

Traditions

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1924, when he wrote: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are (Harry) Stuhldreher, (Don) Miller, (Jim) Crowley and (Elmer) Layden.

A few days later, George Strickler, a student publicist, took four horses to the practice field and all four players mounted for the first time for publicity shots. Their fame spread quickly, causing jealousy among their blockers, appropriately called the Seven Mules.

Rockne decided to let the team decide who was the cause of the team's success. Of course, the Mules won the vote, 7-4.

Two of the Horsemen garnered All-America honors in 1923 and three in 1924.

With God as their "No. 1 Fan," Notre Dame would seem to have all the help they need. But to bolster the troops and encourage the effort, the Irish can always look to Touchdown Jesus.

Touchdown Jesus is a 14-story

high mosaic on the side of Notre Dame's library. The picture depicts Jesus looking skyward with outstretched arms raised. From the stadium, he looks as if he is standing between the goalposts signaling touchdowns and extra points.

For the smaller accomplishment of just advancing the ball up the field, the Irish look to First Down Moses. First Down Moses is a bronze statue standing in front of the library with one hand raised and the index finger pointing skyward, obviously to tell the "No. 1 Fan" what down it is.

Most have heard of the "green and gold o' the Irish." At Notre Dame, that is in reference to the Irish's lucky green jerseys and their golden helmets.

The green jerseys originated during Frank Leahy's stint at Notre Dame. Leahy coached the Irish to a 87-11-9 record in 11 seasons. During that time, "Leahy's lads" wore green and gold jerseys instead of the traditional blue and gold jerseys. After Leahy left, the Irish returned to wearing blue jerseys, until the sixth game of 1977.

In that game, Coach Dan Devine's team returned to the field after

warmups wearing green jerseys and the team clobbered favored USC 49-19. The Irish wore green the rest of the season, beat a University of Texas team led by Earl Campbell 38-10 in the Cotton Bowl and won the national championship.

The Irish's gold helmets are symbolic of the famed Notre Dame Administration Building's Golden Dome. The shiny dome is actually covered with a gold leaf, which is replaced periodically. The Friday night before football games, the team's managers repaint the helmets with a special gold paint that contains gold dust.

This Saturday, yet another old Notre Dame tradition may be revitalized. That's the tradition of having one of its players win the Heisman Trophy, which is awarded to the best collegiate football player in the nation.

Six Fighting Irish football players have won the award, including Paul Hornung and Johnny Lujack. Notre Dame wide receiver/return specialist Tim Brown, who is favored to win the trophy, will be among five finalists at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City for the Heisman ceremony this weekend.



Givens looks forward to next year after volleyball team finishes 15-22

By Tom Mulos
Reporter

Texas A&M Volleyball Coach Al Givens is more optimistic about the 1988 season than disappointed about his losing 1987 season.

"We're not disappointed," Givens said. "There were a lot of bright spots this season that will help us for next year."

The Lady Aggies finished 15-22 overall and fourth in the Southwest Conference with a 4-6 record.

The All-SWC team included three Aggies. Junior Cheri Steensma was named to the first team while sophomores Yvonne Van Brandt and Kelli Kellen were put on the second team.

"The second- and third-place teams in the conference only had two on the conference teams," Givens said. "The coaches cannot vote for their own players so that tells you that we are respected and should be pretty good next year losing only one player." Steensma led the conference with a 4.05 kills average, was third in hitting percentage (.322) and fourth in digs average (2.92).

Van Brandt was first in the conference in both assists average

(11.22) and digs average (4.08). In national rankings, she was 10th in digs and 17th in assists.

Kellen ranks fourth in hitting percentage (.280), fifth in blocks average (1.20) and 10th in kills average at 2.94 per game.

The 1986 squad graduated five seniors, four of whom were starters, so Givens was working with a rebuilding year.

"It definitely was a rebuilding year," Givens said. "Anytime you lose that many people, you are rebuilding. I was extremely pleased with the way the team pulled together toward the end of conference play."

"At the beginning of the season, we would commit errors at the critical points in matches which showed our youth. Later in the season, we got more mature and wouldn't commit as many of those errors."

During the month of September, the team had a 5-12 record. In October, they went 6-7 and finished the season, in November, at 4-3. Prior to the last three matches, the Aggies had won six of seven. They lost the last three.

Five of their matches went the full

five games with the Aggies losing all five.

The Aggies lost their first four conference matches, but came back to win their next four before losing to conference champion Texas in their last conference match before 930 fans at G. Rollie White Coliseum.

"We really started to learn how to win during the last half of conference play," Givens said. "Before, the team went into matches tentative and unsure of themselves. In the end, they really learned that they could win and do it with confidence."

Next year, the Lady Aggies return all six starters from this season. They lose only one senior, four-year letterman Michelle Whitwell.

"With a good recruiting season and the return of Lara Rupp, who we redshirted this season, we could be the one to beat next season because everyone is losing a lot of people," Givens said.

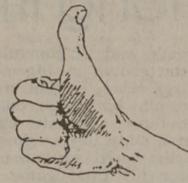
"We could have used Lara if we needed to. But she wasn't 100 percent. Even when she was 90 percent, we could have used her, but we just didn't want to risk it when we can have her for four more years."

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1. Obtaining registration information/procedures.
2. Registering for the appropriate co-op course and paying appropriate tuition and fees.
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Students are required to register and pay the appropriate fees and tuition for the respective co-op course associated with that work term. This is true regardless of the student works 4, 5, 6, or more work periods. Tuition and fees help to pay the costs of administering the program. Failure to register can result in the student being blocked from further registration at this university as is the case for an unpaid fee delinquency.

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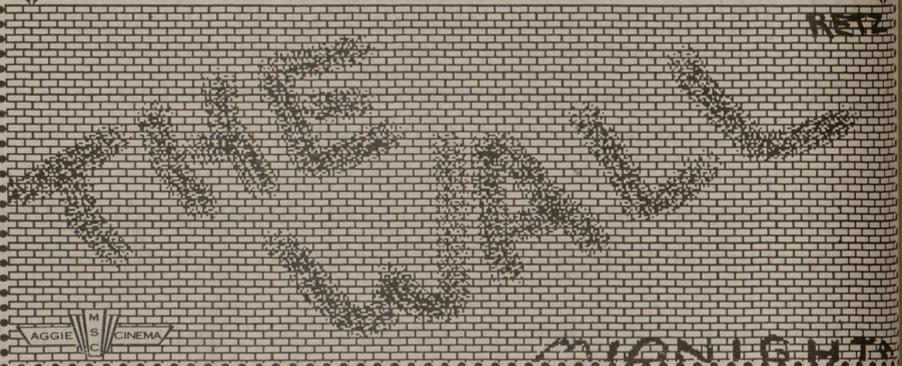
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