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Study abroad programs focus on safety

Notre Dame, Saint Mary's prepare students for dangerous situations in other countries

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

After studying abroad in locales such as Paris, Cairo and Toledo, students return to Notre Dame and Saint Mary's with unforgettable memories of cities, of friends and, sometimes, of crimes.

Notre Dame senior Mary Corrigan was allegedly attacked by a man coming home from a bar a little more than a month into her semester in Angers, France last fall. Corrigan, who lived with a host family, said she

walked the first 20 minutes home from the bar with others, then walked the last 10 minutes through the residential neighborhood by herself.

"I got to my door, and then all of a sudden there was a man choking me from behind," Corrigan said. "He said something to me very quickly, in a whispered voice — in French — and I couldn't understand what he said."

The man tried to push her key away from the door, but Corrigan said her host mom

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Sophomore Tess Bone, left, and Juliet Mayinja, associate director of International Study Programs, discuss the Uganda program Thursday.

Viewing options available

Away game to be shown on, off campus

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

While dorm residents and local cable subscribers won't have direct television access to Saturday's Notre Dame-Air Force football game, students will be able to watch their Fighting Irish take on the Falcons, both on or around campus.

Tomorrow's game, which kicks off at 4 p.m., will be broadcast by CSTV, a three-year-old college sports network that won't be available on Comcast Cable in the South Bend area, despite the network's "free preview" offer to cable and satellite providers this weekend.

Local satellite subscribers, however, will have access to CSTV this weekend. A Dish Network representative said all customers already have access to CSTV. Direct TV public relations manager Jade Ekstedt said that while some packages include CSTV already, Direct TV will make CSTV available to all subscribers during the "free preview" this weekend.

On campus, several groups have responded to the few options students have to watch the game. The Office of Student Activities has organized a game-watch event that will take place at Stepan Center tomorrow, said Associate Director of Student Activities Ryan Willerton.

Legends of Notre Dame, with help from Student Activities and Lyons and Alumni Halls, will also

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ROTC commemorates Veterans Day



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Sophomore Joe Falvey, third class Navy ROTC, guards Clarke Memorial Fountain Thursday in honor of Veterans Day.

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

The uniformed students who have been standing guard at Clarke Memorial Fountain since 4 p.m. Thursday have not been charged with keeping out mischievous swimmers or spirited green food dye slippers.

Members of all three ROTC units — Air Force, Army and Navy — are keeping a 24-hour vigil in honor of Veterans Day. The vigil will end at 4 p.m. today and will be followed by a concluding ceremony at 4:30 p.m.

Major Tyrone Theriot, assistant professor of Naval Science and the military representative for the event, said the annual Veterans Day vigil serves as "a remembrance of all members of our

[military] community who have served and of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice."

Theriot said there would be "roughly 200 students participating in the vigil," all of whom are Notre Dame ROTC students. He said students are assigned to different shifts during the 24-hour period.

The Joint Military Commander, senior Stephen Hutchings, was responsible for organizing the event, Theriot said.

Senior Navy midshipman Patrick Maus said he would be standing guard during the vigil from 1:30 p.m. to 2 today with three other students. Among the four spots, one is occupied by Navy, one by Air Force, one by Army and the last spot is rotated between all three services,

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Juniors to start comprehensives

SMC departments tailor final project requirement to fit programs

By FALLON HOGERTY
News Writer

Simply mention the phrase "senior comprehensive" to any Saint Mary's upperclassman and, more often than not, a look of terror crosses her face.

Next semester, nearly all Saint Mary's juniors will begin the long process of creating their senior comprehensives, which, depending on the major, take roughly two semesters to complete.

"I'm so nervous," junior Kristen Forney said. "I've heard so many stories from girls that it



MEGAN SOTAK/The Observer

Seniors Stephanie Mason, left, and Allison Frane work Thursday in the Trumper computer cluster in the basement of the SMC library.

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Contest seeks ideas to name hotel near SMC

Students may submit suggestions, win prizes

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Come next fall, the Inn at Saint Mary's will have some competition.

The Holladay Corporation is working with the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to build a Hilton Garden Inn conference center next to campus, expected to be ready for the early 2007-08 school year.

The only problem is the name. Holladay Properties Senior Vice President of Development Frank Perri said the corporation is using

a contest to assist in "placing 'an appropriate and effective' name on the new conference center." Perri's message was distributed to Saint Mary's students, faculty and staff via an e-mail sent Nov. 3.

"We want to have fun and get some really interesting ideas for the name of the conference center," Perri said when asked why Holladay Properties was holding the contest. "We want to do a good job and pay particular attention to what [the center] is about and to give it a name that is appropriate."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Tales of the South

New Orleans — a city famous for its delicious cooking, jazz music scene and, of course, Mardi Gras. Not three days ago I rode my first paddle boat on the mighty Mississippi with a group of fellow civil engineers. Though we enjoyed two of the three aspects of New Orleans' culture that night (a great buffet with catfish and bread pudding accompanied by a live band, the Dukes of Dixieland), our trip's purpose was not solely to take in the sights. Almost one year ago, New Orleans and the surrounding area were thrown into the spotlight as Hurricane Katrina caused multiple levee breaches, flooding the land and displacing millions. The damage to the area's infrastructure was extensive, and the rebuilding process has been one of the largest civil works projects America has seen in quite some time. During our time in the South, we got a chance to glimpse the damage caused by the hurricane, and learn about some of the new measures in future hurricane protection.

An area called the Ninth Ward was in close proximity to one of the levee breaches and, as one would imagine, was hit hard. Here, the water did not just flood the area — a tidal wave of escaping water crushed everything in its path. Ominous rain clouds hung low in the sky that afternoon as we walked down a street of condemned houses. That, coupled with the eerie silence of a deserted neighborhood, made it seem that no time had passed since the storm. Even the trees had died, due to the salt content of the floodwater. Telephone poles laid on the ground, and more than once all that was left of a house were the front steps, because the entire house had simply been swept away. Incredible as the destruction was, hope remains, and the people of New Orleans are slowly but surely returning and rebuilding.

Though there is still a long way to go, the hurricane protection system has been restored and is stronger than ever. Being in a valley below sea level, New Orleans has to pump its rainwater out into Lake Pontchartrain. During Katrina, water flowed backwards into these drainage canals, and it was there that some of the most destructive levee failures occurred. In response to this, floodgates have now been built at the mouths of the canals, and the levees themselves have been redesigned and rebuilt. Post-Katrina, levee failures were analyzed at the Army Corps of Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, Miss. — an extremely interesting set of laboratories we got a chance to see, with everything from small-scale physical models of the canal system to supercomputers. Too often I forget there is more to engineering than the calculations I do to complete my homework. This trip was a special opportunity to see how engineers have responded to and solved real world problems.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Dustin Mennella

Photo Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHERE WILL YOU GO TO WATCH THIS WEEKEND'S AWAY FOOTBALL GAME?



Michael Garber
senior
Morrissey

"BW3's because there are going to be way too many people at Legends."



Aldrich Anderson
freshman
Stanford

"With the nuns at Saint Mary's College because they're fun to watch football with!"



Nicola Shuttleworth
freshman
Lewis

"I'll be watching the game in my friend's room because she has satellite and my best friend Ezinne will be there."



Jimmy Champlin
sophomore
Sorin

"In my room. Alone. Softly crying."



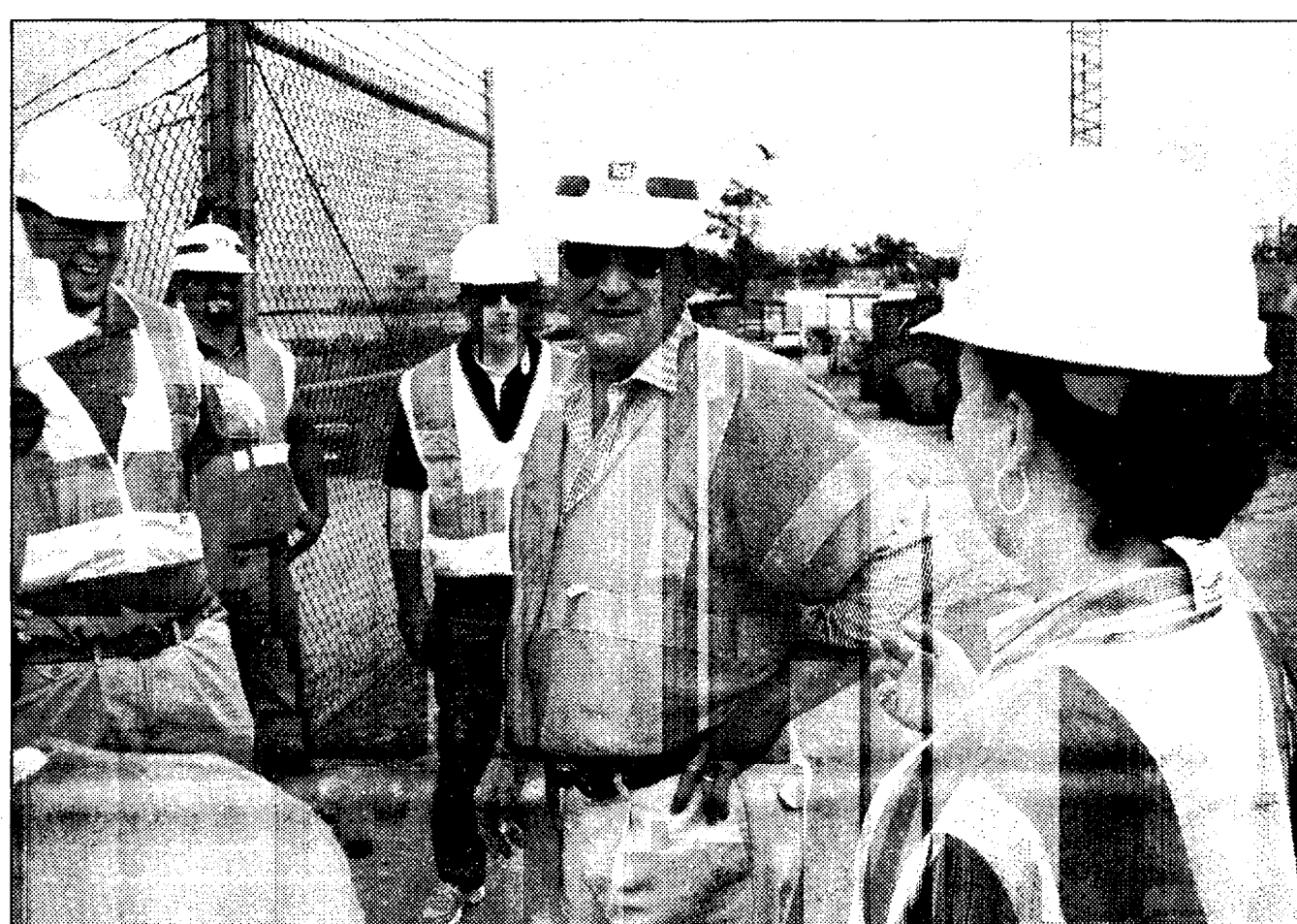
Kyle Peters
sophomore
O'Neill

"I'll watch it Between the Buns."



Chris Lardakis
sophomore
O'Neill

"I'm with stupid."



Junior Megan McCullough, right, asks a question of Fred Young, site supervisor for the Army Corps of Engineers, regarding the new floodgates on the 17th Street canal in New Orleans, La. McCullough and other civil engineering majors took a three-day trip to New Orleans this week to see the effects and rebuilding after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

OFFBEAT

British man burns bum with firecracker

LONDON — A 22-year-old man suffered internal injuries after lighting a small firecracker he had inserted into his buttocks, paramedics said Thursday.

The incident took place Sunday, when Britain celebrated Bonfire Night, traditionally marked with fireworks to celebrate the Guy Fawkes' gunpowder plot to blow up Parliament in the 17th century.

The man suffered burns and other unspecified internal injuries in the incident in Sunderland, 275 miles north of London.

Katherine Shenton, a spokeswoman for the North East Ambulance Service, said a caller had phoned in that the victim was bleeding after the firecracker exploded.

Several of the man's friends recorded the incident on a mobile phone. The blurry images show a man bent over with his pants down and a white flash as the firecracker explodes.

Boy, 12, takes two-hour spin in family car

NEW YORK — A 12-year-old took his 7-year-old brother for a two-hour joy ride in the family car while

their mother was napping. Instead of watching TV, like his mother thought he was doing, Kenny Rodriguez, accompanied by his brother, Miguel Pepin, cruised the busy Grand Central Parkway and even parallel parked before police finally found them at a friend's house.

"Kenny was angry with me so he drove to his friend's house," said their shaken mother, Carolina Rivas, 33, who works nights at a hospital emergency room.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student Union Board will present the film "Scoop" tonight at 8 p.m. and 10 in 101 DeBartolo. Admission is \$3 for students, faculty and staff.

Comedians Randy and Jason Sklar will perform at Legends tonight at 10 p.m. Admission is free for all students.

As part of the Holocaust Film Series "Through the Eyes of Children," the film "Europa, Europa" will be shown in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$4 for seniors, \$5 for staff and faculty and \$6 for the general public.

The Japanese film "I Was Born, But..." will be shown at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The play Celebrating Wendy: An Evening of Wasserstein One-Acts will take place today and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Saint Mary's Little Theatre. Tickets are \$9 adults, \$8 senior citizens, \$7 staff and \$6 students.

Saint Mary's junior class will be selling \$2 banana splits Monday from 5 p.m. to 9 in Reignboux Lounge in Le Mans Hall. All proceeds will go to S.C.O.U.T. B.A.N.A.N.A. to raise funds for a community in Uganda.

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

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CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, the subhead on the article entitled "Discussion addresses penalty" in the Nov. 9 edition of The Observer states that Deacon George Brooks supports the death penalty. Brooks does not believe the death penalty to be a source of closure or healing for families. The Observer regrets this error.

Kellogg research grants offer students abroad opportunities

By DANA GUSKY
News Writer

When senior Kevin Overmann witnessed the grief in a small Ghanaian town after the death of two women during childbirth, he wanted to learn more about the country's cultural issues of maternity.

"It was a really powerful experience that affected me," he said. "When I got [back to campus], I realized I wanted to do something about it."

Overmann, a pre-med and anthropology major, decided that he wanted to return to Ghana and study the practices and traditions that surround childbirth. He was able to realize his goal through a grant from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

"I observed the maternity ward in a major government hospital three days a week. The rest of the time I went to

rural villages and talked to the traditional midwives, who had all their knowledge handed down from grandmother to mother to daughter," said Overmann, who is now writing a narrative about his experiences.

For more than 20 years, the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies have been jointly giving grants to students for undergraduate research, designed to promote students' initiative and spark interest in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Students like Overmann must research and write a grant in the area of their choice, while partnering with a Notre Dame professor in the given field.

"Your advisor really helps you with the pre- and post-study, especially when you get back and analyze the data," senior Kristina Leszczak said.

Leszczak had previously

spent a summer in El Salvador before deciding to write a grant concerning the low levels of violence in Argentina.

"I wanted to see why other countries weren't looking to Argentina as this great example," Leszczak said.

The University has made a concerted effort to engage in undergraduate research, according to Holly Rivers, the coordinator of the program.

"I think this program does a lot to realize that goal," Rivers said. "It is these type of programs that enable students to get Fulbright awards and other grants after graduation."

Each summer, the institutes send five to six rising seniors to their selected regions with a maximum grant of \$4,000. Once there, it is up to the student to carry out his investigation to answer the questions proposed in his grant.

"I met with politicians, ex-labor leaders, and intellectu-

als," senior Gustavo Rivera said.

Rivera studied in his native country of Mexico, as well as Argentina, and investigated leftist countries and their relation to labor unions.

"I also spent about five to six hours a day at the local library just reading everything I could," he said.

Senior Rachel Meeks used her research grant to go to north India and study a group of Tibetan refugees. She spent six weeks in a refugee center, interviewing older female refugees in a weaver and spinner group and discussing the effects of their exile and journey to India.

"I wanted to compare the memories of the exiles to how they raise their own children," Meeks said.

Meeks said it is difficult to try to get in touch with people who may not be very open.

"I spent my mornings in a

refuge center, helping people learn English and trying to get them not to see me as a waste of space," she said.

The returnees had plenty of advice for potential applicants.

"Come up with a concise and clear question, but know that question is a living thing and will change," Rivera said.

Senior Megan Westrum started her summer in India and Bangladesh and tried to determine if there was a link between democratization and economic liberalization.

"My study actually became a more qualitative view of how individuals and interest groups affect public policy," she said. "Make [your study] achievable and know why your question is important."

Applicants for the summer of 2007 must submit their grant proposals by March 2.

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Hotel

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Holladay wants everyone involved — including those in the Saint Mary's community — to have a chance to weigh in on the name of the conference center, Perri said.

The person whose name is chosen will win a weekend package for the conference center, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner for two at the All American

Grille, plus two nights of lodging at the hotel.

The American Grille will be the full service restaurant in the conference center. Second and third prize winners will also be chosen.

Perri said he expects the panel of judges to be made up of five people, including himself, a representative of both management companies involved in the conference center, a member of the Congregation and a judge chosen by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

Students expressed mixed reac-

tions to the contest, including just how involved in the building process Saint Mary's should be.

"I think it's really great that the Hilton is including us in the process. I mean, it is on our campus," junior Carole Deeter said.

"If they didn't include us, it could potentially be called something asinine, but by including Saint Mary's students and faculty, they will appropriately be able to associate with us just enough to clue people in about where they are."

Sophomore Kristi Hingstrum agreed, saying the hotel would

give more publicity to Saint Mary's.

"A campus confined to its own little area with no outside connection can seem a desolate place," Hingstrum said. "This [conference center] could open more people's eyes to Saint Mary's and that is a benefit to the College."

Sophomore Kellie Anderson said she saw the benefit of the conference center and contest but didn't understand the choice of prizes.

"The dinner and breakfast are kind of cool, but what's the point

of getting a hotel room?" Anderson said. "Our beds aren't that far away."

Junior Katherine Frazier, however, saw some humor in the situation.

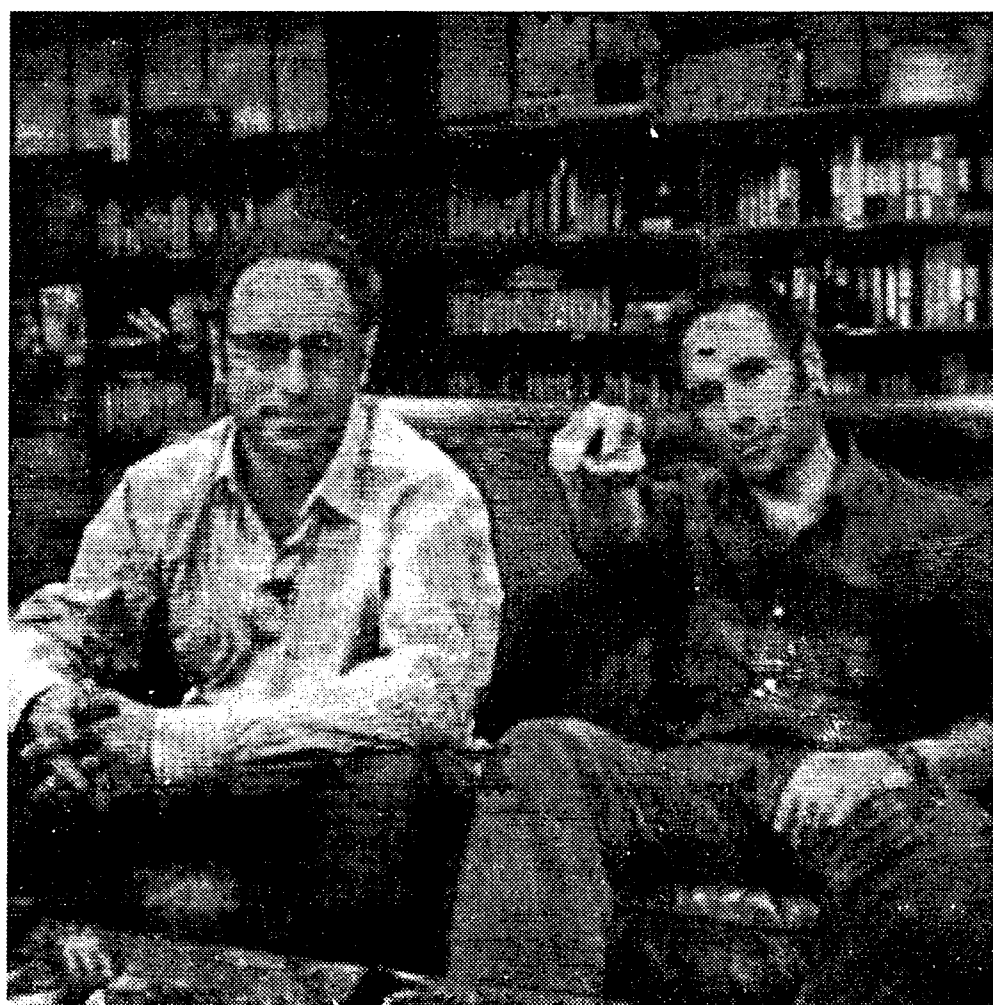
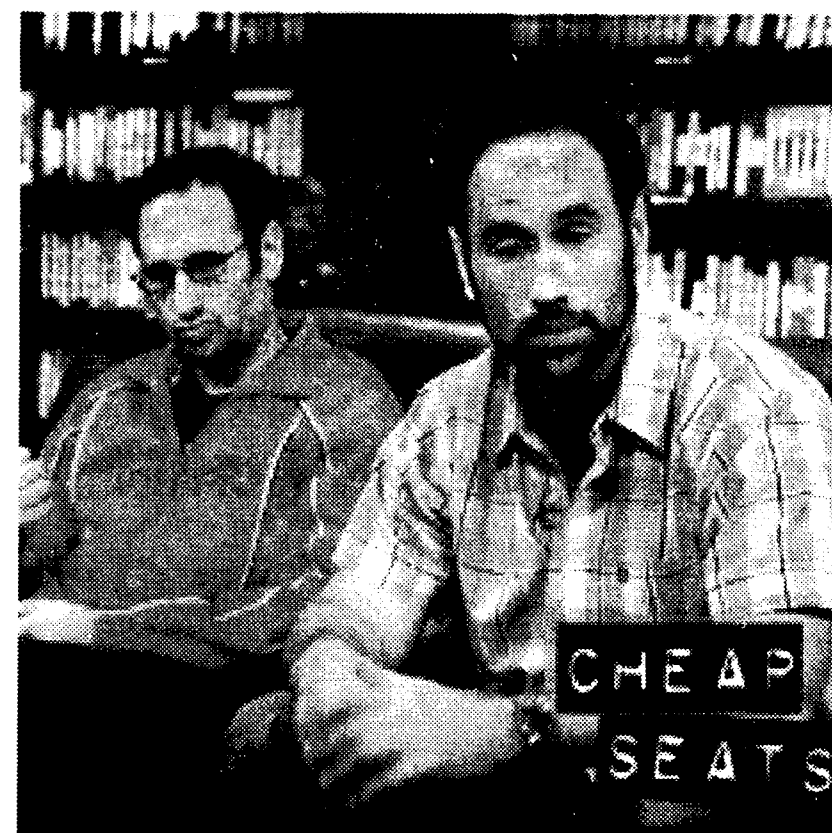
"What a way to break parietals," Frazier said. "It'll probably say 'this is not valid on football weekends,' which takes away [many of the] legitimate reasons for students to use [the voucher for a free night]."

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Veterans

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Maus explained.

"It's a great way to raise awareness about the sacrifices that veterans have made in the past and that service members are making today," Maus said.

Veterans from the local community have attended Notre Dame's Veterans Day ceremonies in past years, Theriot said. He said invitations were sent out to local veterans for this year's event.

"There is a strong number of individuals in this local community who are either currently serving in the military or who have served in the past, and we expect a good turnout for the concluding ceremony," Theriot said.

The concluding ceremony this afternoon will feature Taps played by buglers and a speech given by Major Celeste Ross, the Commanding Officer and Inspector-Instructor of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in South Bend, Theriot said.

One person who will definitely be at the concluding ceremony is Notre Dame's oldest undergraduate student, Korean and Vietnam War veteran Ralph "Lefty" Guillet.

Guillet served in the Marine Corps, and his loyalty to the Corps runs as deep as his love for the Irish. The message on his cell phone gives a Notre Dame football season prediction — 12 and 0 — and cites "semper fidelis," the Marine Corps motto, meaning "always faithful."

Guillet expressed his gratitude for the Notre Dame students who have made a commitment to serving their country.

"The ROTC kids are doing ten."

such a tremendous job of serving God, country and Notre Dame," he said. "They are my classmates and I am so proud of them."

"So many students have asked me, 'What's combat like?' I'll sit and hold court for an hour, an hour and a half — as long as they'll listen."

Guillet said it is important for people to realize that we, as a nation, are "forgetting the veterans — we are losing one thousand World War II veterans a day."

"I think it's time that we wake up to the fact that we have veterans coming home without limbs, without eyesight, and we are turning our backs on them," he said.

"[Veterans Day] should not be a celebration, it should be a dedication to the heroes that have served and died in war."

Ralph "Lefty" Guillet
Vietnam and Korean War veteran
Notre Dame undergraduate

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"The least students and members of the Notre Dame community can do is come to the ceremony on Friday to pay tribute to the veterans."

While Guillet was fortunate enough to come home safely from two wars, he said the names of friends and roommates are etched on war memorials honoring the dead.

"[Veterans Day] should not be a celebration, it should be a dedication to the heroes that have served and died in war," Guillet said. "If I was governor, I would close every store on Nov. 11."

Veterans Day is an annual event held Nov. 11, although

communities may hold ceremonies in recognition of the holiday on different days, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Web site.

The Clarke Memorial Fountain, the site of the vigil, was erected in memory of Notre Dame graduates who gave their lives in service.

In the case of inclement weather, the vigil's concluding ceremony will be moved to LaFortune Ballroom. All members of the Notre Dame community are invited to attend, Theriot said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq estimates 150,000 civilians dead

BAGHDAD — A stunning new death count emerged Thursday, as Iraq's health minister estimated 150,000 civilians have been killed in the war — about three times previously accepted estimates.

Moderate Sunni Muslims, meanwhile, threatened to walk away from politics and pick up guns, while the Shiite-dominated government renewed pressure on the United States to unleash the Iraqi army and claimed it could crush violence in six months.

After Democrats swept to majorities in both houses of the U.S. Congress and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld resigned, Iraqis appeared unsettled and seemed to sense the potential for an even bloodier conflict because future American policy is uncertain. As a result, positions hardened on both sides of the country's deepening sectarian divide.

Mexico City recognizes gay civil unions

MEXICO CITY — Mexico City's assembly on Thursday voted for the first time in the country's history to legally recognize gay civil unions, a measure that will provide same-sex couples with benefits similar to those of married couples. The mayor was expected to sign the measure into law.

The bill, which does not approve gay marriage, allows same-sex couples to register their union with civil authorities, granting them inheritance and pension rights, as well as other social benefits. Lawmakers were still finalizing the details.

Heterosexual couples who are not legally married can also be registered under the legislation.

The bill was severely criticized by the Catholic Church and conservative civil groups.

Bush, Pelosi hope to cooperate

First female Speaker-to-be vows House Democrats will immediately move on agenda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush and House Speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi, perhaps the biggest loser and winner on Election Day, pledged over lunch Thursday to bury the hatchet and cooperate. When possible.

At the White House, where Bush had invited Pelosi for lunch, presidential aides joked that there was no crow on the menu for Bush to eat.

Bush ate a little anyway, and he saluted Pelosi, not only as Tuesday's victor but as the first woman who will ascend to the position of House speaker, next in line to the presidency after the vice president.

"The elections are now behind us, and the congresswoman's party won," Bush said. "But the challenges still remain. And therefore, we're going to work together to address those challenges in a constructive way."

Said Pelosi, like Bush all smiles: "We both extended the hand of friendship, of partnership to solve the problems facing our country."

She was accompanied by Rep. Steny Hoyer, the House's second-ranking Democrat. Bush was accompanied by a stony-faced Vice President Dick Cheney.

The president and his guests sat down for a make-nice luncheon of pasta salad and chocolate in Bush's private dining room off the Oval Office.

Later in the day, Bush telephoned Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid to congratulate him on the Democrats' takeover in the Senate as well. The switch in power in that chamber became sure Wednesday night, when enough votes were counted to confirm the defeat of Virginia GOP Sen. George Allen. Reid, likely to be majority leader in the new Congress, was getting his own meeting with Bush at the White House on Friday.



President Bush and Democratic House Leader Nancy Pelosi of California decided to cooperate despite party differences at a lunch in the Oval Office Thursday.

Meeting reporters in the Oval Office, Pelosi and Bush shook hands for the cameras. The president and the woman whose party beat his this year leaned forward in their silk-upholstered seats. They promised cooperation in a government that, come January, will be divided between a Republican White House and a Democratic Congress.

Though the two sought to show they were putting the barbs in the past, they did not ignore the differences that they debated so hotly before the voting.

Pelosi has made clear that House Democrats will move immediately on their agenda, much of it opposed by Bush, which includes cutting

student loan interest rates, funding embryonic stem cell research, authorizing the federal government to negotiate lower drug prices for Medicare patients and imposing a national cap on industrial carbon dioxide emissions.

She also has said that the election results mean Democrats not only want — but expect — Bush to make a change of direction in Iraq.

"I look forward to working in a confidence-building way with the president, recognizing that we have our differences and we will debate them," Pelosi said at the president's side. "We've made history. Now we have to make progress."

For his part, Bush has said

that he'll listen to all suggestions on Iraq, except for those that involve pulling troops out before the mission is complete. He also says he still wants congressional approval for war-on-terror tools that Democrats have vigorously questioned.

As Bush's press secretary, Tony Snow, put it, echoing what Bush said a day earlier, the White House's intention is to cooperate but "don't trim back on your principles."

Bush and Pelosi have met dozens of times before. But with both just getting accustomed to new roles with each other, aides to both said it was more of a tone-setting session than a time for brass-tacks negotiating.

NATIONAL NEWS

Separated conjoined twin released

WASHINGTON — One of two formerly conjoined twins born to Wisconsin parents was discharged from the hospital Thursday, and their doctor said he hopes the other twin can be released in about a week.

Six-month-old McHale Twain Shaw, who was separated from brother Mateo Asher Shaw in September, was released from Children's National Medical Center. McHale and parents Angie Benzschawel, 25, and Ryan Shaw, 28, of Sheboygan, Wis., will stay at a nearby apartment.

"It was very emotional to be able to finally bring our son home," Benzschawel said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press about 20 minutes after returning from the hospital.

Scientists hope to protect Gulf coast

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — Scientists at a new research institute are studying ways to improve hurricane forecasts and protect the Gulf Coast's natural resources from storms, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Thursday.

The federally funded Northern Gulf Institute at Stennis Space Center joins dozens of researchers who also study ecosystem management, coastal wetlands, climate change and coastal hazards in and around the Gulf of Mexico, the agency said.

LOCAL NEWS

Daniels proposes building new tollway

INDIANAPOLIS — Gov. Mitch Daniels proposed Thursday building a 75-mile tollway that would run from Interstate 69 northeast of Indianapolis and loop east and south of the city to link up with Interstate 70.

The governor's plan calls for a private company to pay for building the new highway — and dropping a move to charge tolls along much of the planned I-69 extension between Indianapolis and Evansville. The plan drew a cautious reaction from the incoming Democratic House speaker, who fiercely fought Daniels' successful push this year to lease the Indiana Toll Road to a private operator.

GAZA STRIP

Palestinians want revenge for attack

Associated Press

BEIT HANOUN — Women collapsed in grief, a man hoisted his dead baby aloft and tens of thousands of Palestinians called for revenge Thursday as they jammed a cemetery for the funeral of 18 civilians killed in an errant Israeli artillery attack.

Despite the deadly incident, Israel said it would keep attacking Gaza as long as Palestinian rocket barrages persist, although the army ordered artillery fire to stop pending the results of an investigation.

Amid the anguish, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas called his

main political rival, Hamas' supreme leader Khaled Mashaal — a move that could help prevent the Islamic militant group from renewing attacks on Israel and pave the way for a moderate Palestinian government.

The shells landed Wednesday as residents were sleeping in the northern Gaza town of Beit Hanoun, and witnesses said many were killed as they fled their homes in panic.

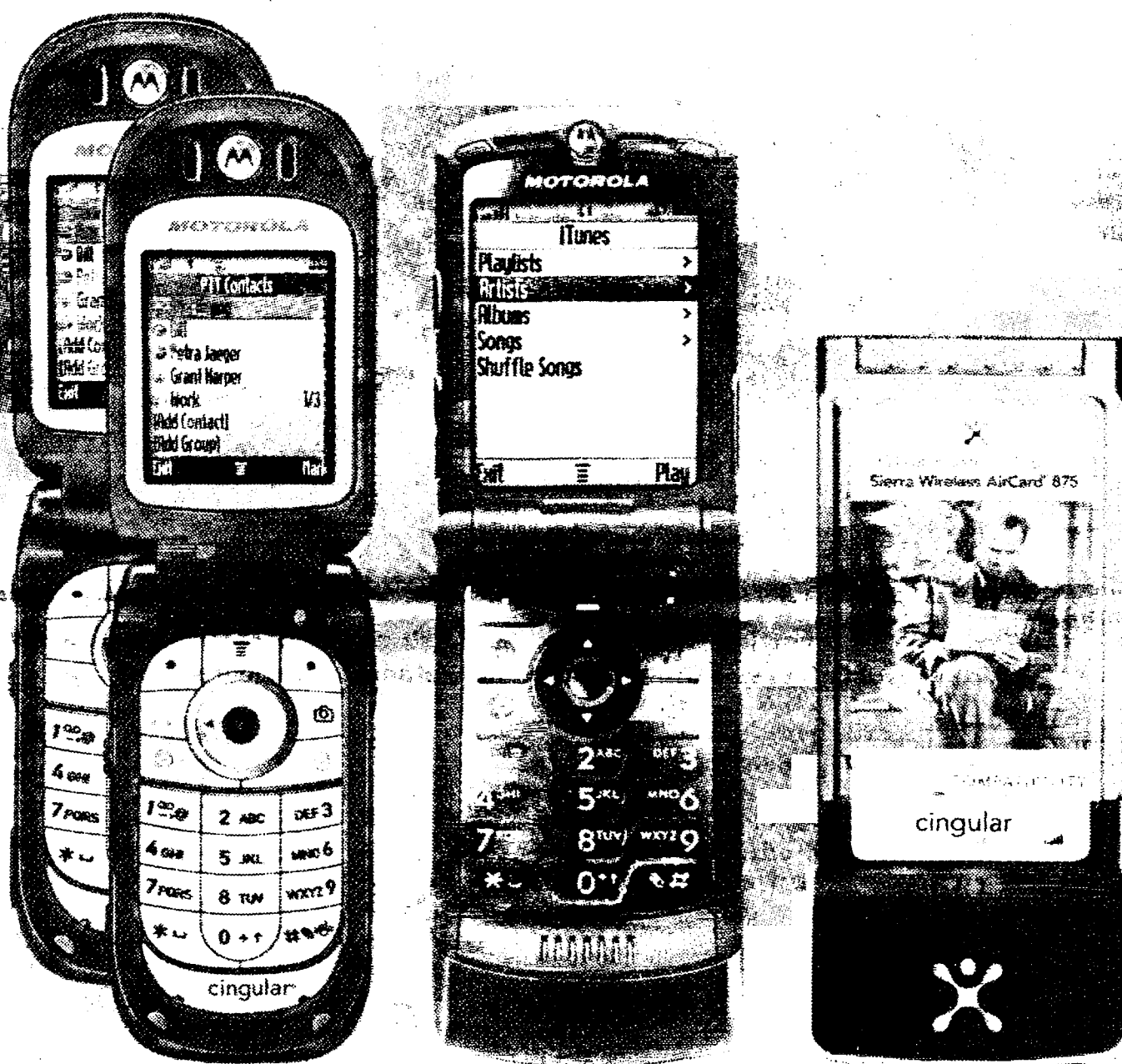
The 18 dead was the highest Palestinian civilian toll in a single incident since the current conflict erupted in September 2000. The highest toll of Israeli civilians was 29 killed in a Palestinian suicide bombing at a Passover gathering in March

2002.

The army said it was targeting areas where rockets had been fired in recent days at the Israeli cities of Sderot and Ashkelon.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said the artillery was meant to hit an orange grove from which troops saw rockets fired seconds earlier, but instead hit homes in Beit Hanoun, some 1,500 feet away.

The Israeli army said Thursday that an investigation indicated the casualties were caused by a technical failure in the fire control system of an artillery battery, the first official military confirmation that army shellfire was responsible.



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Stocks			
Dow Jones	12,103.30	-73.24	
Up: 1,349	Same: 145	Down: 1,876	Composite Volume: 3,141,908,570

AMEX	1,999.36	+5.68
NASDAQ	2,376.01	-8.93
NYSE	8,813.73	-43.82
S&P 500	1,378.33	-7.39
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	16,133.08	-65.49
FTSE 100(London)	6,231.50	-7.50

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.53	-0.23	42.80
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.40	-0.29	20.42
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.55	-0.03	5.42
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.28	+0.28	29.26

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	4.633
13-WEEK BILL	0.00	0.00	4.960
30-YEAR BOND	+0.06	+0.003	4.733
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.04	-0.002	4.600

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.33		61.16
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IN BRIEF

Wall Street declines in losing session

NEW YORK — Wall Street's three-day winning streak came to an end Thursday as investors, taking a second look at election results, questioned whether a Democratic Congress would be friendly to business.

The losing session, which was also influenced by rising oil prices and a drop in consumer confidence, was to be expected after the rally that lifted the Dow Jones industrials to a new closing high Wednesday. Investors had driven stocks broadly higher this week on optimism that Democrats taking control of Congress would cause political gridlock that would be favorable to businesses.

But after more time to mull over the election, investors are starting to become concerned about an "anti-business stance" among Democrats in Washington, said John O'Donoghue, co-head of equities at Cowen & Co.

"The market's been looking for a reason to go to the downside, and a change in Washington is as good an excuse as any," O'Donoghue said.

Chicago Sun-Times loses more revenue

CHICAGO — Sun-Times Media Group Inc. is considering a complete overhaul of the Chicago Sun-Times amid a continuing steep decline in advertising and circulation revenue at the city's second-largest newspaper, its chief executive said Thursday.

Gordon Paris' comments on a conference call came a day after the company, which also publishes community newspapers around Chicago, reported a \$34.9 million third-quarter loss.

Paris attributed the company's 14 percent decline in overall advertising revenues largely to weakness at the Sun-Times, the largest remaining asset in the former Hollinger International Inc. media empire. He said newspaper print advertising was down about 15 percent, worse than the struggling newspaper industry as a whole.

The CEO, who is stepping down from the post Dec. 29, told analysts the company needs to go beyond the "new media" initiatives and advertising sales reorganization plan that it has already put in place to try to stem the Sun-Times' decline.

Acetaminophen pills recalled

Millions of bottles of generic drugs sold at CVS, Wal-Mart could contain metal fragments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Check your medicine cabinet: Millions of bottles of the widely used pain reliever acetaminophen — some sold as long as three years ago — are being recalled because they may contain metal fragments.

The recall affects 11 million bottles containing varying quantities of 500-milligram acetaminophen caplets made by the Perrigo Co. The pills were sold under store brands by Wal-Mart, CVS, Safeway and more than 120 other major retailers, the Food and Drug Administration said. At least two chains — CVS Corp. and SuperValu Inc. — started pulling the pills from store shelves Thursday.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or illness. The contaminated pills included metal fragments ranging in size from "micro-dots" to portions of wire one-third of an inch long, the FDA said. The FDA could not describe further the type of metal.

Perrigo discovered the metal bits during quality-control checks done after the company discovered its equipment was wearing down prematurely, the FDA said. Agency officials declined to say whether the metal found in the pills caused the damage or resulted from it.

A company investigation turned up metal in roughly 200 pills of the 70 million it passed through a metal detector, according to the FDA.

Consumers who take any of the contaminated pills could have minor stomach discomfort or possible cuts to the mouth and throat, the FDA said, adding that the risk of serious injury was remote.

Acetaminophen is best known as the drug in products sold under the Tylenol brand. But it is available in typically less expensive generic versions. The drug, along with aspirin and ibuprofen, is one of the most



Eleven million bottles of generic painrelieving pills containing acetaminophen were recalled Thursday from hundreds of retailers, including CVS.

widely used pain relievers available without a doctor's note.

The recall does not affect Tylenol. Nor should the recall cause a shortage of acetaminophen, the FDA said.

The retail market for the pain relievers is worth more than \$2 billion a year, according to Perrigo. The company says it is the world's largest manufacturer of store-brand nonprescription drugs.

Kevin Vincent, 44, of Arlington, Va., said his wife buys store brand acetaminophen and he wanted to find out more about the problem.

"If it's not something that has any chance of recurring, then I really wouldn't worry," he said.

The 129 retailers that could potentially be affected by the recall include Wal-Mart Stores Inc., CVS, Safeway Stores and SuperValu. They typically sell the Perrigo-made pills under their own or other private labels.

CVS will stop selling its own brand of 500-milligram acetaminophen caplets and pull bottles from store shelves nationwide, spokesman Mike DeAngelis said. SuperValu also began removing the pills from its Albertsons, Cub Foods and other stores, spokeswoman Haley Meyer said. Messages left Thursday with the other chains were not immediately returned.

Perrigo, based in Allegan, Mich., said the pills con-

tained raw material purchased from a third-party supplier and affected 383 batches. Messages left Thursday with two company spokesmen were not immediately returned.

The FDA declined to identify the source of the raw materials. The agency does not suspect the contamination was deliberate, said Dr. Douglas Throckmorton, deputy director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Molly Walsh, 21, a George Washington University student shopping at a CVS pharmacy in Washington, said she did not plan to toss any of the store-brand drugs at home. Nor did she plan to stop buying the generic products.

Court backs Costner in casino dispute

Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. — The South Dakota Supreme Court has backed Kevin Costner in a legal battle over a Deadwood casino he owns, ruling Thursday that the actor-director doesn't have to sell his share in the business to sever his relationship with two partners.

The actor wants to become the sole owner of the Midnight Star, an eating and gambling establishment where costumes Costner wore in various movies line the walls.

Costner owns 93.5 percent of the casino. He hired Francis and Carla Caneva to manage the oper-

ation and gave them ownership of 6.5 percent. He fired them in July 2004, asking them to part ways as partners, and dissolved the partnership when they declined.

The court dispute centered on the value of the casino. An accountant hired by Costner put its value at \$3.1 million, but the Canevas got another Deadwood casino owner to testify that he would pay \$6.2 million. A judge ordered that Costner must buy the Midnight Star for the higher amount or it would be sold on the open market.

Costner appealed, arguing the value wasn't derived from a hypothetical buyer and seller, as is

required by the IRS, and that the value was set without viewing any financial documents. The Supreme Court agreed that the lower court used the wrong standard to determine the property's value.

The justices said the property must be revalued but need not be sold. If the casino is determined to be worth no more than the \$4.9 million Costner has put into it, the Canevas will not be entitled to any money, his lawyer said.

Costner filmed much of "Dances With Wolves," which won the Academy Award for best picture in 1990, on South Dakota's plains and in the Black Hills, where Deadwood is located.

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takes up a lot of time and it is a ton of extra work.

"I've never done a research project like this before. Everyone dreads it."

The senior comprehensive has been a required part of the Saint Mary's curriculum since the 1936-37 school year, when it was

first mentioned in the College's annual academic bulletin. It was strictly regulated at the time.

The senior comprehensive "is a test of not less than six hours," according to the bulletin. "It may be written or oral or both depending upon the character of the major."

Since then, it has gradually evolved into different types of projects, research papers and exams. The College allows each major to tailor her comprehen-

sive to fit her program.

"There are two metaphors that quite often are used for a senior project: a capstone and a bridge," communication studies professor John Pauley said. "Capstone is building on top of everything we've learned to far. Some programs are preparing students for a particular career, such as nursing, education, etc."

"[The Communication Studies] program looks at the senior project as a capstone experience. It builds on communication theory, understanding skills acquired through the program."

Pauley recommends that the comprehensive paper be between 20 and 30 pages, but it is not unusual to receive papers that are 60 to 70 pages or even upwards of 80 pages long.

"A paper is never merely a

matter of quantity, always a matter of quality," he said. "Could someone write a five page comp? I suppose, if they were the greatest, densest writer out there."

Professor Mary Ann Merryman, chair of the Department of Business Administration and Economics, will spend the first week in January evaluating the Business Administration majors' comprehensives. She said it is definitely a capstone project.

"Business students create and present a case based on real companies like Kellogg's or Hershey's," she said. "These case studies demonstrate a student's competency on ethics, analytical and technical skills, problem solving and, quite honestly, good presentation skills."

"These are all real-life skills."

We want students to show what they've learned."

Saint Mary's views the senior comprehensive as a rewarding and educational experience. It supports the goal for an integrating liberal arts education, allowing students to achieve a higher level of learning, said Susan Vanek, the associate dean for Advising and director of First Year Studies.

"When taking major courses, there is no time to step back and put it all together," Vanek said. "The senior comprehensive gives a student the chance to do this. Students, when they finish, see their project as rewarding and meaningful."

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Football

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hold a gamewatch beginning a half hour before kickoff. Legends general manager Aaron Perri said.

Willerton said Student Activities organized the events "given the demand for this game" and hopes to reach its 1,800-student capacity at the Stepan Center.

"We're working with a satellite company out of Indiana," Willerton said. "They will provide us with a one-time [deal]."

The Stepan doors will open at 3 p.m. and the game will be shown on a big screen with concert style seating, Willerton said.

He said Student Activities was pleased "to be able to come through in the clutch" this week-

end.

Legends renewed its Direct TV subscription after learning that Comcast would not carry CSTV this weekend, Perri said.

The game will be shown on four televisions and a projection screen, as well as outside in a heated tent, Perri said — a larger event than a normal Legends gamewatch. He said they will be able to seat 800 students.

Area bars and pubs are also preparing for this weekend's game broadcast. Establishments that will be able to show the game expect more business than usual.

"We have extra staff coming in," said Jodi Thurspon, a manager at the Linebacker Lounge on South Bend Avenue.

Sarah VanDusan, an employee at Corby's Irish Pub on Lasalle Avenue, said Corby's will have the

game via satellite and is "looking forward to the extra traffic."

Both Buffalo Wild Wings locations on Grape Road and Washington Street will show the game. Casa del Rio and K's Grill & Pub on South Bend Avenue will not show the game, nor will CJ's Pub on North Michigan Street.

For fans that don't want to bother with finding a location with satellite access, the game will be broadcast online, said CSTV spokesperson Leslie Ann Wade.

Viewers who sign up at UND.com or CSTV.com before Saturday's game will pay \$14.95, and those who sign up after the game begins will pay \$19.95, Wade said.

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Abroad

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heard the commotion and her arrival scared him away.

Criminal incidents can happen anywhere, said Lesley Sullivan, the Office of International Studies program coordinator for Notre Dame's Angers program and four other international study programs. Associate Director Kathleen Opel said the most common crime Notre Dame students experience abroad has been pickpocketing.

But Notre Dame, through orientation sessions, tries to ensure that students — especially female study abroad participants — know how to stay

safe in foreign countries.

Sullivan organizes an information session called Women and Study Abroad mandatory for female study abroad participants.

The purpose, she said, "is really to outline areas of concern that students might have or encounter and to provide resources for those students about how to deal with those areas."

The 90-minute session provides health and safety tips and features insight from returning students. The Office of International Studies addresses "cultural cues and miscues" students can encounter when they are overseas. University Health Services, the University Counseling Center and student

representatives from PILLARS also present issues students may encounter while abroad.

In the second part of the session, returning female students describe situations their peers may face when they are in a foreign country. One scenario, Sullivan said, is how to dress when a student goes for a run in a country like Mexico. With their experience, the returning students can give their peers advice on how to handle this type of situation, Sullivan said.

"The point there is to put things in their heads that hopefully will light up if they find themselves in a situation which is threatening or uncomfortable and they will remember something that was told to them at these sessions," she said.

Alice Siqin Yang, the assistant director of International and Intercultural Learning at the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, said in an e-mail that Saint Mary's takes a "tremendous number of precautions" to ensure student safety abroad. The College holds mandatory pre-departure orientations for program participants that address health and safety issues.

Saint Mary's junior Maggie Madden said she felt safe during her semester in Rome last spring.

"I thought that Saint Mary's did a really good job preparing us," she said.

Notre Dame senior Christa Laneri, who also went to Angers last fall, said she thought safety

was a concern for Angers program participants mainly because the students were spread throughout the town with host families and could not always avoid walking home alone in the dark.

"Since it is a residential area, people would go to bed by nine or ten," Laneri said. "So if you are coming home late, it's dark and there is no one else on the streets."

Her host family's house was about 20 minutes away from where classes were held and about 25 to 30 minutes away from the downtown area, Laneri said. But one of her friends lived nearby, she said, so she only had to walk the last 5 to 10 minutes alone.

To avoid walking home alone, Sullivan said, students need to plan in advance their agenda for the evening. Many times, the men in the program can walk women home before returning to their own houses, she said.

The program's resident director can also reimburse students for a certain number of taxi cab rides each semester, Sullivan said.

"If a female student feels uncomfortable or threatened, all [she needs] to do is take a taxi then talk to the resident director about it afterwards," she said.

Notre Dame senior Viviana Castro said she had a good semester in Angers last spring and said she never felt unsafe.

"My advice is just stay close [to campus], and if you are going someplace farther away, take a cab," Castro said.

Notre Dame's Women and Study Abroad session is only one of a series of orientation sessions that give students tips to stay safe overseas, Sullivan said. Each program also provides participants with numbers they can call in an emergency. The Office of International Studies also stays up to date on State Department warnings and gives students information about the country they are visiting.

Associate director Juliette Mayinja, who oversees the Cairo program, said she advises students how to respect the Arab culture through their dress and behavior.

"Obviously, presentation is a big thing in Arab culture and the perception that women in the West are loose and easy is prevalent, so we make sure students understand this," Mayinja said.

Notre Dame senior Anne Kroeger studied in Cairo the spring semester of her junior year. Kroeger dressed conservatively while she was there — no skirts shorter than mid-calf length and never any low-cut shirts, she said. And she always kept a scarf in her backpack to wrap around herself if she entered a restaurant.

"You had to be conscientious of what the reality was there," she said.

The security at her dorm in Cairo was so strong that she never felt unsafe in the building, Kroeger said.

"Unless you weren't smart, unless you made bad decisions, for the most part you were fine," she said.

Self-responsibility is the bottom line, Sullivan said. The Office of International Studies provides the necessary information, but students must make an effort to absorb and utilize this advice.

"After all is said and done, the student also needs to take responsibility for [his or her] own safety," she said.

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NDASK takes right approach

Notre Dame Students Against State Killing (NDASK) was formed to "inspire and facilitate informed discussion on capital punishment, fostering increased knowledge of issues surrounding the death penalty." The message is not new, but the group has breathed new life into the anti-death penalty cause by organizing a weekly lecture series on the topic.

Whether or not students agree with the group's convictions, they should support the creation of such a body. NDASK has established a common ground and encouraged both sides to debate.

NDASK has brought the campus into conversation about a controversial issue. Instead of the inefficient e-mails, posters and pamphlets that characterize all-too-common "awareness weeks," NDASK has given its cause a voice. By inviting prominent intellectuals to discuss the death penalty on campus, the group has spurred discussion in an academic setting and propelled students to take life issues seriously. It's making its cause almost unavoidable.

The point is not that Notre Dame lacks political activism. CLAP actively campaigns for a living wage. Uganda-CAN actively organizes rallies, walks, fundraisers and lectures to educate the campus about atrocities in the region. And stu-

dents have already actively fought Taco Bell about the inhumane conditions of tomato workers in Immokalee, Fla.

We have activism. But we need more.

NDASK has refreshed the campus by promoting an intellectual discussion which both supporters and opponents of capital punishment can be a part.

Still, it's important that the lectures do not get stale. A lecture series spanning several weeks risks losing its effectiveness. The series' success will be largely determined by its ability to stay fresh.

Former Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan, who does not oppose the death penalty, will give the Nov. 15 NDASK lecture. During his tenure, Kernan granted clemency to two individuals on death row — the only governor in the 48-year history of the death penalty in Indiana to do so.

Kernan's inclusion shows that NDASK is not just bringing in another speaker against the death penalty. He is important to the discussion because of his alternate viewpoint. As governor, he questioned the quality and fairness of the legal process in capital punishment and came to his own decision. That's why groups like NDASK are important. They give the Notre Dame community an opportunity to question an issue, make an educated decision and continue the debate.

The Observer Editorial

Throwing 'da bums' out of Congress

Next January, Congressman Chris Chocola will no longer represent the Notre Dame campus nor the surrounding 2nd District of Indiana in the U.S. House of Representatives. Remarkably on Tuesday, he and two other incumbent Republicans lost reelection bids in a formerly reliable conservative

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Indiana. Ironically, Chocola's margin of loss was just shy of the margin he lost by in St. Joseph County. Most importantly, the three new Democratic representatives from Indiana, when combined with Pennsylvania's four new Democratic pick-ups, accounted for half of the total necessary to change control in the House. It was evident early in the evening that Democrats would win the House.

Exit polls nationally showed that voters who wanted a change in Washington gave four reasons — the economy, corruption, terrorism and the Iraq war. No one category stood alone at the top of the list since they broke into nearly equal percentages. Contrary to pundits who opined that the election was primarily about Iraq, large numbers of Republicans and many more Independents rebelled against the sex and influence peddling scandals in Congress. Voters rejected the political loyalty Republican leaders placed in favor of their rank-and-file members over illegal bribes or the welfare of teenage page boys.

The voters' net cast wide and far across America as Democrats captured nearly 30 new House seats and the 6 seats necessary to control the U.S. Senate. History has shown that whenever a national tide engulfs the House, it also sweeps a new party into the Senate. Considering that current gerrymandering has reduced the number of competitive House districts today, this year's tidal wave was just as large as the Republican takeover of Congress in

1994 against President Clinton or the Democratic takeover in 1986 against President Reagan. Noting that both of New Hampshire's congressional Republicans were defeated in a combined area that covered the entire state, those Republican senators should be thankful that neither of them faced reelection this year. Moreover, the types of Republican House seats in play this year came from scandal-ridden, hypocritical, lazy or sloppy incumbents who had lost touch with their constituencies.

For example, Congressman Jim Ryun in the 2nd District of Kansas, best known for his religious evangelicalism, as an American Olympian and as the first high school student to break the 4-minute mile running record, lost his House seat on Tuesday. The ethical scandals on Capitol Hill and Florida Congressman Mark Foley's sexual advances toward teenage page boys tilted the finish line away from Ryun's field. Notre Dame classmate Steve Pallucca, who lives in that Southeast Kansas district, described how voters viewed Ryun. When asked how he would vote, one man sitting at a bar watching college football said with the typically dry humor of the region, "Ryun is running ads that say he has been fighting for me for 35 years. Hell, I figure that if he hasn't won by now it's time for someone else."

In the Senate, no two pivotal races tell both ends of this year's electoral mood than the defeats of Republicans Rick Santorum in Pennsylvania or Lincoln Chafee in Rhode Island. Santorum embraced the Bush Administration policies on taxes, terrorism, government spending and the war in Iraq. Chafee, on the other hand, distanced himself as dramatically as anyone, even suggesting that it was a dirty campaign trick for New York Senator Hillary Clinton — who voted for the war in Iraq — to campaign against Chafee who also voted to go to war. Ultimately, Santorum, Chafee and the

other four Republican incumbent senators targeted by Democrats lost their races which handed over control of the Senate.

Sadly, undercurrents of racism surfaced in Tennessee and Pennsylvania. The Republican National Committee's advertising in Tennessee suggested that Democratic Congressman Harold Ford, Jr., sought white Playboy bunnies at a Super Bowl party. That television ad moved voters away from the African-American candidate. In Pennsylvania, while no overt advertising aired against gubernatorial Republican candidate and former Pittsburgh Steeler great Lynn Swann, he garnered 60,000 fewer votes than Santorum who also lost his statewide race.

No Democratic congressional incumbent lost a seat in Tuesday's general election. That statistic alone speaks volumes about the dissatisfaction with President Bush, the Iraqi war and the ethically challenged Republican Congress. This election sent a message to Washington that among the troop killings that seem to be necessary at times, the killings still need to end. This election forced the American public to halt Bush's overreaching actions and change direction. Finally, good and decent Americans used this election to repudiate a disgraced Republican Congress by discarding Rush Limbaugh's talking points to place their trust in Democratic hands.

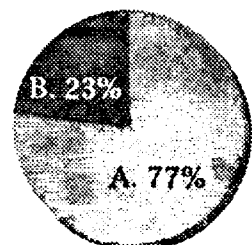
According to my Kansas friend who quotes the Little Rascals, "I don't know where weeze going, but weeze on our way."

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OBSERVER POLL

Do you think the decision to give graduate students access to USC tickets was the correct one?



A. Yes
B. No

This poll is based on 1002 votes recorded at <http://www.ndsmcobserver.com/>

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You begin saving the world
by saving one man at a time; all else is
grandiose romanticism or politics."

Charles Bukowski
author

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Both political parties imperfect

Just before a football game begins, after the band has come out and played all the fight songs they know, they read just their embouchures and play "America the Beautiful" while the flag is presented and raised above the stadium. During the presentation of colors, the wonderful announcer in the stadium recites both the Preamble to the Constitution and the opening and closing lines of the Declaration of Independence.

Now, I don't profess to be particularly patriotic, but when I hear those words, and remember what America is really about, I can't help but get a little choked up while I yell at the top of my lungs: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness ... And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor."

Then I read about the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (Bill S 3930, passed a little over a month ago, popularly called the "Torture Amendment"), and I despair.

Despair calls to mind another depressing article I read recently: Jonathan Klinger's column on Nov. 7 ("A time for choosing"). I enjoy reading his columns in order to expand my views and approach ideas from a different angle, but his latest two columns have been disappointing, to say the least.

As I recall, on Oct. 24 he informed us (in intellectually elite language) that Jesus was a Republican ("A call to arms"). Aside from the obvious theological implications of this issue (for starters, Jesus is God, and God is indefinable; and never mind how far apart he is from our petty political squabbles), I found it trite that he would sink to such levels in his attempt to convert others.

Then I read his thinly disguised attack on Joe Donnelly. Allow me to clarify my position before I continue: I am not a

Hoosier, and so my contact with Hoosier values is limited to my few months here at Notre Dame. I also have not been keeping track of Donnelly or Chris Chocola's policies or personal track records, beyond laughing in derision at both of their lowbrow campaign commercials.

Klinger begins his argument by assuring his readers that he "like[s] to think that Joe Donnelly is an honorable and honest man," though once he states this premise, he abandons it entirely, thus implying a high level of sarcasm. He apparently thinks that Donnelly is incapable of making decisions for himself, and that party loyalty is the only thing on his mind. And of course, since all members of the Democratic Party are inherently evil, anyone he would vote into a position of leadership would be bad news for the country. Of course, he would be "forced" into voting for Democrats.

Yes, it is a fact that most politicians vote with their party on almost every issue. This works both ways: Chocola

probably voted for leaders such as Tom Delay, who is now on trial in Texas for corruption charges. According to www.vote-smart.com, Chocola also voted with his party on the Military Commissions Act. Neither party is blameless, and neither party is entirely evil. Attempting to simplify the issue into a black-white scenario only furthers the ugly partisan nature of modern American politics, and choosing to use such simplification to sway others is arrogant and elitist.

Please, Jonathan Klinger, in the future I ask you to respect our intelligence as readers, and to examine the log in your party's eye before you attack the log in mine. After all, "together, we can accomplish the radical change we all so desire by first altering our own behavior and then edifying our neighbors. The revolution begins with you."

Johanna Kirsch
freshman
McGlenn Hall
Nov. 8

Examining terminology

In his recent exchange with Daniel Hicks over whether Plan B emergency contraception acts as an abortifacient ("The facts on Plan B," Nov. 8), Andrew Rosato relies on an untenable definition of pregnancy. Since this mistake is common to many with views such as Rosato's — including Professor Charles Rice, whose article began this debate — the issue deserves independent attention.

According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, pregnancy is "established only after implantation [of the fertilized embryo] is complete" (www.acog.org). Since an abortifacient acts by terminating a pregnancy, merely preventing implantation cannot count as an abortion in the medical definition of this term.

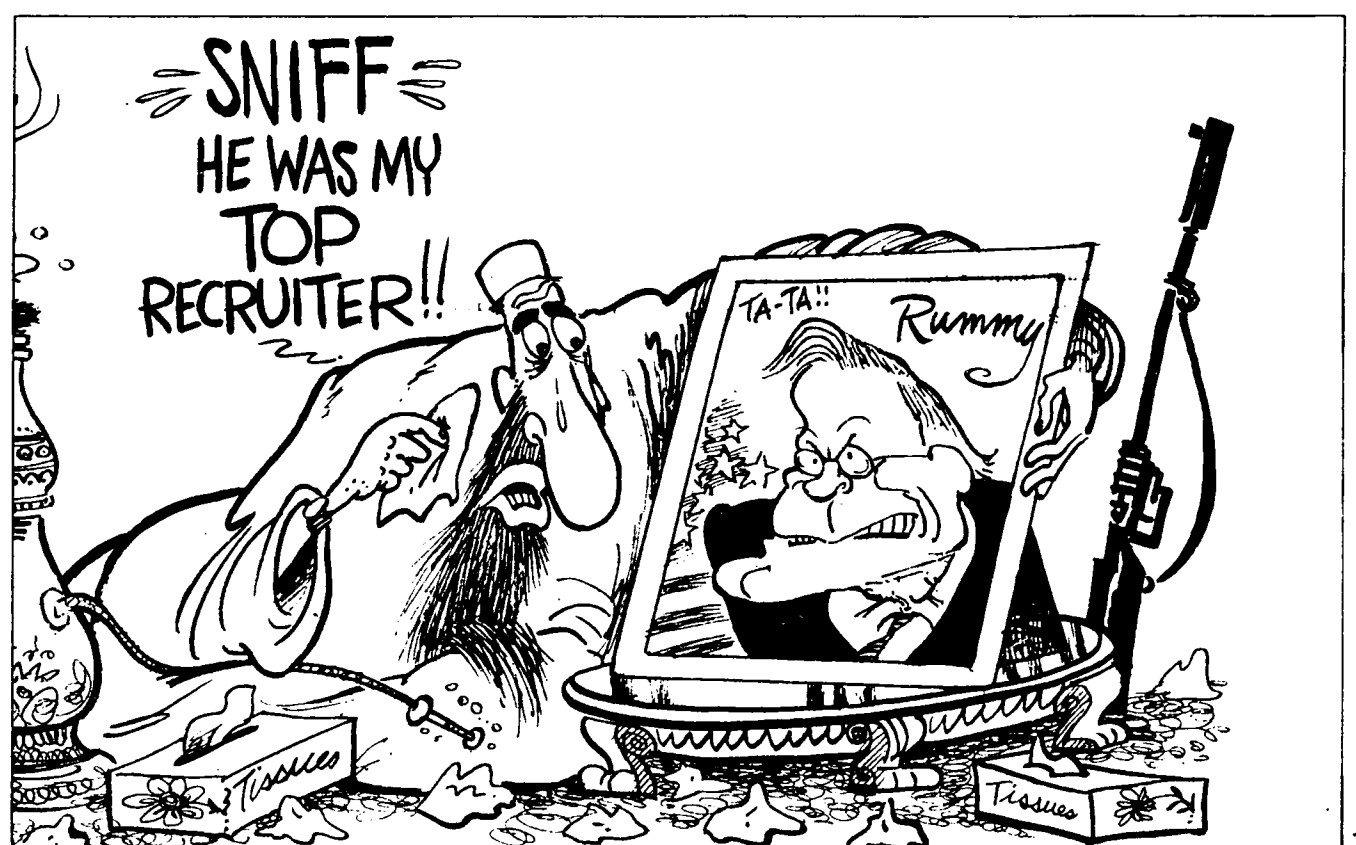
Moreover, there are good reasons to accept this medical definition. One is

the fact, cited by ACOG, that in the normal course of things between one-third and one-half of all fertilized eggs fail to implant. This fact would seem to constitute something of an embarrassment to those, like Rosato, who hold that human life begins when a human egg is fertilized. For such a view is then committed to saying that at least one-third of all human beings naturally abort.

If this in turn means that the life of those beings has been taken unjustly — a position Rosato seems to endorse — it then follows that God or nature (I leave it to you to decide) is morally responsible for taking a great deal of innocent human life.

Kevin Robbins
graduate student
off campus
Nov. 9

EDITORIAL CARTOON



U-WIRE

Celebrating our political pastime

The real winner of Tuesday's elections was CNN.

I settled down into my couch around 7 p.m. with an arsenal of chips and soda and my laptop to get me through the next five hours of insipid news coverage.

Election coverage is for political geeks what the Super Bowl is for men with beer bellies. Both are generally drawn out and boring with few moments of actual surprise or suspense.

Special touches such as half-naked girls with pom-poms and patriotic animations make these events worth watching. And there is something to be said for the few tidbits of information the newscasters offer.

As I began flipping through the 10 consecutive news channels in my cable lineup, I realized CNN's graphics kicked everyone else's butts.

While Fox and MSNBC made half-hearted attempts with some bar graphs, CNN pulled out all the stops.

Wolf Blitzer waved his arm over a color-coded map of the U.S. like a weatherman, and all of the pundits had color-coded ties — red for Republicans, blue for

Democrats.

Aside from all the sparkles and garnishes, I did glean some information during my TV-election-news marathon. As of my writing this, the Democrats have gained control of the House of Representatives. The party that seemed as if it would never succeed at anything ever again may have control of not only the House but also the Senate.

Even better, the new Speaker of the House will be Nancy Pelosi, a congresswoman from San Francisco — possibly the most liberal city on the face of the Earth.

At worst, this change of power in the House will not alter U.S. policies much due to President Bush's veto power, but Congress will have an awesome time creating special investigation committees for every awful idea the Bush administration has ever had (see: Guantanamo Bay, war in Iraq, etc.).

At best, the Dems will take the Senate as well. With their newfound confidence and led by the fiery Pelosi, who likes to describe Bush as "incompetent" and "dangerous," they will launch an attempt to impeach the president.

Not a serious attempt, of course, but just for the fun of putting him on trial in front of the nation and making him question the

definition of the abbreviation "WMD."

The time to strike is now, when the enemy is weak. After the whole nation gave the GOP the middle finger during midterm elections, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld resigned the morning after I finished the first draft of this column, caving into the pressure of critics of the Iraq war.

Perhaps most foreboding of all, Britney Spears, an avid supporter of Bush, has filed for divorce.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen. The Dems must be careful, however, of becoming too cocky. Conservatism still reigns supreme in some parts of the nation.

I was beginning to worry about liberal California as I watched the precincts reporting online. Proposition 85 would have required minors to notify their parents prior to having an abortion — an obvious hazard to women's reproductive rights.

Although the proposition failed, it was reported late Tuesday night that 46.2 percent of voters favored it. That's a frighteningly close margin.

Through the night, I was entertained when an animation from "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" showed Gov. Arnold

Schwarzenegger using laser beams from his eyeballs to vaporize Phil Angelides. I was amused when a fat, bald man pretended to be Vanna White as he manipulated a touch screen drawing of the House of Representatives.

But why didn't I just wait until tomorrow to scan over the newspaper and be done with it?

Why did so many people tune in to MSNBC's online coverage that the site gave me an error message and told me to try again later?

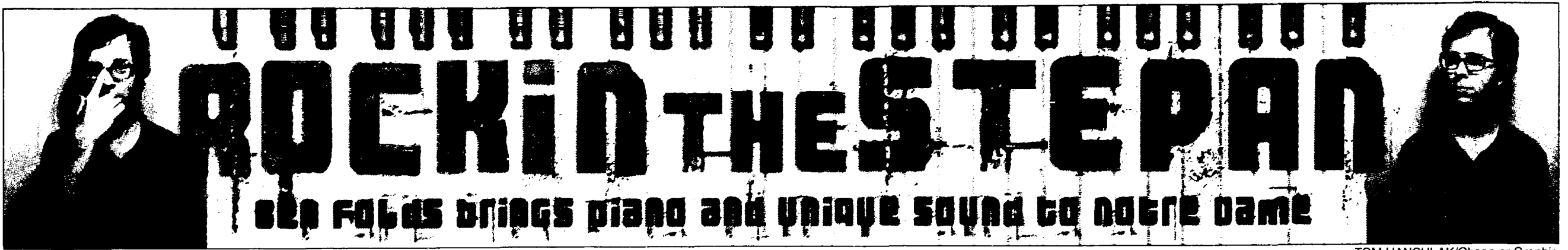
Perhaps it's one of the few times Americans can feel connected to the rest of the nation through one subject. It's that sense of unity we get from knowing that despite our differences, we all care about the political future of our country.

Mostly though, it's the satisfaction we get from jumping on the couch and screaming "We won!" in the faces of the losers.

It's as American as apple pie, McDonald's and the Super Bowl.

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SUB BRINGS BEN FOLDS FOR FALL CONCERT

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Rockin' the suburbs since 1994, Ben Folds will be rocking the Stepan Center tonight in his first appearance at Notre Dame. The concert, organized and sponsored by SUB, promises to be one of the most high-profile and highly-anticipated concerts to ever hit the Notre Dame student body in recent memory. Ben Folds, as is evidenced by the sold-out status of the show, holds a special place in the hearts of students with his blend of pop, punk and piano rock alongside smart, emotive and creative lyrics.

This concert has been in the works for some time now. According to SUB president and Notre Dame senior Patrick Vassel, Ben Folds has been consistently at the top of polls SUB uses to gauge which musicians and acts the student body would like to see.

"He is one of the most popular musicians among Notre Dame students and the demand for him has been there for some time, as the speed with which the concert sold out proved," Vassel said.

Sadly, not all who would have liked to see Folds will get the chance. But the decision to have the concert in the Stepan Center instead of Legends or another traditional concert venue has allowed the

most students possible to see the show.

As far as planning, this concert has been in the works for almost seven months. SUB's traditional fall concert usually enters the preliminary planning stages when the fall semester begins. However, Vassel said SUB contacted Folds' agent last April. The hard work paid off as Folds is one of the biggest names to come to Notre Dame.

The Stepan Center is being used for this concert, as opposed to the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center — the common staging ground for "The Show" due to the relative low cost. The Stepan Center is controlled by the Student Activities Office and therefore, according to Vassel, is easier to book and cheaper to set up and staff than the JACC.

"The capacity of 1,800 is larger than any other indoor venue on campus besides the JACC, which would have been prohibitively expensive for us to use," Vassel said.

The JACC's involvement in this debate raises the question regarding why Ben Folds was not brought in as a participant in "The Show," especially when considering that many more students would have been able to obtain tickets. However, Folds was touring in Australia at the time, making this arrangement impossible. SUB then decided to bring him in for the fall concert and the show's quick sellout displays the success of this decision.

Vassel also noted the hard work of the



Photo courtesy of sonymusic.com

Power pop and nerd-rock musician Ben Folds, known for his creative and smart lyrics, will be playing to a sold-out crowd at Notre Dame's Stepan Center tonight.

SUB staff in bringing Folds to Notre Dame. Specifically, junior co-concert programmers Chris Lund and Matt Larew have worked on budgets and logistics and handled contacts with Folds and his agent to bring Folds to Notre Dame.

Opening for Ben Folds is Corn Mo, the stage name of Jon Cunningham. He is a one-man act who performs an admixture of circus music, glam rock and humor-filled novelty songs. He plays the accordion and keyboards, which will fill in nicely with Ben Folds and his piano rock. He aided They Might Be Giants with their cult

classic "Particle Man." His debut album, "I Hope You Win!" has been described as heavy metal vaudeville. A little weird and a little crazy, he promises to be anything but unentertaining.

Folds' visit marks a return to campus for the musician, following a show the Five played on campus in the '90s. The sold-out show and his general popularity promise to make this show one of the most exciting live shows at Notre Dame in years.

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BEN FOLDS: POWER POP AND NERD ROCK MASTER

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Ben Folds proves pop music can still be good. In the mid-'90s, he, Robert Sledge and Darren Jesse formed the band Ben Folds Five. With no guitars to be seen anywhere, this band took off with catchy pop songs and entered the scene just as the "nerd rock" movement was about to break it big in the mainstream.

Sadly or no, Ben Folds Five dissolved in 2000 but Folds launched a solo career and is at the top of his game. The music that made him famous with the Five is now keeping him famous on his own. Tonight, he will play some of his "punk rock for wimps," from his time with Ben Folds Five and his solo career, to a sold-out crowd at the Stepan Center.

Folds was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The mid-80s were not the kindest to Folds as he searched across the country — and Europe — for

a place to let his muse come forth and blossom. In the era of hair bands, Folds' meld of pop, punk and pianos was not what band managers and record executives wanted to record and sell.

Enter bassist Robert Sledge and drummer Darren Jesse as Folds made his way back to his home state of North Carolina, ending up in Chapel Hill. They cut an indie self-titled debut with Passenger Records and found themselves suddenly popular. With that, the bidding wars for this up and coming band began. Finally signing with Sony, their sophomore album — which many consider to be their best — materialized in the form of "Whatever and Ever Amen." With hits such as the exciting "Kate" and the melodic and cathartic "Brick," it seemed the public was finally ready for a rock band whose main instrument was a piano, not a guitar.

Two years later saw "The Unauthorised Autobiography of Reinhold Messner." Although not as popular as the preceding album, it was still a strong

showcase of the interesting and unique sound Ben Folds Five had come to call their own. A creative force in the cesspool of uncreative late '90s pop, Folds brought in a horn section on "Don't Change Your Plans," talked about growing up in the catchy "Army" and let his muse get a little silly with "Your Redneck Past." Through all three albums, Folds remained the creative force and namesake of this most unique pop band.

However, Ben Folds Five was destined for a dissolution in 2000 after releasing only three, yet all top-notch, albums. Folds, never one to stop making some of the best power pop ever heard, worked for a year after the split and released the solo "Rockin' the Suburbs" to high critical acclaim. Proving himself a master musician, he played most if not all the instruments used in the album. "Annie Waits," "Rockin' the Suburbs" and "Zak and Sara" are prime examples of the power pop fans have come to know and love, while the introspective "Fred

Jones, Pt. 2" and "The Luckiest" bring the album back down to earth and infuse it with a heart that counters the fun of other songs. This album is not as groundbreaking as "Forever and Ever Amen," but then again, fans know what to expect from Folds, and "Rockin' the Suburbs" is Folds at his best — which is definitely laudable.

Folds has toured all around the world and has come to define power pop for the generation that grew up, and is still growing up, with him. Creating music that is catchy, fun and full of heart all at the same time, he is a singular figure in the world of popular music. He may be famous, but that hasn't gone to his head and he continues to produce music that is artistic and fun. Folds is popular because he makes good music people can identify with. He doesn't need powerful producers to make his music — all he needs is his muse.

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Folds made a name for himself as the frontman and namesake of the rock band Ben Folds Five, which popularized a slightly sophomoric and emotive piano rock style.



Photo courtesy of php.benfolds.com

Folds has toured all over the world, but it took a return to his home state of North Carolina at the right time in pop music history to break it big.

LEGENDS SPOTLIGHT

Pete Francis brings solo funk, jam to Legends

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Take a shower, shine your shoes, you've got no time to lose because Pete Francis is playing at Legends on Saturday. It will be the musician's first time performing at Notre Dame, a venue he actively sought out.

"As a matter of fact, Pete came to us," said Aaron Perri, general manager of Legends.

According to Perri, Francis was looking for a gig in the area, and e-mailed Legends about possibly performing in South Bend on Notre Dame's campus.

"I think it says a lot about Legends," Perri said. "A high-profile artist like Francis coming to us shows that we've become the 'must-play' venue in the area."

Francis was a member of the Boston-based band Dispatch between 1995 and 2004. Comprised of Francis (under his full name, Peter Francis Heimbold), Brad Corrigan and Chad Urmston, Dispatch first came to national prominence in 1996 with the release of their debut album, "Silent Steeples," which showcased their unique reggae/jam blend. Francis was only in his early 20s at the time. Their follow-up, "Bang Bang," was well-received and featured one of their most well-known songs, "The General."

Dispatch combined elements of acoustic-pop, folk and rock, with touches of reggae and funk. The band was notable for its musicianship, as members switched instruments and vocal duties from song-to-song. Francis is an accomplished singer, bassist and guitarist and has been featured on both instruments. Dispatch's triple harmonies and jam band tendencies made them a fan favorite, and they regularly played to sold-out shows across the nation.

After the band decided to take an extended hiatus in 2001, Francis staked out on his own, releasing his solo album "Untold" in 2003. Dispatch officially broke up later that year, and their

farewell concert, performed at the Hatch Shell in Boston, was attended by roughly 110,000 fans. Francis is currently touring to promote "Everything Is One," which was released earlier this year.

Francis' solo work often resembles his material with Dispatch, with creative touches and showcases of his musicianship. His first two albums are softer, more refined and more contemplative than Dispatch, which demonstrates that they are clearly the work of a solo artist, rather than a band. Yet the sense of songwriting and craft that made Dispatch so successful is evident on both "Untold" and "Everything Is One," alleviating concerns that Francis has lost his touch.

The singer-songwriter will be bringing a full backing band and is expected to perform both songs by Dispatch and his own material. He will play the most famous songs from his Dispatch years, such as "The General" and will also probably play hits from "Everything Is One."

Perri says that he expects the show to be well-received and well-attended, which means it will likely fill Legends' 629-person capacity.

Pete Francis of Dispatch

When: Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 p.m.
Where: Legends of Notre Dame Club
Cost: free for Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross students with student ID

"A show like this, with someone like Francis, usually plays to a packed house," Perri remarked.

Perri also noted that Francis is part of a solid fall lineup at Legends, which included former Stone Temple Pilots singer Scott Weiland and Tally Pilots, among others. Perri stressed that Legends is committed to keeping their shows free.

"You could go to Chicago and see Pete Francis and it would cost you \$40," Perri said. "Or, if you're a student, you can see it here for free."

Pete Francis will be one of Legends' biggest shows of the semester, and should provide an evening's worth of great music. The concert begins at 10 p.m.

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Photo courtesy of en.wikipedia.org

Pete Francis, center, former lead singer of the college jam band Dispatch, will be bringing his solo funk style to the Legends of Notre Dame Saturday at 10 p.m.

WEEKEND PREVIEW

DEBARTOLO PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Big Love (Philbin Theatre)

Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

Notre Dame Concert Bands Fall Concert

Saturday, Nov. 12 at 3:00 p.m.

BROWNING CINEMA

I Was Born, But...
Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4:00 p.m.

The Holocaust Film Series

Come and See
Friday, Nov. 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Au Revoir Les Enfants
Friday, Nov. 10 at 10:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m.

Into the Arms of Strangers
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

Europa, Europa
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:00 p.m.

LEGENDS OF NOTRE DAME

The Sklar Bros.
Friday, Nov. 10 at 10:00 p.m.

Pete Francis
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:00 p.m.

NHL

Cole's hat trick leads Canes in rout of Caps

Yashin's two goals, DiPietro's 32 saves prove an unbeatable combo as Islanders send Flyers to fourth straight loss

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — First, Cam Ward won the Conn Smythe Trophy. Then, he posted his first regular-season shutout.

Carolina's star goalie seemingly is reaching his career goals in reverse order, and Hurricanes coach Peter Laviolette doesn't seem to mind.

Ward stopped 20 shots and Erik Cole scored three goals to lead the Hurricanes to a 5-0 victory over the Washington Capitals on Thursday night.

"Working backwards a little bit," Laviolette said. "But that's OK. We're happy with the order."

Eric Staal and Trevor Letowski also scored, and Scott Walker had two assists for Carolina.

Ward, the MVP of the Hurricanes' run to the Stanley Cup title last season, had two shutouts in the 2006 playoffs.

In the best regular-season performance of his career, Ward said he picked up momentum midway through the second period when the Hurricanes, leading 1-0, killed off Washington's two-man advantage, which lasted 2:18, and went on to a lopsided win.

"Up until that 5-on-3, I didn't see a whole lot of shots," Ward said. "It can really change the momentum of a game if you kill that off."

Cole kept the pressure on

Capitals goalie Brent Johnson, recording his fourth career hat trick and first since an 8-2 win over Montreal on Jan. 31, 2006.

It also was his first multigoal game since March 4 against Pittsburgh, but that's a game Cole probably would rather forget. Later in that one, he was run over from behind by Brooks Orpik, breaking his neck in an injury that cost Cole three months.

"I felt like I was just racing up and down the ice" in the first period, Cole said. "As the game went on, I kind of slowed down a bit and tried to make more plays rather than sprint up the ice. Pucks were going in the net."

Islanders 3, Flyers 1

The Islanders found the best way to bust out of a mini-slump and prove to their coach there was no quit in them: Play the Flyers.

Alexei Yashin scored twice and Rick DiPietro stopped 32 shots to lift New York to a win over NHL-worst Philadelphia on Thursday night.

"We have to realize we have a really good team," Yashin said. "When we win two or three in a row, we got so high, and then when we lose two in a row, we come down."

Imagine how the Flyers must feel.

The Flyers dropped to 2-5-1 at home and are already in

jeopardy of missing the playoffs for the first time since the 1993-94 season.

Not even a coaching change has jolted the Flyers out of their season-long funk. Philadelphia lost its fourth straight, dropped to 2-5 under John Stevens and are 3-11-1 overall for a league-worst seven points. Through 15 games last season, the Flyers were 11-3-1.

Oh, and it could get worse. Northeast Division-leading Buffalo comes to town on Saturday.

"It's early, but we're getting far behind," captain Peter Forsberg said. "We're getting left by ourselves down there. If we're going to have any chance of turning this season around, we've got to start winning now."

The Islanders were sharp in their first game since coach Ted Nolan said his team seemed to quit in Monday's 5-1 loss to Tampa Bay and snapped a two-game losing streak in which they were outscored 9-2 at home.

"I was concerned with our effort the last couple of games, but I wasn't concerned with the people we have here," Nolan said. "They're a good group of guys, but we have to make sure we're on them a little bit and don't take anything for granted."

The Islanders started a five-game road swing after playing



Capitals goalie Brent Johnson, right, blocks a shot on goal by Hurricanes' Justin Williams (11) Thursday.

nine of 10 at home. They scored twice in the first period, never giving the Flyers a chance to get going early, and DiPietro made the goals stand up with a stellar effort, coming close to his first shutout since April 8 against Washington.

"Their team put a lot of pucks on net and pressured hard. Our defensemen did a good job in front of the net limiting their time in the zone," DiPietro said.

DiPietro and teammate Arron Asham got into a brief scuffle in Wednesday's practice. Maybe the quick fight fired up the goalie, who was perfect until Simon Gagne scored his eighth goal on a power play in the game's final minutes.

That made the Flyers 8-for-91 on power-play chances.

Maple Leafs 6, Bruins 4

Andrew Raycroft's return to Boston mirrored his career with the Bruins. He got off to a great start, but had an uneasy finish.

Raycroft made 28 saves in the Toronto Maple Leafs' victory over the Bruins. He didn't make it to the end though Thursday night because of a groin strain.

In his first game back in Beantown since being traded by the Bruins during the offseason, Raycroft stayed around long enough to win his fifth straight start. Toronto was leading 5-2 when Raycroft was forced out late in the second period.

"The script, it was going to be

too good to be true," Raycroft said. "Of course, something has to happen at some point to me. It would have obviously been really nice to finish that."

Raycroft doesn't think the injury is serious, and he should be back within a week.

Jean-Sebastien Aubin replaced Raycroft, and saved just 5 of 7 shots as Boston nearly came all the way back from a four-goal deficit.

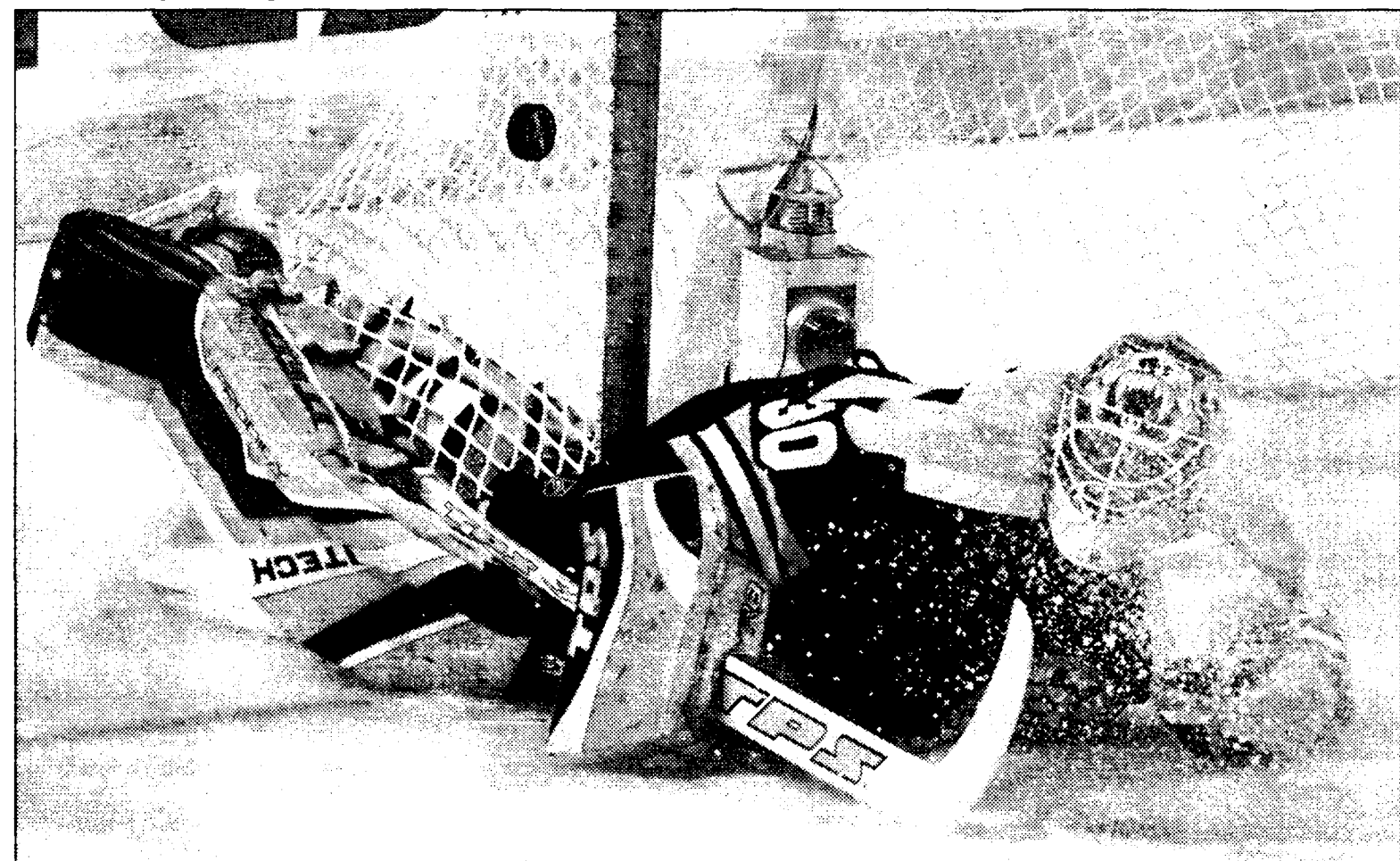
Alexei Ponikarovsky had a goal and an assist, and Chad Kilger also scored for the Maple Leafs.

Nik Antropov gave Toronto a 4-0 lead 4:04 into the second period and Ponikarovsky restored the four-goal advantage 1:18 after Marco Sturm netted the Bruins' first goal.

The Bruins pulled to within 5-4 when Wayne Primeau poked Brad Boyes' pass in front of the net past Aubin at 13:31 of the third period. But Aubin held Boston scoreless the rest of the way, and Antropov's empty-net goal sealed it with 11 seconds left.

Hal Gill, who spent the first eight years of his career with Boston before signing with Toronto in the offseason, had an assist for Toronto. Darcy Tucker and Michael Peca also scored for the Maple Leafs, who have won six of seven.

Marc Savard and P.J. Axelsson added goals for the Bruins, who have lost three of four.



Bruins goalie Tim Thomas makes a diving save in the first period against the Maple Leafs Thursday in Boston. The Bruins won the game 6-4.

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AROUND THE NATION

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic

team	record	GF	GA
New Jersey	9-5	37	41
NY Rangers	8-6	54	54
Pittsburgh	7-4	44	37
NY Islanders	7-6	41	46
Philadelphia	3-11	30	60

Eastern Conference, Northeast

team	record	GF	GA
Buffalo	12-1	63	39
Toronto	9-5	58	57
Montreal	8-3	46	39
Ottawa	5-8	44	39
Boston	4-6	32	48

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	GF	GA
Atlanta	12-3	67	51
Carolina	8-6	55	56
Tampa Bay	8-7	54	47
Washington	6-5	47	53
Florida	6-7	44	53

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	GF	GA
Minnesota	10-4	42	30
Vancouver	8-7	40	38
Colorado	7-6	51	49
Edmonton	7-7	40	42
Calgary	5-7	37	40

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	GF	GA
Anaheim	11-0	53	35
Dallas	11-4	44	29
San Jose	11-5	49	35
Los Angeles	5-9	42	53
Phoenix	4-10	36	63

Western Conference, Central

team	record	GF	GA
Detroit	10-4	41	31
Nashville	9-3	47	39
Columbus	5-7	32	41
St. Louis	4-7	36	48
Chicago	4-9	36	49

NCAA Men's Soccer

team	record	prev.
1 SMU	17-1-4	2
1 Duke	16-3-1	9
3 Virginia	14-3-1	3
4 Wake Forest	15-3-3	1
5 Santa Clara	12-4-4	7
6 Indiana	14-4-2	10
7 Maryland	15-4-1	5
8 Saint Louis	13-4-2	8
9 St. John's (N.Y.)	13-5-2	NR
10 Clemson	12-4-2	6
11 Cal	12-5-1	11
12 NOTRE DAME	12-5-2	12
13 Harvard	13-4-0	17
14 Kentucky	14-5-2	13
15 Lehigh	15-1-2	14
16 Monmouth	14-3-3	16
17 West Virginia	15-2-3	4
18 UC Irvine	13-4-3	18
19 North Carolina	11-5-3	19
20 Towson	14-1-3	15

NCAA FOOTBALL



Rutgers' fans rush the field to celebrate the Scarlet Knights' 28-25 victory over Louisville. Rutgers kicker Jeremy Ito, center, won the game on a 33-yard field goal with 18 seconds left in regulation.

Rutgers shocks Louisville, stays perfect

Associated Press

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers arrived — and kicked No. 3 Louisville right out of the national championship scramble.

The program that once set the standard for college football futility jumped into the title picture Thursday night by rallying from a big deficit for a 28-25 victory over the Cardinals.

On his second chance, Jeremy Ito kicked a 28-yard tiebreaking field goal with 13 seconds left and the second consecutive prime-time showdown between Big East unbeaten teams went to No. 15 Rutgers (9-0, 4-0).

"This is the new

Rutgers," said Scarlet Knights fullback Brian Leonard, the fifth-year senior who was a redshirt freshman on a 1-11 team. "This is a dream of mine."

Just a week ago, it was Louisville (8-1, 3-1) celebrating the biggest win in school history, a 44-34 victory over West Virginia that vaulted the Cardinals into the thick of the national championship race.

This time, it was Rutgers' turn to party.

The Scarlet Knights shut out the high-scoring Cardinals in the second half, erased an 18-point deficit and got the ball with 5:28 left in the fourth quar-

ter at their own 9.

"You don't come back the way we did tonight unless you have believers," coach Greg Schiano said.

Leonard went 26 yards with a pass in the flats to get Rutgers into Louisville territory and Ray Rice broke a 20-yard run to get into field-goal range. Ito missed a 33-yarder with 18 seconds left, but Louisville was offside and Ito got another shot — and it was perfect.

The final play, appropriately, was a sack of Brian Brohm by a Rutgers' defense that proved worthy of the No. 2 ranking in the country.

"We were totally out of sync in the second half, and that can't happen," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said. "Some of our goals are still out there, that we can reach. We're going to need some help."

After the game, Rutgers fans flooded the field and swarmed the players.

"It's so awesome with 44,000 fans on this field right now, all Rutgers fans," Leonard said.

There are now four undefeated teams in the country — No. 1 Ohio State, No. 2 Michigan, No. 14 Boise State and — it's probably hard for many to believe — Rutgers.

IN BRIEF

Three tied for lead after first round of Tour Championship

RICHMOND, Texas — Gary Christian overcame back spasms, Andrew Buckle rallied with five consecutive birdies and Cliff Kresge made a late eagle Thursday to grab shares of the first-round lead in the Nationwide Tour Championship.

Christian, Buckle and Kresge opened with 5-under 67s in the season-ending event at The Houstonian. The winner will earn \$135,000, while the season money champion will be fully exempt on the 2007 PGA Tour and earn a spot in The Players Championship. Nos. 2-22 on the final money list will be conditionally exempt on the PGA Tour and Nos. 23-37 will get spots in the final stage of the National Qualifying Tournament.

Chris Tidland, Steve Allan and Brandt Snedeker shot 68s.

"Sometimes it's a matter of survival," Buckle said. "Today I tried to think my way around the golf course."

Driver Scott Sharp to join Letterman Racing

INDIANAPOLIS — IndyCar Series veteran Scott Sharp is joining Rahal Letterman Racing, giving the team a second driver for next season.

Sharp will join returning driver Jeff Simmons with Rahal Letterman, which lost Danica Patrick to Andretti Green Racing and has not been able to line up a sponsor for 2004 Indy 500 winner Buddy Rice.

Sharp, 38, is the IRL's longest-tenured driver and has won nine races while driving in all 11 seasons since the series started. He finished 12th in the IRL driver standings this past season while driving for Delphi Fernandez Racing, with his best finishes being fifth in the Texas and Richmond races.

"Scott has demonstrated over the years to be one of the most consistent drivers in the IndyCar Series and he is a proven race winner," team co-owner Bobby Rahal said.

Mauresmo and Henin-Hardenne to face in semis

MADRID, Spain — Amelie Mauresmo won't have the top ranking after Sunday but she can still retain her WTA Championships title after beating Martina Hingis 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 on Thursday.

Mauresmo's defeat of former two-time winner Hingis set up a final Yellow Group match with Justine Henin-Hardenne that Mauresmo must win to advance to the semifinals.

"For me, I need to go out and win that match. It's the only solution for me to qualify," Mauresmo said.

Henin-Hardenne reached the semis with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Nadia Petrova.

Henin-Hardenne's group record is 2-0, Mauresmo's 1-1, and Petrova and Hingis are each 1-2.

No. 3-ranked Henin-Hardenne is focused not on finishing ranked No. 1, but winning her first WTA Championships crown.

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NBA

Miami Heat at New Jersey Nets
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Lion in bed: Paterno to miss his first game since 1977 season

Penn State coach will designate coaching duties to assistant

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno declared himself "out" for Penn State's next game Saturday, designating longtime assistant Tom Bradley to make any tough calls in the school's

first contest without the coaching icon since 1977.

Better make the right decisions, though, Tom: Paterno undoubtedly will be watching.

Heeding his doctor's advice, Paterno told his staff Thursday that he would not be at Beaver Stadium for Saturday's game against Temple. The 79-year-old coach had surgery Sunday to repair a fractured shinbone and two torn knee ligaments

in his left leg, injuries sustained in a sideline collision in a loss last week to Wisconsin.

His left leg fitted with a temporary brace, Paterno spoke with his assistants Thursday morning during a meeting at his Mount Nittany Medical Center room.

"You guys know what you're doing and what I want enough that I don't need to be there creating a huge distraction Saturday," he told them,

according to a team statement. "Enough on me; let's get back to football."

Paterno is eager to check out, though he won't be released until team doctor Wayne Sebastianelli is satisfied with the progress of his recovery. So it's unclear whether Paterno will watch his squad Saturday from home or from his room at the hospital, just down the street from the stadium.

The coach "just realized he's got to be proactive," D'Elia said, "that in this condition it wasn't safe to be out and about."

So JoePa and his rolled-up khakis will be missing from the Penn State sideline for the first time since 1977, when he missed a game after his son, David, was involved in an accident. Paterno also missed a game as an assistant in 1955 after his father died.

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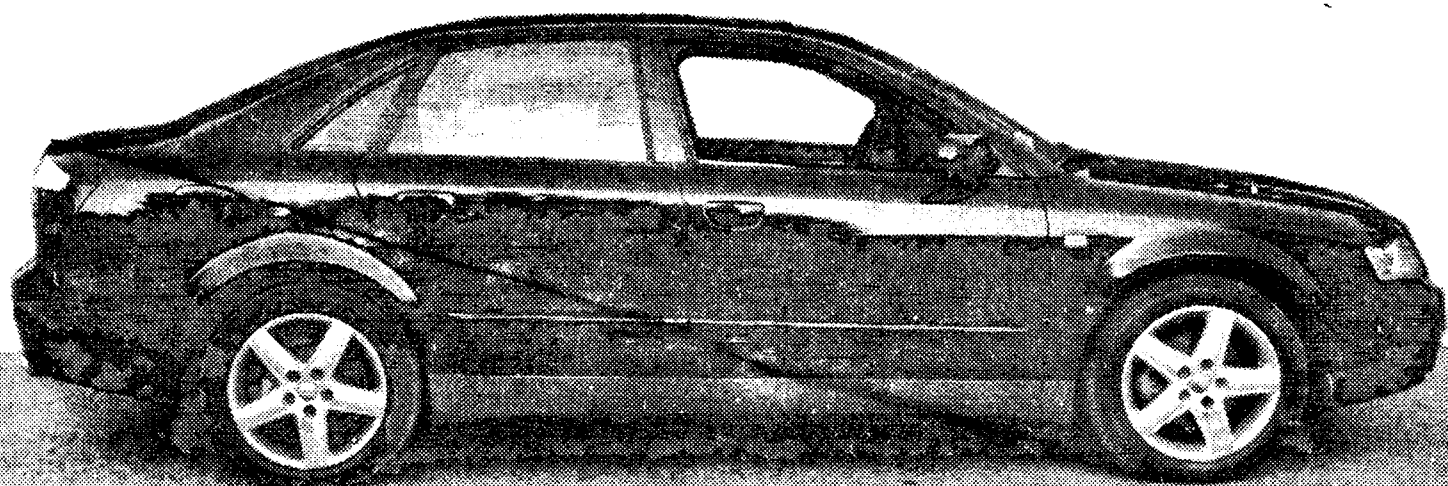
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SMC SWIMMING

Belles looking for first win of season

Dombkowski hopes young team comes together for weekend

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes to notch its first win of the young season against Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute Saturday.

The 0-3 Belles have dropped meets to Olivet, Hope and Carthage so far this year. Facing an 0-1 Rose-Hulman team may provide an opportunity to turn their season around.

First-year coach Ryan Dombkowski sees similarities between Rose-Hulman and Saint Mary's.

"Rose-Hulman is a team that, like Saint Mary's, struggles with depth," Dombkowski said. "We're not quite deep enough to be extremely competitive in our conference."

The scoring system in swimming is heavily weighted toward first-place finishes, Dombkowski said, but the deciding factor of the meet will

lie in every result — not just wins.

"A battle for every position [including second through fifth] results in multiple point swings in either direction," he said. "Winning these battles will be the key to winning the meet."

Attitude and focus will play a large role on Saturday as well, according to sophomore Melissa Gerbeth.

"The team needs to get in focus on Saturday and get in the mindset that they can do whatever they put their mind to," said Gerbeth, a distance freestyle and individual medley swimmer. "They also need to have confidence in themselves."

Saint Mary's has a young team, including only one senior. Of the six swimmers who have won individual events this year, four are freshmen.

"On Saturday, I'm looking forward to a young team coming together to support one another to put the pieces together for a dual meet victory," Dombkowski said. The team has had some success this season. The 200-meter freestyle relay team, composed of Gerbeth, junior Kelly Tighe and freshmen Lindsey Nelis and Sara Niemann, placed first against Hope. The Belles took that same event the next day against Carthage, this time with Gerbeth, Nelis, freshmen Meredith Lierz and junior Amy Mahoney.

Dombkowski expects the relay to be important yet again against Rose-Hulman.

"Both relays will be crucial," he said. "Not just our top team, but our second teams as well."

Gerbeth placed first in the 500-meter freestyle against Olivet and in the 1000-meter freestyle against Carthage. Tighe, Nelis and freshmen Katie Ferguson and Katie Carroll have all won races for the Belles.

To Gerbeth, however, the meet still comes down to the right mindset.

"I've prepared by practicing hard, lifting and being positive," she said. "If you are not positive about swimming fast then you might as well not even get in the water."

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles continue postseason

Gray leads Saint Mary's into D-III Tournament Series this weekend

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's starts its final run of the season this weekend as it begins the first part of the NCAA Division III Tournament Series at Hanover College. The Belles enter the Great Lakes regional championship after a two-week break following the MIAA Conference Championship, a meet that produced a fifth-place finish behind first-place Calvin College.

At the MIAA meet, Megan Gray posted the best ever individual finish by a Belle.

Gray's time of 23:44 on the 6K course earned her sixth place and a spot on the first-team MIAA. Her performance was record-breaking — since the 1998 season when Saint Mary's cross country first joined the

MIAA, no Belle has ever finished in the top 10 at the conference contest.

The Belles will need top performances from Gray and all of the women competing, for they will be dealing with some of the best competition in the entire nation. Two of the top-10 teams in the country will battle the women's six-kilometer regional championship.

The field of more than 30 squads features three teams ranked in the top 35 spots in the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) poll. Calvin College (Mich.) and Case-Western Reserve University (Ohio) enter the meet ranked among the nation's top teams.

Calvin, ranked seventh overall, swept the MIAA finale with a 15-point effort. The Knights had the

first five runners to cross the finish line and had three others in the top 10. Senior Camille Medema won the individual crown, posting a time of 22:58.6. Case-Western, champions of the University Athletic Association, is ranked ninth in the country in the latest USTFCCCA poll.

The Belles hope to work together in packs, especially with such a large field of runners.

The course is known as a fast one and is very flat, coach Jackie Bauters said last week. The course record is 20:00.2, set by Wartburg College's Missy Buttry in the 2003 national championship. Bauters could not be reached this week, as she was out of town participating in a race.

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Football

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Little as a wide receiver because he expressed a desire to play the position in college. But as Little's body develops, Frank said, Notre Dame could use him anywhere from tight end to linebacker or strong safety.

"When you watch him on film, he looks a lot like [Dallas Cowboys' wide receiver] Terrell Owens," Frank said. "He certainly doesn't have excellent hands at this point — probably [because he is still] learning to become a

receiver — [but] he's got lots and lots and lots of potential."

North Carolina, Florida, Michigan, Ohio State and USC were among a host of schools

that had offered Little scholarships.

Benn, a 6-foot-2, 205-pound wide out from Washington, D.C. (Dunbar High School), had offers from Florida State, Maryland, USC and Miami, among others. Frank compared Benn to Irish senior Rhema McKnight.

"Benn's more of a complete receiver because he's played receiver forever," Frank said.

"He's got very good hands, he's pretty elusive [and] he's got good speed."

Frank said Notre Dame was "banking on" getting Benn because he had told the Irish he would come to Notre Dame but later changed his mind.

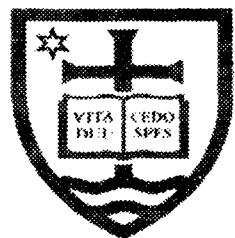
"Sometimes players feel like they belong or they don't," Frank said.

"I guess it didn't really seem like it was a good fit for him."

"[Little] has got good feet, good acceleration and he can really play."

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NCAA TOURNAMENTS AT ALUMNI FIELD

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame runs for NCAA Tournament bid

Irish prepare to face regional competition this weekend in Ohio

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After a long season, Notre Dame is one good race away from its ultimate goal — the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish will run Saturday against teams from across the Midwest in the NCAA Great Lakes regional in Bowling Green, Ohio.

The No. 18 men's team is ready to rebound from a tough third place finish Oct. 27 in the Big East championship against their regional competition. The team's goal is to finish no lower than second, which would guarantee it a spot in the NCAA Tournament Nov. 20.

"We don't want to leave anything to chance so our goal is

second or better," sophomore Patrick Smyth said. "I don't think there's any reason we can't get that."

Despite Notre Dame's confidence, the Irish will face tough competition Saturday. The field in the Great Lakes region features five top-30 teams including the Irish, No. 1 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan, No. 27 Michigan State and No. 29 Butler.

The Irish already met two of those schools —

Michigan and Wisconsin — at the Notre Dame

Invitational Sept. 29. Notre Dame's

fourth-place finish at that event was good enough to best Wisconsin, who finished eighth. Michigan finished second.

Even though the Irish will compete Saturday in one of the toughest fields they have seen this season, coach Joe Piane has

lightened the workload for his team heading into the postseason.

"We've been tapering a little bit, but not a whole lot," Smyth said. "We did some thousands on the track on Tuesday, everybody did well on that. But other than that we've been getting more mentally prepared for the meet."

Smyth and senior

Kurt Benninger have been the main keys for Irish success this season.

The two finished second and third at the Big East

race and were named to the all-Big East team

along with junior Jake Watson. For this race, Notre Dame's top two runners

hope to again stay at the front of the pack.

"If there's a group of 15 or so, we want to be in that group," Smyth said. "We just want to be

"If there's a group of 15 or so, we want to be in that group."

Patrick Smyth
sophomore

Lakes regional also has a number of top schools, including No. 3 Michigan, No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan State and No. 28 Butler. But the Irish are confident they can succeed.

"Getting to nationals is our one and only focus."

Julie Opet
junior

"Getting to nationals is our one and only focus," Opet said. "A top-two finish would be awesome. But we are just trying to beat as many teams as possible. We're looking at at least a top-four finish to

get pushed in."

To prepare for this race, Notre Dame has cut down on its practices, an attempt to save some leg strength for the tough competition.

"We've cut back since this is the postseason now," Connelly said, "not on the intensity of the training, but just how long our runs are to make sure our legs are in good condition for this race."

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Vball

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Pittsburgh hopes to upset Notre Dame and move themselves past the Irish in the postseason rankings. The Panthers (20-8, 8-4 Big East) are one of five teams other than Notre Dame (15-10, 9-3 Big East) that have already clinched a berth in the Big East tournament.

Placement in the tournament is not the only thing fueling Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish look to avenge a five-game loss to the Panthers last

fall, Notre Dame's only conference blemish in the 2005 regular season.

Led by junior Diana Andreyko's 4.08 kills per game and .238 hitting percentage, Pittsburgh has a formidable offense.

"Pittsburgh has very good outside hitters," Brown said. "We're going to need to slow them down and hold them to low hitting percentages."

This will be an important focus for Notre Dame, which is currently fourth in the Big East in opponents' hitting percentage. Big East teams have hit .173 against Notre Dame. Pittsburgh also has very profi-

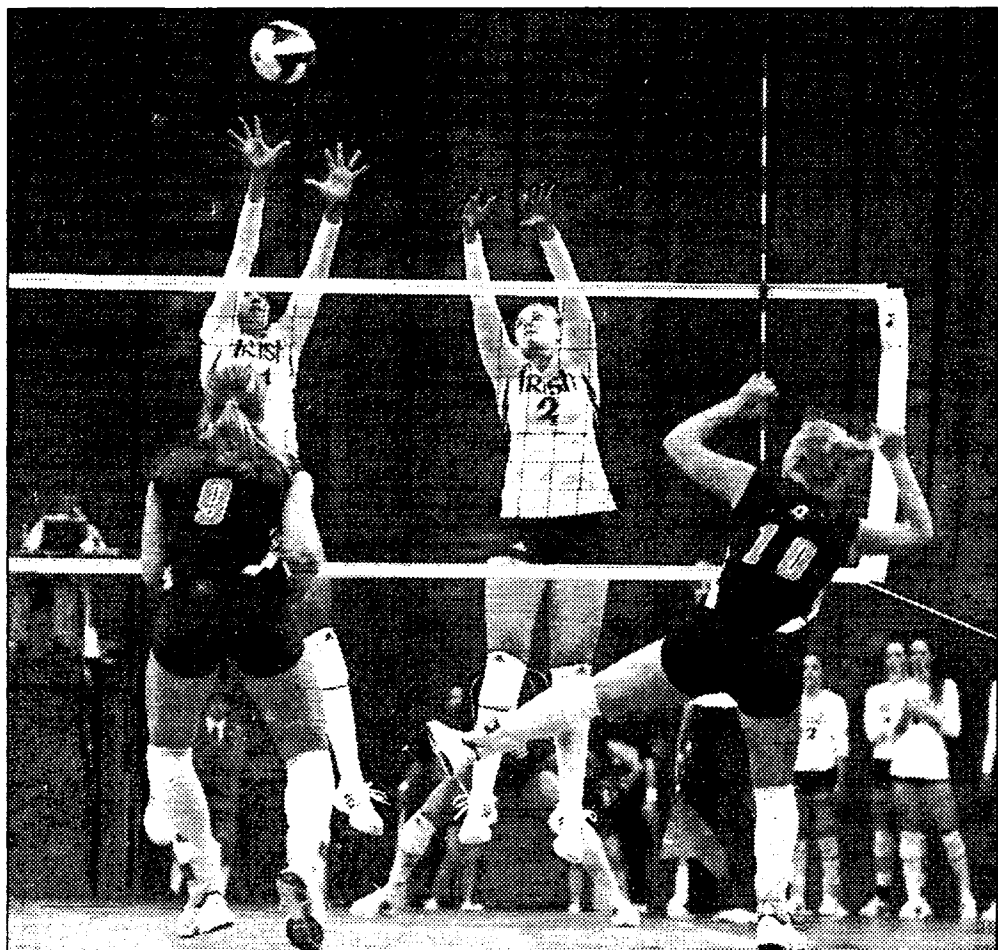
cient blockers, posting 3.41 blocks per game — the second highest average in the Big East.

On paper, Sunday's match against West Virginia does not appear as threatening as the match against Pittsburgh. The Mountaineers (2-27, 1-11 Big East) have never beaten the Irish at the Joyce Center. West Virginia comes in at the bottom of the league offensively with only 11.63 kills a game and a .091 hitting percentage.

However, the West Virginia defense is more capable of containing Notre Dame. The Mountaineers are led by senior libero Aurora Ebert-Santos, whose 4.77 conference digs per game places her above Notre Dame's senior libero Danielle Herndon's 4.55 digs per game.

"We made a lot of progress last week with two great offensive performances," Brown said.

With its last two tune-ups before the Big East tournament, Notre Dame hopes to keep its momentum intact on the team's Senior Day.



Justine Stremick, left, and Mallorie Croal jump for a block in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 26 at the Joyce Center.

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Swimming

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hold off the Spartans last year winning 122-120. Senior Ted Brown starred in that meet, winning the 500 and 1,000-meter freestyle races.

Brown churned out another clutch performance in the team's most recent win over Purdue. Once again he took two races, including the 200-yard individual medley. The win, which came in the second-to-last race of the meet, gave the Irish nine points to retake the lead for good.

This weekend the team will also need a big performance out of its two divers — sophomore Michael Bulfin and junior Sam Stoner. The two have averaged scores of 299.4 and 293.6, respectively, in their first three dives this season.

The Panthers also have two strong sophomore divers to challenge Bulfin and Stoner. Aleksandr Volovetski has won the 100-meter event in every one of Pittsburgh's meets this year and recently broke his own record with a score of 351 against St. Bonaventure Oct. 27.

"Our diving is always critical," Welsh said. "Pitt has two divers who are both very good, and when two out of 13 events are diving it's pretty important."

Before that matchup, Notre Dame will have to get past Michigan State this afternoon. The Spartans lost to the Iowa Hawkeyes in their first meet of the season. The team got off to a quick start when Adam Schmitt, Sho Koba and Jason Vadney took the top three spots in the 200-yard freestyle.

However, Iowa gained ground by taking the top two diving spots and held on for the victory.

"We want to be faster than we were against Purdue, but we're not going into this weekend with any expectations other than racing very well," Welsh said.

Welsh continues to keep his team focused on its ultimate goal — winning its third straight Big East championship and competing well at the NCAA Tournament. Despite the busy weekend, the Irish have continued to train intensely to stay on schedule for the postseason meets in February.

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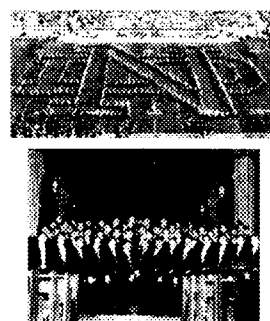
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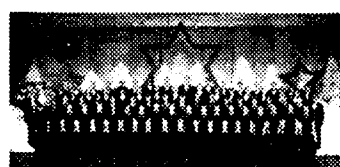
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Monday, November 13

9:00 am - *Opening Plenary: Overview of the Issues, Auditorium, CCE*

- Business: Klaus Leisinger, President and CEO, Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development Stretching the Limits of Corporate Responsibility
- NGO: Mary Anderson, Executive Director, CDA Collaborative Learning Projects False Promises and Premises? The Challenge of Peacebuilding for Corporations
- Academic: Timothy Fort, The Lindner-Gambal Professor of Business Ethics, The George Washington University School of Business Moral Maturity, Peace Through Commerce, and the Partnership Dimension

10:30 am - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

I. Local Entrepreneurship, Room 100, CCE

- Francisco Ilunga de Almeida and Ofélia Eugenio, Angola Enterprise Program. They will discuss a public-private partnership between the UNDP (the United Nations Development Program), the Chevron Corporation and the government of Angola. Public-Private Partnership for Enterprise Development: The Case of the Angola Enterprise Program
- Bruce McNamer, President, TechnoServe Leveraging Public-Private Partnerships to Create Hope and Economic Activity in the Developing World: Cases from Tanzania
- John Bee, Director, Public Affairs, Nestlé, S.A. and Professor Lisa Newton, Fairfield University. They will discuss projects with a Colombian Dairy, Pakistani Female Extension Workers, and the Nigerian broadcast sponsorship partnership with the NGO Search for Common Ground that provides a conflict-resolving role modeling for Nigerians. Using the Food Chain to Create Peace

II. Divesting or Investing in Peace, Auditorium, CCE

- David Lowry, Director, International Center for Corporate Accountability. (Retired from Freeport McMoran). He will speak from his experience in Papua New Guinea. Extractives, Economic Development, Codes of Conduct and Audits: Creating Peace through Carefully Thought-out Commerce
- Christian Roy, Extractive Industries Initiative (EII), PACT Congo. PACT is an NGO dedicated to forging linkages among government, business and citizen sectors to achieve social, economic and environmental justice. The Democratic Republic of the Congo's Extractive Industries' Alliance: Can Responsible Mining Promote Sustainable Social Development and Better Governance in a Fragile State?
- Alexandra Guáqueta, and Luis F. de Angulo, Fundación Ideas para la Paz. Introducing a Conflict-sensitive Risk and Impact Assessments Tool to Extractive Industry Companies: Experiences from Colombia. Cases of Occidental Petroleum and BP
- Ian Gary, Policy Advisor for Extractive Industries, Oxfam America. He will address corruption and transparency in the extractive Industries. Multistakeholder Efforts in the Extractive Industries

1:00 pm - Remarks: (Lower Level Dining Room, CCE)

Christian Much, German Foreign Ministry, Head of Task Force Global Issues, Berlin Investing in Peace

2:00 pm - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

III. The Role of Business in Societies with Conflict, Auditorium, CCE

- Donal O'Neill, Lansdowne Consulting (Retired from Shell Oil) Impact Assessment, Transparency and Accountability – Three Keys to Building Sustainable Partnership between Business and its Stakeholders
- Patricia Wright, Vice President of External Affairs, BP
- Daniel Saurez, Peace Group of Bogota Business Leader's Forum Colombia The Role of Local Businesses in Peacebuilding: The Case of the Colombia Business Leaders Peace Group
- Brigitte Scherrer, Project Manager, Business Humanitarian Forum Producing Generic Medicines in Afghanistan: Opportunities and Challenges of a Multi-stakeholder Partnership

IV. Community Relations, Room 100, CCE

- Ed Potter, Director, Global Labor Relations and Workplace Accountability, The Coca-Cola Company The Evolution of Labor Relations and Workplace Practices as part of Corporate Social Responsibility - the case of The Coca-Cola Company
- Stanley Litow, Vice President, Corporate Community Relations and President, IBM International Foundation. Technology Innovation to Address Global Social and Education Issues
- Helen Macdonald, Director, Community Relations and Social Development, Newmont Mining Corporation Human Rights and Conflict Management in Newmont: A Systems Approach to Implementing Human Rights

4:00 pm - **CONCURRENT SESSIONS:**

V. Peace Through Health: Some Contributions, Room 100, CCE

- Tom Costa, Vice President, International Policy and Government Affairs, Bristol-Myers Squibb "Secure the Future": Bristol-Myers Squibb's Response to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Africa
- Mark Holloway, Manager Corporate Outreach, Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS Partnership with Unilever and Virgin Airlines for the Treatment and Care of HIV/AIDS
- Dr. Daniel Shungu, Executive Director, United Front Against Riverblindness(UFAR) Partnerships to Combat Riverblindness in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

VI. Outreach Programs, Auditorium, CCE

- Ford Motor Co., Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J. and Mary Ann Hazen, Professors at University of Detroit Mercy. Ford Motor Company, Human Rights and Environmental Integrity
- General Electric, Bob Corcoran, Vice President, Corporate Citizenship The Millennium Village Project: General Electric's Contribution
- Daniel Malan, KPMG Sustainability Services, South Africa From Being Apart to Being Partners – a South African Case Study of Barloworld
- David Wheeler, Dean of Management, Dalhousie University. He will discuss enterprise development in Darfur and Southern Sudan using a participative action research approach. Conflict Transformation Project: Promoting Sustainable Livelihoods and Grassroots Enterprise Development

8:00 pm - AACSB Panel: Peace Through Commerce: Business Education Initiatives

- Chair: Georg Kell, Executive Head of the Global Compact Office, United Nations (Mendoza College of Business Atrium)
- John Fernandes, President and Chief Executive Officer, AACSB
- Jennifer Potter, Managing Director, Initiative for Global Development
- Tim Solso, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Cummins, Inc.

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things people can do when we're running."

Along with this new look offense will be a stingy Irish defense that shut down its two preseason opponents, limiting them to 28 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 67 turnovers. That swarming defense helped the Irish dominate those first two opponents — outscoring them by an average of 82-45.

Despite her team's performance in the preseason, McGraw is still wary of a Central Michigan threat.

"They do a lot of different things offensively, a lot of motion," McGraw said. "We're really working on our defense."

Challenging the Irish defense will be Central Michigan's long-range offense. The Chippewas are shorter than the Irish. Their tallest player is 6-foot-2 senior forward Ann Skufka, whose specialty is shooting from beyond the arc. This three-point offense will test the athleticism of Notre Dame's two centers, Williamson and senior Melissa D'Amico.

"Their big guys can shoot

threes, can play away from the basket, so I think defensively it is going to be a big challenge for our post to be able to handle a three-point shooter and someone who likes to put the ball on the floor," McGraw said. "We're better against a post-up player, where we can use our size. So I think they're going to have a tough time guarding them."

This game will also be the regular season debut of Notre Dame's three talented freshmen, Williamson and guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow.

Williamson filled in well for D'Amico in Notre Dame's two exhibition games. Lechlitner and Barlow also have logged significant minutes running the point this season, enabling McGraw to operate an efficient four-guard set.

Now the Irish are ready for the games that matter.

"I think as a team we're pretty prepared. We've been working ever since summer started," Williamson said. "We've been working hard, going through all of our offenses and everything. I think we're just most of all excited to get started."

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Brey

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all five starters, will try to take advantage of the young Irish roster and pull the upset it barely missed last year.

"This is a really good team coming in here and they think they can beat us," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

McAlarney said the team is focusing exclusively on IPFW and not looking ahead to the preseason NIT, which the Irish will begin on Monday against Butler in Indianapolis.

"We need to take every team we play as seriously as possible," he said.

The Irish showcased their new up-tempo style in their two preseason games — a 79-44 win over Rockhurst Nov. 1 and an 85-57 win over Bellarmine Monday. In both games, Notre Dame employed a full court press early and often and — even in its half-court defense — pressured the point guard one-on-one for most of the floor.

McAlarney, along with freshman guard Tory Jackson, will draw the duty of hounding Mastodon point guard Brad Pompey, who scored 10 points and dished out four assists against the Irish last year.

"I think we're going to pressure the ball as much as we can from start to finish," McAlarney said. "We're going to try to create some havoc."

But Brey admits that won't be easy against the veteran Mastodons, "a very polished offensive team."

He hopes the run-and-gun style will bring more fans to the Joyce Center, especially for a team like IPFW that is more dangerous than its name suggests. The two exhibition games drew less than half capacity.

"For people who haven't seen this team yet, they should come out and watch us, because we're fun to watch," Brey said. "There are some neat things going on with our young guys and we have an exciting style of play."

Guards Russell Carter and Colin Falls will begin their senior campaigns tonight looking for their first career NCAA tournament berth. Carter, one of the team's most athletic players, averaged 11.5 points and 5.1 rebounds last year.

Falls, a deadly spot up shooter, averaged 14.8 points per game last season and shot almost 40 percent from behind the three-point arc.

Tonight's game will also mark the official collegiate debut of five Notre Dame freshmen — Jackson, guards Joe Harden and

Jonathan Peoples and forwards Luke Harangody and Tim Andree.

Jackson spelled McAlarney at point guard in the two exhibition games and is expected to replay that role tonight. Harangody, who averaged 13 points and seven rebounds in the two exhibition games, will come off the bench for starting big men sophomore Luke Zeller and junior Rob Kurz.

Notes:

♦ Kurz, who suffered a broken nose in practice after a collision with Harangody, missed Monday's win over Bellarmine. He returned to practice Wednesday and is expected to play tonight with a protective mask on his face.

♦ The team has not chosen captains yet and will not until later in the season. Brey said this is already the latest he has ever gone into a season without having his squad vote for captains.

"I want this group to be together longer, then we'll vote," he said. "We may vote after the NIT and we might vote at Christmas."

But even without captains, Brey said the Irish are not without leaders.

"Russell Carter, Colin Falls, and Kurz are our leaders," he said. "There's no question about that."

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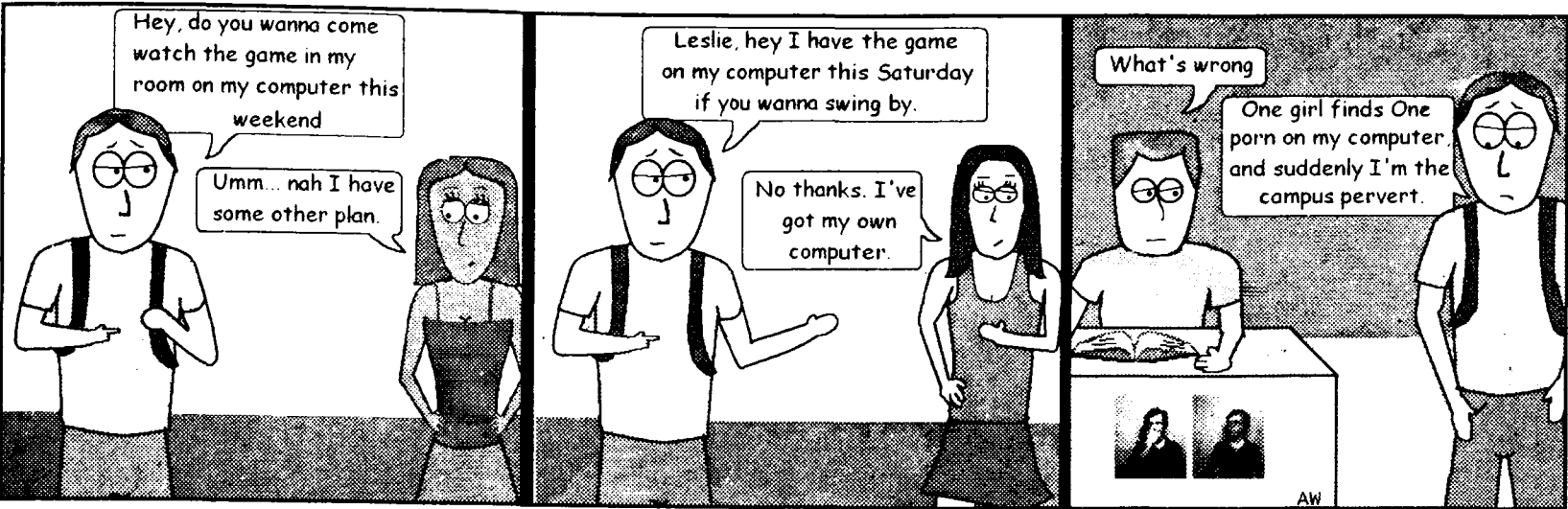


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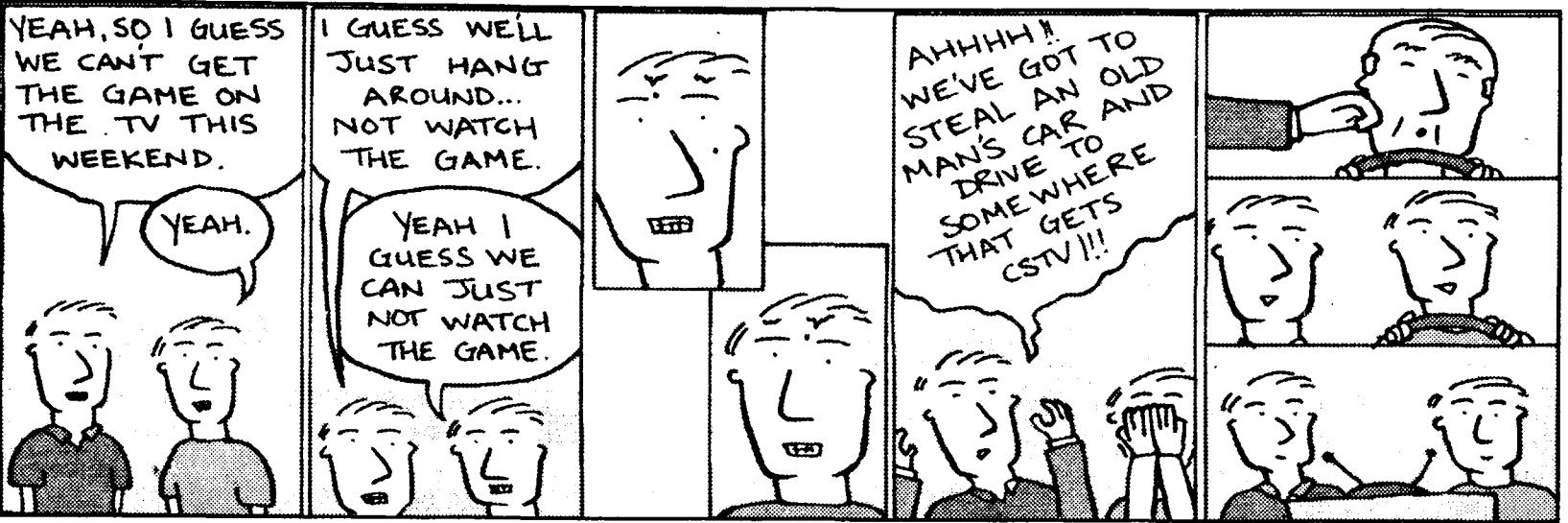
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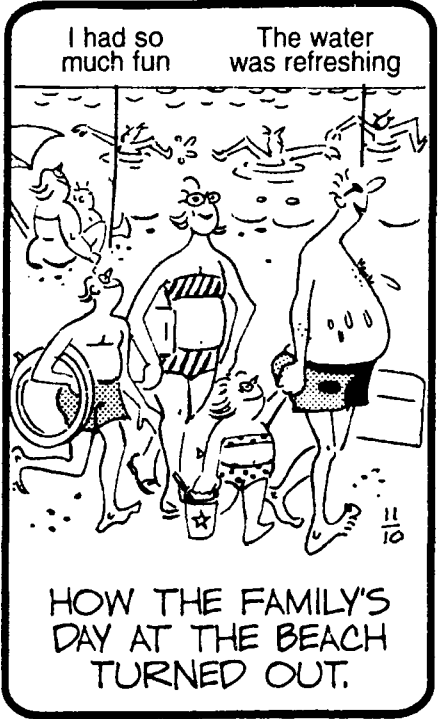
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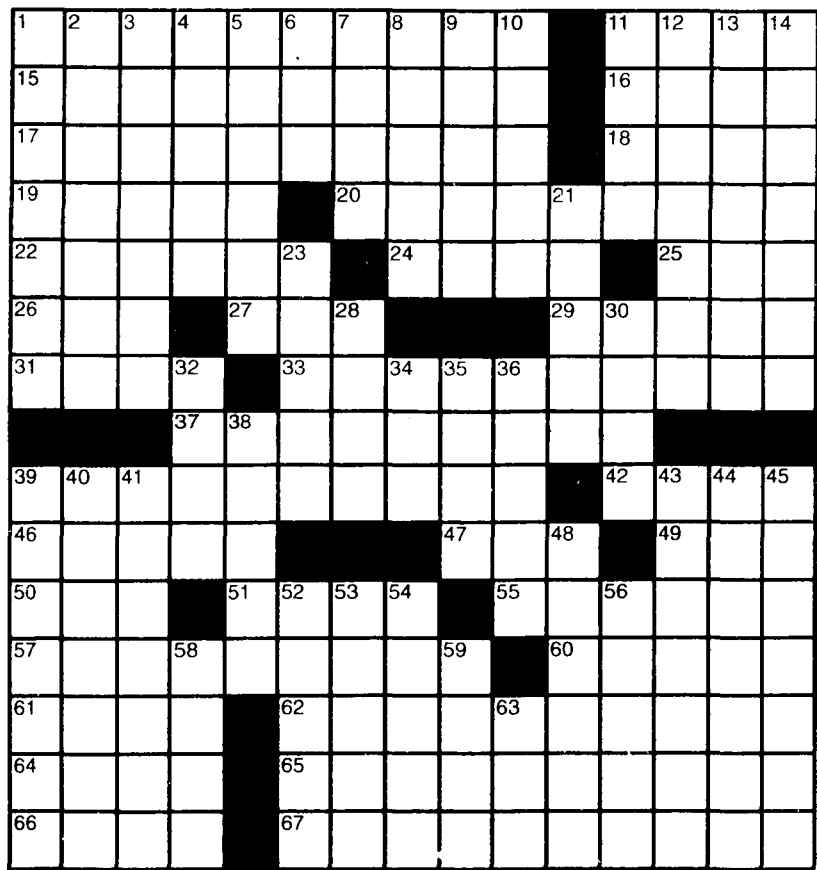
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 - 18 Häagen-_____
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 - 25 Bad: Prefix
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 - 29 Byzantine emperor called "the Wise"
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 - 33 Admirer, and then some
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 - 5 Percussion instrument
 - 6 Sched. info
 - 7 Promise
 - 8 "Bird on _____"
 - 9 Cut loose
 - 10 Bit of salon waste
 - 11 Pharmacy stock, for short
 - 12 Helping
 - 13 Destructive tropical American weevil
 - 14 Starts gently
 - 21 Dip choice
 - 23 Cousin of a clog
 - 28 First name in psychedelic rock
 - 30 Fix firmly
 - 32 New Jersey's _____ University
 - 34 Something graded between E and F?
 - 35 Bother, with "at"
 - 36 German article
 - 38 [Not more homework!]
 - 39 Shakers and tongs, e.g.
 - 40 Red Skelton musical comedy
 - 41 It can make you square
 - 43 Like some pumps
 - 44 Rescuer of Andromeda, in myth
 - 45 Wedges
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 - 52 Platform introduced in 1981
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you work hard today, you can accomplish great things. Don't let your emotions stand in the way. Uncertainty regarding a financial deal should be enough of a warning to take a pass. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taking part in a fund raising event or something of a serious nature will lead to a partnership with someone who has as much to offer as you do. You will be able to make some interesting changes where friendships are concerned. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): An action packed day can be expected. Emotional matters will surface, making it easier to deal with such issues. Solutions can be found if you are willing to try something a little different. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Whether you travel physically, mentally or down the information highway doesn't much matter. It's the information you receive and the people you meet along the way that will count. A social or networking event will be well worth your time. 5 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep things to yourself if you don't want to be ridiculed or blamed for the way things turn out. You will face problems if you try to push your own way. Focus on how you can make your home more comfortable, convenient and user friendly. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can't go wrong today. Your ability to deal with any situation you face will be your guide to success. Emotional matters can be resolved and talks will get you what you want. Love, partnerships and positive changes to your personal life can be expected. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you become emotional or let your guard down, you will lose out. Stick to your game plan and finish what you start. This is not the day to let other people upset your world. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Turn on your Scorpio charm and you will get whatever you want. Change will occur that will lighten your load and rid you of the people and things no longer important to you. A love connection will broaden your awareness and ignite your passion. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't get mystified by someone who appears to be more experienced. Listen, observe and take notes, but hold your own. This is not the time to appear confused or uncertain about your life or your direction. 3 stars

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Gifts, winnings or paybacks can all be expected. A change will turn out better than you anticipated. You should be able to make a commitment or plans for the future. 5 stars

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Notre Dame tips off against Mastodons

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

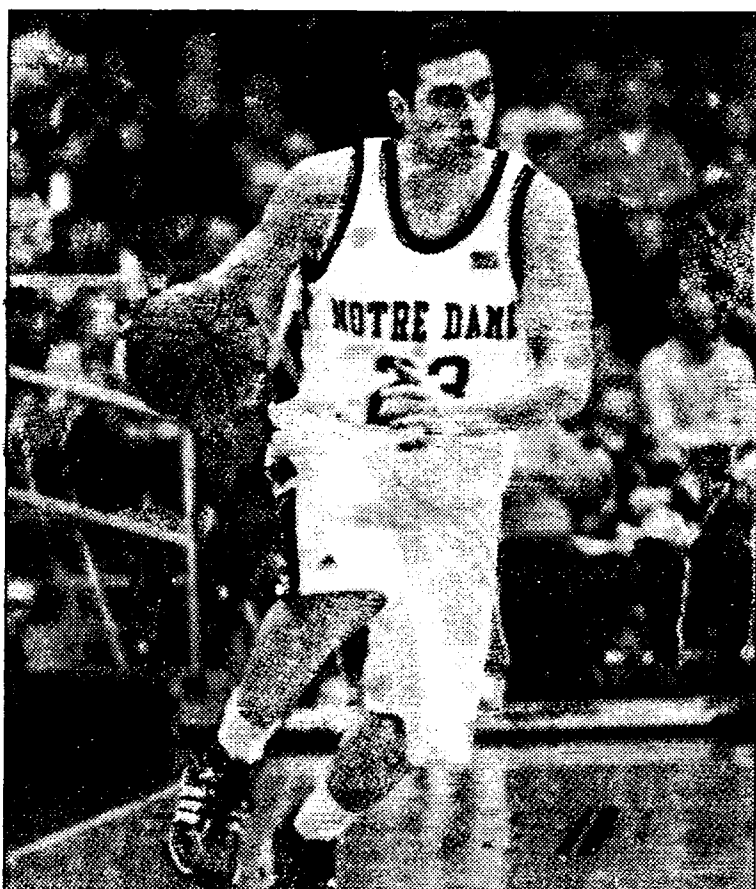
After conditioning all summer, trying to gel as a team during fall practice and winning two easy exhibition games, Notre Dame finally plays for real tonight against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne at 8 at the Joyce Center.

"This is the real deal," Irish point guard Kyle McAlarney said. "It's not an exhibition anymore. We have to be ready."

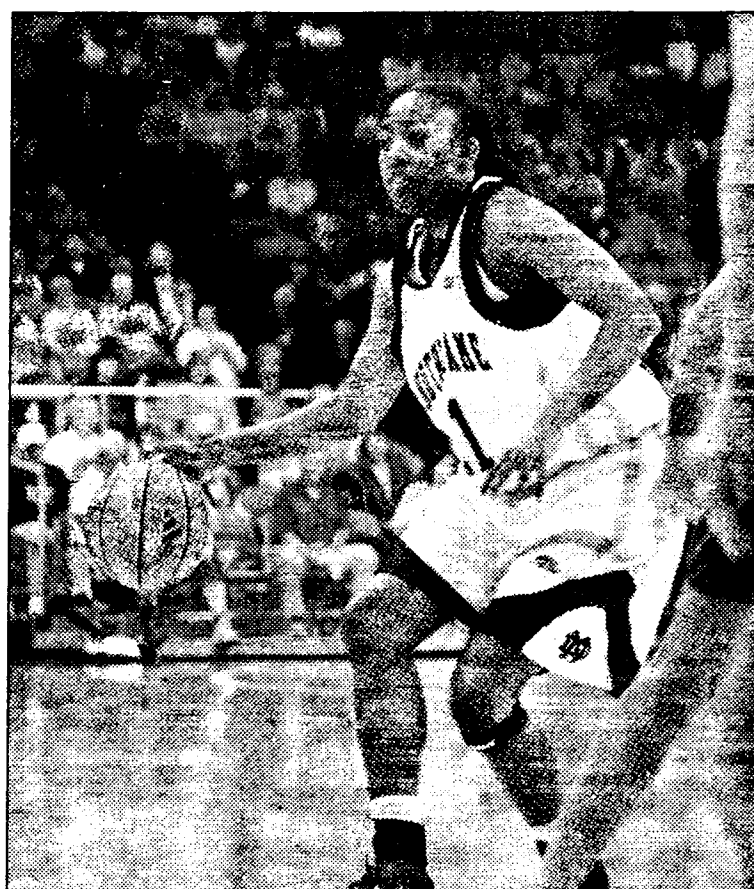
Without point guard Chris Quinn, the Irish beat the Mastodons last year 65-63 in Fort Wayne — a surprisingly close score given the supposed talent gap between the two teams.

This year, IPFW, which returns

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Left, Irish guard Kyle McAlarney drives to the hoop in Notre Dame's 85-57 win over Bellarmine Monday at the Joyce Center. Right, guard Tulyah Gaines dribbles in ND's 82-35 home win over Northwood Nov. 5.



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McGraw eager to see offense in live action

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will tip off against Central Michigan in each team's regular season opener today at 4 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Irish defeated Northwood University 82-35 Nov. 5, but Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw still hopes to see offensive improvement — a theme stressed throughout the preseason.

"I think we're looking at some new stuff offensively and seeing how [it works] out, seeing how different people come in," freshman center Erica Williamson said. "Just small

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Little commitment big addition for Irish recruiting class

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

As expected, Notre Dame went 1-for-2 in the recruiting war Thursday, winning the battle for the versatile Greg Little but losing the contest for No. 1 receiver prospect Arrelious Benn to

Illinois.

At a press conference announcing his inclusion in this year's Army All-American game, Little said he would become the 11th Irish verbal commitment for the class of 2011. Players cannot sign binding letters of intent until February.

Little is a 6-foot-3, 205-pound

senior at Hillside High School (Durham, N.C.) who has played running back, wide receiver and linebacker the past two seasons. His 40-yard dash time is listed at 4.50.

"He brings a tremendous amount of athleticism to Notre Dame's team," said Mike Frank, who covers recruiting for

Irisheyes.com. "The kid just flat can run. You just don't see guys that size run ... as well as he does."

As a junior, Little averaged 7.29 yards per carry while gaining 1,166 yards on the ground. He also had 23 receptions for 375 yards and four interceptions on defense.

"He's a very good running back," Frank said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see [Irish coach] Charlie [Weis] use him in that role. ... The guy has got good feet, good acceleration and he can really play."

Frank said schools recruited

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ND SWIMMING

Purdue, Michigan St. return to South Bend

Boilers, Spartans pose early season challenge

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

No. 17 Notre Dame looks to stay unbeaten this weekend with back-to-back home meets against Michigan State (0-1) on Friday and Big East power Pittsburgh (3-0) at Rolf's Aquatic Center Saturday.

The Irish are coming off a thrilling victory last weekend over Purdue. The No. 16 Boilermakers were in good posi-

tion until the final race, when Notre Dame captured the 400-yard freestyle relay to hold off the surging Purdue squad and move to 2-0 in dual-meet action this season.

"We've had two very exciting wins so far. Both of them have gone down to the wire," Irish coach Tim Welsh said.

This weekend's opponents are no strangers to drama, either. Pittsburgh has lost its last two trips to Notre Dame by a total of 11 points — 155-145 in 2004 and 122-121 last season. The Irish also needed final race heroics to

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ND VOLLEYBALL

ND hosts Pittsburgh, UVA

By DEVIN PRESTON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hosts its final two matches of the regular season at the Joyce Center this weekend, looking to end with one more pair of wins.

The Irish take on conference rival Pittsburgh at 2 p.m. Saturday and West Virginia at 2 p.m. Sunday. Notre Dame looks to close its season out with one more pair of wins.

"Going into the Big East tournament, we want to finish strong at home and keep that third seed," Irish coach Debbie Brown said.

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Junior Ashley Tarutis, right, sets up junior Adrianna Stasiuk in Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Bowling Green Aug. 28 at the Joyce Center.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Great Lakes Regionals

Saturday

Irish men, women race with NCAA berth on the line.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Great Lakes Regionals

Saturday

Belles compete in first leg of Division III Tournament.

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SMC SWIMMING

Saint Mary's at Rose Hulman

Saturday

Winless Belles look for their first win of the year in the dual meet.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Penn State coach Joe Paterno will not coach Saturday due to the injury he sustained last weekend.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Louisville 25 Rutgers 28

Rutgers kicker Jeremy Ito kicks a game winning field goal in the final minute of the Knights upset win.

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NHL

Toronto 6 Boston 4

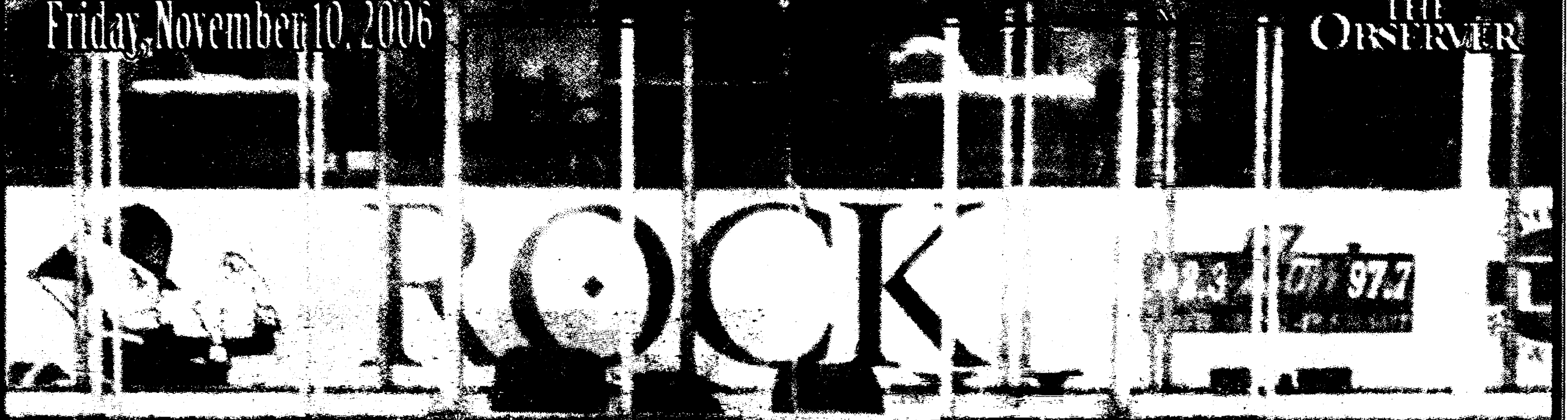
Toronto goalie Andrew Raycroft records 28 saves to shut down his old team.

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The Gold Standard

Revamped No. 9 Notre Dame hosts Bowling Green in its first conference home games.

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College hockey crowds without equal

There's just something about a college hockey game that can't be replicated anywhere in sport.

It's the student sections, bands, chants and traditions that all blend together within the walls of some venerable old barn on campus. It's how all that noise crescendos into a fervor that is so thick around the rink that the concrete rumbles like a 6.2 on the Richter scale, and the walls sway under the pressure.

It is almost impossible to describe unless witnessed, but it happens every weekend at rinks across New England, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and beyond — just not here, not at Notre Dame, not yet.

In the winter of 1993, mortal rivals Maine and New Hampshire played a hyped league game — it was the year college hockey, and now NHL, great Paul Kariya led his Black Bears to a title — at UNH's now-extinct Snively Arena.

The Snively was a rectangular box with an arched tin roof, riveted metal walls and rotting wooden bleachers lit by dim low-lying lamps. In short it was a dump, but a Mecca for college hockey.

From the drop of the puck to the final buzzer, the crowd fed off the hell-bent energy of the teams' play. A friend turned toward me at one point, attempting to say something, and from the red, strained faces he made, he was trying hard. Not a word made it across the foot separating us — and the game was in a timeout.

And, unbeknownst to northern Indiana, that kind of energy at a hockey game is far from rare at many games today.

But college hockey is about more than just the noise — it's about the traditions, cheers and chants that make the fans a factor in the game in a way that

rivals Texas A&M's 12th Man. After the first New Hampshire goal of every home game, it is tradition for a bunch of UNH frat boys, or whoever gets there first, to throw a large fish onto the ice.

The origin of the tradition is disputed. One source says that it came from the 1970s when the Division-I Wildcats played Division-II Bowdoin from across the border in Maine. A tiny guppy called the 'Division-II fish' would be thrown on the ice to show disapproval toward the program that had once dominated the Wildcats.

But the man who has scraped the fish off the ice every night for years says that it is the fans telling the opposing goalie to fish the puck out of his net. It may be both, but either way it's an original — albeit smelly — and legendary college hockey tradition.

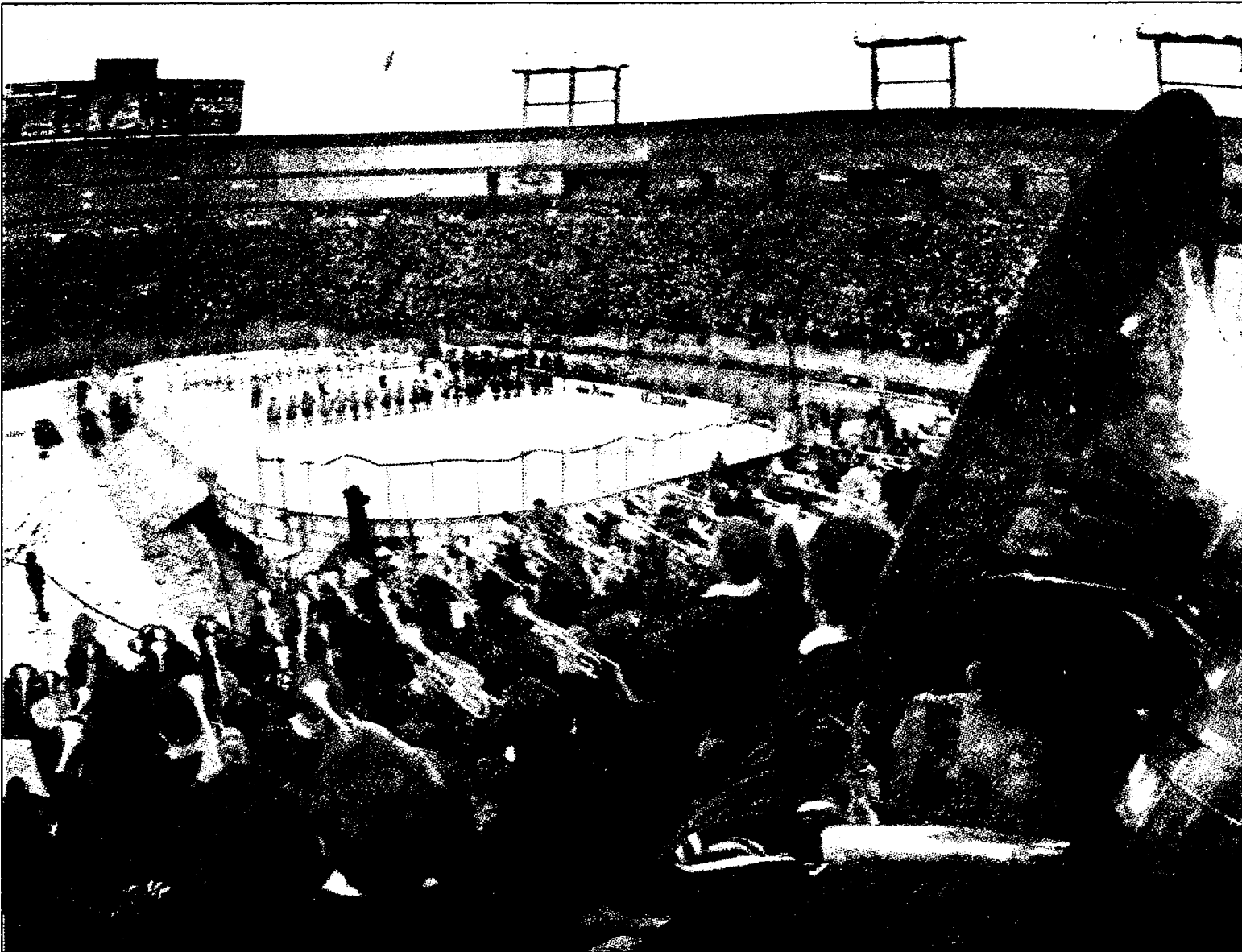
At Cornell, the student section holds the campus newspaper in front of its face while the announcer introduces the other team's roster. The students then crumple the papers up and toss them on the ice when the last opposing coach is announced.

Cornell's student body has rocked its home at Lynah Rink for decades with witty, funny and delightfully nasty cheers. But the constant with the Big Red faithful has always been its creativity and energy.

During every singing of The Star Spangled Banner, the student body will scream out "RED" in unison when the song reaches the 'rockets red glare' stanza. Against Colgate, they will point to the Raiders' goalie after he allows a goal and yell, 'Toothpaste' then point to their own side and yell, 'Goalie', going back and forth and getting faster and faster till the crowd is a mass of exploding arms.

"Sieve" can be heard at nearly all college games — a reference towards the grated plate that miners used to sift through dirt to find gold — but some schools have found unique ways to tell the other team's goalie that he couldn't stop a kickball.

In Madison, the crowd quiets



The Wisconsin band plays the national anthem at the Frozen Tundra Hockey Classic between the Badgers and Ohio State at Lambeau Field Feb. 11.

and a solitary Wisconsin drummer beats out a rhythm after the Badgers goal celebration is finished and the teams line up for the faceoff. Everyone moves their hands in the air in slow circles and at the same time screams, 'SIEVE'.

The drummer resumes his beat and a second yell goes up before he resumes again. And the third time, the 14,000 plus in attendance at the Kohl Center explode into a string of sieves that rain down upon the opposing goaltender. Only a goaltender with steel nerves could withstand that assault fully intact — talk about home-rink advantage.

The Badgers home crowd also jumps up and down continuously through power plays, while the drumline blasts a constant beat — it is arguably one of the best college hockey crowds.

And believe it or not, it seems that Notre Dame students aren't

the only ones to loathe the Backup College. Boston University students will scream obscenities about Fredo — when they are playing Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

There are countless examples across the country of passionate student sections, bands and traditions. It would take a catalogue to list them all, but there would be only a brief blurb if one was to thumb to the 'Notre Dame' tab.

It's time for the Irish hockey crowd to pump up and match the energy and attitude the team has shown on the ice so far this season, and that it will continue to exhibit as the program grows toward national prominence.

It's time for Irish hockey fans to create their own traditions and chants that are for hockey and hockey alone. Football cheers are great in Notre Dame Stadium, but they are awkward

and out of place in the Joyce Center rink — they don't fit the college hockey atmosphere. The T-shirts that appear all over campus making fun of that week's football opponent are testament enough to the Notre Dame student's ability to creatively deconstruct the enemy.

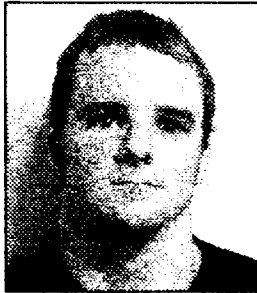
There are a dedicated few in Section 6 that would love the chance to lead an insane student body at the games, and the band already lays down the bass line for a solid crowd.

A Snively, Lynah Rink or Kohl Center can be created here at Notre Dame — hell we can do better. It's just going to take a little creativity and some Irish touch.

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Irish predictions



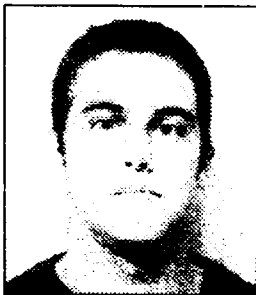
Dan Murphy
Sports Writer

The Irish will stretch their unbeaten streak to eight this weekend with two wins over Bowling Green. In the first contest, the quick ND forwards will use the extra motivation of playing at home to blow by the Falcons for a big victory. Bowling Green will settle in for the second game but Dave Brown will be too much for the Falcon as he earns his eighth career shutout Saturday night.

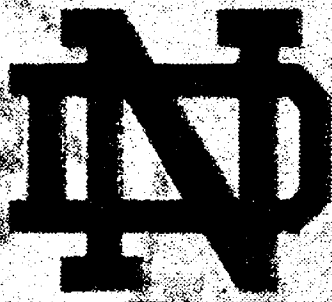

FINAL SCORE: ND 5, Bowling Green 2
ND 2, Bowling Green 0

Notre Dame has beaten too many good teams by too much to even allow a tie to the Falcons. Factor in that the Irish will return home for the first time in a month and they will be unstoppable. The Falcons will throw in a garbage goal each game, but will be stoned the rest of the time by the No. 1-rated Irish defense and goaltending. Sciba, Condra, Van Guilder and the rest of the offensive gang will be lethal and find the net early and often.

FINAL SCORE: ND 6, Bowling Green 1
ND 4, Bowling Green 1



Kyle Cassily
Sports Writer

		
Goals Per Game	3.88	
Goals Allowed Per Game	1.12	
Penalty Kill Percentage	91.1	
Power Play Percentage	20.8	

Culture change

Jackson's massive overhaul of Irish hockey attitude has reaped large dividends before its completion

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

There is very little in the way of decoration inside Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson's office.

There is the obligatory team photo hung behind his desk and a framed picture of the first Irish hockey team on a side wall. The rest of the office is bathed in the off-white of its bare walls.

But in the front of his desk, within constant view of him and anyone that enters to speak with him, are five smaller pictures hung on the wall. One is off-set to the left from the others and is differently sized, while the other four sit in identical frames and are aligned in a straight, vertical line.

The off-set picture shows then-Lake Superior State assistant coach Jackson shaking hands with President Ronald Reagan during a reception in the White House for the 1988 national champion Lakers.

The top photo in the row shows that 1988 Lakers team assembled in the Oval Office with President Reagan. The one below it displays now-head coach Jackson's 1992 champion Lakers team standing in front of Air Force One with President George Bush Sr., and the third picture in the line shows the 1994 champion Lakers with President Bill Clinton in the Rose Garden.

But there is something different about the lowest frame. There is no picture inside it, only a piece of paper centered within blue matting. The paper was typed by Jackson and is printed in gold lettering.

It reads, 'Place Picture Here'. Then, in smaller font just below that, it continues, 'The courage to follow your dreams is the first step towards destiny'.

"[They're] the only pictures that I've taken with me everywhere, obviously I don't like living in the past," Jackson said. "I don't wear my championship rings. To me, I'm more concerned about the next one, than the ones that are in my safety deposit box."

The Irish have already begun

the process to take that first step. It started not long after Jackson took over in May of 2005 and is centered on what the team refers to as a complete 'culture change'.

Attitude revamped

Jackson took over the Irish in the spring of 2005 after the team had finished one of its most miserable seasons in history — five wins and not a single one after Jan. 2 — and found that the team's attitude needed a drastic overhaul.

He recognized that very few players had the confidence in themselves or the team to win, that the commitment to devote themselves physically, mentally and emotionally to hockey was not there and that the passion and fire to play the game needed to be drastically increased.

He also noticed that many players had dramatically underachieved in their careers at Notre Dame — something he was determined to reverse.

"I think that a lot of players two years ago, after the poor season, had lost a little bit of their dream as far as having a chance to play hockey beyond college," Jackson said. "And that goes back to the confidence — I was trying to rebuild that belief that they could play the game after college."

To start, Jackson established specific rules geared toward increasing team discipline and challenged the way the players lived. He said that discipline came — and still persists — in the form of early morning training workouts, committing to curfews and always being on time to meetings, practices and school.

"[I am] always focusing on making sure they understand there are a set of standards you have to live by in order to be successful," he said. "One of them is my priority that they're on time, they're ready and that they do what's right as far as the way they live."

In addition to the drastic change, Jackson was forced to cut two players who had been on the team the previous season and a scholarship freshman to reduce the team to 26 players —



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The Irish seniors, from left to right, Dave Brown, alternate captain Tom Sawatske, alternate captain Wes O'Neill, Noah Babin, alternate captain Jason Paige, Michael Bartlett, captain T.J. Jindra and Josh Sciba pose during practice Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

the golden hockey number of five forward lines, eight defensemen and three goalies. Sophomore Vic Oreskovich then left the Irish over differences and rejoined his junior team. But a majority of the team wanted to buy into the attitude change, even if at first they couldn't figure out how.

"We wanted to buy in as fast as we possibly could," junior Mark Van Guilder said. "It was harder for some guys than others. It was night and day from my freshman year, just the coaching philosophy and everything, the systems were completely different. I think everyone wanted to buy in, but it was harder for some than others to adjust to the new systems."

Buying in

It was clear at the beginning of last season that the team struggled to fit into the new systems and attitude devised by Jackson, as it was 3-8-1 after the first two months of the season. From December on, however, a noticeable upswing was evident and the team finished the regular season 10-11-3.

The Irish held the team-building exercises at the beginning of the year, but it was not until the second half of the season that the team's attitude started to form to his expectations, Jackson said.

"I think they started to walk the talk as soon as they came back from Christmas break," he said. "They had another team building function that really brought out some differences. And part of building a winning culture is that players hold each other accountable."

Irish captain T.J. Jindra, who was named captain last year as a junior, was the first player that Jackson saw had fully bought into what he was trying to build with the Irish. Jackson said that Jindra was a mature, team-oriented player and showed leadership early on helping his teammates adjust to the extra discipline, work and willingness to pay the price to win.

It took several months before Jackson and Jindra were able to fully trust each other, Jackson said, but ultimately Jackson had found the right man to helm his team.

"T.J. kept the room together

throughout the transition," Jackson said. "I thought he really made an effort to help everybody realize that this is a great opportunity, a great experience — we're at Notre Dame, we're getting a great education and that we can also do well in hockey, that we can make this a successful environment."

Jindra leads by example and will lay his body on the line every game to accomplish all the little things that the team respects, Van Guilder said. He said that Jindra is not a captain that stands up in the locker room and gives a speech, but the way he plays speaks more than his words.

"[Jindra's] been a nice buffer for us between coach," Van Guilder said. "They kind of translate for each other — Jindra to [Jackson] from the team, [Jackson] to us. He does a good job of letting us know what coach expects from us and what we have to do to be successful."

The team and coaching staff will all agree that Jindra has been instrumental in the attitude change this season that has created early success, but the Irish captain defers all praise to his classmates.

"This year we have eight seniors — we could have eight seniors and be terrible, just cause you have eight seniors doesn't mean anything — but the credit goes to those guys," he said. "They really stepped up, in my opinion. They've gotten me to follow [them]."

A gold standard

A new display adorns the wall outside the Irish locker room this season — and it is yet another part of Jackson's vision to create an atmosphere of excellence in Irish hockey.

"The Gold Standard" is painted high on the wall and a row of plaques extends on both sides, honoring Irish hockey greats for their achievements in the program's modern era. The names of current Irish players can be found on the same awards plaques as Irish great Brian Walsh or current NHL players Rob Globke or Brett Lebda.

And "The Gold Standard" isn't just a phrase, it has meaning.

"That's the standard that we set, the rules and goals that we set as a team that we have within our locker room," Van

Guilder said. "That's the gold standard that we have to live up to — the level that we expect ourselves to play at."

Jindra said that the "The Gold Standard" display and the awards banquet the Irish held at the conclusion of last season — which he said impressed the team — is all just another way that Jackson helps his players to see his vision.

"The golden dome, the golden helmets — gold is the most precious metal that there is and to me it represents excellence," Jackson said. "And we need to set that standard of excellence."

"I want people to know that our desire is to get to that point where we can win a championship, that's the gold standard."

And with a 6-1-1 start this season, including a 7-1 thrashing of No. 1 Boston College, the attitude changes that were made in the spring of 2005 are now producing dividends. But despite the success, there are a lot of changes still to be made and a lot of buying in left to do.

"I don't know if I want to say that everybody fully sees [Jackson's vision]," Jindra said. "We haven't done anything yet, it's still early in the season."

Jackson said that the team is making remarkable strides to buy into his philosophy, but some of what is left to do has to happen naturally.

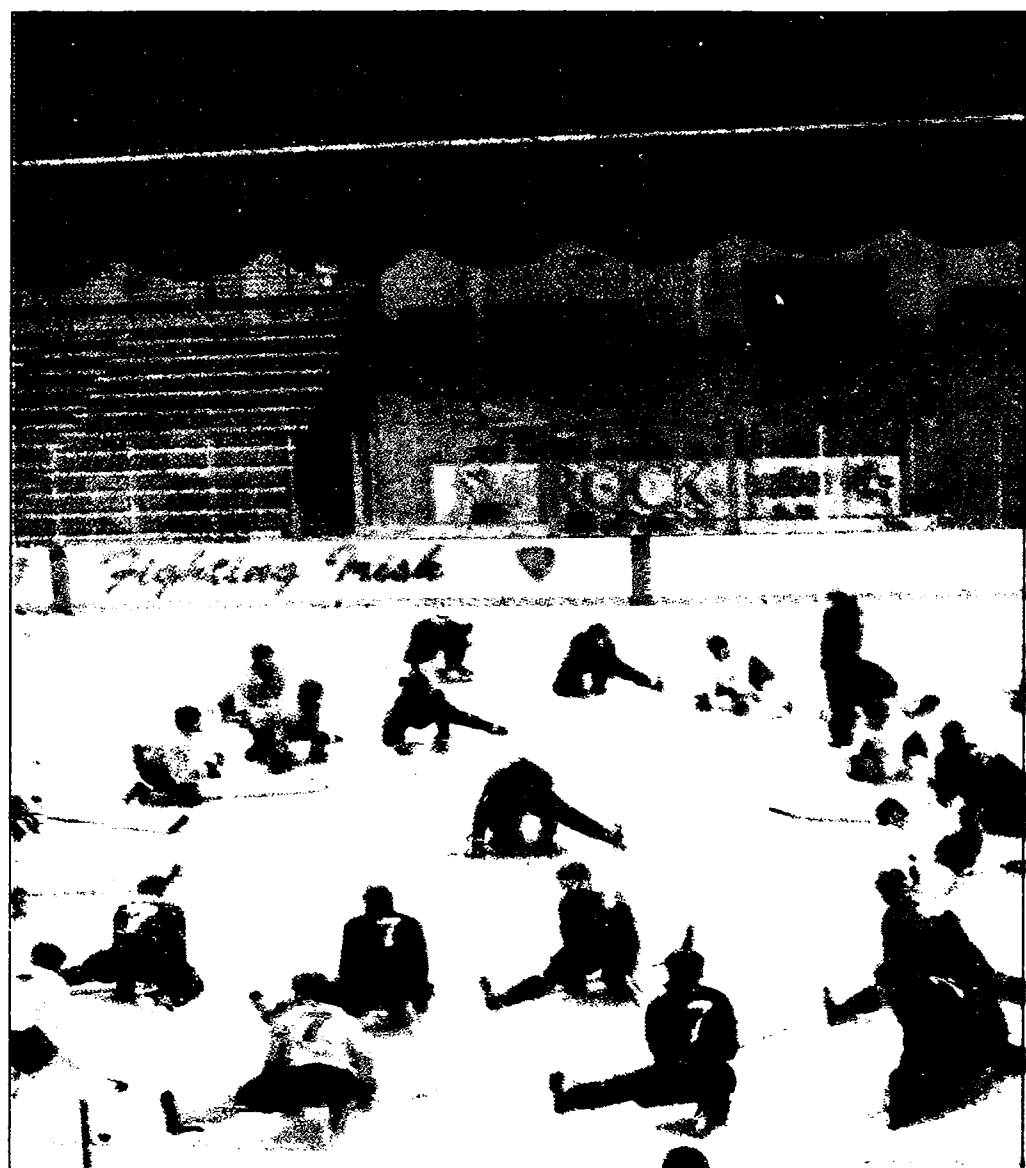
"Until we have every guy in that locker room willing to make that physical sacrifice for each other, and I'm talking about physical sacrifice on the ice — that's when I know that we have totally bought in," he said.

Jackson, however, doesn't know how long that will take.

"It's hard to say. It depends on how badly this group wants to win, how badly this group wants to make those sacrifices to be successful," he said. "This group has the potential, but there are no guarantees — there never is."

But if the Irish can fully buy into the gold standard, Jackson may have to remove the piece of paper from his empty frame and fill it with his fifth White House photo — maybe on the South Lawn this time.

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The Irish stretch after practice Wednesday. Every Notre Dame practice jersey has No. 7 on the back — the team won't divulge its meaning.

Freshmen battle to replicate Condra's impact

Eight rookies have made timely, important contributions this season on both sides of the puck for the No. 9 Irish

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Sophomore center Erik Condra ran away with last year's Irish rookie of the year award by leading all players with 34 points, but this year's competition should be a little stiffer.

This year's freshman class is stocked with talent and the eight rookies in the class are wasting no time in proving themselves. The group has been responsible for 11 of Notre Dame's first 24 goals this season. Three have seen the ice in all eight of the Irish games this season and two more have played in four games.

Condra's two linemates — Kevin Deeth and Ryan Thang, both freshmen — have been a big part of the team's early success.

"They're both talented, smart players, so it's easy to play with guys like that," Condra said. "They've come and made an impact right away."

Deeth is currently second on the team in goals (four) and points (eight). The Washington state native is undersized at 5-foot-7, 161 pounds, but he makes up for it with his speed and play-making ability. He spent one year playing for the Green Bay Gamblers before coming to Notre Dame this summer. He finished that season 12th in the United States Hockey League (USHL) in points and 22nd in goals scored.

Thang also spent time in the USHL, with the Sioux City Stampede and the Omaha Lancers. Last season the power forward split time

between the clubs and finished with 54 points and a plus/minus ratio of +34.

"A lot of us played against each other last year — had some good battles with one another — so we were pretty familiar with each other and it's worked out well," Deeth said.

Both players had breakout games in the win over then-No. 1 Boston College. Deeth had two of the team's seven goals and his fellow winger added a goal and two assists.

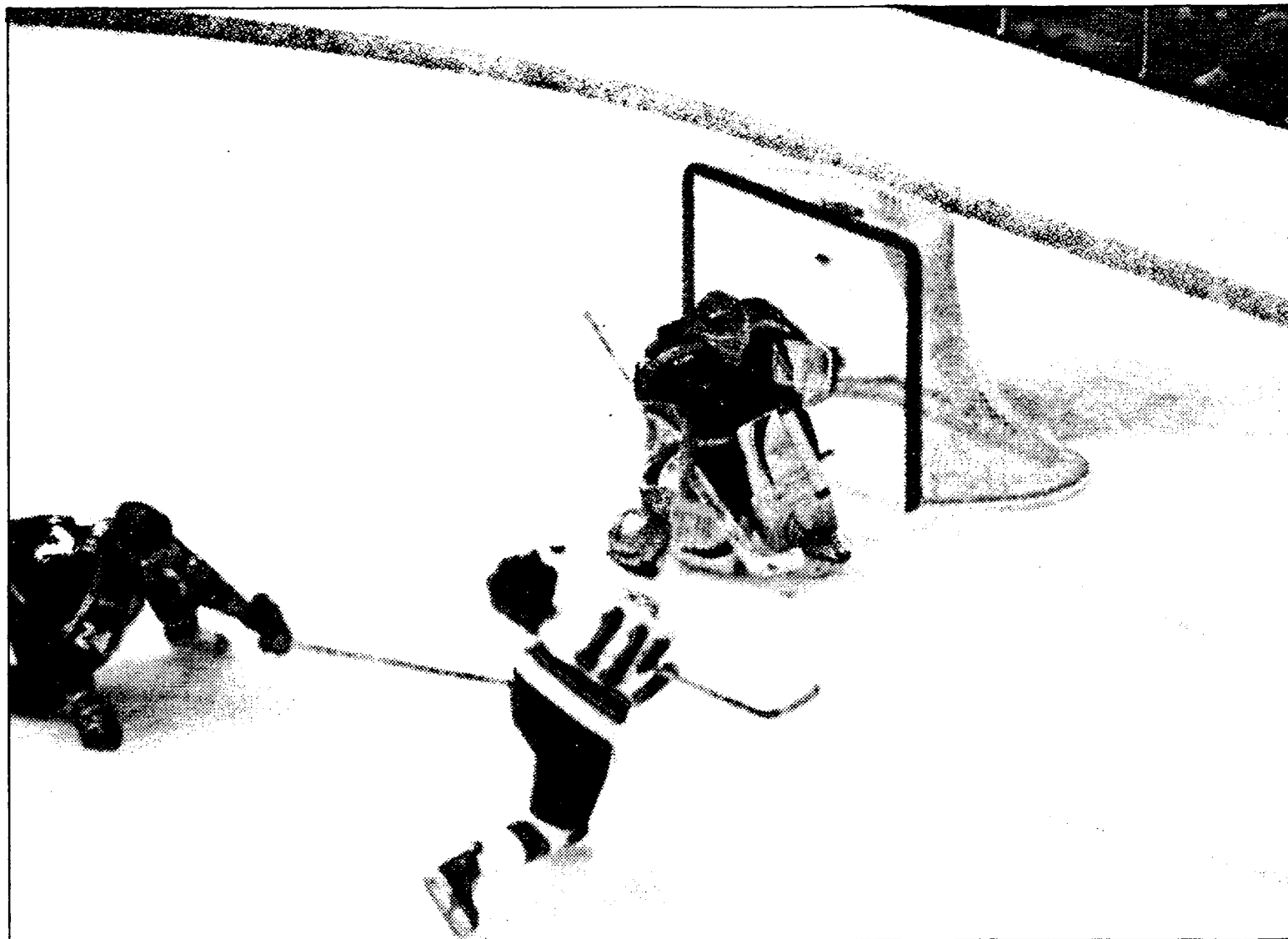
The following night, freshman Dan Kissel got a taste of the action when he registered his first college goals with a hat trick in a 6-1 win over Providence. The rookie became the first Irish freshman to complete the feat since Chad Chipchase scored three times against Ferris State on Nov. 22, 1997.

Kissel, who was not heavily recruited out of high school, was a late signing for Jackson. He came on strong in the first four games of the year but hasn't played since due to an injury.

"He had a lot of jump in his stride, was skating hard and then boom he was gone," Jackson said. "He teased us a little bit."

The team expects Kissel to be ready for action this weekend against Bowling Green.

The Irish defensive unit also features two freshmen who join a strong veteran group on the blue line. Kyle Lawson, the youngest member of Notre Dame's defensive squad, signed with the team in the spring of 2004. From his position at the point, Lawson has assisted on two goals and gotten off six



Irish sophomore center Erik Condra beats Minnesota State-Mankato goalie Dan Tormey top shelf during Notre Dame's 6-1 win Oct. 12. Several freshmen now fight to fill the role Condra held last season.

shots while playing regularly in every game this season.

Although he is a rookie, Lawson played for the highly touted Honeybaked AAA program and the U.S. Under-18 National Team two seasons ago, gaining valuable experience at an elite level. The Under-18s won a gold medal in the Czech Republic with Lawson as their alternate captain.

Brett Blatchford, who has appeared in four games thus far, has added two assists in his freshman campaign. Blatchford also brings leadership experience, as he cap-

tained the NAHL's Texas Tornado for two seasons and in 2005-06 led the league's defensemen in scoring with 49 points.

"I've got nothing but good things to say about [the freshmen]," captain T.J. Jindra said. "Not just because how they've played on the ice, but also how they've done when we are off the ice."

Goaltender Tom O'Brien, defenseman Stewart Collins and winger Christiaan Minella round out the class.

The group's speed and enthusiasm has added a lot

of depth to the Irish lineup and has also provided a spark on the offensive side that has the team scoring almost four goals a game.

As for who will take this season's rookie of the year, there is still a lot to be decided, and the reigning winner is not quite ready to let any freshman take over his spot.

"There [are] a couple guys that are up, they've got a big competition for it this year so it should be interesting," Condra said.

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Red-hot icers return home after poll-topping road trip

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Home, sweet home.

It has been almost a month since Notre Dame beat Minnesota State-Mankato 6-1 Oct. 12 in its only home game so far this season. The No. 9 Irish return to the Joyce Center tonight to take on Bowling Green in the start of a two-game CCHA series.

The Falcons (3-4-1) enter the contest fresh off their first CCHA victory — a 4-2 win over Lake Superior State — after dropping their first three conference games. Notre Dame will look to stay unbeaten in conference play after a win and a tie last weekend at Ohio State.

"It's always nice to play in front of your own fans, and after being on the road for so long it will be a nice little break for us," Irish captain T.J. Jindra said.

The team has gone 5-1-1 since the Mankato game, knocking off No. 1 Boston College in Chestnut Hill and taking home the Lightning College Hockey Classic against Air Force and Army in the interim.

The key to Notre Dame's success on the road has been its stingy defensive play, led by senior goaltender Dave Brown. Brown was recently named the CCHA Goaltender of the Week for the second time in the young

season, after stopping 46 of 49 shots in the two-game series with Ohio State. Brown first received the honor Oct. 23 after holding Hockey East opponents Boston College and Providence to one goal apiece.

"He makes the saves he needs to make and then makes some great saves when we break down," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "He's been our backbone."

Brown credited his success to a sharpened mental focus and preparation, as well as good communication with the defense.

The Irish blue-liners are currently allowing only 1.12 goals per game, which ranks them first among all Division-I teams. The team is giving up just over 23 shots a game this year, compared to 28.9 in the 2005-06 season.

That dominance has carried over to the penalty killers, who have allowed only four goals in 44 opportunities — again a major improvement from last season.

The Bowling Green power play has struggled so far this season, converting less than 10 percent of the time.

Junior Derek Whitmore, who leads the Falcons with seven goals, has one of the team's four man-advantage goals. His linemate, Jonathon Matsumoto, leads the team in points (10) and assists (7). Matsumoto, also a junior, led the team in scoring

last year and is considered to be one of the most dangerous play-makers in the nation.

"It's not much different than playing the guys from BC or Air Force, we face great players every week — you just have to be prepared for them," Brown said.

Matsumoto had two goals in three losses and a tie to the Irish last season. The Irish took the games 9-4, 4-2, 7-4 and 1-1.

"Last year we ended up matching up fairly well, but that was last year," Jackson said. "I have a lot of respect for [Bowling Green head coach] Scott Paluch, and I know they will be prepared."

So far this season, the two teams have both faced off with Boston College, Providence and Windsor. The Irish beat all three teams with a combined score of 22-3, while Bowling Green came out on top against Windsor and Providence, but was beaten 5-1 by the Eagles Oct. 21.

"We just have to come out on Friday and get off to a quick start, then continue to do what we have been doing," Jindra said.

Tonight's action begins at 7:35, while Saturday's game will start a half hour earlier at 7:05. Both games will be played at the Joyce Center.

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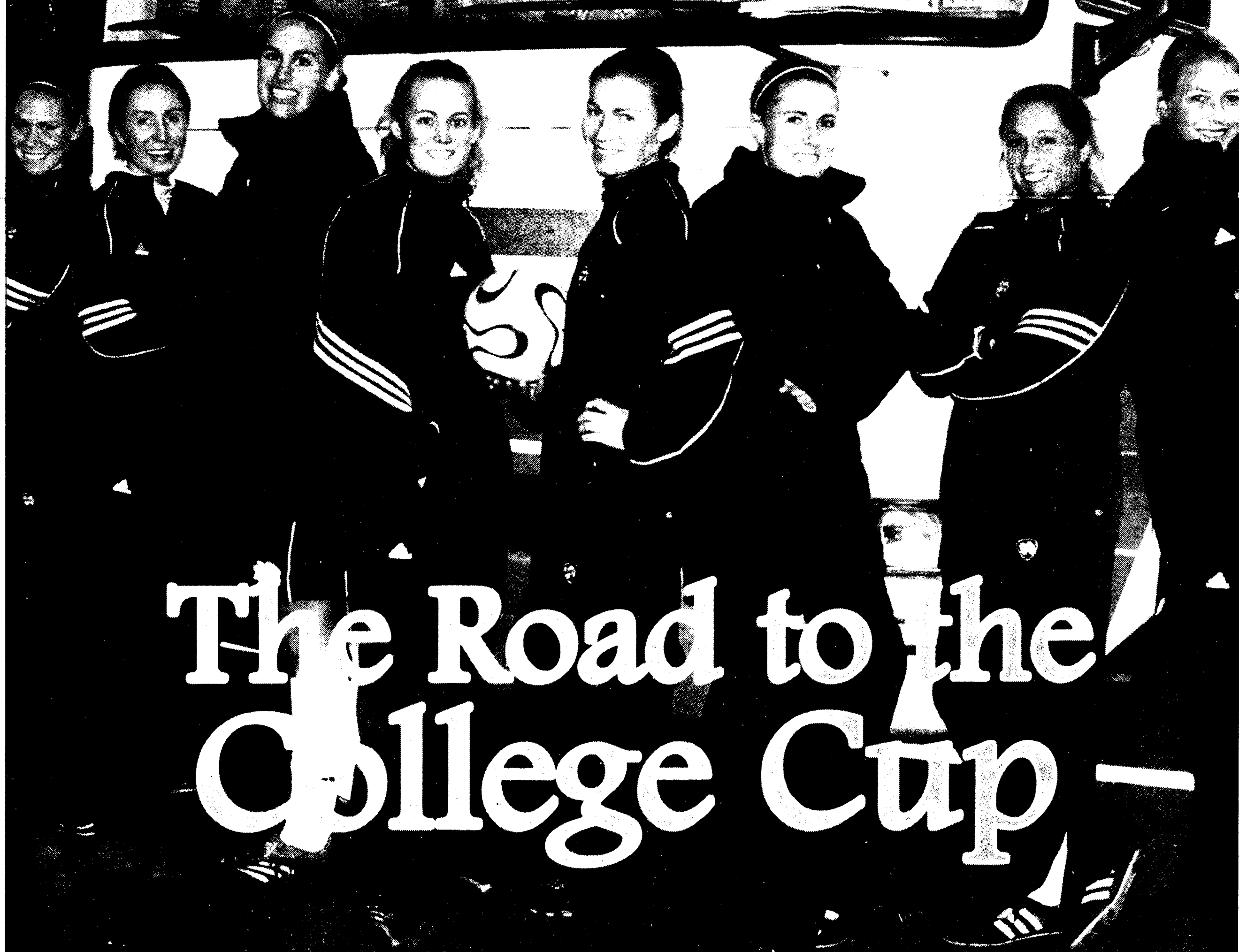
Two Irish players surround the net during a rebound drill in practice Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

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EXPEDITION



The Road to the College Cup

Notre Dame begins the quest for its second national title
in three years tonight at Alumni Field.

It's all or nothing for the nation's best squad

Two months and 21 games after it first started play, Notre Dame's season begins now.

The No. 1 Irish have known since August that the one and only goal for this team is a national championship, and that quest starts tonight at Alumni Field against Oakland in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish ran roughshod over their regular season opponents, going 20-0-1 and beating two top-10 teams in Santa Clara and West Virginia. They added a feather to their cap in the Big East championship with a 4-2 victory over Rutgers last Saturday.

But none of that was enough. Because for a team with this much talent and senior leadership, each win and each milestone is just another stop on the road to the College Cup finals in Cary, N.C.

Senior captain Kim Lorenzen summed it up perfectly after the Rutgers game.

"Our ultimate goal is to win the national championship," she said without

hesitation when asked about the importance of the Big East championship.

Senior midfielder Jen Buczkowski took it one step further.

"Anything less than a national championship would be a big disappointment," she said. "Losing is not acceptable for us."

Not acceptable, because in coach Randy Waldrum's program, national championships aren't just goals — they're expectations.

And why shouldn't they be, especially in years like this? Why should the nation's only unbeaten team — and arguably the best squad in Notre Dame history — be satisfied with anything less than a perfect run to a national title?

The 2006 Irish feature several players who have national team experience, including two — Brittany Bock and Carrie Dew — who missed part of this season competing in the U-20 World Championships in Russia. The Irish have one of the nation's best scorers in Kerri Hanks, one of the country's best freshman in

Michele Weissenhofer and a National Player of the Year candidate in Buczkowski.

And that's not counting the host of the other players that would be stars on any other squad.

Of course, this team isn't just a collection of talent. It's also coached well and has a group of seniors who — at 86-7-2 over the course of their careers, with one national title already secured — know how to get the job done.

"As a senior, knowing what it feels like to win a national championship and knowing what it's like to get knocked out early, we've experienced it all," Buczkowski said. "Winning is a lot better feeling."

For the most part, Waldrum lets that senior

leadership have free reign. While other coaches rant and rave, Waldrum sits calmly on the sideline, making the occasional (brilliant) tactical change and offering

quiet words of encouragement. This low-pressure approach has worked like a charm; the Irish look loose every game and have

outscored their opponents 67-7 this year.

The calm demeanor, however, masks Waldrum's high expectations. The team's unwavering focus on the lofty goal of a national title comes straight from the top. He strives for perfection, and so do his players.

After a miscommunication between Lorenzen and back-up goalkeeper Kelsey Lysander resulted in a meaningless goal by Rutgers Sunday, Lorenzen was visibly frustrated and said pointedly after the game that it "won't happen again."

While a goal like that had little impact on Sunday's game, Lorenzen worried a repeat could derail an entire season.

After all, this is soccer, and even an 8-10-1 Golden Grizzlies squad that snuck into the Tournament by winning the Mid-Continent conference tournament can beat the mighty Irish if one Notre Dame player loses focus and Oakland scores a cheap goal.

But the Irish won't let that

happen. Because they know that even if Oakland is objectively one of the weakest teams they've faced all

year, this game is the most important of the season so far.

This team's goal since August has been a national championship. It has the talent, experience and coaching to

do it. It has been clearly the best team in America all season, but right now that means nothing.

The Irish have six more games that they must win or this season will go down as a disappointment, and each of those teams will be gunning for them.

Notre Dame has been traveling on the freeway to the College Cup all regular season, but now comes the NCAA Tournament exit.

And just because the Irish have the biggest and fastest car doesn't mean the traffic won't be heavy.

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		Opponents
Goals Per Game	3.16	0.33
Shots Per Game	22.5	5.38
Shots on Goal Per Game	9.71	2.04
Corner Kicks Per Game	6.28	5.00
Save Percentage	.837	.675

STATISTICAL LEADERS

Goals

Hanks	18
Weissenhofer	13
Bock	9
Cinalli	9

Assists

Weissenhofer	17
Hanks	14
Buczkowski	10
Thompson	5

Saves

Karas	31
Lysander	4

Unsung Lorenzen gives Irish steady leadership

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Every team has one — the player who elicits the highest praise from her teammates for her gritty play and unselfish attitude, yet always manages to be overlooked for postseason awards.

Such is the life for Irish senior defender Kim Lorenzen, Notre Dame's first solo captain since the

inaugural 1988 Irish squad. Though Lorenzen has seen several teammates recognized for their performances like 2006 Big East defender of the year sophomore Carrie Dew and Notre Dame's first four-time Big East honoree Christie Shaner, this year marks the fourth season in which the four-year starter has been shut out of Big East honors.

"The most important thing for me this year is my teammates

elected me as captain," Lorenzen said. "At the end of the day it's what the team thinks of you that matters the most."

An answer worthy of wearing the 'C,' which stands as much for cliché as it does captain. According to senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, though, Lorenzen's sentiments are really from the heart.

"The great thing about Kim is she really is all about the team," Krivacek said. "I know it probably seems really cliché, but I really feel that way about her. It doesn't even faze her. [Her priority is] game-by-game making sure she's playing well and that the team is playing well."

Finally the Big East discovered the causal relationship between those two ideas, awarding Lorenzen tournament defensive most valuable player honors for her play in the three Irish wins. Not surprisingly, Lorenzen was surprised — not because she wasn't used to winning awards, but because she thought her teammates deserved it.

"I felt like it could've been someone like Jill," she said, "because a lot of the time the back line's job is a lot easier because of the pressure put on by the midfielders and the front line."

Spoken by a true team player — but one who also knows firsthand the roles played by those in front of her.

During her sophomore year, she switched between defender, midfielder and forward. She started 21 games during the

championship run, scoring three goals and assisting on four others.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum praised her superior athleticism for her versatility in 2004. During the past two years, she has combined that with a "good smart game of soccer," as she's settled in at center back as the team's general on the field. Now that Dew is out for the season with an injury, that leadership has never been more valuable.

"Kimmy's vocal. She's not afraid to get on somebody on the field," Waldrum said. "She's also smart enough to understand if someone's not performing the way they need to be, she knows the personalities well enough to know if [she] needs to put [her] arm around them and say 'it's gonna be OK' and calm down. That's a hard thing to get a leader to do."

More importantly, she holds herself to the same standards. Up 4-1 against Rutgers in the waning moments of Sunday's Big East championship game, a ball came to the back line that caused miscommunication between Lorenzen and keeper Kelsey Lysander. After contemplating heading the ball back to Lysander, she hesitated before taking the ball herself. But she lost control of it in front of the net, where Rutgers forward Kim Mineo picked it up and scored. Though the goal proved inconsequential, Lorenzen said she understands the extra responsibility that rests on her shoulders

as the anchor of a back line that is playing without the Big East defensive player of the year.

"It bothered me a lot actually," she said. "I know it was the end of the game and we were up. But to me, at the end of the game when there was a breakdown, I could've done something differently to prevent that goal. Looking back on that, it's not that I'm really stressed about that, but our communication going into this tournament has to be better. Any let down like that can make a difference in the game."

That attitude is what Waldrum and the Irish will miss next year.

"If you look back on the success of our team the past four years when you look at a common denominator its Kimmy Lorenzen," he said. "When you go back and look at our players and you start to rate how they were during their careers and you look back at our record with her in the lineup, it kind of answers all the questions about what she does for us."

For those keeping score at home, the Irish are 37-1-1 the past two years when Lorenzen has played. And regardless of who notices, the only thing she cares about is finishing 6-0.

"At the end of the day," Waldrum said. "Kimmy would be one of those that would say, 'Don't give me anything. Let me win another national championship.'"

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Irish senior captain Kim Lorenzen boots the ball upfield in Notre Dame's 2-0 win over Rutgers Oct. 8 at Alumni Field.

Bock, Cinalli agree to switch positions for good of squad

By CHRIS KHOREY
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At halftime of Notre Dame's 3-1 win over West Virginia Sept. 29, Irish coach Randy Waldrum made a lineup change that would alter the course of the season.

With his squad down 1-0, Waldrum switched sophomore Brittany Bock and junior Amanda Cinalli on the field, sending Bock to forward and Cinalli to midfield.

The adjustment worked like a charm, netting Cinalli a goal and earning Bock an assist as the Irish came back to win.

Notre Dame had practiced the switch, which has since become permanent, the week before playing the Mountaineers.

Waldrum thought each player's skill set better suited the new positions. Bock has been able to handle the ball further downfield and pass it to fellow forwards Kerri Hanks and Michele Weissenhofer.

"A lot of the plays have been through me, to have me try to hold the ball and distribute it," she said.

Meanwhile, Cinalli was able to take advantage of her field awareness and ability to use her head.

"There are a lot of skills that are different in midfield versus playing up front," Cinalli said. "You have to win a lot of balls in the air, you have to be able to see the field, and you have to make plays and switch the point of attack."

Still, there were some growing pains.

"When we first practiced it, I didn't know what to do," Bock said.

Eventually, the sophomore figured it out. Since the switch, she

has scored seven goals and assisted on three more.

"I like playing up front," she said. "I get to touch the ball more."

Cinalli has also been productive offensively, with four goals and two assists in significantly fewer scoring chances than she got while playing up front.

"As long as the team's getting scoring opportunities, I'm okay with that," Cinalli said.

She's also had to adjust to the defensive side of being a midfielder, a change she said came easily because Waldrum runs all players, regardless of position, through the same defensive drills.

"Our team is always good on defense," Cinalli said. "Everyone works at it, so it wasn't something new."

With the move, Bock is now playing next to Weissenhofer, her former teammate at Neuqua Valley High School in Naperville, Ill.

"I would always be finding [Weissenhofer] on through balls, even when we were a lot younger," Bock said of her high school days. "It's been a bit different being with her up front. She's been a forward her entire life and I'm just sort of learning."

Although the position switch disrupted their normal soccer routine, Bock and Cinalli said their relationship with each other has not been damaged.

And Cinalli's midfield play, Bock said, has made the forwards look good on several occasions.

"I love Cinalli to death. She's one of the hardest working players ever," Bock said. "We know she'll win the head ball, we know she'll look for us up top, and she'll make runs of her own."

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Irish sophomore Brittany Bock, left against St. John's, and junior Amanda Cinalli, right against West Virginia, switched positions at halftime of Notre Dame's 3-1 win over the Mountaineers Sept. 29. The switch has since become permanent, with Bock at forward and Cinalli at midfield.

Irish host Golden Grizzlies to open tourney

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

When a team's sole goal is to win the National Championship, 21 regular season and Big East tournament games can feel like an eternity.

For No. 1 Notre Dame, the big show finally begins tonight at 7:30 as the Irish host Oakland (Mich.) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Alumni Field.

The Irish enter the match on the heels of their second Big East tournament championship in a row after taking down St. Johns 3-0, Marquette 2-0 and Rutgers 4-2 to earn a No. 1 seed and potential home field advantage until the Final Four Dec. 1-3 in Cary, N.C.

The Golden Grizzlies (8-10-1) earned a trip to South Bend after besting Western Illinois in a shootout 1-1 (4-3) to capture the Mid-Continental conference championship.

Though Oakland's résumé this year falls short of those posted by Notre Dame's last three conference opponents, Irish coach Randy Waldrum expects the Grizzlies to make things hard for Notre Dame, especially on defense.

"We've been scouting [Oakland]. All indications lean to them bunkering in a little bit," Waldrum said. "We've played a lot of teams that play like that — sit in and really pack the goal. The difficulty in a game like that is being patient.

And if you don't take advantage of your opportunities it could go to overtime and lead to penalty kicks.

"The focus of the team is to make sure we're taking advantage of [our opportunities] but still being patient."

If the Irish win Friday, they will play the winner of the Michigan vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee game, to be played tonight at 5 at Alumni Field.

The first tournament weekend will be the only until the Final Four that contains two games, a situation that presents an added challenge when it comes to preparing for Sunday's potential match. If the Irish beat Oakland, they will only have one day to go over a game plan for the Wolverines or Panthers.

However, Irish captain Kim Lorenzen said the team refuses to look that far ahead.

"The most important thing is to take once game at a time," she said. "I know it sounds cliché, but if we don't take care of this on Friday there is no Sunday. At this point its tournament time and we are taking the stance that anything can really happen. We are getting [the opposing] team's best game because it could be their last game. And that's what we want to bring also — our best game because it could be our last."

Single elimination means no margin of error for the Irish come game time. Similarly, Lorenzen said practices are taking that same shape.

"We are really making sure

this week our touches are on," Lorenzen said. "Every pass is perfect — making sure ... everything is perfect so that we have a good preparation for Friday. We feel if we practice in an environment that is completely focused than it will be easy to translate that into the game."

When it comes to their game environment, though, the Irish hope Alumni Field looks the same as it has been all season long. Notre Dame ranks third in the country in home attendance this year with an average crowd of 2,350.

With 15 Irish players hailing from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, there is never a shortage of family in the stands. David and Susan Shaner, parents of senior defender and third team All-Big East selection Christie Shaner, make their presence felt, however, no matter where the Irish play—traveling to every game home or away in the unofficial Recreation Vehicle of Notre Dame soccer.

"[The Shaner's RV] has kind of become legend now," Waldrum said. "They come to almost every game. It's nice to see we've got such a following from a family. In fact, we're fortunate that we have a lot of families that do that."

Presence of the Shaner's RV has been about as dependable as Notre Dame's success this year. And both are linked to the closeness of the senior class, as the bonds extend to the players'



Irish defender Haley Ford evades a Pittsburgh defender in Notre Dame's 5-0 win Oct. 1.

parents.

"It has kind of become one of those meeting places here at home before the games," Waldrum said. "When we come out on the field all the families are in the RV hanging out with the Shaners. So it's kind of a neat thing that we have a group

that really follows the team like that."

Those wheels will roll in again on Friday. But from here on out, the Irish are the driver's seat.

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BIG MAN IN TOWN

Derek Landri has had a successful career on the field with the Irish and a unique experience seeking out his Italian roots in the greater South Bend area.

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Emotional trip looms for Lewis

It's written so often. The column about Army, Navy and Air Force — the wave-the-flag, thank-a-veteran story recycled every Memorial Day.

But it isn't until you see a football coach's watery eyes at a press conference that you realize what it all means.

Gregg Lewis could have been an engineer. He could have been a career military man. If all had gone well, he would have attained the rank of Air Force major this year.

All didn't go well for him or his 11 buddies of the 66th rescue squadron that flew in two choppers on a training mission over the dark Nevada desert eight years ago.

The middle son of Notre Dame defensive backs coach Bill Lewis, Gregg Lewis died that early September night when the helicopters collided, killing everyone on board.

Tough enough to walk on as a freshman at the Air Force, Gregg played in all of the Academy's junior varsity

games that season and "had a great time" his dad said. He didn't make the varsity the next year and settled in as a team manager.

Tomorrow, almost a decade after his death, Gregg Lewis will be remembered. Both Notre Dame and Air Force will wear small stickers on the back of their helmets, in honor of the 1992 Academy graduate.

Gregg's brother Geoff organized the project. He wrote letters to Irish coach Charlie Weis and Falcons coach Fisher DeBerry — both of whom were quick to agree.

That didn't surprise Lewis. He says he agreed to come to South Bend — after a long coaching career that included three head coaching jobs and a stint as an NFL assistant — because of Charlie Weis.

"Charlie is one of the most caring people in the world," Lewis said.

Lewis told about the day after Gregg died, when he was coaching the Dolphins in a game against New England. Weis, then an assistant with the Patriots, came up to Lewis before kickoff and gave his condolences.

"I'll always remember that," said Lewis.

Hearing Bill Lewis' voice quietly crack as he talks

about his son, it's as if Gregg died yesterday.

"There's really no preparation for losing a child," Lewis said. "It's not something you ever get over."

Wednesday, in front of a suddenly softened, normally cynical pack of reporters, Lewis held up the sticker that the Irish and Falcons will wear on the back of their helmets — a green foot with six toes, the "Jolly Green Giant" logo of Gregg's squadron.

But the coach who smiles when he remembers a photo of his son that sits in his office, doesn't want the remembrance to cause a distraction.

Twelve kids in all died that day, and the patch represents every one.

Bill Lewis and his wife Sandy passed through Colorado Springs a few summers ago and decided to stop at the Air Force Academy. Near the campus chapel, Gregg's name was engraved on a wall — a memorial to all Air Force graduates who died serving their country.

"It was something we wanted to see," Lewis said.

Most never have to go through what Bill Lewis has endured.

But it's part of life at Air

Force, where many have given everything for their nation.

Gregg was an engineering student, a smart kid who loved football and his school.

He "didn't hesitate a second" about choosing the strict Air Force atmosphere, Gregg once told his dad.

Like he always did on Thursday nights, Gregg talked by phone with his father. It was Sept. 3, 1998 and the two talked about the day and the training mission Gregg had that night. Barely an hour or so later, he was gone.

Helicopters will fly above the forested mountains and over Falcon Stadium before tomorrow's game.

Air Force players will run onto the field before kickoff, their last names stitched on the back of their blue jerseys.

Gregg Lewis' is etched on a wall, not far from the Air Force sidelines he once roamed.

But for at least a few hours tomorrow, he'll walk the visitor's side of the field.

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Charlie Weis
Irish head coach

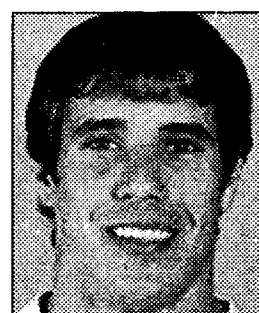
"Notre Dame's always Notre Dame... They've got a senior-dominated football team."

"You bank on their best effort. That's what you bank on."



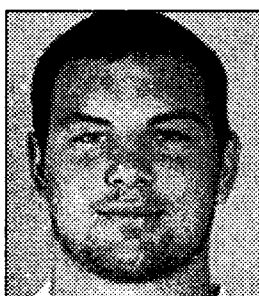
Fisher DeBerry
Falcons coach

"I think if you're going to look at any game to try to get an indication of Air Force, you've got to look at the Tennessee game."



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Making his presence felt

Irish senior Derek Landri has a key role in Notre Dame's defense, strong love for his community

By BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Derek Landri's journey through Notre Dame — athletically and socially — hasn't exactly followed the classic pattern for a highly touted recruit out of California high school powerhouse De La Salle.

On the outside, he's a fierce defensive lineman who blocked two extra points in Notre Dame's 45-26 win against North Carolina. He is third on the team with 44 tackles this season (8.5 for a loss) and second in sacks with four.

He teams with senior defensive tackle Trevor Laws (39 tackles, 3.5 sacks) to anchor an interior line that has been a leading force on the Irish defense all season.

If one looks deeper into Landri, they encounter an individual who has dealt with more on the football field than most college players. He's seen four coaches in five years, and while it's a reality that Landri shrugs off — he acknowledges the "rollercoaster" type atmosphere it created.

Landri was recruited by Bob Davie before coming in as a freshman in 2002. While he was a senior in high school, Davie was fired and George O'Leary was brought in. Landri remembers what it was like when O'Leary was hired to right the ship.

"[There was] a big uncertainty pretty much every year I was here," Landri said. "Starting with Davie, you commit to him and then half way through that year he gets canned. Then O'Leary comes in and everyone hypes him up that he's supposed to be the best thing, then he gets canned."

Of course, after O'Leary was fired, Notre Dame brought in Tyrone Willingham — who Landri knew little about other than that he had a few "up and down" seasons at Stanford.

Willingham's first season — the infamous Return to Glory campaign — was Landri's freshman year, even though he didn't see the field. And after Willingham went 11-13 in the following two seasons, Landri again found himself in a familiar position adjusting to a new coach.

But, as Landri would attest, everything works out for the best.

"I'm happy as anything that they got coach Weis and he's in here now," Landri said. "I feel that I'm here at Notre Dame at the perfect time."

But there's a lot about Landri that one wouldn't know by watching him on the field, or considering the coaching changes he's seen during his time at Notre Dame.

And that's the Derek Landri who has weaved his way through the University in a manner unlike his peers, classmates and teammates, creating for himself a unique college experience that, while

focused on football, extends much deeper.

The doctor and the landscaper

Coming east from the West Coast beaches he used to surf with his father in Huntington, Calif., the senior defensive tackle was immediately thrust into a 10-by-12 foot Dillon Hall dorm room.

While Landri credits the dorm life for allowing him to meet some close friends, it wasn't the type of atmosphere he preferred. He and close friend Anthony Salvador, who graduated in 2006, explored the relatively secluded campus.

The two played at De La Salle together, and came to Notre Dame as freshmen — Landri the big-time recruit and Salvador the little-known walk on.

But once Landri grew tired of the Notre Dame bubble, he looked elsewhere. And in the process, he met two friends.

South Bend residents Arnold Delpilar and Mike Oliva are not Notre Dame students. In fact, they aren't students at all — one's a doctor and one's a landscaper.

Landri met Oliva — the landscaper — at Armando's, an Italian barbershop located on 1639 Edison Road in South Bend.

"I formed a good relationship with different people — the Delpilar family, the Oliva family — a couple families that are just in the community that aren't necessarily affiliated with Notre Dame," Landri said. "They kind of made it a home away from home type of thing."

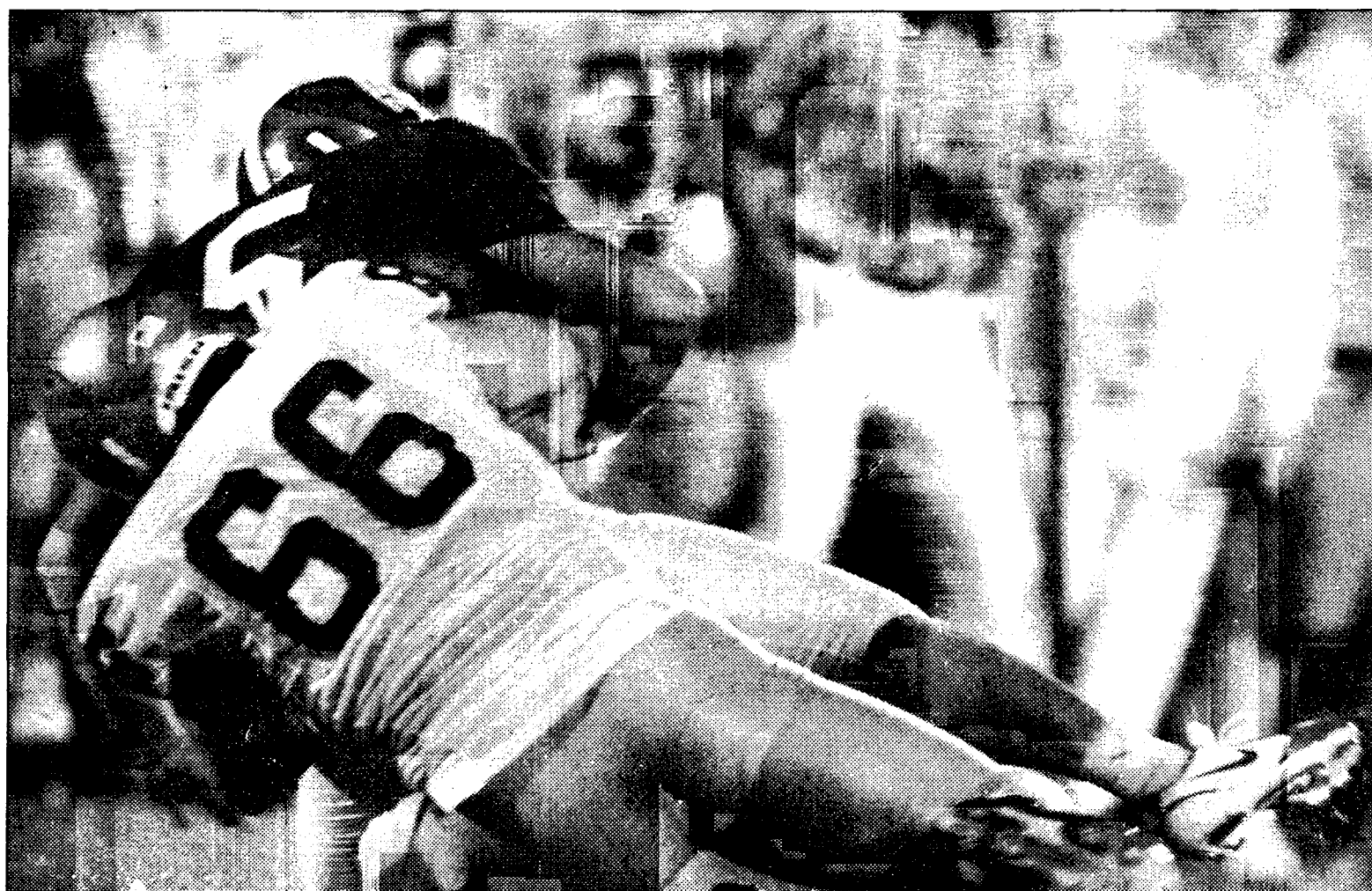
Oliva believes the initial meeting occurred during Landri's junior season. He's not exactly positive when it happened, but knows it was several years ago. The two shared a barber, Dominic, and began talking.

"When he came into the area he was a little bit lonely ... he came to find the Italians so he went to the local barber shop," Oliva said. "We hit it off pretty good and became friends."

Oliva's sister Mary is married to Delpilar — a local doctor who has an office on Ironwood Road and is opening a new center in Mishawaka. The families welcomed Landri — they all share an Italian descent — and have maintained a relationship ever since. Oliva said he waits outside Notre Dame Stadium for Landri after games to offer congratulations. "On the outside he's a normal guy, when he's on the field he's an animal," Oliva said. "He's an outstanding individual."

So what do his teammates think of his friends outside the Notre Dame community? Fellow defensive tackle Trevor Laws couldn't help but laugh when discussing Landri's buddies in the South Bend area.

"He definitely has that Italian connection," Laws said with a smile. "He knows a lot of people I don't know. He's an



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Defensive tackle Derek Landri sacks Michigan State quarterback Drew Stanton in Notre Dame's 40-37 win in East Lansing on Sept. 23.

interesting guy for sure."

California upbringing

But while Landri spent time during college embracing his Italian roots with doctors, landscapers and barbers, he's much better known for being the kid from California who is usually mentioned alongside Laws.

Landri isn't sure exactly how he developed that reputation, seeing that he doesn't subscribe to the traditional laid-back California mentality.

But he is an avid surfer. "You definitely have to have balance [if you're a big guy surfing]," Landri said with a slight smile. "I mostly did long boarding and stuff, but I don't talk like most [of] the people out there with the 'yo cool dude.'"

"I don't skateboard, I don't rollerblade — I don't do that stuff." In that sense, he didn't fit the "surfer boy" image. Especially given the company he had in his incoming freshman class.

"I never really got the West Coast thing until I came out here and people started putting me in the category with [Chris] Frome and [Anthony] Vernaglia, the surfer type wearing shades," Landri said. "But I don't think I fit in the category with those two."

While Landri debates his reputation as a surfer-dude from California, there's no question he excelled on the football field at one of the top programs in the country — De La Salle.

The high school has produced numerous NFL players including New York Giants receiver Amani Toomer and, more recently, Jacksonville Jaguars running back Maurice Jones-Drew — a good friend of Landri's from their high school playing days (Jones-Drew was a year behind Landri).

While at De La Salle, Landri established himself as one of the top players in the school's history. As a senior, he won California Player of the Year — joining Toomer and D.J. Williams as the only players in school history to receive that acknowledgement.

He was also a first-team USA

Today prep All-American that year, and the No. 5 overall high school prospect according to CNNI.com. But despite his high school's reputation and his personal accomplishments, Landri felt little pressure coming into college.

"Pressure's what you put on yourself," Landri said. "The majority of kids that come in here are real hyped up. All League, All State, All American, that type of thing. I think you just come here to play ball the best of your ability and whatever happens, happens."

And there's nothing more that Landri would want than to join his old high school teammate playing professional football next year.

"Hopefully playing for a while, that's a dream, I'm sure it's a dream for a lot of people but hopefully I'm playing for a while," he said. "Where, it doesn't really matter — I just enjoy playing football."

Finding his place

Landri has three regular season games left in his Notre Dame career, and if the Irish win all three, they will most likely be headed to the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans provided a near-miracle doesn't propel them into the BCS

Championship game.

But Landri isn't the type who's concerned with where the team ranks in certain polls or how the group is perceived by TV commentators. In fact, Landri — a sports fan growing up — doesn't watch much ESPN anymore at all.

"I don't think too fondly of people that comment on that we're overrated and we don't have a defense and that type of thing," Landri said. "Growing up a sports kid, ESPN's one of your favorite shows. But you almost grow to dislike it. But I think that's just the way life is, the way the world is."

"I don't watch it nearly as much as I used to because I don't want to listen to someone who doesn't know too much about the in and outs."

But Landri doesn't need the support of those on television who criticize his team. The lonely kid walking into the barbershop a few short years ago now has his own company: a few nice local Italians, those friendly waves back home in California and the over-matched offensive linemen he encounters every Saturday.

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by the numbers

Victories Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry has over the Irish in his career with the Falcons. **4**

21-5 The all-time record in the Air Force-Notre Dame series, heavily favoring the Irish.

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn's current streak of consecutive passes without an interception. **204**

2 Games between Notre Dame and Air Force that have gone into overtime. The Irish have played in just six overtime games overall.

Air Force's rank in rushing offense, with 266.9 yards per game. **3**

49 Notre Dame's rank in rushing defense, giving up 126.33 yards per game.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 8-1
AP: 9
Coaches: 8



Charlie Weis
head coach

Charlie Weis
Second season at
Notre Dame
career record:
17-4
at Notre Dame:
17-4
against
Air Force: 0-0

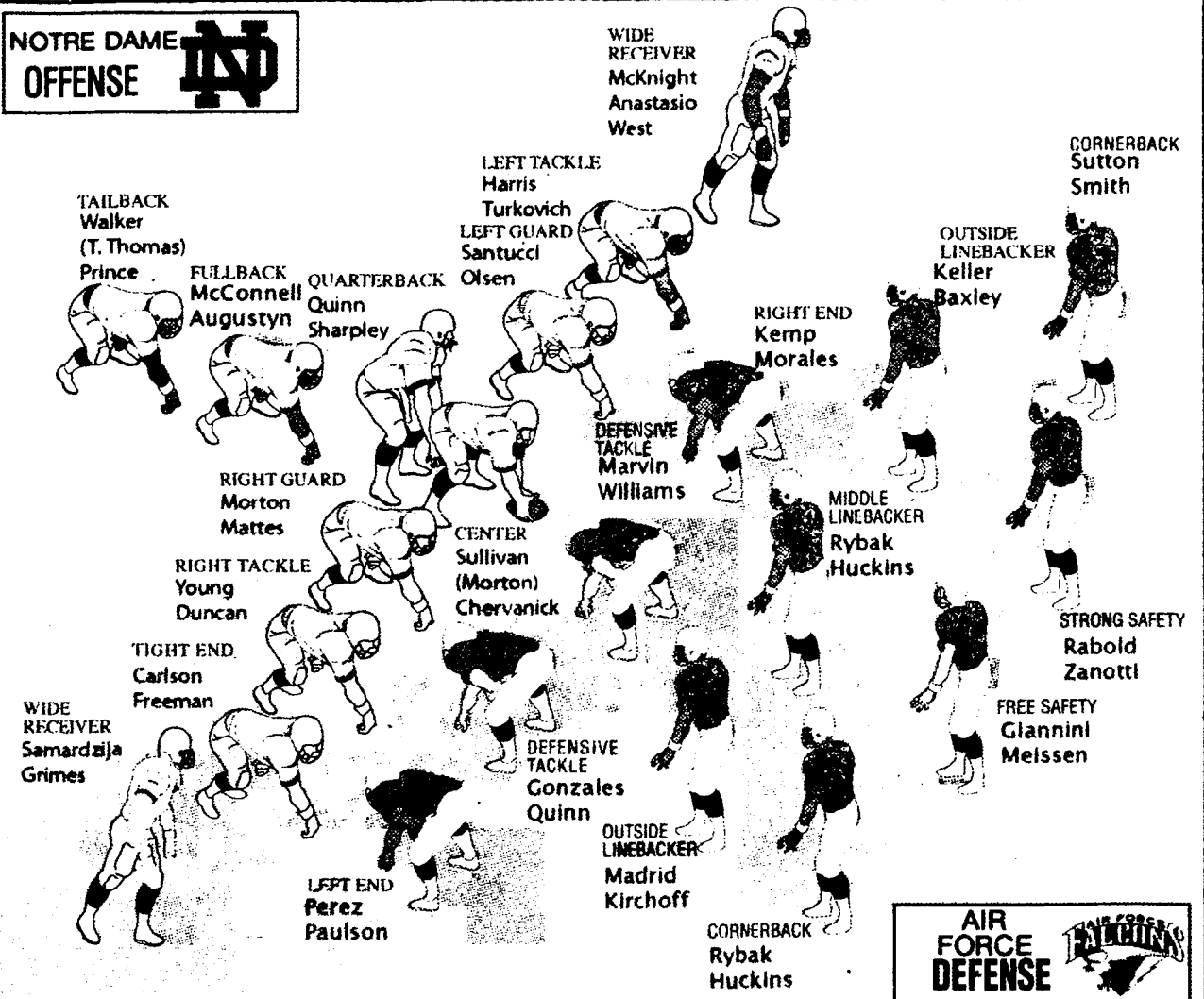
Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	192	SO
2	Darrin Walls	DB	6-1	175	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	208	JR
4	Demetrius Jones	QB	6-4	202	FR
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	212	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	189	SO
7	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	170	SR
8	Raeshon McNeil	DB	6-0	175	FR
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	SR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	227	SR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	SO
12	Zach Frazer	QB	6-4	215	FR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	SR
14	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	SR
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	JR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	SR
18	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	SO
19	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	SR
20	George West	WR	5-8	179	FR
21	Terrill Lambert	DB	5-11	188	JR
22	Barry Gallup Jr.	WR	5-11	175	FR
23	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	SR
24	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	SR
25	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	JR
26	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	JR
27	Munir Prince	RB	5-10	175	FR
28	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	JR
29	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	SR
30	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	SO
31	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	SR
32	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	SO
33	Jashaad Gaines	DB	6-0	195	FR
34	Jake Richardsville	WR	6-0	180	SO
35	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
36	Sergio Brown	DB	6-1	184	FR
37	Luke Schmidt	RB	6-3	230	FR
38	Nate Whitaker	K	5-9	165	FR
39	James Aldridge	RB	6-0	209	FR
40	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	SR
41	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	SR
42	Dex Cure	RB	6-1	215	FR
43	Kevin Jabbie	RB	5-11	190	JR
44	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	FR
45	Ryan Burkhardt	K	5-11	185	FR
46	Kevin Brooks	TE	6-2	230	FR
47	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	JR
48	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	SO
49	Kevin Washington	LB	5-11	231	SO
50	David Costanzo	WR	5-9	170	SO
51	Eric Maust	P	6-1	180	FR
52	Mike Anello	DB	5-10	180	SO
53	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	SO
54	Kris Patterson	WR	5-11	174	SO
55	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	SR
56	Michael Planalp	TE	6-4	230	SO
57	Kyle Charters	LB	5-11	195	JR
58	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	SR
59	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
60	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	SR
61	Toryan Smith	LB	6-0	230	FR
62	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
63	Joe Wenger	OL	6-4	285	FR
64	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	SR
65	Morrice Richardson	DB	6-2	228	FR
66	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	JR
67	Eric Olsen	OL	6-4	290	FR
68	Nick Borseti	LB	6-4	238	SR
69	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	SR
70	Chris Steward	OL	6-5	340	FR
71	Casey Cullen	DL	6-1	238	SR
72	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	JR
73	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	SO
74	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
75	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
76	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	SR
77	Neil Kennedy	DL	5-11	260	JR
78	Bartley Webb	OL	6-7	290	FR
79	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	SO
80	Matt Carufel	OL	6-5	288	FR
81	Sam Young	OL	6-7	292	FR
82	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
83	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
84	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	SO
85	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	SR
86	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
87	Richard Jackson	WR	6-3	200	FR
88	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	JR
89	Robby Parris	WR	6-4	185	FR
90	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	SR
91	Will Yeatman	TE	6-6	250	FR
92	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	JR
93	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
94	Konrad Reuland	TE	6-6	239	FR
95	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	FR
96	John Ryan	DL	6-5	240	FR
97	Travis Leitko	DL	6-7	270	SR
98	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	SO
99	Paddy Mullen	DL	6-5	265	FR
	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	JR
	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	SR
	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	SO
	Kallen Wade	DL	6-5	220	FR
	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	SR
	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	JR

NOTRE DAME 2006 Schedule

Sept. 2 at Ga. Tech — W
Sept. 9 PENN ST. — W
Sept. 16 MICHIGAN — L
Sept. 23 at MSU — W
Sept. 30 PURDUE — W
Oct. 7 STANFORD — W
Oct. 21 UCLA — W
Oct. 28 at Navy — W
Nov. 4 UNC — W
Nov. 11 at Air Force
Nov. 18 ARMY
Nov. 25 at USC

NOTRE DAME OFFENSE



COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH PASSING

IRISH RUSHING

NOTRE DAME

Charlie Weis has the most impressive winning percentage through 21 games for the Irish of any coach since Ara Parseghian. Weis' detractors say he has never won "the big one," but nor has he lost to a far inferior opponent.

Brady Quinn's 23-of-35, four-touchdown showing against North Carolina was just one more stellar game for the likely No. 1 quarterback drafted in 2007. Quinn's best asset may be limiting his mistakes. He's thrown 204 passes in a row without an interception.

The Irish have four players — receivers Rhema McKnight and Jeff Samardzija, tight end John Carlson and tailback Darius Walker — with more than 45 catches on the season. Defenses have struggled to shut down all Quinn's options.

Darius Walker averages 4.3 yards a carry and 85 yards a game. Those numbers are solid, but below average for top-10 teams. Notre Dame has struggled all season trying to establish a straight-ahead rushing game and has found production through draw plays.

AIR FORCE

Fisher DeBerry is the all-time winningest coach at Air Force, recording 169 victories in 274 games. DeBerry was fearless on the road against Tennessee this year, going for a two-point conversion at the end of the game with the Falcons trailing the Volunteers by one.

Shaun Carney has completed 54 percent of his passes to give him quarterback rating of 133.8, though he has only 70 attempts this year. The key to Carney's game is his rushing, as the junior has 531 yards on 134 attempts.

Air Force has nine interceptions by seven players on the season, including two each by juniors John Rabold and Julian Madrid. The Falcons also have 11 pass break-ups and 13 quarterback hurries against opposing offenses.

Air Force has held opponents to just 3.9 yards per carry and 131.9 yards per game on the ground. Most impressively, the Falcons held Tennessee to 79 yards rushing in their heartbreaking season-opening loss in Knoxville.

ANALYSIS

DeBerry is, by all counts, a tremendous week-long coach who has done more for the Air Force program than anyone else. Weis' young career, with most of his skills demonstrated in game-day adjustments and playcalling.

Carney is a good option quarterback, but his offense is not nearly as efficient as Quinn's. Notre Dame's offense relies heavily upon Quinn's high intelligence and deadly accuracy, which he delivers fully nearly every week.

Air Force has an above-average secondary, but it is not good enough to contain the Irish air attack. Quinn's ability to find and go to his second, third or fourth options makes him hard to stop by focusing on any one player.

The Falcons' defensive line isn't the largest in the world, but it has been very effective. The sometimes successful always-sporadic rushing game will have a difficult time moving the ball against a motivated and skillful defense.

Irish experts



Mike Gillon
Editor in Chief

Early in the season this looked like one Air Force could pull out — at home, against a Notre Dame team looking past the Falcons and toward USC. After the way Brady Quinn and the Irish offense performed last week, a let down isn't in the books. Fisher DeBerry has the Falcons pumped and Air Force breaks a few long runs. But Jeff Samardzija pads his career touchdown total and the Irish roll on their way to the BCS.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 42 Air Force 17

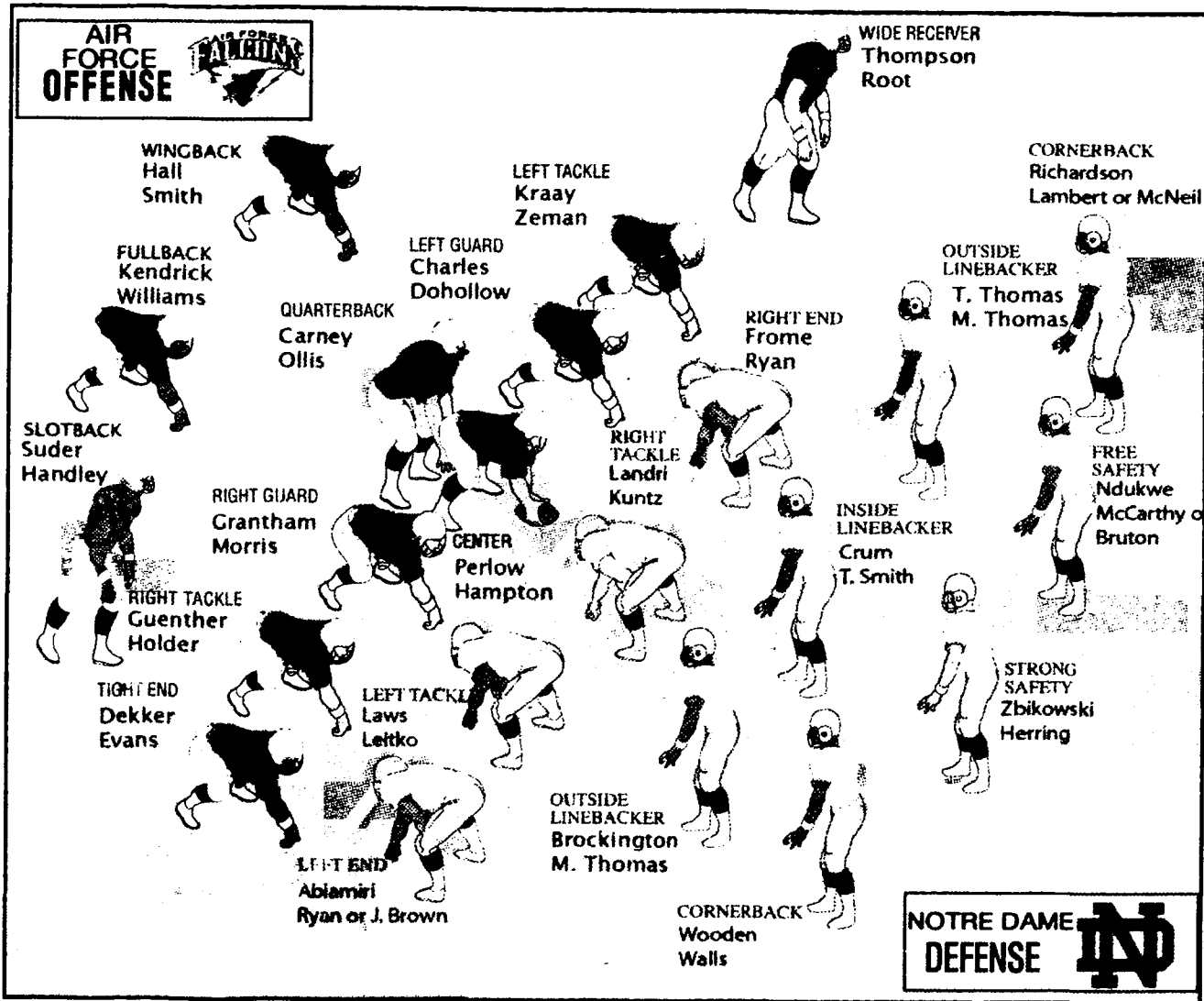


Bob Griffin
Asst. Managing Editor

Because Air Force likes to keep the ball on offense, the Falcons are playing at home and Notre Dame hasn't had a consistent running game all season — the Irish might lose the time of possession battle. But that doesn't mean Notre Dame won't throw the ball on the Falcons secondary and score on its first few possessions. The Irish get out to a quick lead, and Air Force tacks on a late touchdown to make it a 14-point game.
FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 38 Air Force 24

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Air Force Falcons



Air Force 2006 Schedule

- Sept. 9 at Tennessee — L
- Sept. 23 at Wyoming — W
- Sept. 30 NEW MEXICO — W
- Oct. 7 NAVY — L
- Oct. 12 CO. STATE — W
- Oct. 21 at San Diego St. — L
- Oct. 28 BYU — L
- Nov. 3 at Army — W
- Nov. 11 NOTRE DAME
- Nov. 18 UTAH
- Nov. 24 at UNLV
- Dec. 2 at Texas Christian

Air Force Falcons
Record: 4-4
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Fisher DeBerry
23rd season at
Air Force
career record:
169-105-1
at Air Force:
169-105-1
against Notre
Dame: 3-10



Fisher DeBerry
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Chad Hall	HB	5-7	180	JR
2	Carson Bird	CB	5-11	190	JR
3	Nathan Smith	CB	5-10	180	JR
4	Julian Madrid	FS	6-0	205	JR
5	Shaun Carney	QB	5-10	190	JR
6	Chris Sutton	CB	6-0	180	SR
7	Mark Root	WR	6-2	195	JR
8	Jacobe Kendrick	FB	6-0	230	SR
9	John Rabold	FAL	6-4	220	JR
10	Adam Zanotti	FAL	5-11	205	SR
11	Bobby Giannini	FS	6-2	210	JR
12	Mike Moffett	WR	5-11	195	JR
13	Kyle Black	QB	6-0	185	FR
14	Shea Smith	QB	5-10	190	SO
15	Jim Ollis	QB/KR	5-11	190	JR
16	Tommy Daniels	QB	5-10	185	SO
17	Kip McCarthy	HB	5-10	190	JR
18	Justin Handley	HB	5-8	175	SR
19	Ty Paffett	HB	5-11	180	JR
20	Dan Hill	FAL	6-1	190	FR
21	Ryan Williams	FB	5-9	215	JR
22	Beau Suder	HB	5-11	195	JR
23	Aaron Kirchoff	FAL	6-1	200	SO
24	Chad Smith	HB	5-10	190	JR
25	Todd Newell	HB	5-11	195	JR
26	Jared Baxley	LB	6-0	200	SR
27	Trey Eaton	FS	6-2	180	SO
28	Charles Wells	FB	5-10	215	SR
29	Chris Huckins	CB	5-10	180	SR
30	Kevin Rivers	FS	6-0	190	SO
31	Daylan Phillips	HB	5-11	200	SO
32	Hunter Altman	FAL	5-11	185	SO
33	Drew Fowler	LB	6-2	235	SO
34	Chris Thomas	FS	5-11	200	FR
35	Trent Burney	FAL	6-0	185	SR
36	Brad Meissen	FS	5-11	185	SR
37	Tony Norman	DS	5-11	195	JR
38	Matt Davis	HB	5-11	175	SO
39	Garrett Rybak	CB	5-11	175	JR
40	Scott Peoples	FB	5-10	215	JR
41	Robert Barlow	FB	5-11	220	SO
42	Joey Keller	LB	6-2	230	SR
46	Jacob Branstetter	K	5-11	165	FR
47	Zach Sasser	K	6-1	185	JR
48	Brandon Reeves	LB	6-2	225	SO
49	Andrew McKain	LB	6-0	200	SO
52	Austin Randle	LB	6-0	230	JR
53	Ben Ryan	LB	6-1	215	JR
54	Bryan Jones	DS	6-1	235	SR
55	Gilberto Perez	DE	6-3	275	SR
57	Nick Charles	OT	6-4	255	FR
58	Josh Casteel	C	6-3	275	SO
59	Thomas Crump	OG	6-2	275	SR
60	Stuart Perlow	C	6-4	305	SR
61	Tyler Dohollow	OG	6-3	295	SR
62	Curtis Grantham	OG	6-2	280	SR
63	Andrew Pipes	C	6-1	260	SO
64	Blaine Guenther	OT	6-2	270	JR
69	Caleb Morris	OG/C	6-2	275	JR
70	Ryan Zeman	OT	6-4	265	JR
72	Robert Kraay	OT	6-8	295	SR
73	Dan Holder	OT	6-6	280	JR
78	Garrett Gilbertson	DE	6-4	230	SO
79	Keith Williams	DT	6-6	255	SO
80	Anthony Hemphill	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Vic Thompson	WR	6-1	195	SO
82	Michael Krogh	TE	6-3	240	JR
83	Spencer Armstrong	WR	6-1	195	SO
84	Jeff Bohlman	DE	6-4	230	SO
85	Keith Madsen	TE	6-3	230	SO
86	Chris Evans	TE	6-2	240	JR
87	Christopher Carp	P	5-10	170	SR
88	Travis Dekker	TE	6-4	240	JR
89	Noah Garquile	DE	6-5	265	JR
90	Chris Monson	DT	6-4	255	JR
91	Ryan Kemp	DE	6-5	235	SO
92	David Nan	DE	6-2	240	SO
93	Ryan Gonzales	DE	6-4	250	FR
94	Anthony Schelstrate	NG	6-4	260	SO
95	Jake Paulson	DE	6-4	260	SO
96	Grant Thomas	NG	6-1	275	SR
97	Josh Clayton	DE	6-4	260	JR
98	Colin Hartwell	K	5-11	180	JR
99	Kevin Quinn	DE/DT	6-1	255	SR

FALCONS PASSING

The Falcons have not pretended to be a team with a real passing attack. Carney's top throwing total is 19 against Navy, and he has only thrown 70 passes all season. Only one player — Victor Thompson with 12 — has caught more than eight passes for Air Force.

FALCONS RUSHING

The Falcons are one of the best rushing teams in the nation with a 266.9 yard-per-game average. Air Force's three-back set frustrates defenses and pounds hard against opposing lines, and Chad Hall's 5.6 yard-per-carry average leads the starting corps.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Tom Zbikowski finally returned a punt for a touchdown against North Carolina and very nearly got a second later in the game, and Geoff Price is one of the nation's best power punters. Carl Gioia has gotten more experience kicking, which should help him.

INTANGIBLES

Notre Dame has another game against an option team (Army) after this week. For most teams, facing Air Force is a one-week hiccup for the defense. But for the Irish, who have already faced Navy this year, the game is closer to just another matchup.

NOTRE DAME

MICHIGAN STATE

ANALYSIS

The Irish secondary has improved last season but is still extremely vulnerable to big plays by opponents. Terrail Lambert and Mike Richardson have been solid on most draws, but wide outs still can find their way behind the Irish third line.

Notre Dame's rush defense has been stout lately, keeping runs between the tackles within a yard or two of the line of scrimmage. Derek Landri and Trevor Laws have been aggressive and explosive in the middle, forcing opposing offenses to go toward the sidelines.

The Falcons average an abysmal 14.8 yards per kickoff return but have been surrendering just 12.4 when they kick off. Zach Sasser handles the place kicking for Air Force. He averages 42 yards per punt and is 7-of-9 on field goals this season.

Air Force plays hard and well against top teams. DeBerry always has his squad energized for big opponents, and the Falcons' tough schedule gives them experience and an edge over most other teams when facing a squad like Notre Dame.

For Notre Dame, North Carolina receiver Hakeem Nicks' 72-yard touchdown in the third quarter last week was not an exception — it has been the general rule that the Irish will give up at least one long play every week, many for touchdowns.

Against most teams, Notre Dame's run defense would get the advantage. But Air Force is not an ordinary team. The Falcons are not afraid to take hits or go against their opponent's strength. Air Force may not throw for many yards, but it will run well.

Kickoff coverage has been solid for the Irish with the lone exception of Tar Heels deep man Brandon Tate's 90-yard touchdown last week. Overall, Notre Dame is more explosive and more dangerous on special teams for key field position.

This rivalry was more intense in the early 1980s but now is more of a novelty game. Notre Dame doesn't have much to gain by a big win on CSTV and Air Force doesn't have much to lose against a good team.



Ken Fowler
Sports Editor

The Irish ground the Falcons in Colorado Springs with a devastating air attack and a solid running game. Brady Quinn will play just 40 minutes, and Evan Sharpley will see his first meaningful time, throwing the ball along with handing off to James Aldridge and Munir Prince. The defense plays well, and defensive end Victor Abiamiri closes in on the Irish single-season and career sack records.

**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45
Air Force 17**



Kate Gales
Associate
Sports Editor

Air Force isn't going away easily, but the Irish offense has found its rhythm and is able to score at will. The Irish likely will give up over 200 yards on the ground but Brady Quinn will easily adjust to the thin mountain air, throwing six touchdown passes to put the game out of reach for the Zoomies. Victor Abiamiri will hit milestones for sacks.

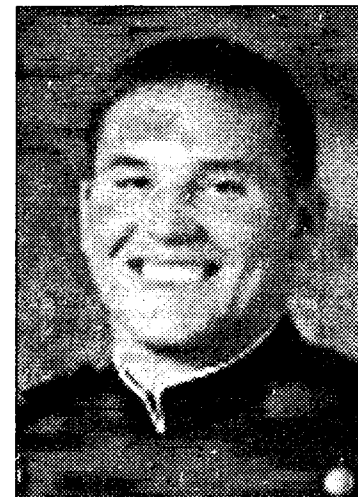
**FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 49
Air Force 28**

Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Falcons

	Notre Dame	Air Force
Points Scored	31.7	24.4
Points Allowed	22.1	20.8
Total Yards Gained	394.4	334.0
Total Yards Allowed	320.8	323.2
Rushing Yards Gained	107.1	266.9
Rushing Yards Allowed	126.3	131.9
Passing Yards Gained	287.3	67.1
Passing Yards Allowed	194.4	191.4
Turnovers Lost	9	10
Turnovers Recovered	12	18

KEY MATCHUP

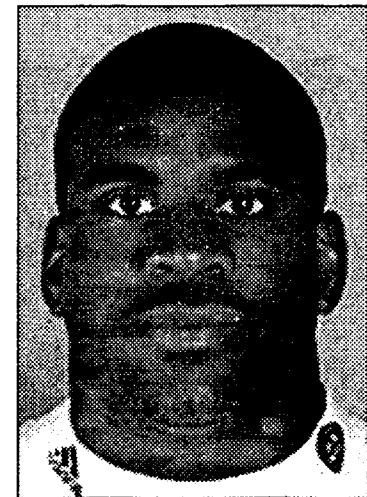


FALCONS

RUSHING OFFENSE

Air Force runs as efficiently as any team in the nation. The Falcons average 266.9 yards per game. Chad Gall comes in at 5.6 yards per carry and quarterback Shaun Carney, above, is dangerous on the run.

For the Irish, playing against Navy before this game was good exposure to defending at least some of the option. The Falcons will have to pull out some new plays and execute nearly flawlessly to score many points on this Notre Dame defense.



IRISH

RUN DEFENSE

The Irish rush defense is 49th in the nation, allowing 126.33 yards per game. The team gave up 211 yards to Navy in just the first half of that game, although the second half saw a much-improved Irish defense. Victor Abiamiri (above) had two sacks against the Midshipmen.

But the fact remains that the Midshipmen totaled 271 yards running an offense similar to that the Falcons will use against the Irish.

The defensive line looked good against North Carolina last weekend, but to shut down the triple option, the linebackers will have to be more involved.

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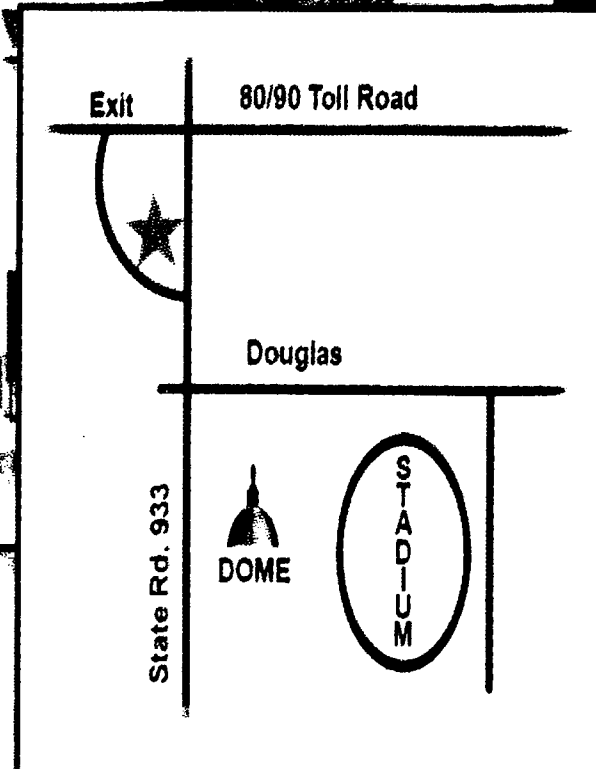
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Falcons' attack different from Midshipmen

Air Force offense is more diverse than Midshipmen option

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame's defense started slowly, surrendering three drives of 60 or more yards to the option-running Midshipmen to start the game. The Irish recovered and held Navy to the 14 points it scored in the first half.

On Saturday, the Irish are hoping to play a more complete, 60-minute game against the Falcons' option offense. But just because Notre Dame figured out how to sink one service academy doesn't mean it can ground the other.

And the problems for the Irish begin with the seemingly simple inclusion of a tight end.

Air Force enters the contest with an average of 267 yards per game rushing, largely thanks to its wishbone formation and multiple threats.

Much like the offense Navy

showed Notre Dame, Air Force employs a kill-you-with-speed offense, though the Falcons' formations are somewhat different. Air Force often uses a one-receiver formation with a tight end on the other side of the field. By comparison, Navy played two receivers far from the tackles on almost every play – and the Falcons have run that formation, as well.

Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said the contrast was so stark that most of the few things he could take from the Navy game and apply it to this one were "fundamentals."

"There's some similarities to them running the option, but Navy definitely has got a much different attack [than Air Force]," he said. "[The Falcons will] definitely use the tight end a lot more than Navy does [and] a few more counters. So it's actually a lot different than Navy's option attack."

When asked what prepara-

tions from the Navy game would carry over, Irish coach Charlie Weis offered sentiments similar to Zbikowski's.

"It helps with half of their package. The only problem is [the Falcons] have another whole half of the package. One half of the package has a lot of similarities to what Navy did, but they have a whole other package that

Navy didn't have," Weis said.

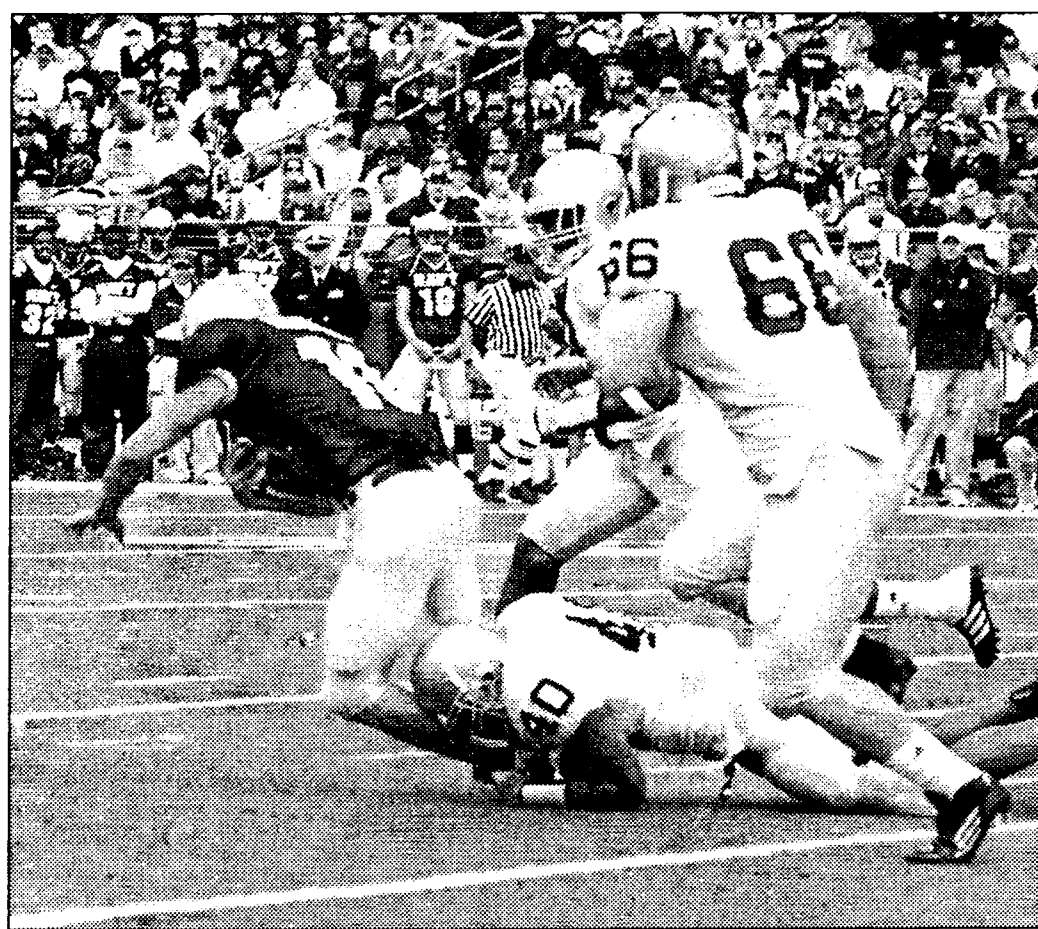
Against the Midshipmen, Zbikowski had 14 tackles as he focused on containing the pitch man turning upfield on running plays. But the senior have more pass-

coverage

assignments this Saturday as Air Force throws the ball more, though not much, than Navy. And Zbikowski will have to keep his eye on the Falcons starting tight end – 6-foot-4, 240-pound Travis Dekker, who has 10 percent of Air Force's receptions on the season.

"There's some similarities to them running the option, but Navy definitely has got a much different attack [than Air Force]."

Tom Zbikowski
Irish safety



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Linebacker Maurice Crum tackles Navy quarterback Kaipo Noa Kaheaku-Enhada during Notre Dame's 38-14 win over Navy Oct. 28.

"They have tight ends in their system and they want to use them," Zbikowski said. "It can definitely help out in passing situations where [Air Force has] a little bigger body in there."

Dekker and Falcons backup Chris Evans frustrate defenses by adding an extra blocker on the line of scrimmage who also releases on pass routes more than a quarter of the time he is on the field.

But even with Air Force's aerial arsenal, the way to stop Falcons is to beat them on the ground.

Quarterback Shaun Carney has averaged 65 yards per game this season on nearly 17 carries a contest.

"Their offense starts with Carney," Irish coach Charlie Weis said. "He's the guy who makes their offense go."

Chad Hall, the Falcons' 5-foot-10, 180-pound wingback from Georgia is Air Force's most dangerous threat with the ball in his hands. Hall has 594 yards on 107 attempts for a 5.6 yards-per-rush average to go along with five touchdowns and a long rush of 38 yards.

But Notre Dame has more to

worry about than just the speedsters who make their living on the outside. As teams have concentrated on pitches towards the sidelines because of the added tight end, the Falcons have exploited weakness in the interior of defenses with their two bruising fullbacks, each averaging more than 4 yards per carry.

Backup Ryan Williams, a 5-foot-9, 215-pound product of Mesquite, Tex., has 332 yards on the season with a 4.4-yard average. Jacobo Kendrick, who has taken over the starting job from Williams, enters with a 4.8 yards-per-carry average and 295 yards in seven games this season.

"The two of them [Kendrick and Williams], you'd better stop them, first of all, because if not, they'll just hand it off to them all day and let them gash you for a while," Weis said. "You're going to have to play a ... technically sound, fundamental game with a high level of energy to get production [on defense]," Weis said.

That's the challenge for the Irish.

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Brigham Young linebacker Bryan Kehl, top, tackles Air Force quarterback Shaun Carney for a loss in the third quarter of the Falcons' 33-14 loss Oct. 28.

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