God, Country and Notre Dame football

A look behind the scenes

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

Mel Williams began singing "God Bless America" at Gate D of Notre Dame Stadium right after Sept. 11 two years ago. It began as a solo, a subtle tribute before the raucous throngs that would follow, but has since become a chorus, a new pre-game tradition at a place where such things are held sacred.

Williams, who has been an usher at the stadium for the past seven years, has since been joined in song by a number of his co-workers, and their pre-game performances have generated their own following of fans and fellow ushers.

"All those people get there early to come and sing with us," he said.

Williams and the Gate D ushers are simply a handful of the nearly 4,000 people who will be admitted to the Stadium on Saturday without tickets, those for whom Irish football games are all in a day's work.

"Logistically, it's a big undertaking," said Russell "Gappy" Gagnon, stadium personnel coordinator. "Joe Fan thinks he's getting in at 7:30, but you've got to admit that 80,000 people fill up the gates as they open."

The rest of the morning is spent meeting with ushers, addressing logistical issues that arise, and working out the final details of the day.

"By noon, we've got to have it ready so that by the time we open the gates you guys think it's always been that way," Gagnon said.

While Gagnon said that the work leading up to each game is never fun, he said it's always been that way.

Irish Inquisition aims to provoke discussion

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Something medieval is in the air at Notre Dame, and it's not just the Gothic buildings sprawling across campus. Starting in late September, a new campus program called Irish Inquisition will bring all the suspense, intrigue and strategy of a medieval courtroom into the Oak Room above South Dining Hall.

The Irish Inquisition program has been in the works since last semester, said Ed Cohen, Notre Dame Magazine associate editor and Irish Inquisition advisor.

In December of 2002, Cohen noticed that many of his fellow faculty and staff members had strong opinions on the war in Iraq; however, only those in political science and directly related fields ever got the opportunity to participate in panel discussions on the topic.

"We didn't want anyone to be stifled," Cohen said. "It's partly sarcastic, Saturday Night Live and Seinfeld-type humor, stuff that students like. But it was also important to preserve the original idea of giving people a place to speak their minds." In a unique twist on most scheduled campus discussions, the Inquisition process is actually initiated by students. A current issue—anything from the war in Iraq to abortion to the latest struggles of the Irish offense—will be sent anonymously via e-mail to any faculty or staff member on this issue, be of his or her thoughts on the announced topic.

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The setting of a mock medieval trial also provides a change from the usual discussion backgrounds of classroom and lecture halls.

"We wanted to keep it irreverent and lighthearted," Cohen said. "It's partly sarcastic."

The idea was to have a relaxed public place for them to speak their hearts and minds about these issues. Bringing people in one after another drew comparisons to a courtroom setting, which turned into the

Tickets marked up on the Web

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

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Above, student managers paint helmets Thursday night. Right, members of the facilities staff unload boxes Thursday in preparation for Saturday's game against Washington State.

PHOTOS BY TIM KACMAR

Tickets $480.00

Notre Dame football tickets often find their way to Ebay and sell for several times higher than face value. However, the University is trying to halt this practice.

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INSIDE COLUMN
The tradition continues

With another football season upon us, I can only write my column on the traditions that go hand in hand with Irish football. So what if I'm only a sophomore—more... I have been a Notre Dame football fan since I was a little girl. Have I always been an Irish fan? Not exactly. But I have always been a sports fan, particularly a football and baseball fan. Since arriving here in South Bend over a year ago, I’ve quickly learned the going-ons around campus in regards to football. It's an incredible tradition to learn the cheers, dance the Irish jig and boogie the closest and bravest person around you into the air for push-ups, hoping not to drop them. It's also a tradition to make fun of the freshmen as they fumble around to learn the cheers and the music. I wish you the best on that, freshmen. If you need help, just turn to the upperclassmen section and do your best to copy.

Some crazy people, like my group of friends and me, even dress up for the big games. (I'll be the girl painted green sitting in section 33, so don’t mind me.)

But the question remains, why do we do all this? Why do we buy "The Shirt?" Do all this? Why do we stand in the extreme temperatures watching a group of guys knock each other around, chasing after a ball made out of pigskin? I guess it all boils down to the fact that it is just purely fun and entertaining. I mean, who wouldn’t laugh at a group of girls walking down the street painted green? I’m not exactly a tall person, so I couldn’t be considered the Jolly Green Giant, but something close like that, but it’s just about having a good time and enjoying the so-called "best years of my life" that my parents always remind me I’m living.

I choose to live these years as a crazy, but grounded, woman, living a respectable life, or at least trying as hard as I can, I choose to participate in the silly traditions of being a Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s student. So I shall spend my precious weekend watching football — both Notre Dame football and the Notre Dame women’s soccer games floundering the television. (Okay, so some of the weekend will be about baseball, but only if it is the Atlanta Braves, my home team,) and if I'm lucky, which I hope I am, I'll be able to catch my Atlanta Falcons heating up the Dallas Cowboy, even though I'm all the way in Indiana.

So tradition and a weekend full of sports, here I come. Go Irish, beat the Gophers.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, the headlines "Sevin College loses three SAC" and "Training schedule conflicts much in renovation" were misleading. Only two SACs from Sevin lost their positions as a result of training conflicts. The Observer regrets the error.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?

Katie Jackson
Freshman
Budin Hall

"Notre Dame's going to win by two touchdowns."

John Duffy
Sophomore
Sorin Hall

"I saw Washington State's scrimmages and I'd be surprised if they got more than three points. They were terrible."

Dan Weber
Freshman
Dillon Hall

"We're going to kill them. That's about it."

Andrew Pangilinan
Junior
Farley

"Notre Dame's totally going to win."

Julie Pearce
Senior
Dillon Hall

"Notre Dame all the way, definitely."

Dennis Idowu
Junior
Off-campus

TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Students sit on South Quad outside Dillon Hall Thursday to watch the dorm's annual pep rally. The event, which featured comedy, music and speakers, kicked off the start of Notre Dame's first football weekend of the season. The Irish play Washington State Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Pentagon OKs digital device to play taps

WASHINGTON — Short of musicians for military funerals, the Pentagon has approved the use of a push-button bugle that plays taps by itself as the operator holds it to his lips. Only some 500 buglers are on active duty on any one day, but about 1,800 military people with military service die across the country each day and are eligible for honors ceremonies. Air Force Lt. Col. Cynthia Collin, a Pentagon spokeswoman, said Thursday. So the Defense Department worked with private industry to invent the "ceremonial bugle," which has a small digital recording device inserted into its bell to play the music.

A member of the honor guard at the funeral simply presses a button on the device. A five-second delay gives the guards time to raise the instrument to their lips as if they are going to play it.

Man charged for wearing skimpy swimsuit

CARDO VALLEY, Ark. — A man's skimpy swimsuit was too much — or too little — for Taco Bell workers. Employees at Taco Bell called police Sunday when the man walked into the restaurant wearing only a tiny black Speedo swimsuit and a cut-off T-shirt during the Labor Day weekend.

Caddo Valley Police Chief Hiram Latin said his attire, or lack thereof, was a little too revealing.

The man faces a $750 fine and possible jail time if convicted of indecent exposure.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Irish Fighting for St. Jude. A service club raises money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., will sponsor a Krispy Kreme donut sale today. The sale begins at 8:15 a.m. outside DeBartolo Hall.

Cheer for the Irish during the first football pep rally of the season. The rally begins at 6 p.m. tonight at the JACC.

Moreau Galleries will present the SISTAR Grant Project by Sandi Gister and Lisa Ritter during their regular hours today and through Saturday.

Notre Dame professor of music and composer Ethan Haimo will present a lecture titled "How to Listen to Concerto Duo." The event takes place today at 3:30 p.m. at the Snite Museum Anneberg Auditorium. The lecture is open to the public.

A special viewing of "Rudy" will be shown on North Quad this evening. The movie begins at 10 p.m.

The Midnight Drummer's Circle will take place tonight at the Fieldhouse Mall and the Main Building Steps. The performance begins at 11:30 p.m. Pizza will be served.

Enjoy music and dancing at Legends of Notre Dame. The music starts tonight at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Registrar's office offers online degree audit

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

This fall marks another addition to IrishLink's repertoire: as students returned from summer break to find an online Degree Audit available. The feature, currently available to sophomores, juniors and graduate students, is slated to become available to all students next fall.

"We staggered the rollout in an effort to make sure that first, any bugs that cropped up could be taken care of, and second, seniors would still be sure to use their advisers," Doug McKenna, degree audit specialist at the Registrar's Office, said.

The rollout has not been completely without problems, however. According to McKenna, there are two major known bugs.

"There are some known problems with the service. Two major ones, the first being that dual degree students can only display one of their degrees at a time, and the second that study abroad classes are given class designsations that the computer can't handle very well," McKenna said.

McKenna stressed that most problems that have been reported to the Registrar's Office have not been technical issues, and that students should go to their adviser before contacting the Registrar's Office with what they believe is a problem. Advisers are able to edit the Degree Audit output, and have more resources available to them, so they are able to resolve most questions.

Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said the product students are using now was the result of several years of work.

"It really started several years ago, in February 1997, and we spent quite awhile trying to cover all the colleges in the University with user interface that would show what students needed to do in order to get their degree," Preacher said.

The computer-based and then online Degree Audit were at first used only by advisers in all the colleges, who relied on it as an advising tool. That role is intended to remain unchanged today, according to Preacher.

"We really want this to be a tool for advising, not a replacement for the adviser themselves," Preacher said. "It's been a long process, but we feel like it's very useful."

In fact, advisers no longer use paper to outline scheduling requirements for students, they just do it on the computer.

"That's our biggest concern," Preacher said. "It's never going to be completely accurate," Preacher said. "I don't know what it is, really," Sophomore Owen McGonigle said.

Several other students echoed his comments, or said that they had not heard of the website.

"What's that? I haven't heard of it," said senior Jessica Woessner.

Some students have used the webpage, or are at least aware of its existence, but have not fully utilized it.

"I checked it out the other day, I didn't really think much about it," said junior Kirk Gomsak. "I didn't really find it much help," junior Colin Sharkey said.

While there does appear to be some knowledge out there about online Degree Audit, it is still a young technology option for students. The primary source for help in scheduling should, as expressed questions about how up-to-date and useful the program was.

"I looked at it, but it was already so far out of date, especially since I was a transfer student, so I didn't really find it much help," junior Colin Sharkey said.

In the future, however, McKenna hopes that as more students use it, it will go as smoothly as the recent rollout did.

"The first rollout went very smoothly, and we hope that as more students are able to use it, that that goes smoothly as well," McKenna said.

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Price difference puzzles students

By ANNE MAHONEY

As Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students purchased season football tickets last week, many saw a significant difference in the amount they paid compared to that of Notre Dame students. The price difference of $48 has caused many to question whether the three campuses as students questioned the difference in price. Depending on the day students purchased their tickets, calculated over the real reason for the price difference and whether it is fair to the students at Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

Cohen said. "We're trying to bring in the whole community, and碍 to students. All University athletic facilities on campus, and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the stadium, particularly during the fall season.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

4,500 French artists go on strike

PARIS — More than 4,500 French entertainers walked out across the country Thursday, vowing to disrupt cultural events unless the government reconsidered planned reforms of the artists' unemployment benefits.

Hundreds of protesters turned out in the cities of Bordeaux, Metz, Dijon, Lyon, Menton and Strasbourg. In Paris, police reported at least 4,500 actors, stage hands and artists marching through the Ministry.

The right-center government approved a plan last month that the artists say would spread the burden of running postwar Iraqi security forces. The bill is expected to become law.

French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder demanded that Washington give the United Nations more influence in Iraq's political future. Their stance threatened to reopen a heated debate over the future of the U.N. Security Council, which meets today in New York.

Chirac and Schroeder, meeting in Dresden for informal consultations, struck a compromise in which the United Nations will have a bigger voice in Iraq. The French president said he had agreed with the president of the United Nations, Jacques Amin of Iraq, on how the international watchdog could apply restraints.

No official could immediately confirm Chirac's statement. But the French president said he had agreed with the United Nations on how the international watchdog could apply restraints.

U.S. wants increase in Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD — American officials want to speed up training for Iraqi security forces, including former members of Saddam Hussein's military and intelligence services, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Making Iraq safe is a job for Iraqis, and no more U.S. troops are needed in the country, Rumsfeld said after meeting in the capital with top military and civilian officials of the American-led occupation.

Security is a problem, but it's a problem that, ultimately, the Iraqi people will deal with, with the help of coalition forces, Rumsfeld said at an impromptu news conference.

Estrada withdraws nomination

WASHINGTON—Miguel Estrada, whose nomination became a flash point for Democratic opposition to President Bush's judicial choices, withdrew from consideration for an appeals court seat Thursday after Republicans failed in seven attempts to break a Senate filibuster.

President Bush called Estrada's treatment "unfairful." But Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi said the real problem was the filibuster.

"This should serve as a wake-up call to the White House that it cannot simply expect the Senate to rubber-stamp judicial nominees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the leading opponents to Bush's nominees.

Concern about Iran nukes grows

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North Korea's next step will come in June and July that devastated the summer festival season and led to cancellation of a theater festival in the southern city of Asinun.

Speaking at a joint press conference, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder rejected the United States' draft of a U.N. resolution on Iraq. Both countries said, however, that the draft showed some promise.

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Local News

Mother receives 40-year sentence

NORVELLS AVE. — A judge on Thursday sentenced 40-year-old woman in the bed of a pickup truck, where he died from the heat.

Mary Edwards was given consecutive 20-year sentences on two counts of felony child neglect. A jury convicted the 24-year-old woman in June of leaving her 5-year-old son in the bed of a pickup truck for more than an hour, on a day when temperatures reached the high 90s.

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New citizenship oath takes effect

WASHINGTON — Immigrants will gladly raise their hands to a citizenship oath that eliminates a reference to princes and potentates, an immigrant advocate predicted Thursday. But a critic said the rewrite removes the oath’s majesty.

Immigration officials will use the new oath for the first time in a naturalization ceremony Sept. 17. Eduardo Aguirre Jr., director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, has said that the oath needed to be updated so its language makes “more sense to the brain.”

In the current oath, immigrants swear to “renounce and abjure” allegiance to princes and potentates.

In the new oath, they “solemly, freely and without any mental reservation or remonstrance ... all allegiance to any foreign state.”

The new oath is similar to one contained in a 1997 immigration report to Congress written by a commission led by former Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. That commission suggested that the oath be revised, said Russ Knocke, spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Recruitment and the Homeland Security Department.

“That’s a beautiful thing,” said Angela Kelly, National Immigration Forum deputy director, after the oath was read to her. “The hundreds of thousands of people waiting in the [naturalization] backlog will gladly raise hands theirs to it.”

But Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which wants to curb immigration, said the rewrite “takes away some of the majesty of the oath by simplifying the language.” He called the rewrite “a gratuitous change.”

Krikorian said immigrant advocates within the immigration agency are concerned the new language limits the requirement to defend the Constitution and the United States to government employees.

The immigration agency will collect public comment for 60 days after the oath is published in the Federal Register Sept. 17.

Tickets continued from page 1

Regardless, the laws of supply and demand still apply, and Notre Dame ticket holders remain the hottest commodity around.

The scarcity of tickets and the corresponding high prices have caused complaints among students.

Scalpers have driven prices out of students’ reach, said Knott Hall freshman Liam Zakklo.

“They’re just too expensive,” he said.

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Fall Liturgy Workshops at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

LECTORS’ WORKSHOPS:
Sunday, September 7th, 8:15 pm (following Vespers)
Tuesday, September 9th, 8:30 pm
Attendance at one of these workshops is recommended.

EUCARICHST MINISTERS’ WORKSHOPS:
Sunday, September 7th, 3:15 pm
Tuesday, September 9th, 10:00 pm
Attendance at one of these workshops is mandatory for extraordinary ministers of the eucharist.
The National Leadership Council, which represents 2,300 owner-operators in the United States, is negotiating with management about the speed of the rebuilding, or modernization of the 108 restaurants.

Since Labor Day, crude futures have been relatively flat, while heating oil inventories have been slightly below last year's level, crude imports have been relatively strong for the past month, and demand for gasoline is expected to taper off now that the summer driving season is over.

The price of crude dropped below $29 a barrel for the first time in more than two months on Thursday, as government data revealed a bigger-than-expected increase in nationwide supplies of oil and gasoline.

While commercial inventories of both oil and gasoline are roughly 6 percent below last year's level, crude imports have been relatively strong for the past month, and demand for gasoline is expected to taper off now that the summer driving season is over.

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In Brief

U.S. productivity rate soars

WASHINGTON — America's businesses pumped out more with fewer employees last quarter in a big boost for productivity, and new claims for unemployment benefits are rising, underscoring the strains facing workers even as the economy gains momentum.

Productivity — the amount an employee produces for each hour of work — soared at an annual rate of 6.8 percent in the April-to-June quarter, marking the largest increase since the first quarter of 2002, according to revised figures released Thursday by the Labor Department. That was even stronger than the government's initial estimate of a 5.7 percent growth rate.

The productivity gain comes as 170,000 jobs were shed during the second quarter and businesses squeezed more efficiency out of the workers they kept.

In another report from the department, new applications for jobless benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 15,000 to 413,000, the highest point since the middle of July.

Crude oil drops to two-month low

The price of crude dropped below $29 a barrel for the first time in more than two months on Thursday, as government data revealed a bigger-than-expected increase in nationwide supplies of oil and gasoline.

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As students returned to campus for the first week of classes, they were faced with many challenges: club meetings, new roommates and class schedules all jockeyed for attention.

But as the weekend approached, thoughts soon turned from chemistry and philosophy to that empty refrigerator in the corner.

The folks at Belmont Beverage are working hard to fill that void.

Belmont, the closest liquor store to Notre Dame, sits on South Bend Avenue just south of campus. According to Beverage Retailer magazine, a trade publication, the 25-store chain sells more than $12 million worth of beer annually.

If the first week's sales are any indication, the store is looking forward to a great year, says manager Mary Beth Lang.

"It was a very good week," Lang said, noting that her store sold 107 kegs of beer last week. That's a lot of beer, over 1,600 gallons, or enough for every Notre Dame student, professor, administrator and trustee to enjoy a cold one.

Many of those kegs ended up at the Turtle Creek apartment complex, where students flock to "Rally in the Alley" at the beginning of every academic year.

Along with booming business, however, comes trouble. Lang said the incidence of underage students attempting to buy alcohol is on the rise, and phony IDs are getting closer and closer to the real thing. She worries about the future of her business, noting that the state has stepped up enforcement actions against establishments who sell to minors.

"I really wish [the students] would stop with the fake IDs," she said.

"If I lose my license, I lose my house." Despite the risks, Belmont is here for the long haul — this year, it celebrates its 70-year anniversary.

And Lang continues to welcome student business, especially during the Irish football season.

"The mood depends on if we're winning or not," she said, but alcohol sales are up either way.

"They're either going to cry in their beer or be happy in it," she said.

"But it's always nice to see happy students."

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Democratic candidates slam Bush in first debate

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - In a mostly friendly television debate, Democratic rivals vying to replace President Bush shredded each other's policies as they tacked toward the November election.

"This president is a miserable failure," said former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, repeating the line twice and blaming Bush for the loss of American jobs and prestige.

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"Immigration for me is not just another issue. It's me, it's my family," said Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, noting that his ancestors, like those of most Americans, "had come from overseas.

"He (Bush) has used 9-11 as an excuse for not doing what he promised to do in reforming immigration laws," Lieberman added.

Democrats seeking the party's nomination wore red ties. John Edwards of North Carolina also suggested that Bush's attempts to woo Hispanic voters was shallow.

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Fears over free trade abound before meeting

World Trade Organization set to meet in Cancun

Associated Press

TLAXCALA — The verdant farm hamlets in Mexico's central highlands have become a front line in the battle over globalization ahead of a World Trade Organization meeting in Cancun. These farms, hundreds of miles from Cancun, lie in the ancestral heartland of corn, a crop now flooding in from the United States at lower prices under 1994's North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA.

"There is no way we can compete," said farmer Bacilio Flores, 53. "Farmers in the United States have 260 hectares [1,200 acres], and they get thousands of dollars a year in government payments. We can never match that, even in our dreams.

"Corn is an important cultural symbol here. A few miles east are the 2,206-year-old ruins of Cacaxtla, with murals depicting human beings sprouting full-grown from an ear of corn. A few miles further east is Tehuacan, where corn may have been domesticated 4,000 years ago.

"We want agriculture taken out of the summit talks," farm activist Rafael Rodriguez said. "Agriculture isn't just another kind of merchandise. It's a way of life, a culture, a relationship with the land and the environment.

"If we lose it, we can't replace it. Activists bristle at the idea of these rural hamlets operating under free trade — and with fewer farms. Many agricultural workers driven from the countryside end up in the United States as undocumented migrants, while others are forced to work at maquiladora assembly plants that specialize in U.S. exports.

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SAMPLE MENU ITEMS

Turkey Veggie: grilled sourdough bread with warm lean turkey, fresh veggies and melted combobe cheese

Harvest Benedict: two poached eggs delicately placed on a bed of sautéed spinach, veggies and cream cheese placed on an English muffin and covered in a creamy hollandaise sauce

Down Home Sausage Pie: Peasant potatoes layered with a hawg-wild sausage, green peppers and onions, a ladle of sausage gravy and a sprinkle of combo cheeses, two basted eggs and a pinch of chives
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—Ralph Wiley, co-author of Best Seat in the House
Oregon wildfires threaten homes

Associated Press

CAMP SHERMAN, Ore. — Two big wildfires jumped contain­ments lines Thursday in central Oregon, again forcing the evacuation of about 300 residents of this mountain community, officials said.

The fires were "large and getting larger. In terms of acres, it's probably close to 80,000," said firefighting spokesman Tom Lavagnino. The blazes were fueled by heavy undergrowth, combined with low humidity and high winds.

Authorities said the fires were threatening to merge.

The evacuation marked the second time in less than a month that Camp Sherman residents were forced from their homes. They were allowed back Saturday after a 12-day evacuation.

A 10-mile, westbound stretch of U.S. 20 between the town of Sisters and Camp Sherman was closed to allow passage of firefighting equip­ment, said Dave Davis, spokesman for the state transportation department.

The Red Cross was setting up a shelter at a church in Sisters, John O'Neill, an American Red Cross volun­teer, said he built a giant plume of smoke from the church.

"It's really blown up. The fire's just rocking and rolling," O'Neil said. A message at the Camp Sherman Country Store said: "It's 3:40 p.m. now. Evacuate now. The sirens you're hear­ing are the evacuation sirens. Evacuate now, don't wait. Good luck. Bye."

Along the Columbia River east of Portland, the tourist town of Cascade Locks escaped a 470-acre wildfire that burned up to its outskirts and forced evacuation of about 200 homes.

Evacuees were allowed to return late Wednesday, and a 47-mile stretch of Interstate 84 that had been closed a day earlier reopened.

A former bed and breakfast and an abandoned house and barn were the only buildings destroyed despite flames that had latched at underbrush just feet from dozens of homes.

In northern California, fire­fighters reported progress Thursday against scores of wildfires sparked by lightning.

Two firefighters suffered heat-related injuries from a blaze in Lake County that, at 2,500 acres, was the biggest of the more than 200 fires that began Wednesday, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Karen Terrell. The Lake County fire was 50 percent contained by Thursday afternoon, but still threatened about 280 structures outside Middleton.

About 70 miles north of San Francisco, it said.

Firefighters said they had contained 175 of the 239 fires in the region, and expected to contain most of the rest by Sunday.

Acreages burned were said to be in the thousands, but officials did not have a precise figure.

In Montana, the last two families forced from their homes by dozens of fires that had burned across the state were allowed to return Thursday in Tom's Gulch near Lincoln.

"They've been coming in twice a day every day to see when they can go back in," said fire information officer Bob Brouseaux. "They had been living in a tent the whole time" — more than two weeks.

At the fire season's peak, hundreds of Montanans were chased from their homes by blazes that have claimed more than 570,000 acres this summer.

Even as firefighters gained the upper hand against Montana's biggest fires, offi­cials remained wary of flare­ups:

"We don't want to let our guard down," said Linda Keizer with the Northern Rockies Interagency Fire Center. "The real­ly have to be paying attention to the weather."

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Fall 2003 Schedule

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9/6 - Washington State
Gustavo Gutiérrez, Professor of Theology, John Cardinal O'Hara Chair in Theology
"Liberation Theology for the 21st Century"

9/20 - Michigan State
"From Page to Stage: An interactive audience performance experience"

10/18 - USC
John McGreevy, John A. O'Brien Associate Professor of History
"Gutierrez is also the author of "On fob: God-Talk and the Understanding of Christian Doctrine from the Viewpoint of the Oppressed" representing an example for mankind.

11/15 - BYU
Alejandr Maczynski, Professor of Philosophy
"Truth Telling and Lying"

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TED MANDELL, ND ‘86  4:00 TO 5:30 P.M.
   HEART STOPPERS AND HAIL MARYS: 100 OF THE GREATEST
   COLLEGE FOOTBALL FINISHES (1970-1999)
FR. BILL MISCAMBLE, C.S.C.  2:00 TO 4:00 P.M.
   GO FORTH AND DO GOOD: MEMORABLE NOTRE DAME
   COMMENCEMENT ADDRESSES
SR. JEAN LENZ, O.S.F.  3:30 TO 5:00 P.M.
   LOYAL SONS & DAUGHTERS

SATURDAY

CONNIE McNAMARA  9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.
   MY FIRST NOTRE DAME WORDS: GO IRISH
BOB GOLIC ND ‘79  9:00 TO 11:00 A.M.
   FIGHTING IRISH: THE MIGHT, THE MAGIC, THE MYSTIQUE OF
   NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL
PAUL F. GULLIFOR  10:00 TO NOON
   THE FIGHTING IRISH ON THE AIR: THE HISTORY OF NOTRE
   DAME FOOTBALL BROADCASTING
ALAN GRANT  10:00 TO NOON
   RETURN TO GLORY: INSIDE TYRONE WILLINGHAM’S
   AMAZING FIRST SEASON AT NOTRE DAME
SR. JEAN LENZ, O.S.F.
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JASON KELLY, ND ‘95  10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.
   MR. NOTRE DAME: THE LIFE AND LEGEND OF EDWARD
   “MOOSE” KRAUSE
FR. NICHOLAS AYO, C.S.C., ND ‘56  10:30 TO 12:30 P.M.
   SIGNS OF GRACE: MEDITATIONS ON THE NOTRE DAME
   CAMPUS
COACH GERRY FAUST  11:00 TO NOON
   THE GOLDEN DREAM

SUNDAY FROM 10:00 TO 12:00
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McIntosh drops out of Indiana gubernatorial race

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Citing swelling support for Mitch Daniels that includes backing from President Bush, Republican David McIntosh ended his 2004 gubernatorial run Thursday and endorsed Daniels.

"The team is coalescing around Mitch Daniels and I'm a team player and I want to be part of the team," McIntosh said during a news conference at state GOP headquarters.

In a telephone interview earlier Thursday, McIntosh campaign manager Jason Beal said the decision "was based entirely on us hearing from [White House adviser] Karl Rove that President Bush would endorse Mitch Daniels."

"We feel that would all but preclude us from raising money for the Republican primary," Beal said.

It was not clear whether Bush would make an endorsement Friday during a visit to Indianapolis, but his support for Daniels already seemed a certainty. Daniels stepped down as White House budget director in June to run for governor.

During a speech in Indianapolis in May, Bush referred to Daniels as "my man Mitch" and said, "Washington's loss will be the gain of the people of Indiana." McIntosh said his decision was not based on fund-raising concerns, and he had supporters who "could provide the financing that could get us there." But he said he had called the White House and was told by someone that Bush would endorse Daniels.

"It matters to me what he thinks," McIntosh said.

McIntosh served six years as a congressman for eastern Indiana and won the party's nomination for governor in 2000, but he was soundly defeated by Democrat Frank O'Bannon. He became the third Republican to drop out of the 2004 governor's race in recent months.

State Sen. Murray Clark of Indianapolis dropped out June 9 and became Daniels' campaign manager. State Sen. Luke Kenley of Noblesville ended his campaign a few weeks later and also threw his support to Daniels.

Conservative lobbyist Eric Miller, Petersburg Mayor Randy Harris and Indianapolis businessman Bob Parker are still seeking the nomination.

McIntosh said he was in the race to stay, too, and he had raised $650,000 and said he had earned widespread name-recognition during his first campaign and was the best-known candidate in the field. Seventy-three percent of those surveyed in a WISH-TV poll taken in July knew of McIntosh, while 42 percent recognized Daniels' name.

But Daniels, a former Eli Lilly and Co. executive, was still considered the front-runner and was expected to raise much more campaign cash than McIntosh. Daniels also enjoyed support from other prominent Republicans, including Sen. Dick Lugar and former state GOP Chairman Mike McDaniel.

McIntosh said Thursday it had become clear that Democrats would field a "strong team" in the governor's race, and it was important for McIntosh to run as a team. State Sen. Vi Simpson and former state and national Democratic chairman Joe Andrew are vying for the Democratic nomination.

McIntosh said he did not know what his role in the Republican team might be, but he hoped to help formulate proposed solutions to state problems, including the property tax reassessment.

Daniels joined McIntosh at Thursday's announcement and thanked him for his decision.

"I had no heart for running against this man, given my admiration for him and the service he has provided in the past," Daniels said.

McIntosh also was joined by his wife Ruthie. When a reporter reminded McIntosh that he had better name ID in the recent poll, Ruthie McIntosh leaned to the microphone and said, "If the election was held today, David would win." McIntosh chuckled and said, "But it won't be. It will be held in May."

David Helt, who helped manage McIntosh's successful 1994 campaign for Congress and joined his staff when he took office, said he was proud McIntosh was getting out.

"I think David fought the good fight in 2000 and it came up short — it came up too short — and David just didn't have the time to rehabilitate himself from the loss that he had," Holt said.

McIntosh based much of his 2000 campaign on a "guarantee" to cut property taxes by 25 percent. But it took him months to detail his plan, and he acknowledged later that it might not have worked given the state budget crunch that hit.
The administration loves to promote Notre Dame as a well-rounded community that is home to ambitious and capable students who excel in academics, extracurricular activities, service and other areas. But when Doug Pope and RJ Craig were forced to decide whether they would continue as resident assistants by choosing to either attend resident assistant training or attend other academic-related activities and lose their positions, it suggested that Notre Dame might be more committed to unwavering and unreasonable adherence to minor technicalities.

Pope and Craig claim they were released as RAs during RA orientation because they could not attend certain training sessions. Most people would expect their excess legitimacy — Pope had an interview for a post-graduate scholarship, while Craig had to participate in an MBA orientation. Other students say some RAs were given a choice before taking the MCAT and attending orientation. But Student Affairs officials did not find these excuses legitimate. Even though Pope and Craig informed the administration about their conflicts and try to make arrangements to avoid these conflicts or make up the missed sessions — they were still given an ultimatum: attend RA orientation or forget about being an RA.

If Notre Dame is an institution dedicated to preparing students for their roles as future leaders, they cannot pull the administration's foot off students' toes to put their futures on hold. Tests and scholarship interviews are just as important as RA training sessions, especially if the information from the training can be obtained other ways.

What's more, since RAs are leaders, chosen to guide other students, younger classes should look at Pope and Craig's pursuit of a post-graduate scholarship as an example of what to aspire for, not as a penalty to serving them in the dorm.

Dismissing and replacing RAs for incomprehensible reasons creates a riff in the family atmosphere the University tries to cultivate. And the RA orientation couldn't have been as important as student life officials say it is — Pope and Craig's replacements attended even less of the training than the original RAs would have and had none of the sessions they missed — an opportunity that Pope and Craig were denied.

RAs sign contracts that require them to attend all the orientation sessions, and Notre Dame has a responsibility to inform them of the policies they are expected to enforce. But it's not so unreasonable that it makes RA candidates choose between their training and their future. The University should re-evaluate the RA training policy. If it decides to adhere to its current policy, it should explicitly tell students that they are being forced to attend these sessions, so they can make informed decisions. Better yet, the administration should allow students to complete these capstone events and make-up the RA training they missed.
A lottery is supposed to give everyone an equal opportunity to win. If the goal was to reward the individuals who show up and communicate process that I've ever seen, then why even have a lottery? Just sell the tickets out of the four-month trial. His demeanor was one that cold, mean stare. As we pronounced him guilty on drug distribution and my conclusions. Thanks to the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, I reviewed countless wiretaps. I know how to "cook" and "stretch" powder cocaine into cocaine base (crack). I also now understand latent fingerprint prints versus "prints of value" along with the ballistic references for shell casings and bullets. For me, the defense suffered on three days during the trial. One morning a witness described how he was kidnapped, tortured and beaten by the defendant. That afternoon another witness, a perp, identified the defendant as the perp who shot into his car and killed his passenger. This day was followed by an impartial neighbor testifying that he saw the defendant shoot the passenger. On the second day that hurt the defense, the prosecution paraded several ballistics and fingerprint experts who tied shell casings from several shootings to guns confiscated during four search warrants on that final day. Some spectators anticipated our verdicts. Jurors who had been in line for over three hours stood empty-handed. If there is anyone who had the misfortune of experiencing this system better suited to future distributions. A start­up with a worse system. SUB showed a lack of preparation. Students did not pay money in order to enter the stadium's tunnel before a Michigan football game. If I had a choice, I would have preferred running out of the football tunnel to face three-hundred pound linemen. Gary Caruso serves as a clerk in President Clinton's administration. His comments appear every other Friday. He can be contacted at hotline@aol.com. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The Gold Rush Continues

Seniors share a saddened sentiment, but with excitement for their last season both as students and players

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS
Scene Writer

The once student-filled campus now encompasses the presence of moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents alike. Masses at the Basilica, followed by the triumphant processions of the Notre Dame marching band, pre-game practices and the Irish prayers sound again. This pre-game ritual, which dates before Rudy's time at Notre Dame, commences with the first game of the 2003-2004 football season this Saturday against Washington State.

The flocking of devoted spectators from across the country fill the seats on Saturday, but the team has occupied the stadium since August 10th. While many students were enjoying their ending days of summer, the team spent many grueling hours participating in two practices a day. The two-a-day practices ended two Saturdays ago, in exchange for one intense two-hour daily practice, hours of watching films as a team and then again as an individual and lifting three days a week. Watching the films a second time individually gives the players more insight and concentration on the game.

The vigorous efforts put forth by the team may explain senior Jerome Collins' positive attitude towards this years upcoming games. "Practices are going well and I wouldn't change the habits of the team from last year's routines. Everyone grows from year to year. The offense is better this year, too. Last year, the defense stopped offense a lot. This year, Carlyle is more accurate in practice. He's performing his quarterback position even better at every practice. There really is no one person to look for this season. You never know because practices go great, but reacting to game situations is completely different," said Collins.

The team as a whole sounds like they are ready for the big day. But, how are the freshmen football players adjusting to the new wonders of Notre Dame football? The freshmen graduated from high school being named the top-notch players by scouts. "They are row the bottom line again, feeling as if they are nobody's," said Collins, describing how he felt during that year, as well.

"They get used to it, along with the rigorous team schedules and practices. But, we try to keep them awake and moving when they get tired," Collins said that he "can't wait to get that first hit in" because practice is growing routine. "Hitting the same person day in and day out gets old." The team may grow accustomed to playing one another, but his positive assertion of the team confirms the team status. "Coach tells us to be the best whenever we can," and that will take the team to dominating rankings.

"The team went 8-0 last year in light of criticism regarding coaching changes. We kept focused and finished 10-3 at the Gator Bowl. This was our greatest accomplishment [and it showed the true testament of the team's resolve to be the best]." Focusing on each game as it comes appears to be the best way to tackle the season, along with the help of the fans. Collins applauds the fans for their outstanding motivation. "It wouldn't be fun if 20,000 fans weren't cheering," he said. The fans help keep the enthusiasm among the team members because the adrenaline from students and fans in the stands aids in the rush of excitement experienced on the field.

Player Anthony Fassano said he agrees with his teammate. "We are playing in front of the best fans in the nation!" Fassano said. The players are not the only ones who enjoy the out of town crowd chanting. Many seniors have already begun to realize the beginning of this season is twofold, as it is their last season, too. It is the last year to enjoy kgs and eggs with their closest friends at 6 in the morning every Saturday, the last year to be engulfed in a sea of kelly green T-shirts designed by the students of Notre Dame, the last year to engage in the unbalanced jig dances thrown off by those who are "unstable" and their final push-ups after each and every point is added to the scoreboard. These are not emotions any one person wants to focus on, but many say they cannot help feel the way they feel as opening day approaches.

Saint Mary's senior Daniella Ernst developed these feelings as she pulled in from the toll road this year. "The atmosphere of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame makes the pre-game and after games experiences memorable. Yeah, I can still watch the game on TV next year, but the experience when watching the game with my friends is what counts.

Saint Mary's senior Meg White agrees. She said what she will miss the most is the fun she had as football manager. She said she made many close friends, and watching the games without them won't be the same. "I definitely want to come back when I can," she said.

But, neither players nor seniors want to focus on the end and are excited to begin another season, following the team motto of "Play like a Champion."
Freshmen prepare for first game

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

It has been two weeks since the Class of 2007 stepped onto campus and into life at Notre Dame. No doubt, it has been a challenge negotiating the dining hall, finding classes on time and trying to get the attention of that one particular girl (or guy) in First Year Composition class. Granted, it is tough enough for freshmen to get used to a campus of 10,000 students, but their biggest challenge now lies in having to share their space with the student body and 70,000 of their closest friends. This Saturday's season opener against Washington State promises to be an experience that will intimidate both legends and novices alike.

Sure, there are plenty freshmen out there who have never been to a Notre Dame football game. There are even a good number of people who have never watched one on TV. But imagine having never seen an American football game ever, and having this Saturday as your first experience. That honor belongs to many international students, like Juan Pablo Lauz, a student from Peru.

"I have never seen American football before," admits Lauz. "[My roommate] tells me it's not only about the football part, it's about the atmosphere. ... in see Notre Dame Football come to life ... all the students cheering and the whole feeling towards it." He also acknowledges the popularity of the Irish in Peru, and realizes that if you were to look for football for the first time, there is no better way to see it than this.

On the other hand of the spectrum is freshman Tommy Kemp. A seasoned veteran of standing through many a game in the spectator section, he knows it's going to be different moving to the Northwest corner.

"The atmosphere ... it's just nuts in the student section," says Kemp. "It's somewhere I've always wanted to stand." One in four of this year's freshman class is a legacy, so many will know the cheers and the traditions inside and out.

To measure the level of anticipation among the freshmen concerning this week's game, one need not look further than DeBartolo Hall, but most notably the classrooms on the west side of the building. Walk into any freshman class and the eyes of those along the window seats are fixed not on the professor or the PowerPoint presentation, but on the stadium, where all week window washers, interior cleaning crews and lawnmowers have been preparing the grounds for this weekend's festivities. There is also little doubt of the impact Irish football has on this year's class based off the admissions process alone.

Whether the Office of Admissions chooses to acknowledge it or not, this past year's biggest applicant pool ever undoubtedly was affected by last year's surprising season.

An even more unique perspective of the freshman's game comes from Bill Gallagher, a freshman member of the Band of the Fighting Irish. After going through hellacious practice sessions from dawn until dusk from the moment they stepped on campus, Saturday's game is the culmination of a work ethic that rivals that of the varsity players themselves.

"It has been a lot of fun, but a lot of work," according to Gallagher, but when it comes to opening day, he believes the mood is "more exciting than nervous.

Perhaps the biggest responsibility of any freshman concerning this week's game belongs to Ryan McSpadden, one of this year's Dillon Hall "Teen Wolves," a staple at the annual Dillon Hall Pep Rally that kicked off the football weekend Thursday night.

"I really wanted to put my all in it... show my true self," notes McSpadden. "I've just always wanted to come here. So many of the freshmen at Saturday's game have watched hundreds of hours of their favorite teams on television sets, and have dreamed of the opportunity to see a live game for many years.

In case some of the freshmen did not know coming here what they were getting themselves into, they quickly learned by waiting in the ticket line for the first home game. This weekend's game promises to be an event like none other, win or lose... well, forget that last part. Coming off one of their best seasons in years, the Irish have high expectations placed on them this year. The roar of the crowds, the sounds of the band, and the screaming of Air Force jets overhead will quickly initiate this year's freshmen into the Notre Dame Football experience. Just one piece of advice from the upperclassmen: Don't sit down. Don't ever sit down.

Saddened seniors and anxious freshmen prepare themselves to experience another exciting season of Fighting Irish football from the student section.

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Freshmen at the "Spirit of ND" event during Orientation Weekend in the Joyce Center and encouraged everyone to go out and get this year's "The Shirt" for the first home game.

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MLB
Sosa ejected, Cubs take four of five from Cardinals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Now that was a series, five games of spirited baseball that the Chicago Cubs turned into five emotional victories over the St. Louis Cardinals.

"If you weren't a fan and you watched this series, you became one," Tony Womack said Thursday after his RBI single pushed the Cubs to a 7-6 victory and moved them within half a game of the NL Central lead.

The series featured a little bit of everything; a rain delay of more than four hours Monday, a day-night doubleheader that included a 15-inning opener, the ejections of three Cubs players, including Sammy Sosa on Thursday, and phóng coach Larry Rothschild, a shouting match between managers Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa, and a stunning comeback by the Cubs to win Wednesday afternoon.

The Cubs trail Houston by a half-game, while the Cardinals are a game behind the Astros in third place.

Baker and La Russa, whose blowup centered around pitching inside and hitting batters, met several minutes behind the cage during batting practice and shook hands at the plate.

Their teams don't play again in the regular season.

"Every game could have gone either way and it went their way except for that one," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said.

Womack, who entered in a 4-4 tie with the Cubs leading off the seventh, singled in the bottom half off Mike DeMuro (5-9).

And then went out of a bases-loaded jam by slapping a third strike to Moises Alou who was called out by plate umpire Bill Hohn.

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It was Sosa's second blown save in four days and his fourth in the season's 28 chances. Mets, who needed to finish 10 of the next 22 games to guarantee his contract in 1999. New York won, 5-4, Friday, 4-3, Saturday.

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TORONTO — Contreras felt he needed to win.

Contreras rebounded from his worst start, and Karim Garcia hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 Thursday night.

Alfonso Soriano homered and Garcia went 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Yankees, who are 3.5 games ahead of Boston after winning two of three from the Red Sox last weekend, then lost the series' worth of work for a closer. Soriano rebounded from his last outing.

"I haven't thrown that many pitches in three or four years," said Matan, who started the seventh inning as a defensive reliever. "I couldn't finish them off." Counsell led off with a bunt single against Kris Wilson (5-3) and Beltran — after a slow start between the teams, were fortunate to come out on top.

"They made me throw a lot of pitches in three or four years," Matan said. "I was just trying to make a play, and it didn't work out for us." said Matan, who entered in the seventh inning as a defensive replacement. "There's really nothing more you can say about it.

"Two wonderful games," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said. "It shows you, if you make pitches, you focus, you concentrate and trust your stuff, you can do these sort of things. Both excellent ballgames."

"I knew that the team needed a win," Contreras said through an interpreter. "Also because we lost the previous two games against Toronto. Thankfully, things worked out and I had a lot better outing."

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Devil Rays 1, Mariners 0

Two years ago, the Seattle Mariners converted Jorge Sosa from an outfielder to a pitcher. On Thursday night, he showed his former organization that it was probably the correct move.

Sosa pitched a four-hitter and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays again blanked the Mariners, 1-0.

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Hall takes revenge on Jets in season debut

Associated Press

LANODE, Md. — The JetsKins let their feelings be known when the grudge game was finally over and they had won.

Kicker John Hall confessed that he dreamed "the whole off-season" about making a game-winning kick to beat his old team in the NFL's season opener. He did just that Thursday night, nailing a 33-yarder with five seconds left to give the Washington Redskins a 16-13 victory over the New York Jets.

"It's pretty much one of those stupid things you do when you're done practicing," said Hall, who also had kicks of 50 and 22 yards. "You make up those situations where you have this or that — and I'm sure you know which team it was against."

Guard Randy Thomas, who has spoken politely of his ex-teammates, watched a moment of glee as he watched the ball sail through the uprights.

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"It just goes to show that sometimes the grass is greener on the other side," Coles said.

Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington was a terror, chasing down players in the flat to turn potential long gains into short ones. His stats — six tackles and one batted pass — didn't begin to show the difference he made as the Jets were held to 158 total yards in the NFL's second annual Thursday night opener.

The JetSkins made their presence known right away. Morton returned the opening kickoff 23 yards. Coles made a 25-yard catch over the middle and celebrated with a mini-dance. Thomas helped pave the way for Hall's first field goal.

But the Jets went all the way with Edwards successfully gambling on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. He took top rusher Curtis Martin out and gave the ball to LaMont Jordan, who leaped over the pile and into the end zone.

Spurrier did his own fourth-and-1 trick on the next drive, with Bettis converting with a short run at the Jets 27. Darnerien McCants finished the drive with a 4-yard TD catch to put Washington ahead 10-7.

"When we threw the ball in the second half, nothing good was happening," Spurrier said. "I just got sort of afraid to go back there. Our defense was playing so well, we just put in on the ground."

Washington kicker John Hall watches as his 33-yard field goal with five seconds remaining sails through the uprights to knock off the Jets 16-13 in the first game of the NFL's regular season.
Erickson relishes opening day atmosphere

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San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson patrols the sidelines in a recent 14-10 preseason victory over Oakland.

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While Erickson enjoys his new beginning, Chicago coach Dick Jauron might be nearly out of fresh starts. The Bears plunged from an NFC-best 13-3 record in 2001 to a 4-12 mark last season, and Jauron hasn't delivered a playoff victory in his four seasons running the team.

His job security is a topic of major speculation in Chicago, but the coach is used to it. "Every year is a big year for our team," Jauron said. "We don't look at any year or any game as being more particularly vital than another. Our goals are always the same: to win that week, and to play well that week. The Bears are making their first trip to San Francisco since 2000, when Owens set an NFL record with 26 receptions in Jerry Rice's final home game with the 49ers. Chicago averaged 17-0 loss with a 37-31 overtime victory at Soldier Field in 2001, winning on Mike Brown's interception return for a touchdown.

The 49ers' offense under Erickson is expected to have key differences from the schemes Chicago faced in the teams' earlier meetings. San Francisco will use more downfield throws and aggressive play.

The same is expected of the Bears and new quarterback Kordell Stewart, who has promised to make the Bears more versatile. Stewart arrived from Pittsburgh as a free agent after eight up-and-down seasons. While San Francisco searches for continuity, Chicago hopes to change nearly everything about last season. The 49ers believe they can maintain their steady revival, but the Bears think last season was an aberration caused by injuries and their one-year radio dominance while their stadium was rebuilt.

"The main thing is that we are healthy," linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "We're back at Soldier Field. We're confident, and we have a new quarterback who is confident."
Ramirez struggles not limited to health issues

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Manny Ramirez left one of his prodigious, unchartered paychecks lying around, or when he held up a game to look for a $10,000 diamond earring, the response was always a shrug and a smile and the same expression: "That’s Manny.”

These days, though, the smile has disappeared.

No longer resigned to the eccentricities of their $360 million slugger, the Red Sox are trying to force Ramirez out of his own little world and into the one more traditionally inhabited by ballplayers.

"You can have the ability to play this game, but if you don’t work … you’re not going to get what you want," said Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz, perhaps Ramirez’s closest friend on the team. "He’ll be back. Everybody knows what the guy can do.”

Ramirez was benched this past week after he missed a crucial fly ball against New York with a sore throat and fever but managed, in the middle of it, to pull himself out of bed to reminisce with Yankees infielder Enrique Wilson about their Cleveland days. On Sunday, Ramirez didn’t show up to for an appointment with the Red Sox doctor, and when he joined the team on Monday he sat on the bench but said he was "too weak" to pinch-hit.

Declining to comment directly on Ramirez and his illness, general manager Theo Epstein told the Boston Herald, "We really appreciate the way Johnny Damon sucked it up and got in the lineup. That’s the kind of effort we need from everyone on the club.”

Billied as a laid-back hitting machine who acts the same whether he’s 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, Ramirez’s demeanor was seen as a benefit when then-general manager Dan Duquette signed him to an eight-year, $160 million contract in the winter of 2000. At the time, it was thought that a player who could ignore the cacophony from the Fenway bleachers after he misplayed a fly ball was the guy you’d want if, a couple of innings later, he was batting with a chance to win the game.

Sure enough, after leaving a cocoon in Cleveland to come to the crucible of Boston, he hit .306 with 41 hom ers and 125 RBIs in 2001. Last year, he won the AL batting title with a .346 average while hitting 33 homers and driving in 107 runs.

But Ramirez is so laid back at times, he’s sometimes viewed by sportswriters, the fans and occasionally his teammates as apathetic.

Ramirez has not talked to reporters for most of the season, but others in baseball steadfastly defend him.

"I’m a big fan of Manny Ramirez. I think if you ask any of the Latin guys who have interacted with him, they would say the same thing," Carlos Pena said. "With American guys, he seems to be a little shy. He’s been nothing but a humble gentleman with me.

"I know he’s a superstar, but once he said, ‘Carlos, keep an eye on me. I think I’m pulling off the ball at the plate. Let me know what you see.’ Then I was thinking, ‘You’re joking, right?’ But he was dead serious. Here’s a guy that has done incredible things and he’s asking Carlos Pena to see if he’s pulling his shoulder? That showed me how humble he is.”

Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said Ramirez always played hard for him in Cleveland.

As much as that, though, Ramirez is remembered there for the time he asked a sports writer if he could borrow $60,000 — on the spot — so he and pitcher Julian Tavares could buy motorcycles. Or the day police were chasing O.J. Simpson and Ramirez thought they were chasing Indians pitcher Chad Ogea, whose name is pronounced "O.J."

Since coming to Boston, it has been more of the same.

During the 2001 season, Ramirez had a falling out with manager Joe Kerrigan and left the team for two days. That winter, Kerrigan went to Ramirez’s house in Florida to drop off a videotape, but the slugger snubbed him.

Last year, he violated baseball etiquette when he hirled the batter’s box on a groundskeeper. He apologized to his teammates — and went on a hitting tear that clinched the batting title for him.

With Ramirez on the books for another five years and more than $100 million, the Red Sox could afford him a season off as long as they didn’t want to. But there are worse things: Heading into this weekend’s series with New York in the AL East-leading Yankees.

Ramirez was batting .318 with 31 homers and 90 RBIs. After all, that’s Manny, too.

LaRussa, Baker meet after heated arguing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa met for six minutes behind the batting cage Thursday, one day after a heated shouting match at Wrigley Field. Their informal get-together ended with a handshake, but no one knows if they totally settled their differences after their latest blowup.

"He has an opinion and I have an opinion. What was right, what was wrong. It’s a big series and a lot of emotions are high," Baker said.

Baker and La Russa, two of the most respected managers in the majors, got into the screaming match Wednesday after Cubs starter Matt Clement was hit by a pitch from Dan Haren — who had been hit by Clement’s pitch the previous inning.

Tuesday night, Chicago’s Kerry Wood twice knocked down Cardinals pitcher Matt Morris but didn’t hit him. Last week in St. Louis, Wood hit Albert Pujols.

Baker began pointing and gesturing toward La Russa and their exchange escalated. They also had a screaming match last year in the opener of the NL championship series when Baker was managing the Giants.

Wood and La Russa have been exchanging barbs in newspapers this week over Wood’s tight pitching. La Russa said Thursday he was just defending his team.

"When somebody says stuff like they are saying, you respond to it," he said.

"I can understand his and their frustrations of being tired of going and eating dirt, too. Nobody likes to be going down. I’ll take care of mine, you take care of yours."
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NCAA

Clarett considers filing suit against the NFL

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just two weeks into the college football season, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee said Thursday that the system in which a national collegiate champion is determined needs to be changed.

"I think you're throwing the baby out with the bath water by allowing this to continue," Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said when asked if the Clarett case might allow Maurice to enter the scheduled Vicky Ford Bowl of 2004 draft. "It's obviously one of the options."

The NFL does not permit players to be eligible for its draft until they have been out of high school at least three years. Clarett is a sophomore and, under the rule, could not be selected until the 2005 draft at the earliest.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger said Clarett was suspended because of allegations of accepting improper benefits and for misleading investigators.

Ohio State has been working for the past two weeks on a response to "several pages" of allegations sent by the NCAA to the university investigating his behavior and the rule.

"When a player decides to do that, I think it's going to be a legal issue and decided rather quickly by the court," Milstein said. "There's no facts in dispute. It's just, is the rule lawful or not?"

Clarett, one of Ohio State's top players during its run to the national title last season, is suspended from the team while the NCAA and the university investigate his behavior off the field.

Christopher Clarett is a sophomore and, under the rule,expires after the 2005 season.

Cowen's Presidential Coalition for Athletic Reform and BCS representatives will meet Monday in Chicago to discuss the series' future. The current BCS contract expires after the 2005 season. Participants hope solutions will emerge within the next six months to a year. Proposals expected to be brought to the table include adding another one or two bowl games to the schedule.

Neither supporters nor detractors of the bowl system expect legislation to result, although the threat of an antitrust suit brought by a non-BCS school looms.

Ohio State tailback, according to an autopsy report. Dave Bliss is heard trying to get Dennehy's body was found in a field near a rock quarry southeast of Waco on July 22.

Dennehy died of two gunshot wounds to the head, according to an autopsy report. The Baylor committee investigated allegations of NCAA violations in Baylor's basketball program turned over the audiotapes, recorded four weeks ago by former assistant coach Abner House. On the secretly recorded tapes, former Bears head basketball coach Joe Bliss is heard trying to portray Dennehy as a drug dealer in an effort to conceal questions about the player's finances.

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## U.S. Open

Argentine David Nalbandian hits a return to Roger Federer of Switzerland at the 2003 U.S. Open In Flushing, N.Y., Thursday. Nalbandian defeated Federer, the second seed in the tourney, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3.

## Rainfall continues to affect U.S. Open

Associated Press

**NEW YORK — The U.S. Open went from the submerged to the ridiculous Thursday.**

On a fourth straight day of rain and start-stop-start-stop action, organizers scrambling to finish the tournament on time were deprived of a show court because the Grandstand had absorbed too much water and couldn't be dried enough for play.

Oh, and a women's fourth-round match that began Monday finally finished, but not before being interrupted when the chair umpire was hit and hurt by a ballboy's throw.

There was good news: The weather cleared up enough for 2001 champ Liu Leyton Hewitt, French Open winner Juan Carlos Ferrero, No. 3-seeded Guillermo Coria, No. 12 Sjeng Schalken, No. 13 Rafael Nadal and No. 22 Yunes El Ayouni to reach the quarterfinals. Nadal knocked off Grand Slam champion Roger Federer 3-6, 7-6, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-3.

And No. 1-seeded Kim Clijsters and 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport set up a semifinal meeting. Clijsters beat No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo 6-1, 6-4, while Davenport defeated No. 24 Paula Suarez 6-4, 6-0.

There was even time for the twice-postponed Michael Chang retirement ceremony.

"Still, not your average big-time sporting event, huh?"

"This was the weirdest situation that I've ever experienced in a Grand Slam tournament," twice-time major champion Mary Pierce said. "It was really, really weird to wait four days and play 20 minutes to finish the match."

## IN BRIEF

Armstrong to divorce his wife of five years

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong and his wife are working on a divorce settlement after trying to reconcile during the summer in hopes of saving their five-year marriage.

The five-time Tour de France champion and his wife, Kristin, separated two weeks ago, soon after moving back to Austin from Girona, Spain. They are staying in separate homes in Austin.

"The craziest thing is, we're closer now and better friends than ever before," Lance Armstrong said in Thursday's Austin American-Statesman. "We're truly committed to maintaining a good relationship, but not a marriage."

Armstrong overcame cancer on his way to becoming one of his sport's greatest riders. His fifth straight victory in the Tour de France in July tied the record held by Spain's Miguel Indurain.

Jogi Muller, a spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team told The Associated Press, the cyclist and his wife attempted to patch up their marriage during the entire season.

"But somehow, now in the month after the Tour, it just didn't work out," Muller said. "They tried probably for the children, for themselves."

Armstrong and his wife have three children. They announced in February they had been separated for a month, then reconciled.

Quarles likely out several games with forearm injury

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay middle linebacker Shawn Quarles likely will be sidelined for several games after breaking his left forearm Thursday in the Buccaneers' final practice in pads before the regular season.

Quarles, a Pro Bowl selection for the first time last season, was injured while blocking on a special teams drill. He will be replaced by backup Nate Webster, who will make his second career start in Monday night's season opener at Philadelphia.

"The reality of it is, he'll probably miss a few games," said coach Joe Gruden, who didn't estimate when Quarles might return.

"Knowing the kind of kid he is, he'll be knocking on the door tomorrow morning trying to play. But he has fractured his forearm, he'll miss this game ... and he'll probably miss a couple following that."

None tackle Anthony McFarland missed four games last season after breaking his right forearm in a game at Carolina.

Quarles had his best pro season a year ago when he moved from strongside linebacker to the middle after the Bucs lost Jamie Duncan to free agency.
ND WOMEN'S TENNIS
Preseason rankings reveal several career highs

Special to The Observer

A pair of Notre Dame singles players and one doubles team gained career-high listings in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason women's singles and doubles rankings released today.

Senior Caylan Leslie led the way, ranked 26th in singles, while classmate Alicja Salas was 64th. In doubles, Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly were 37th and the team of junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny was 44th.

After missing 14 months due to a shoulder injury, Leslie returned in January 2003 to have an impressive spring season, finishing 17-11, including 9-5 at No. 1 singles. Among her six career wins over ranked opponents was a victory over Northwestern's Cristina Gezer, who was fourth in preseason rankings. Salas was ranked as high as 64th before finishing the season 98th.

Connelly and Salas played together most of last season, compiling a 17-5 record and being ranked 59th in the final rankings. The team finished the season strong with consecutive upset wins of top-15 teams in NCAA tournament action, knocking off Missouri's 15th-ranked pair before topping the No. 3 team from Vanderbilt.

Despite only playing eight matches together a year ago, Leslie expects to secure the top spot.

Men's Tennis

Haddock, D'Amico top Irish rankings

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame singles players and one doubles team were listed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason men's singles and doubles rankings released today.

Senior Luis Haddock and junior Brent D'Amico each earned career-high singles listings at 64th and 100th, respectively. D'Amico and senior Matthew Scott also broke into the doubles rankings for the first time, at 50th.

Haddock played No. 1 singles for the Irish in 2002-03. Overall, he was 21-14 in singles to improve his career ranking to 30. He was ranked as high as 72nd throughout the season before finishing 10-2-2-4.

Haddock has a career 12-13 record against ranked players, including seven wins a year ago.

After playing singles in only four matches as a freshman, D'Amico made the jump to No. 3 a year ago and excelled. He won his first six matches at that position and finished 11-7 there. In all, he was 21-18, including four victories over ranked opponents. D'Amico, who earned his first career ranking of 118th late in the season before dropping out of the final listings, was honored at the end of the season as the team's MVP.

D'Amico and Scott paired together for two matches in fall '02 before teaming up through the spring at No. 1 doubles. They compiled a 13-10 record, including 12-9 in dual matches. The pair had two wins over ranked opponents.

Baylor's Benedikt Dorsch was the unanimous No. 1 in singles, while Rice's team of twins Richard and William Barker gained every first-place vote in doubles to secure the top spot.

The Irish open their season Sept. 25-28 in Peaches City, Ga., in the adidas Nev-100 Classic. The lone home event for Notre Dame this fall is an exhibition match against Southern California on Oct. 17.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles seek year's 1st victory

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team is crossing the border, in hopes of bringing back the season's first victory.

The Belles travel to Wooster College in Ohio this weekend to participate in the Final Four Kilt Classic. The eight-team tournament will take place Sept. 5 and 6 and features schools from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Saint Mary's (0-2, 0-1 MIAA) will compete in the second bracket, against Heidelberg (Ohio) College (2-2), LaRoche (Ohio) College (3-3), and Westminster (Pa.) College (0-4).

Coach Julie Schroeder-Bieks believes this will be a competitive tournament, and one that will help prepare her team for the MIAA season.

"I'm hoping to have everybody healthy," she said, "I have no doubt in my mind that we can win this tournament."

The team is hoping to have libero Anne Cusack and outside attacker Alison Shevik back at 100 percent. Cusack missed the Allion game with strep throat and Shevik played only back after sustaining an ankle injury.

Sophomore middle hitter Michelle Turley, who joined the team after transferring from Marist College, is probably out for the season after injuring her foot earlier this year.

Despite the injuries, the Belles played valiantly in their loss to Albion and open MIAA play Wednesday without Shevik back but eventually falling to the Britons in five.

The Belles will compete in at least two matches Friday and at least one Saturday. They may play additional matches depending on their performance at the tournament.

"It's going to take 100 percent from the team to get this done," Schroeder-Bieks said.

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SMC GOLF

After strong opening, Belles ready for another test

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Coach Mark Hamilton and his Saint Mary's golf team wanted to finish in the top five out of the 19 teams at the Ferris State Invitational last weekend.

Led by Julie Adams' sixth place finish, the Belles accomplished that goal by finishing with a 663 team total for fifth place overall.

The team now takes on its first head-to-head competitor when they travel to Illinois to challenge Knox College at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Dame won the match in five games. Houston was 19-13 last season, finishing seventh in Conference USA, and return four letter winners. However, this year will see the Cougars look to letter winners. However, this year will see the Cougars look to

pre-season No. 23 Texas Longhorns. Texas (1-2) looks to rebound after a tough opening at the Mizuno Invitational last weekend. The 2002 season saw the Longhorns go 23-9 and reach the second round of the NCAA tournament. They were one win away from finishing in the top 25 teams. The Longhorns return eight letter winners, including five starters from last year's team.

Both games will showcase the new Irish offense, led by setters Kristen Kinder and Kelly Burrell. Kinder, a senior, is the veteran, while Burrell, a sophomore, is gaining valuable experience along the way. Besides Loominis and Kelley, this duo will look for senior Katie Neff and sophomore Lauren Brewster to help offensively, as both were forces last weekend in Malibu.

The Irish begin the weekend

Tourney. Crystal Fax and Allison Cooper, who both fired 86 to finish in a tie for second place, paced Knox. The team's 572-stroke finish was 11 better than its first tournament finish.

The Belles will look to put together another solid team effort, much like they did in their first invitational. Besides Adams' 156 stroke finish, defending D-III national champion Stefanie Simmons took 28th place with a two round score of 87-81.

Chesey Dunham finished 33rd, followed by teammate Megan Mattia's 37th place finish.

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Friday at 5 pm. Saturday's game is at 7 pm. Notre Dame makes its home debut Tuesday night against Valparaiso.

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Saint Mary's will have added pressure this season as head-to-head matches begin, because the team placed fourth in the nation at the D-III national championships last season.

The have also had the luxury of not playing in any competitive rounds this week and should be fresh for their match against Knox.

The Belles next play at Monmouth on Sept. 12.
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Plus, the Barbados trip will give Irish coach Mike Brey the opportunity to test new lineups and help younger players gain experience. Traditionally, Brey has given freshmen plenty of playing time in the early exhibition games to acclimate them to college basketball.

"The nice part about doing the foreign tour during the school year is that the incoming freshmen are here, so we can get them on the foreign tour," Brey said earlier this year. "If it was during the summer, then the freshmen would not be able to attend it."

Starting practice early will also give the Irish a chance to plug holes vacated by graduates Matt Carroll and Dan Miller. Notre Dame returns four players who started at least 10 games last year — guard Chris Thomas and forwards Torin Francis, Jordan Cornette and Tom Timmermans — as well as Jones, who was Notre Dame's sparkplug off the bench. But the ranks of Notre Dame's upperclassmen are thin. Although Brey named all four juniors and seniors playing this fall — Jones, Timmermans, Thomas and Cornette — captains, Jones knows how vital the early start will be in the search for key contributors.

"We have a lot of young guys, guys playing new and extended roles," Jones said. "This will help guys get adjusted to their new positions and their roles on the team. I think it's gonna help guys get adjusted and come together better for when the real games start in September.

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There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame freshman students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 8, at 4:15 p.m. in the Joyce Center Athletic Training Room.
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Starting off on the right foot

Big East powers No. 4 Notre Dame and No. 13 St. John’s will tangle at Alumni Field in the Irish home opener

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Despite a calm forecast Saturday, the Irish still have a Storm to weather.

In what might be the most-hyped game of the season, No. 4 Notre Dame (1-0-1, 0-0-0 Big East) faces No. 13 St. John’s (0-2-0, 0-0-0 Big East) at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field Saturday night — a battle between the two highest ranked Big East teams.

The Notre Dame-St. John’s rivalry is one that has resulted in three consecutive 1-0 scores over the last three meetings, with the Irish winning once — in 2000 — and the Red Storm taking the 2001 and 2002 matches.

The two teams are considered the forerunners to take the 2003 Big East conference title, if a recent poll of Big East coaches is to be believed. The conference preseason poll was released earlier this month, with Notre Dame finishing behind St. John’s.

But Thursday, one-by-one, members of the Notre Dame men’s basketball team shuffled into the locker room at the Joyce Center. They emerged a half-hour later, dressed in practice uniforms, and headed to The Pit for practice.

“It feels a little different,” senior Torrian Jones said. “It’s a lot earlier than we’ve practiced to far, but it’s fun and exciting.”

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In addition to Thursday’s practice, the Irish will practice Saturday morning and Sept. 20. That last practice in September, held the Saturday of the Michigan State game, is open to the public. Notre Dame won’t practice again until Oct. 7, and then the team will work out seven times in 11 days.

Torrian Jones
Irish captain

The early practices will give the Irish a chance to see how freshmen Colin Falls and Russell Carter fit into the Irish system. The third Irish freshman, forward Omani Israel, may sit out the 2003-04 campaign while he recovers from knee surgery.

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Fans' expectations even higher

Somewhere between the glory of the past and the expectations of the future, Tyrone Willingham tries to coach a Notre Dame football team in the present. He holds a job in which his every decision is analyzed by millions of fans across the nation. He is stuck trying to return a tradition-filled program to the level set by coaches like Rockne, Leahy and Parseghian. He feels pressure from fans who, instead of asking, "When are we going to win a national championship?" ask, "Why can’t we win a national championship this year?"

But Willingham, a master at making the most clichéd clichés sound like Chinese proverbs, says he doesn’t notice. He says he is focused on winning the next game. He ignores statistical trends — like the fact that, since 1996, Notre Dame teams follow three-loss seasons with six- or seven-loss seasons — in favor of discovering what his team can do next. Whether anyone believes him is another question.

On Willingham’s second day as a Notre Dame employee, a half-hour into his introductory press conference, the new Irish coach glanced at his watch. He had grown tired of standing in front of the television cameras, and the sudden glance to his left wrist told reporters his time was almost up. But even as Willingham looked at his watch, Notre Dame fans started looking at their calendars. While Willingham measures time in minutes and seconds, Notre Dame fans measure time two ways — how long since the Irish last won a national championship, and how long until their next one.

Willingham’s successful inaugural season under the Golden Dome only served to whet the appetites of Irish fans hungry for success. The Irish last ended the season at the top of the polls a decade and a half ago, and they have only flirted with title dreams twice since then. But even as Willingham tries to lead the Irish back among the nation’s elite, he also must deal with fans who want what Willingham wants, but faster.

"Our fans have individual games they want us to win," the coach said earlier this month. "But as a coach, you can’t get caught up on that." In Alan Grant’s book "Return to Glory," in which the author and former Willingham protege spent a season following the Irish coach around campus, Grant writes of a time when Willingham received a request from a fan to sign a jersey already emblazoned with signatures of Parseghian, Devine and Holtz.

Willingham has something in common with each of those men — all offered Irish fans a glimpse of a national title. All but Willingham have captured a national title. Yet Willingham brags off comparisons to past teams, only wanting the Irish to win their next game. "And if we win 12 of those next games," he said earlier this month, "we’ll be right where we want to be."

The spring before Tyrone Willingham became a household name, the Irish coach wandered from dorm to dorm telling students the team had to get rid of an "Eeyore Cloud" that, just like the donkey from Winnie the Pooh, hung a negative attitude over anything Willingham wanted to do. Willingham chased the clouds away in one season, and now fans who fell in love with the man players call "The Prophet" wonder if he can summon a No. 1 ranking just as quickly. Earlier in the week, someone asked the Irish coach to identify his favorite spot on campus. Was it the Grotto? The Basilica? The Dome? Nope.

"The Stadium," the coach answered. But even there, the expectations don’t change. The opinions of this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

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Buzz Preston
Irish coach

"Winning will be a thrill, I would by lying if I didn’t say that."

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Finishing the job

After sitting out the 2002 season, Jones returns to the Irish Saturday to end what he started

By ANDREW SOUKUP

At Notre Dame's annual football media day three weeks ago, Ryan Grant sat alone patiently waiting for a reporter to approach him. After all, wouldn't somebody want to talk to Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard rusher in five years?

Under normal circumstances, Grant's table would have been surrounded by all kinds of media types.

But on this particular day, Julius Jones sat on the sidelines waiting to speak publicly for the first time regarding his forced exile from the Irish. So while Grant sat mostly by himself, the crowd around Jones' table thickened like mud.

They waited for the players once named to a future NFL, all-decade team to explain his academic-related absence. And they waited to hear him explain why he came back.

To understand why some consider Jones' return the equivalent of the Second Coming, it's easier to show his explosive speed and devastating quickness. As Notre Dame's primary kick returner for most of the season, Jones tallied 798 return yards for the Irish, and Vontez Duff's kick returning abilities had all but made Irish fans think "Julius who?"

But off the field, few things were perfect for Jones. He missed his senior year, and a year later took a year off to work out in weight room four times a week.

"I had to change my attitude," he said. "I didn't really have a bad attitude, but as far as taking care of things and getting things done, I wasn't really on top of that." For his part, Willingham — who had said all along that Jones would be an integral part of the Irish if he came back to South Bend — maintained he set no criteria for Jones to rejoin the team.

"He made a mistake," Willingham said. "But he was man enough to admit he made a mistake and man enough to do what he had to do to correct that mistake.

By June, Jones had cleared most of the University's academic requirements for readmission and enrolled in summer classes. When summer school wrapped up in early August — and Jones had passed his classes — he was back on the Irish for good.

"What kept me going?" he said. "My brother. My family. I knew I had let them down, and I wanted to prove to them I could get back here.

Moving forward

The Notre Dame team to which Jones returned was drastically different than the one he left. No longer were the Irish a squad that lost more games each season than it won. Instead, Jones noticed a disciplined team fanatically bent on success. Practices were faster and more intense. The offense was completely different.

And Jones realized he was no longer the top running back. That honor — at least for this Saturday — went to Grant, who had a year under his belt in Willingham's complicated offense.

"But Jones, too, was different," Willingham said. "While many of the Irish are hesitant to describe Jones pre-exile, many now will praise his heightened work ethic and improved attitude.

"I think it wasn't that he had a bad attitude before," Grant said. "I think maybe he didn't approach things the right way in terms of going all out.

"But that's all behind him, and he's going forward," Willingham said. He now considers Jones one of the team's leaders, even as the coach dodges questions about how much the senior running back will play. Yet the coaches know how pivotal Jones is to Notre Dame's potential success.

"I don't know what the past was," running backs coach Buzz Preston said. "All I know is that the young man is coming back here and is doing a good job.

The soft-spoken Jones now appears happier than before he left. In the days leading up to Notre Dame's season opener against Washington State, he grinned broadly when describing his anticipation about running out of the tunnel — "I remember it, but it's gonna be sweet when I do it for real. It feels like it's been 10 years since I played.

"I missed it a lot," he added. "Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad. It's like that sometimes. You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that.

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Tyrone Willingham against No. Name Pos. Ht. Wt. YR

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17 Geoffrey Price P 6-3 180 FR
15 Preston Jackson CB 5-9 177 SR
25 Nate Schiccatano RB 6-3 224 SO
23 Chase Anastasio WR 6-2 190 FR
37 Matt Mitchell DB 5:9 184 SO
36 Isaiah Gardener DB/RB 5-10 190 FR
33 Courtney Watson ILB 6-1 234 SR
29 LaBrose Hedgemon DB 5-10 180 FR
65 Sean Milligan OG 6-4 291 SR
28 Cole Laux FB 5-10 229 SR
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45 Carl Gioia P 5-11 165 FR
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55 Zachary Giles C 6-3 281
54 David Fitzgerald OL 6-4 271 SO
89 John Carlson TE 6-6 230 FR
98 Trevor Laws DL 62 290 FR
71 James Bonelli O G /O T 6-6 282 SO
75 Chris Frame DE 6-5 264 SO
74 Dan Stevenson OG 6-5 297
76 Bob Morton C 6-4 256 SO
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The front seven will be the strength of the Irish defense as five starters return in Bobinski, Campbell, Curry, Hilliard and Tuck and preseason All-American Watson. Hoyte has plenty of experience, as he started the first two games of 2002 behind Watson.

The Cougar running backs turned some heads last week against Idaho, as Washington State racked up 339 yards rushing. Smith ran for 160 yards on 16 carries, and Bruhin added 118 yards on nine carries. The Cougar offensive line averaged 302 pounds.

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Duff got his first game out of the way and got a win. Now he must coach his first big game. Washington State has never played in Notre Dame Stadium, and the Cougars have the advantage of having one game under their belts before facing the Irish.

Washington State quarterback Matt Kegel is no Jason Gesser. But the once high-flying Cougar passing attack may yield to running back Jonathan Smith, who rushed for 160 yards on just 16 carries last week. The experienced Notre Dame defensive front will provide a much greater challenge to the Cougars than last week and the Irish defense returns to its dominating 2002 form.

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Both teams have questions in this matchup, as the Irish must replace All-American Shane Wagon and Jeromé Riley. The Cougars must replace career leader Gesser and last season’s top receiver Jeronett Riley.

With Duff and Jones taking kick returns, and Duff returning punts, a return for a touchdown is always a possibility. Even though Setta struggled at times last year, he still has one of the strongest legs in the nation.

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AFTER losing four starters to the NFL Draft, the Notre Dame offensive line is working on finding the necessary chemistry to be a cohesive unit. The line needs to protect Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday and keep his jersey clean.

Washington State's defensive line only gave up 83 yards to Idaho last week. While the Vandals' attack isn't very threatening, holding a college team under the century mark always causes some concern for next week's opponent.

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Grant doesn't mind playing in the shadows

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

As a sophomore last season, Irish tailback Ryan Grant amazed many with his renewed speed and power reminiscent of Ara Parseghian's South Bend native. He is a great player, and the way I see it, if the defense concentrates on him and sleeps on me, I'd rather that way. Let someone else get the media."

"I think it's probably as much putting it simply, this weekend is a thriller, I would say. It's one of the good stories as far as winning some big games, but you also right in Notre Dame history to accumulate over 1,000 yards. '90s.

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"W hen Doha joined former Washington State coach Mike Price's staff in 1989, he coached the linebackers. Two years later, Doha earned the title of assistant head coach and in 1994, he became the Cougars' defensive coordinator.

W hen Price left Pullman, Wash. for Alabama last December, Doba finally moved up to what has become, one of the top jobs in the Pac-10."

"It's one of the good stories as far as the coaching ranks go for a long time veteran to finally get his chance to right his own ship," Notre Dame offensive line coach John McDonnell said.

McDonnell is one of three current coaches on the Notre Dame staff to spend part of their coaching career at Washington State. Running backs coach Buzz Preston was in Pullman, Wash. from 1994-97 and offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Bill Diedrick held the same posts with the Cougars from 1989-90.

Having spent 12 seasons at Washington State coaching the offensive line, McDonnell developed a relationship with Doba that still persists throughout the offseason.

"I had a lot of people back in South Bend who were giving me a heck, except for one game." Bill Doba

Cougars' first-year head coach returns home

Doba grew up an Irish fan and started his coaching career at Indiana schools

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

To put it simply, this weekend is a dream come true for Washington State first-year head coach Bill Doba.

Like every other kid who grew up under the shadow of the Golden Domed, the South Bend native's favorite football team was Notre Dame. Saturday afternoon, he'll see the team he cheered for while growing up from the opposite sideline, something even Doba never imagined would take place even when winning state championships many years ago.

"I will make sure they are rooting for the other side," Doba said. "I'll keep them to myself and let you all see them on Saturdays."

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