job," said Jeff Buchanan. "He never complains.

"I always felt a special presence there. It's a very special setting for me," Klockner said.

One day he expects that he'll teach high school and return to the Gridiron as a coach. His experience on the Notre Dame field will serve him well.

"It's been a great experience. It really has. I just feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity," he said. "Being a member of this team required hard work, so I can take that with me. It's taught me to work even harder. It's taught me to push myself.

And it's taught him the value of stepping up in instances where he wasn't likely to speak up.

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Greatness personified

Special teams player also excels on lacrosse field

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Notre Dame senior Chad DeBolt races down the field during a kickoff against Nebraska last season. In addition to playing on the football team in the spring, DeBolt is also a star lacrosse player in the spring.

DeBolt, it was an easy decision. "They're the most kind hearted people you will ever meet in the world," Flandina said. "They are amazing people. They will welcome you into their home and treat you like gold." If his parents could watch his last game this year, it would be very special for DeBolt.

"It would be great," he said. "My parents haven't had a chance to come and see me this year. That would be especially great for the last home game."

As great as DeBolt has been, he given so much of himself in so many different areas that he hasn't really achieved his true potential in one single area. If he had only played lacrosse, he might be an All-American rather than just a face-off expert and defensive specialist.

"We were hoping that Chad would develop like [former Irish All-Americans] Jimmy Keenan and Steve Biskho," Corrigan said. "We thought Chad had that potential but not if he spends his off-seasons pumping iron for football. It's changed his role ... But this is his college experience and I want him to get everything he wanted out of it."

If he had only been a walk-on player, he might be a little bigger and fighting for some playing time on defense.

"I know the defense basically but if you asked me a specific assignment, I might not know it," DeBolt said. "[Lacrosse] has kept me from progressing to a new role."

But sacrificing a little in each sport so he could do both is not a problem for DeBolt.

"You have to give up some things for other things," DeBolt said. "I think my experience here is the greatest thing that could have happened to me. I've had a chance to meet football players and lacrosse players. I've played in Notre Dame Stadium. I've played in the NCAA Lacrosse Championships. You couldn't ask for much more."

And Notre Dame couldn't ask for much more from Chad DeBolt.

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By JOE LICANDRO / Sports Writer

Sometimes life takes an unexpected series of twists and turns for the better.

When Chris Mahoney arrived on the Notre Dame campus as a freshman, the Irish were sorely in need of offensive linemen, and the 6-foot-3, 250-pound Mahoney was recruited as a walk-on. He turned out to be one of the best, and for the better of Notre Dame.

"Walking on at Notre Dame has been a tremendous experience for Mahoney because he has formed special bonds with his teammates that he will carry with him the rest of his life," said Dierckman. "He is a walk-on, he has earned the respect of both his teammates and the coaching staff because of personal sacrifices he has made to be a part of the team. We're not out there for the personal glory or some of the same reasons the scholarship players are out there," said Mahoney. "It's not easy to balance the tough academic schedule at Notre Dame with playing football, but I love being a part of the team. My job is to make those guys better. When we play well on Saturdays, I get a great feeling of personal satisfaction that I did my job to help prepare the team."

Mahoney began with 3 football roommates and, never in his wildest dreams did he think that he would walk-on to the Irish football team a year later. After all, Chris Mahoney had never played organized football at any level in his entire life so the idea of playing college football let alone at the most legendary college football program in the country was absolutely crazy.

When I transferred to Notre Dame and witnessed the reversion of the student body from the Ivy League to the College Football Hall of Fame, I couldn't believe it. But as Dierckman devoted extra time to football during his freshman year, played basketball in high school, and that I had never played football before in my life, Tony just told me that the coaches would teach me what to do.

"At first, I thought they were ridiculous or just trying to play a trick on me, but then I thought about it some more. I realized that I would regret it for the rest of my life if didn't just give it a try." As a kid growing up in Westminster, Mass., Mahoney had always been big Irish fans, but they never dreamed that their son would one day wear the famous gold helmet. "When I told my parents and my brother, they were shocked," said Mahoney. "They didn't believe me first because I had never played football before and here I am trying to walk-on to the most famous college football team in the country. My parents are really proud that I had the chance to walk-on because it has made my Notre Dame experience so much better. We just sit back and laugh and joke about it now because it is still very hard to believe."

Walking on at Notre Dame has never been a finished deal. Mahoney is considering returning for an extra semester next fall to take some extra design classes and possibly walk-on for one more year at Notre Dame. Even if he never plays a down at Notre Dame, the story of Mahoney is a reminder that you can do anything if you put your mind to it.

"It would be nice to play just one day down on Saturday, but I don't really expect to play," said Mahoney. "It's still a pleasure to put on that gold helmet and run out of that tunnel with my team." It is an indescribable feeling that I will never forget."

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CHRIS MAHONEY

Career begins with 3 football roommates

By KATIE HUGHES / Sports Writer

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Working with strength coach Mickey Marotti, Dierckman went from being 6-feet-tall and 200 pounds his freshman year to 6-foot-2 and 250 pounds his junior year. "Brian brings a great work ethic to the weight room," said Dierckman. "It's a leader and gets the team going, and he's a really laid-back, likable guy."

As a senior, Dierckman devoted extra time to football during his freshman and sophomore years, his studies suffered.

"When I first came, I had crazy dreams. I thought if I worked hard, I'd have a chance to start. So I spent a lot of extra time working out, devoting too much time to football, neglecting studying. My GPA was not as high as it could have been," said Dierckman, who did get to go on trip with the team this season.

Finding a balance between one of Notre Dame's most challenging majors and playing football for Dierckman, a former Alumnae Hall resident, meant redefining his own expectations when realizing his own limitations.

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BRIAN DICERCKMAN

Biochemistry major balances school, football

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