



Wavin' the flag

Edward Courtney is known to many for his dedication to a post along US-31. Find out more about him inside.

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The Irish face Stanford Saturday back in the house the Rockne built. See a complete preview of the game inside.

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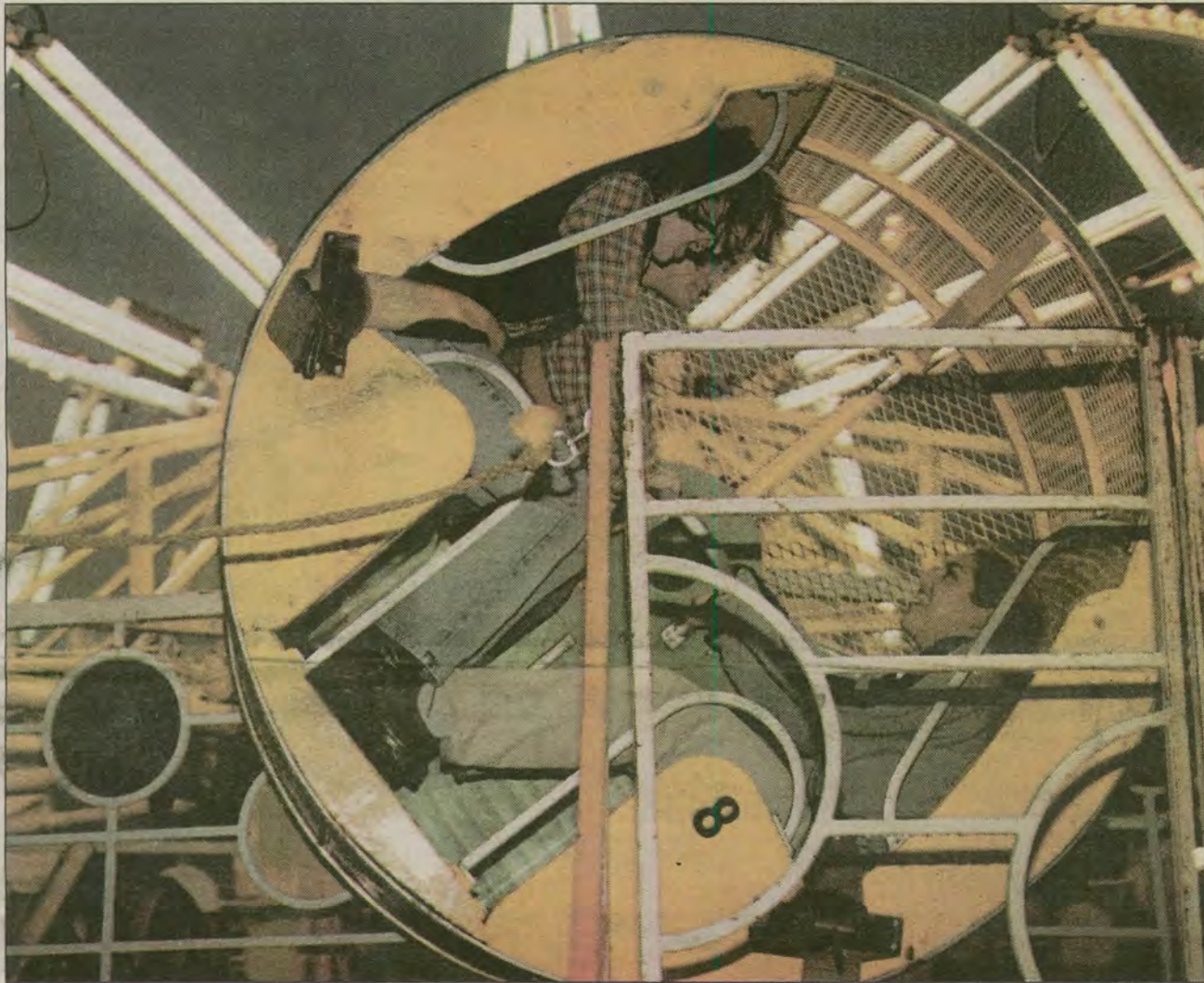
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OUT FOR A WHIRL



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Students enjoy the carnival rides of the Founder's Day celebration. The rides and games were to be accompanied by a campus-wide picnic, which was relocated to the dining halls because of rain. The rides, games and booths were still held in front of Rolfs Sports Recreation Center.

Students react to study day situation

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

For the past two years, junior Patrick Brennan has enjoyed having four consecutive study days before a five-day week of stressful finals. Brennan said he was able to prepare himself thoroughly for his tests and also had time to spend with friends before leaving for Christmas break.

"Finals are the most stressful time of the year," Brennan said. "I feel we need enough time to prepare."

However, for the 2001 fall semester, students may no longer have four consecutive study days. Because of a rule set by the Academic Council, the school year cannot start before Aug. 22. If a normal final schedule were used for the 2001 calendar, finals would not be completed until Dec. 21. Because this date is so close to Christmas, the Academic Council has suggested a new finals week schedule. Classes would end on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2001 and two study days would follow on Wednesday and Thursday. Friday and Saturday would be finals days followed by another study day on Sunday and then three consecutive days of finals.

Several students agree with Brennan, saying they need a transition time between the end of classes and finals and thus do not like the proposed schedule.

"I will miss four consecutive study days," said junior HJ Roberts. "I'm sure a lot of engineers use all four days to study. I'm going to miss the transition day to relax. Last year the night before study days was one of the most fun nights because I didn't have to worry about studying just

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Pax Christi hits campus to promote military spending cut

By TIM LOGAN
Senior Staff Writer

A young woman dressed as a clean-shaven Uncle Sam looks up at a 27-foot inflatable bar graph representing United States defense spending.

And while Uncle Sam boasts about American military superiority, her counterpart, Shawna Farabaugh, describes our nation's less impressive rankings in categories like infant mortality and education.

This was the scene Thursday afternoon in O'Shaughnessy's Great Hall, where Pax Christi held a demonstration calling for those positions to be brought a little closer together.

"We can't have national security without quality education and health care for all our citizens," Farabaugh said.

The event was part of the Pax Christi "Bread Not Stones" bus tour, a 30-city journey across the country to raise awareness of military spending and propose a 15 percent cut in our nation's defense budget.

Thursday, the bus came to Notre Dame.

The group gave two presentations and an acoustic concert, in O'Shaughnessy's Great Hall. After the presentations, the bus riders, along with Notre Dame Pax Christi members and interested onlookers, held a talk on Catholic Social Teaching and U.S. military spending.

The event illustrated the \$271 billion that the government spends on defense each year with a big inflatable bar graph, in scale with the defense budgets of China, Russia and our other "potential adversaries" — North Korea, Libya, Sudan, Syria, Cuba, Iran and Iraq. According to figures from the General Accounting Office, U. S. military expenditures double what all of those countries spend, combined.

This, according to Farabaugh, gives good insight into our priorities as a society.

"It's like the national checkbook," she said. "You can tell a lot about a person by looking at their checkbook. They spend money on things that are

important to him. What we choose to prioritize in our funding says a lot about what we value as a nation."

The group wants America to change its spending priorities, cutting 15 percent of our defense budget and putting the money into programs for education and health care. They said that money could provide health coverage for all 11 million uninsured children in this country, completely fund Head Start and hire 200,000 new teachers nationwide.

"What we're trying to do is get people to recognize what's possible with only a 15 percent cut in military spending," Farabaugh said.

The cuts would not significantly diminish our military capabilities, the group said, pointing to waste that could easily be prevented.

"We'll still have the strongest military in the world," said Eric LeCompte, leader of the bus group.

The "Bread Not Stones"

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TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Pax Christi's "Bread Not Stones" bus tour featured musical performances when it stopped on campus Thursday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Put yourself on the line

There's no day but today. That's one of the refrains in the musical "Rent." Throughout the show, the characters search for that which eludes them — happiness. Yet they're afraid to take the actions that might deliver happiness.

Roger, for example, is desperately in love with Mimi, but because his previous girlfriend committed suicide, he doesn't want to risk going through the pain of another broken relationship. So he mopes along, wishing he could be with Mimi, too frightened to tell her his true feelings.

Too often, I think most of us follow Roger's lead.

We say all we want out of life is to be happy, but then let cold feet prevent us from going after that goal. It's so much safer to settle for a state of semi-contentment rather than risk whatever fragile peace we might have by aiming for something a little better.

If things are going well, why should I risk losing that by putting myself on the line? Sure, I might wind up being the happiest person in the world. But what if I fail?

I've always thought I would love to do a year or two of service before moving into the "real world" and getting a job working for a newspaper. But now that I'm actually a senior, it's scary. Maybe I won't be able to find a job as a sports reporter after taking a year off of writing.

I mean, I might suddenly forget how to form a sentence. I might not remember that a basketball team plays five people at once or that a touch-down equals six points. Maybe editors will throw my application out the window when they don't see any articles published within the past year.

Maybe I would be better off just taking the first newspaper job that comes along. At least I'll be assured of a paycheck coming in.

Or maybe I'm just paranoid.

Down the road, I know I'll regret not taking the chance to volunteer or travel when I was young. I won't be able to pick up and move across the country or around the world when I'm 40 years old with a husband, kids and a stable job.

It's not just seniors either. In one way or another, we're all afraid to put ourselves on the line.

We're too timid to let our true feelings be known. Telling someone that you see him or her as more than a pal might result in a great relationship, but it also might strain the friendship if the feelings aren't mutual. So we wait in silence for Cupid to come along and create a romance.

We're too comfortable to venture outside our circle of friends and meet someone new, especially a person of another race. It could be the chance to get familiar with a different culture and learn about experiences different than our own, but making the first move is too awkward. So we complain that race relations are strained at Notre Dame, meanwhile continuing to sit at our segregated dining hall tables.

By looking at the potential downfalls instead of the upsides, our anxieties cripple us. Just because life isn't terrible doesn't mean we shouldn't try to make it better. Perfect bliss might be out of reach, but it's a worthy goal. Take a chance.

There's no day but today.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Foundation grants \$250,000 to Saint Mary's
Oct. 5, 1990

Saint Mary's was awarded a \$250,000 challenge grant from the Knight Foundation of Akron, Ohio, to implement a comprehensive project aimed at attracting, cultivating and retaining highly-qualified faculty. Saint Mary's was one of only 25 private liberal arts institutions invited by the foundation's "Excellence in Undergraduate Education" program to submit project proposals.

ND team victorious in keg rolling relay
Oct. 2, 1973

The first annual Keg Rolling contest between Notre Dame and Purdue University ended in a hard-fought-for victory for Notre Dame. The struggle consisted of runners pushing along mower type contraption from Logansport to Lafayette, Ind. Notre Dame team's spring-relay strategy, using cars to pick up and deposit runners at their positions, outstripped the Purdue runners.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

JMU sophomore loses battle with bulimia

HARRISONBURG, Va.

A James Madison University sophomore died of bulimia-related conditions at the University of Virginia Medical Center early Friday morning.

Leslie George, 19, of Alexandria, spent more than six hours in surgery for sepsis, an infection caused by stomach toxins that leaked into her abdominal cavity, according to her father, Ron George.

George suffered from bulimia and anorexia nervosa for four years, Mr. George said. She was once hospitalized for the eating disorder in her sophomore year of high school. Since that incident, George tried to treat the disease with medicine and counseling.

Sophomore Lisa Nixon, a friend of George's since high school, said

"It had been a struggle for years. She definitely wanted to get better."

Lisa Nixon
George's friend

George was fully aware of her eating disorder and wanted to improve her health.

"It had been a struggle for years," Nixon said. "She definitely wanted to get better."

George had a counseling appointment for her eating disorder scheduled for Monday.

On Sept. 27, George called her parents in Alexandria from her car in the Wal-Mart parking lot at the Valley

Mall complaining of extreme stomach pain related to the eating disorder, Nixon said.

Alone in her car, George remained on the phone with her parents who called 911, and George was taken to Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

An emergency transfer to U Va. began about 4 p.m. last Thursday, Mr. George said. Doctors at RMH had difficulty stabilizing her, and George arrived at U Va. by helicopter at 7 p.m., Mr. George said.

After being restabilized again at U Va., George remained on the operating table for more than six hours until her death.

George was in the Honors Scholars Program studying business administration and a new member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority this year.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Hospitals ban rape contraception

PHILADELPHIA

Many Catholic hospitals across the nation are not discussing contraceptive options with rape victims brought into their emergency rooms, according to a recently published University of Pennsylvania study. Despite the nationwide standard of mentioning contraceptive options when discussing treatment with these patients, the results of a Penn pilot study — published in the September issue of the American Journal of Public Health — showed that some Catholic medical centers prohibit the discussion, prescription and distribution of emergency contraception in the treatment of rape victims. Women treated at these hospitals "think they have gotten all the standard medical care and in fact they have not," said Jon Merz, a faculty member at Penn's Center for Bioethics and senior author of the study. "Women who have been traumatized cannot make an inquiry, and failure to tell them [about different options] is abandonment." Catholic theology upholds birth control as equivalent to abortion.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Top labor leader bashes NYU

NEW YORK

AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said Wednesday that New York University has been arrogant in its dealings with local labor organizations and may be breaking the law in its fight against graduate assistant unionization. "NYU is saying it's OK to treat some employees one way and other employees another way," Sweeney said at a rally of more than 500 union supporters at Judson Memorial Church. "NYU is saying it's OK to break the law when it is convenient for them." The statement about breaking the law alludes to grievances the United Auto Workers have filed with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) against NYU. The union contends the University's use of e-mail to inform the community about the GA union was against the law. Sweeney's comments come as NYU's clerical workers union negotiates a new contract with the University. The union, Local 3882, is demanding an 8 to 10 percent wage increase, new health and safety grievance procedures and a "closed" union shop.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast
AccuWeather: Forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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Saturday	43	30
Sunday	43	28
Monday	46	34
Tuesday	56	40
Wednesday	62	41

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Baltimore	79	53	Memphis	66	50	Sacramento	87	55
Boston	67	53	Milwaukee	44	31	St. Louis	56	38
Chicago	53	34	New York	74	56	Tampa	88	72
Houston	82	66	Philadelphia	78	53	Wash DC	80	55

Author, alumnus reminisces at 'flag raisers' book signing

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

James Bradley's book "Flags of Our Fathers," a New York Times Best Seller grabbed not only the attention of the Notre Dame community at Tuesday's book talk and signing, but also of Steven Spielberg who recently bought the movie rights.

Bradley, the son of one of the "flag raisers" at Iwo Jima, reflected on the experiences he discovered while researching and writing his book.

"[My Dad] was a good man, he loved his family and was devoted to the Church, [but] we didn't see him as a hero," he said.

Although Bradley and his family knew that his father was part of the famous Iwo Jima "flag raising" photo — the most reproduced image in photography — Bradley, Sr., rarely reflected on his World War II experiences.

"I just saw some guys struggling with a pole and I jumped in to give them a hand," Bradley frequently recalled his father saying.

However after his death, Bradley discovered there was more to the story than his father led him to believe.

"[These events] became more alive for me after my Dad's death. I was allowed to think about them," he said.

After the funeral, Bradley discovered three cardboard boxes in his father's office. "We were surprised to find that Dad had saved 50 years of memories of Iwo Jima [within those boxes]," he said.

From these documents, Bradley learned that his father was awarded the Navy Cross for Heroism.

"My Dad was able to keep it a secret from his wife and family for half a century," Bradley said.

This discovery led him to begin contacting surviving marines and their families present at Iwo Jima during the 36 day battle.

As he researched, Bradley was surprised to find how little was known of the flag raisers.

"Nobody knows who these guys are. You can walk around the monument [at Arlington National Cemetery] all day and not find their names," Bradley said.

The flag raising marked the beginning of the worst battle in the history of the U.S. Marines. The Marines battled 22,000 Japanese troops entrenched in 16 miles of underground tunnels on a five mile island.

Bradley's father's company suffered 84 percent casualties.

"My Dad probably held, in his arms, 200 guys who died at Iwo Jima. ... It's something you want to forget," he said.

However Bradley was quick to point out the good produced from the battle and the flag raising photo it produced.

"The beauty of this photo has become that these guys ... are us, ordinary Americans just doing their duty," he said.

"We have a chance to be ordinary heroes to our families, friends and community too," Bradley said to the audience.

Bradley, who attended Notre Dame, holds a degree in Eastern Asian history.



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James Bradley spoke to an audience at Hammes' Bookstore about his father's experience in Iwo Jima before signing the book he authored.

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Dalloway's new clubhouse opens

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Another step in the Master Plan announces its completion today when the new Dalloway's Clubhouse opens its doors for the first time.

"Everyone is always excited

about a new place," said Teresa Shaffer, assistant director of student activities. "In addition to the students, I hope there is also a lot of faculty and staff that come over to eat and hang out."

"I'm excited," said Kevin Kirwan, the director of dining services. "[Dalloway's] has a neat look to it, and I think people will

like the feel of it."

The Clubhouse will have limited hours today from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., and will serve a portion of what the normal menu will be.

"This week is a 'soft opening,'" Kirwan said. "We'll have limited offerings until we get everyone up on schedule and trained."

"The mentality of this weekend is to give you a chance to come in and peek," Kirwan said. "We're trying to get it open and let folks come in and see it."

The Clubhouse was built in conjunction with the new Welcome Center that has been operational since late in September. The new structure was added to the Master Plan when concerns about the location and structural stability of the old Dalloway's Coffeehouse arose. One of the goals of the project was to maintain the look and feel of the old building while making the necessary improvements.

"The important thing people ask is if it sticks with the theme and mission of the old clubhouse," Shaffer said. "It does."

When fully operational, the Clubhouse will serve mainly as a coffeehouse for students and staff. Both Shaffer and Kirwan explained that the design of the building and planning of the menu were focused on a coffee shop atmosphere.

In addition to that function, however, the building will be available for use by student groups. Shaffer explained that when students are on campus, the building may only be reserved by students for use.

"It is a student building," Shaffer said. "It's to be used for students only. Only on breaks can other groups reserve the building."

A grand opening ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 10 during the fall meeting of the College's Board of Trustees. There is also a ceremony scheduled for the opening of the Welcome Center during that meeting.

Normal business hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. will begin on Monday, but the full menu may not be available for about a week.

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Study

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yet." Roberts also said he isn't looking forward to taking finals on a Saturday.

"I can't imagine taking a test during the weekend," he said.

Tiffany Colon, a junior, said she doesn't want finals week to last longer than it has to.

"I think people need time to relax and take a break before the completely stressful week of finals," she said.

"Without the four consecutive days, I think people are going to burn out. I feel the new schedule is dragging finals out."

Sophomore Lauren Gale said she would rather start school earlier because she likes having four consecutive study days that leave some time for relaxing.

"I wouldn't like the new schedule. Personally I like the way it is now," Gale said.

Although some have said school should start before Aug. 22 to avoid the new schedule, student senator Melissa Rauch said there are reasons why the specific date is set.

"I talked to Dean Kolman from the First Year of Studies and the reason school can not start before Aug. 22 is because of the Freshman

Orientation committee and RA's already have to come back so early and pushing the date back would hurt them," Rauch said.

"We need compelling reason why students want a fourth study day. We need good arguments to tell the Academic Council," she added.

Tom Pierce, a sophomore, said having a study day in the middle of the week may help students catch up.

"I probably don't use all four study days when they are in a row. It might be helpful to have one in the middle to catch up from cramming the night before," Pierce said.

Roberts said it could give students more time

to prepare.

"Over the past two years, I've learned that the math tests are usually at the end of the week, so it might actually give us in engineering more time to study," Roberts said.

But overall, most students say they prefer the current finals schedule over the proposed one.

"I think it's good to have transition time," Brennan said. "I don't like that, I think it's better when all the study days are in a row, because then you have more time to study your notes and readings thoroughly."

"Without four consecutive study days, I think people are going to burn out. I feel the new schedule is dragging finals out."

Tiffany Colon
junior

Pax Christi

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movement was inspired by a statement released by U.S. Catholic bishops in March calling on the government to redirect our national spending priorities away from defense and towards education and health care. The bus tour began in Los Angeles in early September and will wind up in Burlington, Vt., on Nov. 2, the week before Election Day. Organizers hope to raise awareness of the issue across the country.

LeCompte encouraged the audience to work for a more equitable distribution of resources.

"We believe that support for this massive Pentagon spending on weapons is a mile wide but only 1/2 inch deep," he said. "The challenge for all of us here, no matter where we came from, is to break the hold that the military industrial complex has on Washington, D. C."

Attendance at the event varied throughout the event, which was originally to be held on South Quad but was driven inside by the rain. It was most crowded at its 4:45 p.m. start, when students leaving class stopped to watch. Fewer people were present later, but organizers said the event was successful, and they hope to build on its momentum.

"What was most significant for us was to have this national Pax Christi event on campus and have people walk by and think about it," said Rachel Soltis, a leader of the club. "I hope it started people thinking and Pax Christi plans to continue getting people to think."

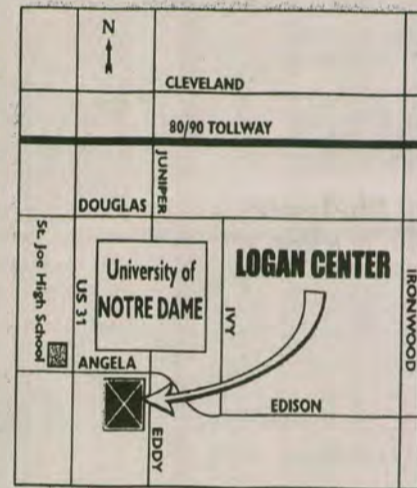
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

French officials debate use of pill:

The National Assembly began debate Thursday on the Socialist government's plan to allow public school nurses in France to distribute a morning-after contraception pill in junior and senior high schools. The pill, called Norlevo, is taken within 72 hours following intercourse and prevents pregnancy by blocking the implantation of a fertilized egg in the uterus. Opponents claim it amounts to abortion.

Immigrants flee Ivory Coast:

Thousands of immigrants fled the Ivory Coast on Thursday, fearful of being targeted by civil unrest if opposition leaders are barred from presidential elections. Immigrants from neighboring West African countries and Muslims from northern Ivory Coast are the primary support base of the main opposition candidate, Alassane Dramane Ouattara, who is expected to be excluded from the vote.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bolt problem delays shuttle launch:

NASA called off Thursday's launch of space shuttle Discovery because of last-minute concerns over bolts on the external fuel tank. The space agency aimed for a Friday night liftoff but stressed that the problem must be solved before Discovery can fly. This 100th space shuttle flight is a crucial space station construction mission.

\$11M awarded in King libel suit:

A judge has awarded \$11 million to a man who said he was libeled in a book that claimed Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination was a conspiracy between the government, sniper teams and organized crime. Billy Ray Eidson sued London lawyer William F. Pepper and his publishers in 1997 for writing that Eidson was part of a Special Forces unit sent to Memphis on April 4, 1968, to kill King.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Officers honor slain colleague:

Nearly 600 uniformed law enforcement officers gathered in a flower-strewn auditorium Wednesday to say goodbye to Beech Grove police officer William Toney — while another man was formally charged with the murder. Toney, who would have turned 32 on Saturday, died Friday night after he was shot while chasing the driver of a stolen van. Benjamin Ritchie, 20, was charged Wednesday with murder, unlawful possession of a firearm by a serious violent felon, auto theft, resisting law enforcement, and carrying a handgun without a license.

YUGOSLAVIA



AFP Photo

Protesters beat up a Serb riot policeman during violent protests in Belgrade. Protesters stormed the Yugoslav parliament and state television, and police fired tear gas at more than 300,000 people making the most determined bid yet to topple Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Protestors set parliament on fire

Associated Press

BELGRADE

Mobs seeking to topple Slobodan Milosevic turned their fury on his centers of power Thursday, leaving parliament and other key Belgrade sites in shambles and flames. The 13-year rule of the Yugoslav president appeared near collapse.

Hundreds of thousands of people swarmed through the capital to demand that Milosevic accept his apparent electoral defeat by Vojislav Kostunica in the Sept. 24 election. The uprising developed with stunning speed, swelling as security forces showed little

willingness to battle the largest anti-Milosevic protest ever.

Many police put down their clubs and joined flag-waving crowds as they surged across central Belgrade through clouds of tear gas. As demonstrators charged and riot police cowered behind helmets and shields, the federal parliament building, the state broadcasting center and police stations fell in quick succession.

Protesters tossed documents and portraits of Milosevic through the broken windows of the parliament complex. Smoke billowed from the building and from the state televi-

sion headquarters nearby.

Dozens of people were injured, according to witnesses. Some police who fired on demonstrators were beaten. Elsewhere in the country, thousands more people joined smaller rallies in a number of towns.

"What we are doing today is making history," Kostunica proclaimed during an evening speech in front of Belgrade city hall, across from parliament.

The domino-like successes of the opposition did not fully erase fears that Milosevic could still strike back. Kostunica asked supporters to remain on the streets until dawn to try to

block any possible counter-attack by the military. He also appealed to people from the countryside to stream into Belgrade for rallies Friday.

"We call on the military and police to do everything to ensure a peaceful transition of power," he said.

The crowd chanted for Milosevic's arrest. Kostunica answered: "He doesn't need to be arrested. He arrested himself a long time ago."

At the White House, President Clinton said: "The people are trying to get their country back." British Prime Minister Tony Blair said of Milosevic: "Your time is up. Go now."

Market Watch 10/5

DOW JONES 10,724.92 -59.56

Up: 1,261 Same: 496 Down: Composite Volume: 1,181,516,544

AMEX:	929.93	-4.46
Nasdaq:	3472.10	-51.00
NYSE:	667.87	+2.73
S&P 500:	1436.28	+1.96

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WORLD.COM INC (WCOM)	-7.97	-2.25	25.94
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-2.38	-1.00	41.00
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.71	-1.00	57.56
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-1.10	-.06	55.38

IRAN

Iranians join Mideast protests

Associated Press

TEHRAN

Chanting slogans against the United States and calling for the destruction of Israel, some 10,000 people took to the streets of Tehran on Thursday to protest the deaths of scores of Palestinians in clashes with Israeli security forces.

"The only way left for the liberation of Palestine is resistance and jihad (holy war) against the Zionist occupation," parliament speaker Mahdi

Karrubi told the demonstrators in the Iranian capital's Palestine Square.

"Experience has shown that talks and reconciliation with Israel is an exercise in futility," said Karrubi, whose speech was interrupted by protesters' shouts of "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great," and "Death to Israel."

Behind the podium, a large banner said: "Death to America." The demonstrators also burned an American flag.

In Jordan, a riot broke out in a Palestinian refugee camp outside Amman when police used batons and

tear gas against a crowd of 5,000 people demanding that the government break relations with Israel.

The protesters threw rocks, smashing the windows of a police station. They smashed shop windows and cars in Wehdat camp, home to nearly 20,000 Palestinians displaced in the 1948 and 1967 Middle East wars.

Hours earlier, Prime Minister Ali Abu-Ragheb had urged protesters to "refrain from attacking private and public property," the official Petra news agency reported.

WEEKEND EVENTS

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ARE HAPPENING AT THE HAMMES NOTRE DAME BOOKSTORE:

Author Events:

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Kenneth Woodward signs copies of his book, *"The Book of Miracles."*

Saturday, Oct. 7 during the day, storybook character, *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile* makes periodic visits to the bookstore for photo poses with football fans.

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Football great and former ND team captain, Rocky Bleier will sign his memoir, *Fighting Back*. Mr. Bleier holds four Superbowl rings.

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Coaches Tom Pagna and Ara Parseghian will sign copies of *The Era of Ara* and Pagna's memoir of his mother, entitled *Petals from a Rose*.

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., dessert tasting prepared by Junior League members from their cookbooks, *Nutbread & Nostalgia* and *Great Beginnings, Grand Finales*.

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Coach Gerry Faust signs copies of *The Golden Dream*.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 11:00 a.m. Storytime features *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*, by Bernard Weber, with a visit by the storybook character, Lyle, followed by activities and music.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Brother Guy Consolmagno, author of *Brother Astronomer: Adventures of a Vatican Priest*, will discuss and sign copies of his memoir. Brother Guy is an astronomer at the Vatican Observatory where he serves as curator of one of the largest meteorite collections in the world.

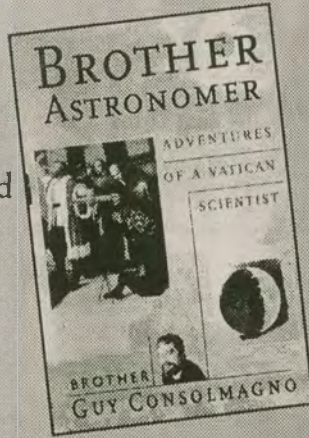
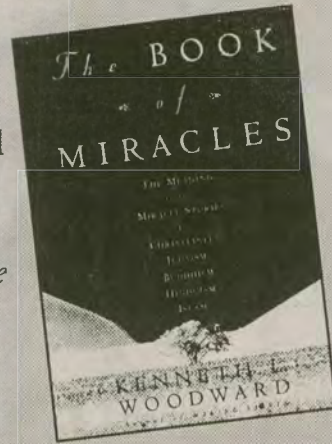
Thursday, Oct. 12 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Caldecott Award Honor author and illustrator Audrey and Don Wood include us on their national tour for their first joint collaboration in over four years. This husband-wife team has created eleven books for children including *The Napping House*, *Piggies*, *Quick As A Cricket*, and *King Bidgood's in the Bathtub*. The new picture book from this best-selling team of Audrey & Don Wood features a little frog with a big dream, entitled *Jubal's Wish*.

Music Events:

On Friday, Oct. 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Pianist Emmeline Schoen, Class of '03, performs.

On Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8:00 a.m., Bagpiper Joe Smith, Class of '01, performs. From 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Pianist Joe Fremeau, Class of '02, performs.

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Police warn off-campus students about security issues

◆ Crimes against off-campus students reached a record high this summer

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Assistant News Editor

Off-campus crime is a reality, but is preventable, according to members of the South Bend Police Department's crime prevention bureau.

With nearly 20 percent of Notre Dame students living off campus, safety is a big concern for everyone. Crime against off-campus students reached "epidemic proportions" this summer, according to Domus Properties owner Mark Kramer. In response, he organized a crime prevention meeting in conjunction with the police department last night for students and members of the community.

"[Criminal acts] are going to happen. They are inevitable. We want to make it less likely that they will happen," said corporal Eldon Bradley.

The first step to crime prevention is to be preparation, according to Bradley. Students should constantly be aware of the ever-changing environment they are in.

Bradley advised students to look behind them and not step off a porch before checking surroundings for suspicious individuals.

Additionally, neighborhood watch programs are in effect in most South Bend neighborhoods.

"Neighborhood watch is one of the most successful means of preventing crimes in your neighborhood," said corporal Patty Byrd.

"All of you can be on neighborhood watch. All we ask is for you to call the police when you see someone suspicious," said corporal Bill Schmidt.

The watch systems involve a block captain who signs up to be aware of suspicious behavior in the neighborhood.

Captains receive automated phone messages of felony arrests, assaults and burglaries in the area and are required to relay the information to neighbors.

The department also warned students about the dangers associated with house parties. Corporal Pat Hechlinski said an open house is an invitation for criminals.

"If you have an open house party at your house any bad guy can come through and case out your place and rob you," Hechlinski said.

Walking home from parties can be even more dangerous,

Hechlinski said.

"Party smart. If you're going to a party, keep in mind that once you are toasted, you are a very easy target for someone to knock you down and take your stuff. You make yourself easy prey," he said.

"Do not walk the streets at 2 o'clock in the morning. You might as well put a sign on your head that says, 'I am a Notre Dame student. Beat me. Take my money,'" Bradley said.

If confronted, the officers stressed cautious cooperation with the assailant.

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"Party smart. If you're going to a party, keep in mind that once you are toasted, you are a very easy target for someone to knock you down and take your stuff."

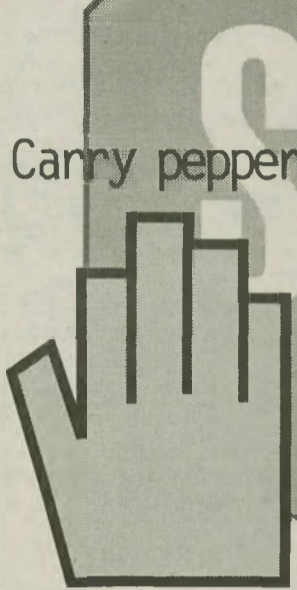
Pat Hechlinski
corporal

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

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is this: I don't care how big and strong you are because these people have guns and knives and they know how to rob and assault you. Don't think for one minute that they care about you. They don't care about you or your belongings. They will hurt you," Bradley said.

Students can take a proactive approach to crime prevention. During winter break, valuable items such as computers and bikes can be stored with the Notre Dame Police Department, and cars can be left

in the North D2 lot, which is locked for the vacation time.

Additionally, students are encouraged to call the South Bend Police Department during breaks to request a home watch.

The department will have officers regularly patrol the area and check on automobiles.

Overall, the meeting stressed the need for students to be aware of the possibility of crime.

"We want you to be safe. That is our main concern," Bradley said. "Crime happens to good people, so always make yourself aware."

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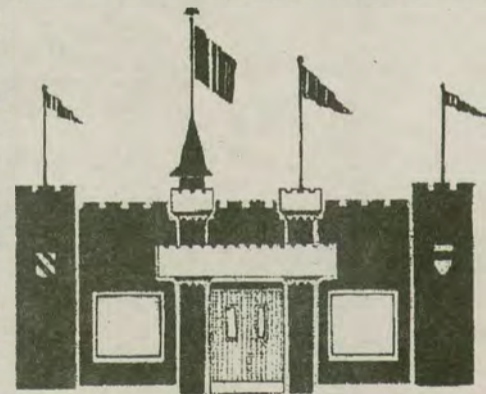
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Job Direct to provide SMC with career, resumé service online

By MYRA McGRUFF
News Writer

As of Sept. 1, the Career and Development office of Saint Mary's, and its partner, the Internet service Job Direct, went online to prepare students for the job world. The new job service hopes to get students actively thinking about career placement and internships. The new directory will offer students a wide range of workshops and networking.

Collaborating with a nationwide search engine, Job Direct, all students can get their feet wet and find out how the job market works.

"Students can see what jobs are out there, requirements, and research to get a good fit," said David Wilkeson, assistant director for career development.

Through Job Direct students can look for a career or internship and at the same time set up good contacts.

The site, accessible 24-hours a day, seven days a week, allows students to put their resumes online. The site then filters out those resumé to

employers looking to fill positions.

"One benefit is Job Direct has 500 companies nationwide so our students get more exposure," said Wilkeson.

Another way the directory allows more networking is through resumé referrals.

"If an employer calls for a specific position, Career Development can do a search of resumes and send them to the employer," said Wilkeson. Along with online resumé services the new job directory will allow students to know about upcoming events in the career development office.

"We can let students know about workshops, when employers are coming and other announcements.

If there are any links that apply we can communicate with the student more effectively," said Wilkeson.

The career office sees educating students as a major goal. They want students to know the skills to get a job, not just find a job.

For more information on the workshops offered by the Career Development office log on to www.saintmarys.edu/~ccdc. To put a resume online, log on to <http://saintmarys.jobdirect.com>.

Glee Club hosts two reunion concerts

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Glee Club will present two concerts this weekend as part of Reunion 2000, a gathering in which present and graduated Glee Club members from across the country will celebrate the group's 85th anniversary.

A joint concert by Glee Club members and 200 Glee Club alumni will be held at 8 p.m. today at Stepan Center. Tickets are \$3 and are available at the LaFortune Student Center information desk or at the door.

The group will also present "ND in Review" at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The concert will be held near

the reflecting pool next to Hesburgh Library and is free and open to the public.

The Glee Club's repertoire includes plainsong, Renaissance polyphony, music from romantic and contemporary composers, American folk-songs and spirituals and Notre Dame school songs.

Recognized as one of the finest all male collegiate choral groups in the country, the Notre Dame Glee Club has a rich history of singing and brotherhood.

More than 2000 young men have sung with the club, and the group has toured from coast to coast and around the world, performing more than 100 concerts annually.

Méndez featured in book, television

Special to The Observer

Juan Méndez, professor of law and director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at Notre Dame, is featured in a new book that profiles figures from around the world who have stood up to oppression in the nonviolent pursuit of human rights. A PBS special airing at 7 p.m. Oct. 8 will dramatize the stories of these activists.

"Truth to Power," by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo, describes the lives of 51 human rights activists, including Méndez, who was imprisoned and tortured in Argentina. The PBS program, "Human Rights Defenders," was taped at a recent Kennedy Center event that featured Chilean playwright Ariel Dorfman's dramatizations from the book. The program stars actors including Glenn Close, Sigourney Weaver, Edward James Olmos and Alfre Woodard.

A native of Lomas de Zamora, Argentina, Méndez has dedicated his legal career to the defense of human rights and has a long and distinguished record of human-rights advocacy throughout the Americas. As a result of his representation of political prisoners, he was arrested, tortured and subjected to administrative detention for 18 months by the Argentinean military dictatorship.

Méndez became general counsel of Human Rights Watch in 1994 and was instrumental in making it the world's leading private monitor of human rights violations. He was the executive director of the Inter-American Institute

of Human Rights in Costa Rica from 1996-1999 and also has been a member and second vice-president of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

The recipient of Notre Dame's Rev. William M. Lewers, C.S.C., International Award for Distinguished Service in Civil and Human

Rights in 1998, Méndez joined the Notre Dame faculty last year and is a faculty fellow of the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Méndez earned his law degree from Stella Maris University, a Catholic institution in Mar del Plata, Argentina, in 1970.

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Cheney, Lieberman spar over military, taxes and surplus

Associated Press

DANVILLE, Ky.

Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat Joseph Lieberman disagreed firmly but politely Thursday night about military readiness, tax cuts and the future of Social Security in a gentlemanly debate of campaign under-studies.

Sitting a few feet apart around a small table, the vice presidential candidates agreed that President Slobodan Milosevic should give up power in Yugoslavia after an election loss, but both opposed the use of American troops to force him out.

In a debate that ranged broadly over numerous issues, Lieberman, a two-term Connecticut senator, said Republicans want to "raid the Medicare trust fund to pay for their tax cuts."

But Cheney said there was more than enough money to go around, and it is "totally reasonable" to give relief to all taxpayers.

The argument that "somehow ... all of it is going to tax cuts isn't true," Cheney said of the huge surpluses forecast over the next decade.

The two men sparred as they sat

together for their only debate of the fall campaign. The atmosphere on a specially constructed stage at Centre College seemed more relaxed than Tuesday night when presidential candidates Al Gore and George W. Bush met in Boston for the first of their three scheduled encounters.

Each man pledged to avoid personal attacks. Cheney took that one step further. "I promise not to bring up your singing," he said to Lieberman.

That drew laughter and a swift rebuttal. "And I promise not to sing,"

said Lieberman.

The two men debated in a White House race that is as close as any in the past four decades. Bush and Gore are separated by only a point or two in most polls, pointing to a suspenseful final month of the campaign.

Asked by moderator Bernard Shaw about a public uprising in Yugoslavia designed to force out Milosevic, Lieberman and Cheney both said they hoped he would surrender power, but ruled out the use of American troops. Lieberman said a U.S.-led bombing campaign last year had halted Milosevic's aggression.

Cheney hearkened back to Tuesday

night's debate. "There appears to be underway an effort to get the Russians involved," the former defense secretary said. "Governor Bush suggested exactly that ... and Al Gore pooh-poohed it," he added. "But now it's been reported in the press that in fact that is exactly what we're doing, that Governor Bush was correct in his assessment and his recommendation."

Cheney added the situation was an opportunity to test President Vladimir Putin of Russia.

"We ought to find out whether he is indeed committed to democracy, whether he is committed to support the forces of freedom and democracy."

The running mates reviewed well-worn campaign disagreements over Social Security.

Lieberman said he and Gore have a proposal that would guarantee benefits to current recipients through at least 2054.

He conceded that he had recently investigated suggestions that individuals be allowed to invest some of their own funds.

"Sometimes you have to dig deep to find out if there's oil in the well. I drilled into that, and the deeper I got, the drier the well became," he said.

Bush has called for allowing younger workers to take control over investment of 2 percent of their own Social Security payroll taxes, a step he says would increase their total investment returns.

Cheney endorsed that, and said Gore's proposal contained no overall reform to safeguard the future of the retirement program.

When it came to defense readiness, Cheney said there has been an erosion during the eight years of the Clinton administration, and the Pentagon was "overcommitted and under-resourced."

"With all due respect, this administration has a bad track record," he said, citing reports that some units were only permitted to conduct live firing exercises twice a year.

Lieberman replied that the United States was "ready to meet any commitment that might arise," and scolded Cheney for his comments in the midst of a political campaign.

The two men reprised comments made Tuesday night by the presidential candidates when the topic turned to RU-486, an abortion pill recently approved by the government for use in the United States.

Cheney said the FDA had already acted, and the only issue was whether the drug was safe. He said he and Bush are "pro-life," and the Texas governor would look for ways to "reach across the divide to reduce abortion."

Lieberman signaled his support for the FDA decision, and said there were fundamental differences between the two tickets on abortion.

"Al Gore and I will respect a woman's right to choose. And our opponents will not," he said.



Lieberman



Cheney

Bush, Gore say Milosevic must go

Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa Presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore agreed Thursday that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic must relinquish power.

Milosevic "needs to go" Bush said as he campaigned in the Midwest. Gore, campaigning in the same region, declared: "One way or the other, he is going to leave."

Their running mates echoed those views in their televised debate Thursday night and both said they welcomed late reports that Milosevic's government had collapsed.

"We want to do everything we can to support Mr. Milosevic's departure," said GOP vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney.

His Democratic rival, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, said the demise of Milosevic's rule would be "a very happy ending to a terrible story ... the end of a reign of terror."

In Belgrade, Yugoslavia, protesters took control of the parliament Thursday, angry that Milosevic would not accept electoral defeat. Key Belgrade sites were left in shambles and Milosevic's 13-year rule appeared to be at an end.

Bush, deviating from an education speech at a public school near Detroit, said it was "clear the people have spoken. It is time for Mr. Milosevic to go."

Later, he told a Wisconsin audience that Milosevic "needs to go." Bush, the Republican candidate, said the protesters were acting out of frustration and "took matters into their own hands."

"Our country must work closely with our allies in Europe, the international community including Russia, to pressure Mr. Milosevic to leave office," Bush said. "The world will be a better place when he hears the word of his people and leaves his office."

Gore, the Democratic candidate, said he felt "in some ways joyful" at the sight of revolutionaries in Yugoslavia, but said the joy was tempered by the "volatile situation" in Belgrade. "It is obviously time for Milosevic to get out of power. One way or another he is going to leave power because what we have seen is the power of people who vote to express themselves in a decisive way," Gore said in Grand Rapids,

Mich. The upheaval also became a topic at the vice presidential debate in Kentucky.

"We want to do everything we can to support Mr. Milosevic's departure. Certainly, though, that would not involve committing U.S. troops," said Cheney, a former defense secretary. "I do think it's noteworthy that there appears to be an effort under way to get the Russians involved."

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Delta gives benefits to same-sex couples

Associated Press

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Delta Air Lines said Thursday it will offer health-care coverage and other benefits to same-sex partners of its U.S. employees beginning July 1.

Bereavement leave and family medical leave benefits will be available to partners of gay employees immediately, spokesman John Kennedy said. The airline has been studying ways to extend benefits to employees' same-sex partners for more than a year, he said.

"Delta is committed to attracting and retaining a diverse work force, and our goal is to ensure Delta provides an inclusive environment for all people to work in," Kennedy said.

Delta's announcement follows a decision by Atlanta-based Coca-Cola, to provide benefits for homosexual partners of its U.S. employees beginning Jan. 1. Several other airlines also

have agreed to extend such benefits. United, the nation's largest airline, changed its benefits policies more than a year ago, and was followed quickly by American Airlines and US Airways.

"Delta has joined those Georgia and U.S. companies who recognize that domestic-partner benefits are simply equal pay for the equal work of gay and lesbian employees," said Harry Knox, executive director of the Georgia Equality Project.

A recent report by the Washington-based Human Rights Campaign found that 3,572 companies, colleges and states and local governments offered or have announced they will offer health insurance covering their employees' domestic partners.

Fortune 500 companies planning to offer domestic benefits increased from 70 in August 1999 to 102 in August 2000.

Parade incites ethnic fears

Associated Press

DENVER

The city's first Columbus Day parade in nearly a decade has stirred fears of violence this weekend between Italian-Americans on one side and Hispanics and American Indians on the other.

The city hasn't held the parade since 1991 amid concern that groups who believe Christopher Columbus was a killer and slave trader would clash with marchers.

This year, under a federally mediated pact, Denver's Italian community had agreed to call Saturday's celebration an Italian Pride parade and make no mention of Columbus. But the pact collapsed.

Parade organizers and members of the American Indian Movement have pledged to be peaceful, but there is fear tempers will boil over.

Parade organizer C.M. Mangiaracina said the parade will go forward and the protesters "can choke on it."

"My boys of Italian descent are

going to be heard in this city," he said Thursday. "They are not going to do this to us anymore."

AIM spokesman Vernon Bellecourt, who is based in Minneapolis, said the organization has called for civil disobedience against groups and governments that celebrate Columbus.

"If the German-Americans were to honor Adolf Hitler with festivities and parades and march through Jewish communities, nobody would tolerate that," he said.

"We, as Indian communities, are supposed to put up with honoring Columbus?"

Some communities have dropped plans to put their fire trucks in the parade for fear the vehicles might get damaged and firefighters might get hurt. Mayor Wellington Webb has pleaded for calm, and the governor pledged state help to maintain the peace.

"I understand protest and issues of social justice," Webb said. "I also understand that these are highly emotional issues for both sides. But we need to seek some common ground."

Denver's Columbus Day parades have been tumultuous. In 1989, AIM's Russell Means and three others were arrested after they threw fake blood on a Columbus statue. The next year, protesters shouted anti-Columbus slogans as the parade went through downtown.

In 1992, fears of protests by AIM members prompted organizers to cancel the event.

George Vendegnia, founder of the Sons of Italy/New Generation, said city officials discouraged his group from seeking parade permits in the ensuing years, but the organization decided to apply this year after new people were put in top city jobs.

"If the German-Americans were to honor Adolf Hitler ... nobody would tolerate that."

Vernon Bellecourt
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Medicare to pay for transplants

◆ **Intestinal transplants will now be covered in life threatening situations**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Medicare will now pay the cost of intestinal transplants, an operation that offers the only hope of survival for some patients, a federal agency announced Thursday.

In a notice posted on its Web site, the Health Care Financing Administration said Medicare would pay for transplanting new intestines into some patients with intestine failure, but only at hospital centers with a record of success in the procedure.

The notice said it would apply only to patients with intestine failure who also have failed total parenteral nutrition, or TPN, a technique for feeding patients whose digestive systems are unable to absorb nutrients.

Only centers that perform at least 10 intestinal transplants a year and have a 65 percent one-year patient survival rate will be eligible for the Medicare

payments, the notice said.

Dr. Kareem Abu-Elmagd, a transplant surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said in a statement that the federal decision is an important victory for transplant patients.

"Without the financial burden and associated hassles, patients can now concentrate on getting well with transplants," said Abu-Elmagd.

In a February 1999 presentation to HCFA, the University of Pittsburgh had requested that intestinal transplant be included in Medicare.

The medical center had argued that survival rates for intestinal transplants were now comparable to rates for other types of organ transplants.

Medicare already pays for most of the costs associated with many transplants of the heart, kidney, lung and liver.

Lisa Rossi, a spokeswoman at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said that her center and at least two others, the University of Miami and the University of Nebraska, Omaha, will meet the HCFA standard to qualify for Medicare payment for intestinal transplants operations.

Under the new rules, Medicare will pay for the transplant costs for patients with failed intestines who also have

experienced complications from TPN.

TPN is the only way patients with failed intestines can be nourished.

The technique involves supplying sugars, fats, vitamins and carbohydrates to the patient in a fluid that is dripped into a blood vessel.

Rossi said there are about 40,000 patients in the U.S. being sustained with TPN and that about 13,000 of these patients eventually will develop life-threatening complications. A transplant is the only hope for survival for such patients.

Because liver failure often follows intestinal failure, many patients receive transplants of both organs at the same time.

TPN complications include liver failure, blood clots and severe infections.

All of these adverse events would make a TPN patient eligible for Medicare-supported intestinal transplants.

Intestinal transplant operations costs vary from patient to patient, but are generally about \$400,000 or more.

For the rest of their lives, the transplant patients also must take an immune suppression drug that costs about \$10,000 a year.

Medicare may not cover all of the lifetime costs of the drug, Rossi said.

Floods continue to plague South Florida

◆ **Clinton declared disaster areas to receive federal help**

Associated Press

MIAMI, Fla.
Thousands of people remained without power and hundreds of stalled vehicles sat on still-flooded roadways Thursday as South Florida began drying out after a two-day storm dumped more than 18 inches of rain.

Most schools were open, but 15 stayed shut with flooded grounds or no power.

The state of emergency imposed by Gov. Jeb Bush remained in effect.

President Clinton declared four counties disaster areas, eligible for federal help. James Lee Witt, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is to visit the region Friday.

Miami-Dade County officials reported more than 93,000 homes and an unknown number of businesses stood in flooded neighborhoods and two people were killed by the

storm.

"Mother Nature, a lot of hardworking people and a lot of pumps are getting us back to some sense of normalcy," said Lt. Louie Fernandez of the Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue Department.

State agriculture officials said Miami-Dade farmers suffered \$500 million in crop losses.

The governor released \$100,000 in state funds to assist farmworkers, suddenly out of work because of flooding.

About 2,600 homes and businesses remained without power, Florida Power and Light reported.

Spokesman Bill Swank said many of those were served by buried lines and restoring all power might take days.

At its worst, the flooding left about 92,000 customers without service.

The storm moved well into the Atlantic Ocean Thursday where it strengthened and became Tropical Storm Leslie as sustained winds reached 39 mph.

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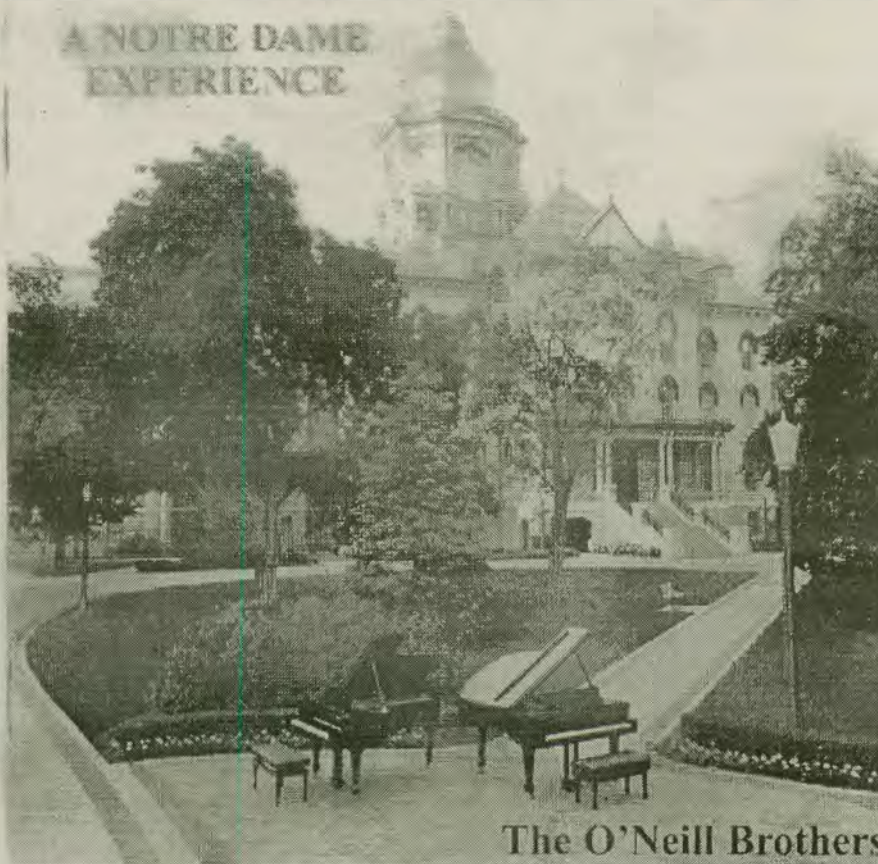
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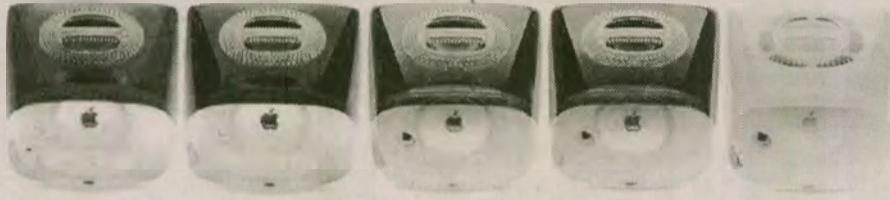
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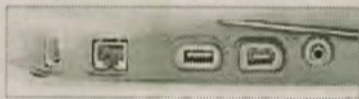
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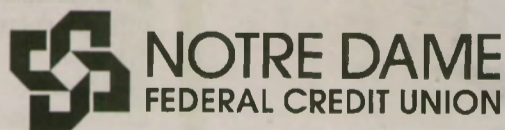


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Suspected rebel kills himself, 12 others in explosion

Associated Press

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka

One day after Sri Lanka ended a peace initiative to Tamil rebels, a suicide bomber set off an explosion near an election rally Thursday, killing himself and 12 others.

Police said 45 people were wounded, some of them critically, in the attack in Medawachchiya, a town 120 miles northeast of Colombo.

Tissa Kraliyatha, a deputy minister, was campaigning for President Chandrika Kumaratunga's Peoples' Alliance at the time, but he arrived late for the rally and escaped the attack.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but a police officer in Colombo said it bore the hallmark of the Tamil Tiger rebels.

Police said the suicide bomber was a man, but did not identify him.

On Wednesday, the government said it was shelving a Norwegian peace initiative aimed at ending the Tamil separatists' war, which began in 1983 and has killed more than 62,400 people.

Prime Minister Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka said it was closing the doors on peace talks and would "eradicate" the leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

"The stage for peace talks is over," Wickramanayaka said.

In the past eight months, Norwegian diplomats made several visits to Sri Lanka, but the peace process never got off the

ground. Instead fighting escalated in the north, part of the region the rebels want to turn into an independent state for the Tamil minority.

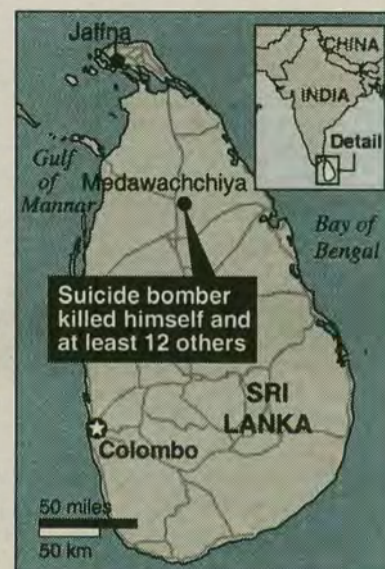
"The stage for peace is over."

Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka
Prime Minister

The government's abandoning the peace initiative may be aimed at winning the support of the majority Sinhalese voters ahead of Tuesday's parliamentary elections.

Most Sinhalese and the powerful Buddhist clergy oppose peace talks with the rebels.

The last time the government held peace talks with the guerrillas was in 1995, one year after Kumaratunga came to power. The talks failed after the rebels rejected the government's autonomy offer and demanded an independent Tamil state.



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Voice opinions in voting booth

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, months of campaigning by Governor George W. Bush, Vice President Al Gore, Ralph Nader and other candidates and interest groups will come to a close.

However, recent polls of young voters ages 18-24 predict that months of campaigning will have had little effect on this group.

The primary poll conducted by MTV and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation shows increased apathy with only 50 percent of voters under 25 registered and only 46 percent of those registered planning to vote.

Despite this apathy, the same poll showed that young voters have strong opinions on the election issues. With predictions of voter indifference directed at the college students' age bracket, it becomes even more imperative for Notre

Dame and Saint Mary's students to voice their opinions in the coming election.

Many college students say they don't vote because the candidates do not address issues that are relevant to students' concerns. The candidates in the 2000 campaign, however, have addressed several important issues that are of value to students' futures.

Many of these campaign issues are frequent topics in campus discussions. Abortion rights, gun-control, student financial aid and Social Security have all gained a growing audience on these campuses because of the Catholic nature of the colleges and recent national events.

Financing education is a tremendous expense to parents and to students, and the candidates' approaches to loans,

savings plans and tax deductions are important. A percentage of student paychecks goes to Social Security. Though students are paying now, there are no guarantees that the funds will be around when students retire many years down the road.

There are numerous proponents of a woman's right to choose on both campuses, however, many more feel that abortion is wrong and should not be legally practiced. If students truly feel passionate about this issue, they must speak out in the voting booth.

The need for students to voice their opinions of today's issues and choose a candidate reflecting their beliefs is important. But beyond that, a strong turnout at the polls by this age group is important for the future. If candidates see that younger voters represent a large block of votes, they will more likely address issues related to younger voters in the future.

The Observer Editorial

Evaluating the first debate

It ended in a tie. Each side declared victory after the first presidential debate between Al Gore and George W. Bush. It was as though each candidate had kissed his sisters — this time without one being more passionate than the other.

What some had touted as the clash of the titans turned out to be more like a conflict in the classroom. The class nerd who strains to answer every question had been rated equal to the frat boy whose academic deficiencies are masked by his classroom pranks and personality. It was as though both had eaten paste from the art supply — one because he liked it, the other because it fit his reputation of being mischievous.

Obviously, each contender scored pluses while accomplishing specific goals, but both were also awarded demerits for misstating facts, stumbling on presentation and exhibiting uneasiness and poor body language. The vice president demonstrated that he is a detailed policy wonk who passionately puts his heart and soul into the debate process. On the other hand, the governor proved that he could hold his own on the stage despite some weaknesses in details and his inability to convey humor.

As usual, the debate simply reinforced notions the majority of viewers held about the two candidates prior to the event. In a post-debate poll, 96 percent had not changed their minds while only 3 percent admitted that the debate had changed their votes. Most of the undecided voters needed to view another debate for more information or to further evaluate the candidates.

Gore could have done better by limiting his expressions and reactions when Bush was speaking. Gore was under the impression that one of the ground rules of the debate had indicated that the non-speaking candidate would be off camera when the other spoke. Anyone accept the theory that another campaign mole selected the camera angles?

Gore could have taken advantage of at least two situations much more effectively. First, when Bush said a "governor" does certain things during a crisis, Gore could have begun by saying, "Well, a president does these certain things during a crisis."

Secondly, when Bush kept harping on Gore's eight-year failure of leadership to secure prescription drug coverage and other accomplishments, Gore should have said, "Let me tell you what we have accomplished by extending across the isle and working with Republicans. We balanced the budget, reformed welfare, passed the Brady gun control legislation and major crime prevention legislation."

Bush too could have better taken advantage of certain moments in the debate.

He should drop references to Gore's "invention of the calculator," fuzzy math and Gore's personal credibility, especially since Gore has effectively portrayed those as personal attacks. Polls in Michigan have indicated that 48 percent of voters believe Bush is more negative compared to only 28 percent who call Gore's campaign negative. Undecided voters despise negativity, regardless of whether or not the perception is justified.

The governor also needed to better defend his tax cuts in response to Gore.

He let Gore pound the "highest one percent receives 43 percent of the tax cut" phrase no less than seven times throughout the evening without passionately countering the point. And at times, Bush failed to string sentences together to coherently articulate his views.

While all polls showed Gore winning the debate in the minds of the public, Bush adequately survived the debate and exceeded expectations. Since Bush's expectations were so low coming into the first debate, polls show that he favorably surprised at least a third of the viewing public. However, the downside for him now is that he has proven he can stand on the stage, and a future gaffe will be more devastating for him compared to one in the first debate when the public expected him to do worse than his performance.

The bottom line for Bush is that his task is more difficult as the challenger. In order to convince voters to "kick the scoundrels out," he must articulate complicated issues more correctly and more effectively while avoiding a backlash from the voters. He cannot suggest that the Russians help negotiate when they hold differing goals than we do. Most importantly, he cannot continue to tie in the debates, which is an advantage to Gore.

While the next two debate formats are less formal and theoretically favor Bush, substance will play an important role during those events. Women who favor Gore's positions have provided the advantage thus far. Gore's direct appeal to them in the first debate positions him to pull away in the polls after the second debate. Like it or not, the class nerd is currently leading the frat boy in a presidential contest where substance is presently outpacing personality.

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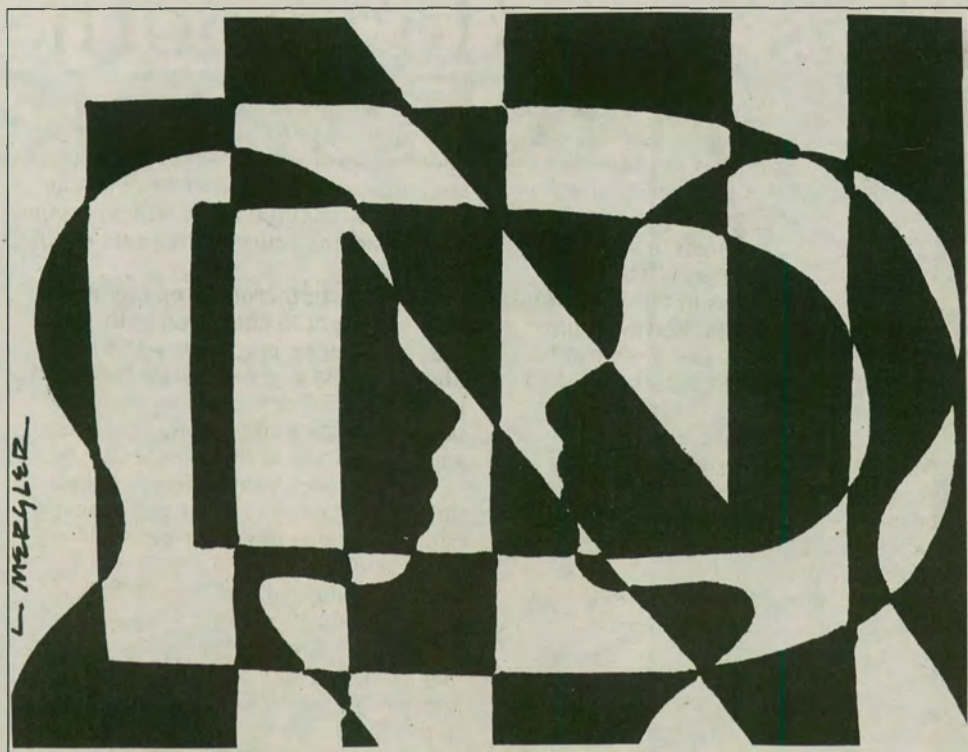
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"Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are driving taxi cabs and cutting hair."

George Burns
comedian



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking steps to further race relations on campus

Earlier today while studying, I couldn't help but overhear an interesting conversation a couple tables over concerning one Notre Dame student's ethnic heritage and the obstacles she faces to gain acceptance in the white-dominated culture of the U.S. and particularly on the Notre Dame campus.

I realize that I am in the cultural and social majority here at the University. I'm your average white guy. So while I can't relate first hand with social issues that a minority at Notre Dame may need to deal with, I'd like to think that I'm at least appreciative of a minority's struggles on such a white dominated campus, and I acknowledge the difficulties of such a student here at ND.

However, after listening to parts of the conversation I was dismayed at the stereotypes and generalizations the student was making about white Notre Dame students. Throughout the conversation, the student commented that the white students here are not as appreciative of their education as minorities are, that white students are not as morally strong as the minorities, and that white students are lazy.

Furthermore, she said that white Notre Dame students are arrogant and ignorant and that they always seek the easy way out instead of striving for personal growth.

I am sure that students of this description exist on this campus, in fact I know some myself, but for this woman to make such a generalization is ridiculous and completely counterproductive. It is insulting to me for her to question my moral fiber or my motivation, and it is insulting to claim that I take my education for granted simply because of the color of my skin.

The purpose of this letter is not to start a controversy, but rather to point out (to myself first and foremost) just how much work race relations need here on campus. It saddens me to think that such remarks could come from a young woman who is the president of her ethnic organization.

To this person, please realize how counterproductive it is to hold such stereotypes when seeking to dispell your own racial stereotypes and gain acceptance for who you are. How can you ask others to drop racial stereotypes if you are not willing to do so yourself?

And to the rest of us, the fact that students at Notre Dame do hold these opinions means that maybe it's time we took race relations into our own hands. We all should seek to learn about and gain acceptance of other ethnicities than our own. So the next time you hear about a student cultural festival going on, I sincerely ask you to consider attending.

Without such effort, race relations aren't likely to improve.

TJ Pillari
Sophomore
Knott Hall
October 5, 2000

Women's Resource Center clarifies probation status

We would like to clarify a few issues raised in the Oct. 3 In Focus article about the Women's Resource Center. ("Women's Resource Center still feels probation's sting") Yes, the WRC was on probation for an incident which occurred several years ago. However, the WRC is not currently on probation; in fact, it has not been since early summer following the 1998-1999 school year. With the support of the Faculty Senate the probation was lifted a year early, and the WRC stands in full compliance with University regulations. The probation does continue to affect the

WRC in various ways, one of which is the issue of censorship was discussed in the article. Out of respect for the decision made by the University in 1997, however, the WRC abstains from comment on these issues pertaining to freedom of speech. Anyone interested in the full story of the 1997 probation hearing is welcome to come to the Center to read an official incident summary for further clarifications.

ND Women's Resource Center
October 5, 2000

GUEST COLUMN

Falsely quoting God has gotten out of hand

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Rejoice, ye mortal citizens of the earth, for God hath chosen once more to speak unto thee!

But fear not, humble humans. This time, the Almighty has opted to skip the burning bushes, flashes of light and rolling thunder of yore.

Is He speaking through prophets? No! Writing on stone tablets? Of course not.

These days, God chooses to communicate with his children via billboard. The Almighty apparently is also a fan of mouse pads, magnets, hooked rugs, welcome mats, screen savers and (gulp) bumper stickers.

I guess God's PR team thought he needed to get with the times and adopt a new "millennium" image. That whole omniscient thing just wasn't cutting it anymore.

Accordingly, God has jazzed up his delivery since Biblical times. This time around, God has developed a taste for sarcasm, veiled threats and tongue-in-cheek humor when dealing with his creation.

Here I am, a lifelong Christian, passionate about my faith — can it be that I've been misguided about my God all along? Did I miss the God boat? I thought he was wise, compassionate, loving, peaceful and kind — and now He turns out to be annoyingly trite?

I am sadly disappointed: Apparently, God has gone back on that whole "free will" thing. He's not into personal relationships anymore. Nowadays, he's into shoving his sarcastic message down our disenchanted throats.

It's a sad day for humanity when God is glib. Either God has changed a lot in the past five years or so, or someone else is using his name.

Maybe I should have done some investigative reporting before writing this column. I could call up the ad agencies mass producing his "messages" and the billboard companies plastering his name all over town. Perhaps he did stroll into a bumper sticker company and order the mass-production of cute phrases such as "Don't make me come down there."

As if he's not down here already! "Your body is a temple ... right?" — God.

"See you Sunday." — God. Maybe God really does take time out of his busy schedule to put up big signs stating "Is that your final answer?" Because I'm sure he watches "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" to break up the monotony of being an omnipotent

being who created the universe and loves everyone.

Or maybe I'm right, and God's new smart aleck ad campaign is really the work of humans. I'm not saying that spreading God's message is bad — I'm just saying perhaps it's not wise to put words into God's mouth.

Really, is it fair to sign God's name to anything? If I plastered a billboard up in town that said "Hey, Coach Knight ... come back! — Myles Brand," I'm sure I'd get into all kinds of trouble. Just because you slap someone's name on a catch phrase doesn't mean it's true. We're talking legal issues here, people. I think it's high time God sued for libel.

There are many ways to communicate God's message of peace and salvation without stooping to zingy one-liners on bumper stickers.

Perhaps friendship, fellowship and investing personal time are better ways to spread God's love. While some might think these God ad campaign messages are thought provoking or funny, others are turned off by sarcastic comments about one's spiritual life or lack thereof.

I don't want anyone to turn away from God because they view him as domineering or threatening. As a Christian, I think such ads misrepresent my views: God does not pander to popular culture, at least in my experience.

He is sometimes subtle, sometimes unmistakable, but in every way effective without resorting to being glib and pushy.

If God has something to tell mankind, I'm sure he will find a way to do so.

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University's endowment doesn't need to be increased

In my opinion, the article of the crisis in Notre Dame's finances announced by Father Malloy gives rise to some serious questions.

First, how much of an endowment will satisfy Father Malloy? The figure of 3 billion in the endowment fund leads one to think that Notre Dame will not be satisfied until it reaches the amount of the federal debt.

Does father Malloy wish to be the wealthiest university in all the world? Or does he expect the alumni to give eternally to Notre Dame? As it once was said, "what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose its soul?" Just wondering.

Michael Connolly
Rockville, Maryland
October 4, 2000



KEEPING

Known to most simply as "The Flag Guy," Courtney shares tales of his life and his 11 years spent

Most of us have seen him — the infamous man at the edge of the road. We have all pondered his purpose at this point in his life. What is it, exactly, that possesses an elderly man to sit on the side of a highway, surrounded by flags, waving to passersby?

If you're anything like I am, your initial reaction to this sight was extreme amusement, followed by intense curiosity. And perhaps there was a sneaking suspicion of some sort of lunacy lurking beneath those flags.

Upon realizing that this pillar of the South Bend community was a permanent fixture — weather permitting — on the east side of State Route 933, I set out to uncover the mystery of the man known affectionately by students flanking both sides of his post as "The Flag Guy."

Who is this valiant man who, day after day, year after year, sits watching the world go by? Just what compels him to do so? This patron saint of north- and southbound traffic is none other than Brother Edward Courtney — a retired Holy Cross Brother, a World War II veteran, ex-salesman and sage who readily espouses the knowledge his 82 years of living have afforded him.

One pursuit, however, extracts perhaps the most time and energy from Edward's life — his vigil held on the side of the road. For 11 years, he has staked his flags and his folding chair in that same spot and waved at the traffic passing by. He does this in honor of the American flag, "Old Glory," the same flag for which he and others fought in WWII. This tradition began in 1989 in response to a decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme court regarding the burning of the American flag.

In 1984, a man by the name of Greg Johnson burned the flag at the Republican National Convention in Dallas, Texas. The burning was in protest of the United States' lack of support for the indigent and poor of the world. Johnson was arrested and charged, and the Texas Court of appeals opened the case of Texas vs. Johnson — a case so controversial it made its way to the Supreme Court. In a 5-4 decision, it was ruled that the desecration of the American flag was in keeping with the free speech clause of the first amendment and was beyond prosecution.

What the court called a "symbolic action" on

Johnson's part, along with the decision of the court, did not sit well with Edward, a man who had not only served his own country in war, but in ministerial efforts towards helping other countries.

Following the ruling, Edward bought his first flag to show his displeasure and to bring the people together. In the same way that Johnson originally used the American flag as a "symbolic action," Edward has used the flag as his own symbol, a testament to the power and influence one person may possess.

The history and progression of Edward's life and fair-weather, peaceful protest fill a glass case within the sitting room of Columba Hall. Among the tattered leaves and browning envelopes lie pictures of a young Edward Courtney at bat, standing with his brother, his senior yearbook picture, too. Here you can find letters, awards, discharge papers, Army bars, honorary citizenships — even a note handwritten on gold-stamped Air Force One letterhead from President George Bush.

"In 11 years, the enthusiasm hasn't changed," he says. There are bound volumes of letter he has received voicing people's support, and many more are delivered each year.

Overwhelmingly, the positive responses to Edward's subtle statement woven in the cloth of his flags have been emphatic. "Some people bring me food and something to drink," he says. "Lots of people stop just to talk to me. They can all solve their own problems; they just need to find someone to listen."

"And one time, when I fell asleep in my chair, someone called security," he adds. "I woke up to ND security shaking me and asking me if I was alive. Then, next thing I knew, there were ambulances and sheriff's cars around me. All I did was fall asleep!"

The negative responses Edward has received tend to come in the form of obscenities shouted by young men hanging out of passing vehicles.

"I just wave and give them the thumbs up just the same," Edward explains. "If there's one thing I learned as an umpire, it's that you never respond in kind. Plenty of people will be rude to you. You just have to turn it around on them."

No matter what the instance, Edward keeps an optimistic outlook. Once, when he forgot to bring his flags and chair home at night, he returned in the morning to find them gone.

"I don't really mind," he says, "as long as whoever took them got good use out of them."

Though some may not agree with his beliefs, none can argue that Edward brings smiles to the faces of South Bend travelers each day he is there with his flags. This alone is enough for him. "You don't have to be a big deal; you don't have to have a Ph.D. or an LL.B. or be the president to be able to influence peo-



ple," he says. "I have no degree; I'm just a high school graduate, that's all. But even I know what one person can do. We influence other people every day — whenever we smile or take the time to say hello. People don't realize that, you know."

The sight of Edward and his flags has come to represent more than just his beliefs to many people. For Edward, it is no longer a sole crusade for Old Glory that he leads; it is a ministry for the people who stop to speak with him, request his prayers and elicit his counsel, and serves to back his strongest belief — not that we shouldn't allow the desecration of the flag, but that we should never underestimate the power of one individual.

"People see the flag and it's going to influence them. When they see the lone figure sitting there, it's going to influence people for the good," he says.

Edward never expected to be the public figure he is today. But he tries to use his appearances on television and covers in various media to continue to influence people positively.

As Edward passes the hours in his well broken-in chair, he fights fatigue with smiles, and boredom with the comfort of honks and waves returned. He lives his personal motto to the fullest every day. Edward feels

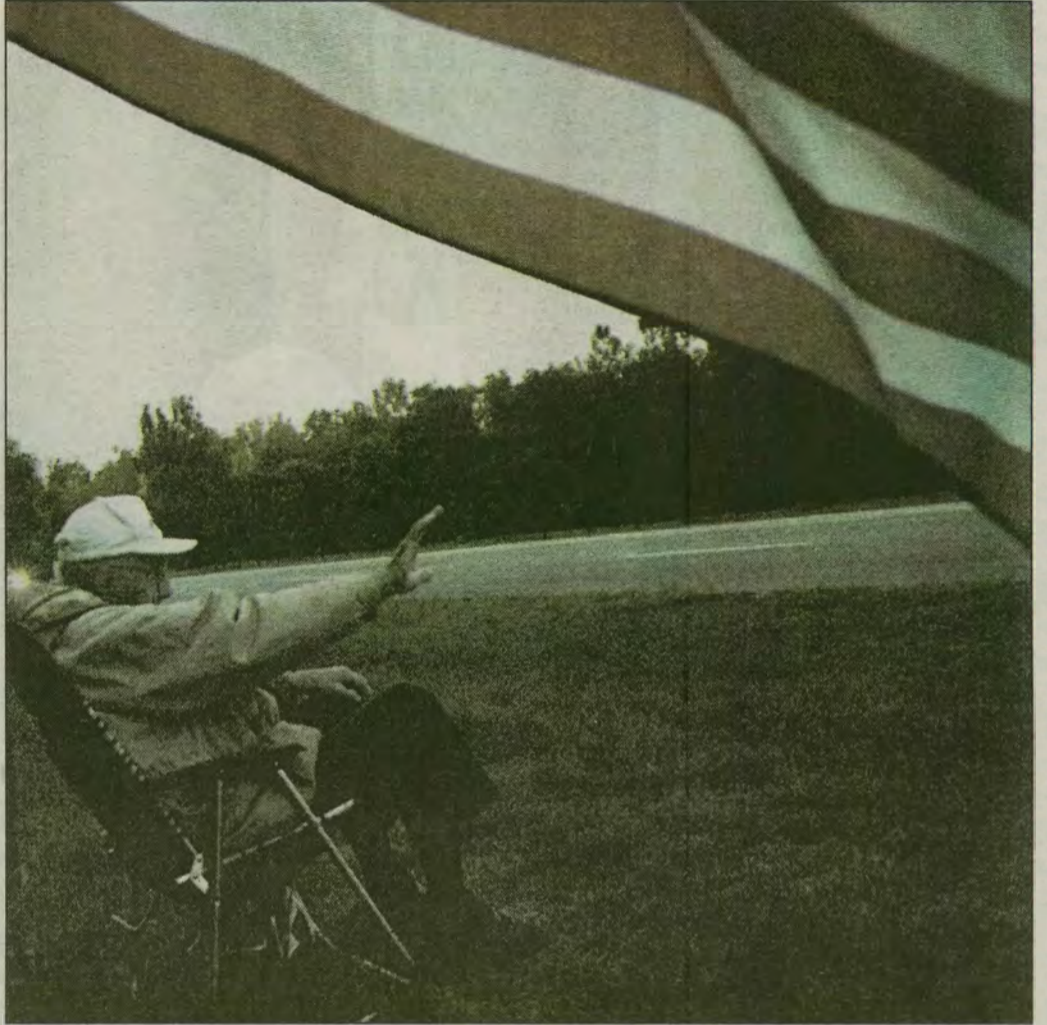
Brother Edward Courtney's vigil he has held with his flags for 11 years. However, he is also a salesman, to s

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THE FLAG

*The Flag Guy's Brother Edward
life, love, his faith in people
under the flags on SR 933*



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"it is better to wear out than rust out."

The energetic manner in which he communicates with those around him stands testament to his immense caring for others and his daily activities prove that he is far from the slightest tinge of rust.

Though, you could not find fault with

Edward if he were beginning to show the first signs of wear after all he has accomplished.

Back in 1941, Edward was a young man with a high school degree and a job as umpire for a semi-professional baseball team in Portland, Ore. Come October of that year, a draft notice whisked Edward away to the European theater of WWII. After four years of service, Edward received an honorable discharge and returned home with eight medals and five bronze stars.

When asked what then prompted him to enter the seminary, Edward's first response was "I don't know." After a moment's contemplation, however, he went on to explain that he always wanted to work with youth and that he felt the "good God" had directed his life thusly.

"I just seemed to be set this way, going this way in

my life, towards this kind of a life," he added.

Edward, the third oldest of nine children in a Catholic family, had always known religion as a comfort.

However, the assuredness with which he now regards his admission into the Junior Rate Academy seminary in Watertown, Wisc. was not always so clear. After three weeks in the school, Edward decided he could no longer take the life of a man of the cloth. As he ascended the stairs to retrieve his trunk full of belongings, he was stopped by a professor who had never before spoken to Edward. He felt it was "a providential occurrence" that found the Brother imploring Edward to stay another six months. He knew then that "God had something for me to do in this sort of a life, something no one else could do."

Edward did stay; he took his final vows in 1947 and now celebrates 53 years as a professed brother.

Edward spent several years at the novitiate in Rolling Prairie, Ind., before making his first move to South Bend. Edward knew he was not interested in teaching, so when an opportunity opened for a door-to-door salesman for Ave Maria Press out of Notre Dame, he followed.

After 20 years, he left this position to take on the task of commissioner at the all-male boarding school, LeMans Academy, in Ind. Ten years later, he made his final return to Notre Dame and joined the Brothers at Columba Hall.

"I've had my ups and downs like anybody else, but it's been a very rewarding life," he reflects. "I was meant to go this way, to dedicate myself to the religious life. It can be hard, though. When you make a commitment, it pinches sometimes. Married people experience that after the first few years; things begin to pinch. We Brothers understand. We all make commitments — married people, Brothers, Sisters. But once you make a commitment, there is no backing off."

Now retired, Edward's days are filled with swimming, bicycling, stamp collecting and spending time with people. While he is sure the Brotherhood is his calling, he does not consider himself a highly religious man.

"I don't know if I'm much of a Monk or anything," he says laughing, "but I belong with the people because my life is dedicated to the people; wherever they are, I am always available."

In our conversations, Edward regaled tales of students, University employees and fellow veterans with whom he has maintained contact over the years. He even told of the one brush with romance he had with a younger girl before he was drafted.

"She was a wonderful girl and we had a beautiful relationship," he reminisces. "But she hardly said anything. I never knew what she felt. Then I went away for the war, and she found someone else she liked better, I guess. That was the one little bit of romance I had. Boy, she was beautiful. I think I'll try to find her when I go back to Portland next."

"See? I just like to keep up with people, you know. I care for them," Edward added. For Edward, people

are his livelihood.

As I sat speaking with him and the other Brothers at Columba Hall over dinner the other evening, I was not so much impressed by Edward's 11 year vigil for Old Glory. What impressed me more was the intelligence and easygoing nature of this man with whom I kept company. The meeting with Edward was far from what I had expected. I thought I would be speaking briefly to a man regarding that which he is most recognized for — the flags.

Instead, I found myself discussing life, politics, love and religion with a man who spoke assuredly from experience far greater than I have encountered before. Now, in retrospect, what strikes me the most from our talks is not the decorations and accomplishments of Edward as a veteran, not the service as a Holy Cross Brother but the advice he gave as a human.

"We concentrate too much on the negative things we do," he feels. "But you're influencing people's lives and doing more good than you really know. Don't ever think you're not doing anything worthwhile."

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Photo courtesy of Edward Courtney

MEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Kangaroos look to pounce on Dawgs for playoff spot

By JAMES VERALDI, TODD NIETO and MATT HARRIGAN
Sports Writers

Playoffs or bust?
That is the question facing the Alumni Dawgs and the Keough Kangaroos when they meet Sunday. Both teams are approaching this as a must win game, a win they need in order to continue their season after fall break.
The Dawgs are coming off a 13-0 loss to Keenan, while the Kangaroos were trounced by Dillon, 22-0. The losses left the Dawgs in a tie for second place, and the Kangaroos in fourth.

Although Keough still holds the fourth and final playoff spot, it is just a half game up on Stanford and one game up on two other teams meaning a loss here could end its season sooner than expected.

"It is a must win for us," said Keough captain Ryan Yorkey. "We can't take the teams below us for granted. We need a win."

In order to get that win, Keough needs to return to the combination of quarterback Andy Hess and wide out Brian Adams, which has accounted for all of the Kangaroos points thus far this season.

Alumni will counter this offense with a strong, hard hitting defense that was surprisingly hit for two scores last week against Keenan.

Offensively, the Dawgs need to get back on track before it is too late.

"We had a good practice on Monday. We got back to not complicating things," said Alumni quarterback Chris Cottingham. "We all came together and worked as a unit. We have the individual skills to compete, we just need to come together so we can dominate with our backs

and receivers against Keough."

Defensively, the Kangaroos are led by defensive end John Barber. They will be looking for a good performance from their secondary, as Alumni will try and take advantage of a solid receiving core.

The key to victory for the Kangaroos is intensity, something they lacked last week against the Big Red.

"It will take intensity to win," said Yorkey. "We did not have it against Dillon; we got beat in every aspect. We will be successful if we have intensity. The mental aspects must come first. If our mentality is set, then the physical will come."

Dillon vs. Morrissey

On Sunday at 1 p.m. at the Stepan fields, Dillon Hall faces Morrissey Manor in a match-up that will prove to be both exciting and entertaining. Dillon Hall comes into Sunday's game with a 3-0 record while Morrissey is still looking for its first win.

Dillon's hopes of winning its fourth game of the season appear promising as wide receiver Pat Esper returns after he was sidelined with a hamstring injury. At 6-2 and 200 pounds, Esper is a threat to Morrissey's defense.

Runningback Jason Visner and quarterback Tayt Odom are also key offensive players for Dillon Hall.

"This week, we will be focusing on the running game," said Dillon captain Joe Parker.

Morrissey will prove to be a challenge to Dillon Hall despite its 0-2 record. Quarterback Mark Berndt and tailback Edward Hernandez are two key players for Morrissey.

Dillon Hall is looking toward the playoffs, but is



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An Alumni running back speeds past a Keenan defender during Keenan's 13-0 victory last Sunday. Alumni takes on Keough on Sunday.

focused on Sunday's game. "We love to play every game and are looking to run and throw," said Parker.

Keenan vs. O'Neill

The O'Neill Angry Mob looks to salvage its season as it faces the Keenan Knights Sunday at Stepan fields.

O'Neill has gotten off to a 0-2 start this year and will be matched up against a strong Keenan team that is poised to enter the playoffs at 2-1.

Keenan is coming off a strong showing in a 13-0 win

last week. It toppled Alumni with powerful offensive line play and look to do the same this week against O'Neill.

The Knights also got a good game from the defense, a key part to winning in the playoffs, and something that will be crucial in late October.

"We want to improve week to week and enter the playoffs with a full head of steam," Keenan captain Herb Giorgio said.

O'Neill, on the other hand, has yet to win this season and is coming off an 18-6 loss to

Stanford. However, the Angry Mob feel it has united as a team with last week's effort against Stanford, and it looks to turn things around and make a push to finish the season strong.

O'Neill will be ready to take on the powerhouse Knights come Sunday afternoon.

"We will be the powerhouse on Sunday," said the Angry Mob's Mike Brown. "We came together in practice this week, and our offense will put some points on the board. We'll do well."

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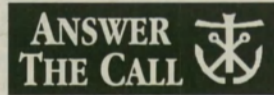


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WOMEN'S INTERHALL BLUE LEAGUE

Lyons faces Pangborn in must-win contest

By BRIAN KRONK, LIA MILHOAN and JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writers

Lyons faces Pangborn in a do-or-die playoff situation Sunday at 1 pm at McGlinn fields.

In order to qualify for the playoffs, Lyons must win, combined with either a Cavanaugh defeat or a Pasquerilla East win against Howard on Sunday.

Lyons faces an interesting challenge: if it holds Pangborn scoreless Sunday, it will enter the playoff picture with all three victories and all three defeats coming via the shutout.

Whatever the outcome Sunday, Lyons is excited about its playoff hopes.

"This team is definitely excited about a chance to win our last three games," said Lyons coach Michael Barranda. "We are certainly excited about our chances, as this is definitely a different team than before."

Meanwhile, Pangborn enters Sunday with a disappointing record of 0-5.

Captain Erin Piroutek expresses some hope after Thursday's loss to Lewis.

"We played the best game of the season thus far. The defense had a shutout in the first half. We also had a new quarterback, Jill Chlebek, who played well for her first start," she said. "She'll be starting again on Sunday, so the offense hopes to improve, now that they have some experience with the new setup."

Pangborn's defense enters Sunday's matchup with some strong contenders, including defensive back Libby Cunningham, coming off a solid defensive performance Thursday against Lewis, and Piroutek, who added two sacks.

Lyons also hopes to get solid performances on defense by captain Lisa Thomas and linebacker Irene Onyeagbako in order to defeat Pangborn and have a chance for postseason play.

Howard vs. Pasquerilla East

On Sunday the Ducks of Howard will take on the Pasquerilla East Pyros in a 1 p.m. match up at the McGlinn Fields.

The Ducks are coming off a tough 20-0 loss to Welsh Family Hall and bring a 2-3 record into the game.

Howard will look to quarterback Jill Veselik and freshman wide receiver Elizabeth Klimek. Klimek has been steady all season an Veselik has used her versatility to contribute all over the field.

The Pyros enter the game with a 2-2 record. PE looks to sophomore quarterback Lindsay

Terifay and senior Stacy Leicht to have a productive afternoon and set the tempo on offense.

"Everyone has to come together," said captain Stacy Liecht. "The defense has to be tough and the offense needs to be crisp and march up the field."

Lewis vs. Cavanaugh

Matt LoVecchio is not the only Notre Dame freshman quarterback who has a big game this weekend. The playoff hopes of the Lewis Chicks lie squarely on the shoulders of freshman quarterback Erin Nasrallah.

With a 2-3 record, Lewis' only chance of making the playoffs is to win this weekend against Cavanaugh at 2 p.m. at McGlinn Fields.

Nasrallah certainly has her work cut out for her because Cavanaugh boasts a strong 4-1 record. Cavanaugh's only loss is at the hands of defending champion Welsh.

"We understand that the next game is essential for our playoff hopes. We have some confidence after beating Pangborn," she said. "Everyone is playing their best right now."

While Nasrallah was impressive in Lewis' 14-0 win over Pangborn on Thursday night, the defense was the key to Lewis' victory. Lewis' heavy defensive pressure resulted in numerous quarterback sacks.

While Lewis is fighting to make the playoffs, Cavanaugh has already achieved a playoff birth after Thursday night's 18-0 victory against Pasquerilla East.

Cavanaugh is eagerly looking to make a strong run in the playoffs, but understands the importance of this week's game.

"We want to win this weekend to continue our momentum going into the playoffs," captain Amy Szeszak said. "If we win this Sunday, we will have Cavanaugh's best record in the history of our dorm."

Szeszak attributes her team's success to strong coaching and great team depth.

"We have a very good coaching staff. We work really well together, and everyone contributes. Our defense has been strong all season only giving up points to Welsh," she said.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Crime takes on Purple Weasels

By JOHN BACSIK, CHRIS FREDERICO and LAUREN CONTI
Sports Writers

Both Off-campus and Pasquerilla West have had productive seasons, although in alternating fashion.

Off-Campus started the season with a win and two ties, and it enters Sunday's game fresh off two wins against Farley and McGlinn. After a quick start to the season, PW's last two games have been scoreless ties, leaving them at 2-0-3.

"Entering the playoffs with three wins would be nice," said PW co-captain Amanda Gallen. "Our defense has been great all season, and the offense just needs a little spark."

Gallen has been a staple on both sides of the field for the Purple Weasels. Joining her on offense are freshman quarterback Leslie Schmihd and tight end Kori Yelle. Yelle has alluded opposing defenses all season for PW.

Junior Kelly Dries has helped to make the PW defense something to be feared. Coach Tony Baldea has been happy with the team's effort.

"Our defense has been phenomenal all year, reminiscent of the Minnesota Vikings' 'Purple People Eaters' of the 1970's. We're working on fine tuning the offense for the playoffs," he said.

Beating Off-campus will be a formidable task for PW. Usually, 13 is an unlucky number, but not when it's the total amount of points the Crime has allowed all season.

"We're taking this game just as serious as the others," said captain Marita Keane. "We've put together some good drives in the past few games, and we're looking to do the same thing here."

The Crime offense is led by quarterback Jamie Stouffer and running back Francesca Delayo.

Although Off-Campus doesn't boast the largest roster, it remains effective because of a number of ironwomen.

"We have a solid core of

girls, and we don't sub-in every play," said Megan O'Gorman. "We're proud of how well we've been doing this season."

Badin vs. McGlinn

The Badin Bullfrogs and the McGlinn Shamrocks will battle it out in the last game of the regular season Sunday at 4 p.m. on McGlinn field.

The contest will be extremely important to Badin, as it must win to retain a chance of advancing to the playoff round. In addition to a big win, the Bullfrogs will need to get some help from BP.

If Badin wins, and BP loses against Walsh, the Bullfrogs will secure the fourth and final spot in the playoffs. However, if the Banshees win, they will advance no matter what Badin does against McGlinn. In the event that BP plays to a tie, the team that has scored the most points during the season will advance, because Badin and BP tied each other earlier in the year.

"We know we should have won Sunday, but a key play at the end of the game killed us," Badin captain Tiffany Colon said. "We'll just have to play our best this week and hope things work out for us."

McGlinn, meanwhile, will be playing purely for pride Sunday afternoon.

Mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, the Shamrocks would like to get a win to have something to build on for next year.

"We'd just like to get a win to match last year's record," captain Jamie Glesser said. "Although we haven't won any games this year, we are happy with the way our season has gone. We've got a lot of young players, and we've made some solid improvements through the year. If we can end the season with a win, it could really build some momentum for next year."

Breen-Phillips vs. Walsh

Breen-Phillips and Walsh will face off this Sunday in a

game that could make or break the Banshees' chances for a playoff berth.

"We're not really sure where we stand right now in terms of the playoffs," said Breen-Phillips quarterback Katie McFarland. "There's been some speculation as to how teams will be chosen, because so many of us have such similar records. Right now, we're assuming that if we lose, we're out."

Walsh, on the other hand, will take a nothing-to-lose attitude.

"We don't need the win to make [the playoffs]," said Walsh receiver Kay Scanlan. "But we've tied in the past couple of games, so we'd really like a win to help keep us in high spirits headed into the playoffs."

The regular season play of both the Banshees (1-1-3), and the Wild Women (2-0-3), has been characterized by extremely strong defensive squads.

Walsh, however, has seen their relatively young offense mature into one of formidable strength, and it plans to continue to rely on the plays the Wild Women have been running well into the playoffs.

"I don't think we'll be making any major offensive changes," said Scanlan.

The Banshees, on the other hand, were switching up offensive strategies as recently as their last game. McFarland believes they will continue to do so.

"We're going into the game with a different focus, a couple new plays," she said. "We'll try to focus on our strengths."

Though the Banshees need the win more so than their opponents, they aren't running scared.

"We'll expect Walsh to be on the same level as us, especially as far as defense is concerned," McFarland said.

The Wild Women, too, are ready for battle.

"We'd really like to finish strong," Scanlan said.

The game will take place at 3 p.m. on McGlinn Field.

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MEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Ramblers battle Rabid Bats in regular season finale

By JOHNNIE LEITNER, KATIE DEMENT and COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writers

For the Zahm and Siegfried interhall squads, this season has thus far been both the best and worst of times. Both the Rabid Bats and the Ramblers opened their years with explosive offenses and stifling defensive play.

With the regular season nearing a conclusion, though, both teams find themselves in a virtual must-win situation.

For Zahm, the year began on a great note, as the Bats posted a 45-0 victory. After a defeat at the hands of Fisher Hall, Zahm recorded their second win courtesy of a forfeit. As a result team captain Brian Zant said his unit is still eager to redeem itself after watching Fisher come from behind.

"We still haven't played to the best of our ability," Zant said. "We want to assert ourselves as a hard-hitting team and show some character."

For Zahm, its duel with Siegfried will be the last regular season game of the year. With a victory, the Rabid Bats would improve to 3-1, ensuring them a spot in the playoffs.

"We take it one game at a time. We don't want to look ahead and falter [against Siegfried]," said Zant.

From Siegfried's perspective, victory this Sunday is also critical. The Ramblers slipped to 1-1 after losing to Knott last week, and must win to control their own playoff destiny.

"We were too predictable against Knott," said Travis Smith, running back and captain for Siegfried. "We want to catch Zahm off guard."

Smith, who attributed last week's defeat to an early deficit, hopes that his team will return to early-season form, which featured Smith's versatile running attack.

"We'll be a lot better," Smith said. "Not the same team that showed up last Sunday."

Both Zahm and Siegfried

view their game as the continuation of a fierce rivalry.

"Our games are always tight, and Zahm plays their best against us," said Smith.

According to Zant, this year's seniors have seen some heated battles between these two teams. Three years ago, Zahm pulled out a win. In the following season, Siegfried was victorious against Zahm in the regular season, only to be eliminated in the playoffs by its north-quadrant nemesis.

In this crucial clash of two interhall heavyweights, Siegfried expects to open strong and play inspired football.

"This team has a lot of character," Smith said. "We need to show it against Zahm."

On the opposing sideline, Zant sees the keys to victory to be maintaining intensity and finishing strong.

"We need to get down to business and play like we know we can," he said.

Sorin vs. Carroll

After the 0-0 tie between Sorin and Fisher last weekend, the Otters may face some difficulty when it comes down to the playoff standings.

With one more win, however, Sorin has a chance to make it to the playoffs once again.

"I can't see why we would not win the rest of our games," said Sorin captain Mike Crowe.

The beasts of Sorin (1-0-1) and Carroll (0-3) go head to head on Sunday's last regular season game before the playoffs.

"We are planning to take this game seriously," said Crowe.

Regardless of the final score Sunday, the Vermin can't make the playoffs because of a forfeit last Sunday against Zahm. The Vermin didn't have enough players after several injuries and scheduling conflicts.

"We are just glad we had a team this year, and I am confident in next year's team," said Carroll captain Gregg Polk.

In the near future Polk said the offense is getting ready for Sunday.

"We know Sorin likes to pass the ball, we are expecting that, and are prepared," he said.

The Vermin offense is what Polk plans to work on.

"This weekend I just hope the offense will come around and we are working to turn things around this game," he said.

Fisher vs. St. Edwards

When Fisher Hall takes the field against St. Edward's this Sunday at 1 p.m., the Wave will have one thing on their mind: earning a playoff berth.

"If we win this one, I think we'll definitely make the playoffs," said Wave defensive lineman Dahx Marrs.

A win against a struggling St. Ed's team would improve Fisher's record to 1-1-1, and place them among the many contenders vying for a top spot in the Gold league standings.

St. Ed's, on the other hand, is looking to gain their first win of the season and holds onto only slim-at-best playoff hopes.

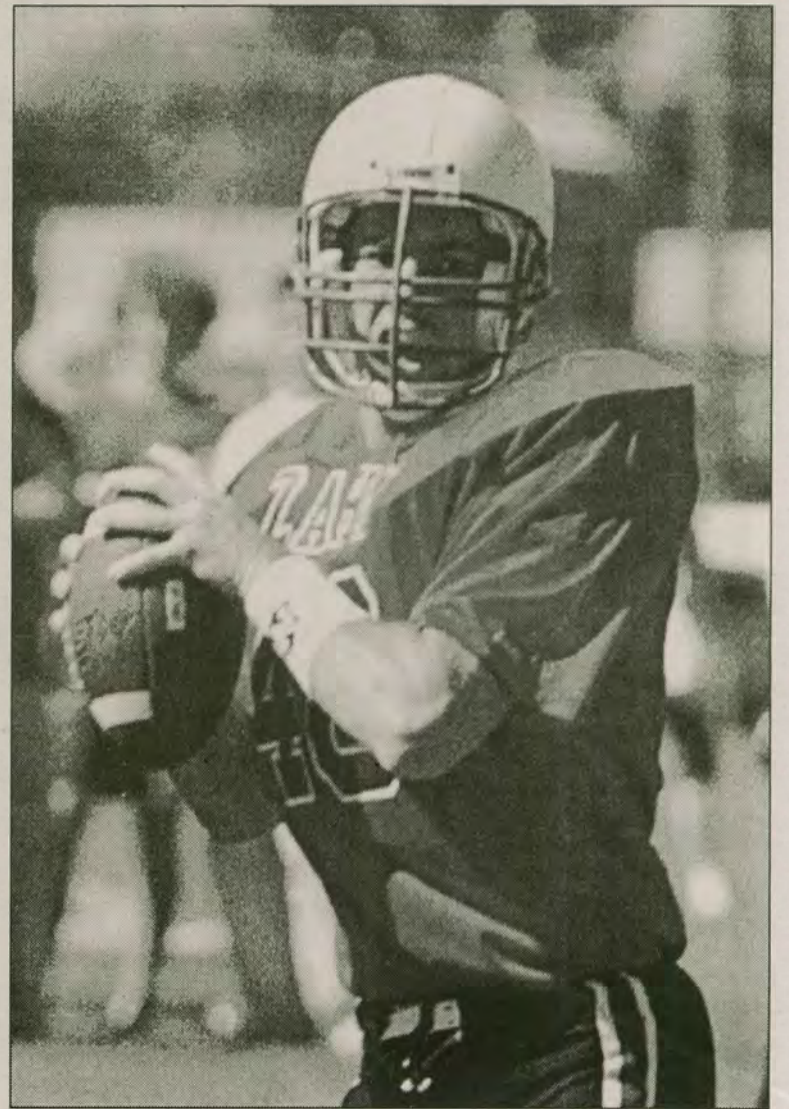
"We're trying to improve every week and hopefully get a win this season," said St. Ed's quarterback Tim Greene.

With an extra bye week to prepare for their upcoming opponent, St. Ed's feels more confident in their defensive prospects.

"We heard that Fisher likes to run the ball, so we've been working on filling some of the gaps in our defensive line," said defensive back Chris Muhich.

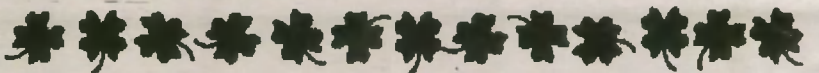
Running the ball is exactly what Fisher hopes to do. And despite a lack of offensive success, so far this year, they still pin their hopes on the success of running back Zach Allen.

"We want to run it down their throats and crush them into the ground," said Marrs.



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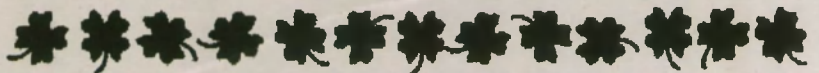
Following a week off due to a forfeit win against Carroll, the Rabid Bats of Zahm take Siegfried's Ramblers on Sunday.



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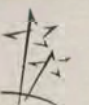
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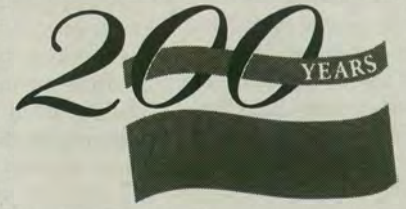
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Franco's save leads Mets past Giants, 5-4

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

John Franco knew there was a reason he came back to the New York Mets' bullpen for another season, a reason he kept playing the game after turning 40 last month.

This was why. Franco, the last hero in a game full of them, got the first playoff save of his 16-year career by striking out Barry Bonds to end the 10th inning of New York's 5-4 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Thursday night.

After Jay Payton's go-ahead single in the top half, Franco did what Armando Benitez couldn't: Franco closed it out as the Mets survived J.T. Snow's game-tying, three-run homer in the ninth and evened their best-of-five NL playoff series at 1-1.

Franco has 420 career regular-season saves but not much common ground with his teammates any more. He has a recliner in front of his locker instead of a stool, and he's quick to change the clubhouse stereo when the youngsters put rap on the system.

But his experience gives him a late-season poise on the mound that Benitez — already scarred by numerous

postseason mistakes — doesn't have.

Moments after striking out Bonds looking with a delicate curveball and pumping his fist in joy, Franco said his only concern was for his shaken teammate.

"He's our closer. The guy's a human being," Franco said. "He's going to make mistakes like we all do. ... It was a team effort, that's all. Jay got the big hit, I got the big out. Saturday, it could be somebody else."

"One of the reasons I came back was because I felt this team could win."

Edgardo Alfonzo's two-run homer in the ninth off Felix Rodriguez had created a 4-1 lead.

Al Leiter, who held the Giants to four in the first eight innings, gave up a lead-off double to Bonds in the bottom half, and Mets manager Bobby Valentine went to the bullpen for Benitez. Jeff Kent reached on an infield single and, one out later, Snow launched the first pinch-hit homer of his career. The ball hit the facing of the walkway over right field at Pacific Bell Park and landed maybe two feet to the left of the foul pole.

"When I hit it, I just hoped it stayed fair," Snow said. "Of course, none of that matters right now."

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Guy, Cunha travel to Palo Alto

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

After two weeks of tough play and competition most of the Irish women's tennis team will have the weekend off to watch and enjoy the home football game on Saturday.

The exceptions to the rule

will be Kim Guy and Katie Cunha who will be traveling out to sunny Palo Alto, Calif., to compete in the ITA/World Team Tennis Intercollegiate Championships. The women's doubles team will be paired with the Notre Dame men's doubles team as they compete against the likes of Stanford, Tulsa and Texas A&M in straight and mixed

doubles matches.

Coach Jay Louderback joins them on the West Coast to lend his guidance and support as both the men and women take on some of the top teams in the country.

After the weekend of rest the women's team will head off to Colorado next week as they compete in the Colorado Invitational.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Belles play in Adrian College Tournament

By KATIE MILLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's golf team will play at a tournament hosted by Adrian College Saturday.

The Belles are currently third in the MIAA conference. After finishing third overall last season, the Belles hope to take second place in their conference at their upcoming tournament.

"We are only five shots out of second place, just behind Hope," said golf coach Theresa Pekarek.

Pekarek was pleased with the team's score last Saturday at the tournament hosted by Hope.

"We finished third with an overall low score of 350, our lowest ever," she said.

The Belles are confident that their performance on Saturday will reflect their strengths.

"We are a consistent team,"

said senior Natalie Cook. "Last week, a lot of the teams played really well because of the good weather. This Saturday, the weather is supposed to be terrible, but we are steady no matter what the weather."

"We have a deep team. Kyle Veltri and Natalie Cook will lead the team, but we will rely on everyone," said Pekarek. "We've established a good team. We can rise to the occasion and get ahead of Hope in the conference standing."

Players hope to play well despite the poor weather.

"I'll start the course with a play safe philosophy," said Cook. "I plan on playing smart golf despite the weather conditions."

"Despite the bad weather predictions, we have good team momentum going," said Pekarek.

In the MIAA conference, Albion currently has first place.



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The Belles golf team will compete at Adrian College on Saturday. Saint Mary's is currently third in the MIAA.

NL DIVISION SERIES

Cards go up 2-1 on Braves

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

Another of the Atlanta Braves' golden arms left Busch Stadium badly tarnished, putting the St. Louis Cardinals within one win of the NL championship series.

Tom Glavine was pounded for seven runs and six hits in 2 1/3 innings — his shortest outing in seven years — and the Cardinals beat the Braves 10-4 Thursday to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-five NL playoff series.

"It came at a bad time," Glavine said. "I needed to go out there and give us an opportunity to win, and I didn't do that."

Will Clark overcame a 2-0, first-inning deficit with a three-run homer, and Mark McGwire, limited to one at-bat per game because of knee pain, limped out of the Cardinals dugout in the eighth to hit a pinch homer off Mike Remlinger.

"What we were trying to do was go out there and get a good pitch to hit, basically the same thing that we did with Maddux," Clark said. "These guys are awesome pitchers. They're 20-game winners for a reason."

Darryl Kile limited Atlanta to two runs and four hits in seven innings, striking out six and walking two.

The reeling Braves are in danger of failing to make the NL championship series for the first time since 1990. They head home hoping either Maddux on three days' rest or Kevin Millwood (10-13) can win Game 3 on Saturday at Turner Field. Garrett Stephenson (16-9) is likely to start for the Cardinals.

St. Louis essentially is in the same position it was in 1996, when it took a 3-1 lead over Atlanta in the best-of-seven NLCS, then lost three straight.

"It's exactly the same thing," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "We could very well pull that off. Heck, we won 15 in a row this year."

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa remains wary of the Braves, who find themselves struggling in the '00s after calling themselves the team of the '90s.

"We recognize this is a three-win series, not a two-win series," La Russa said. "So nobody's celebrating."

After Clark's three-run homer started the comeback, Carlos Hernandez had a solo shot in the second and St. Louis made it 7-2 in the third on Ray Lankford's two-run double and Eric Davis' sacrifice fly.

Atlanta's top two pitchers, Greg Maddux and Glavine, who have combined for six NL Cy Young Awards, have given up 12 earned runs in 6 1/3 innings, a 17.05 ERA.

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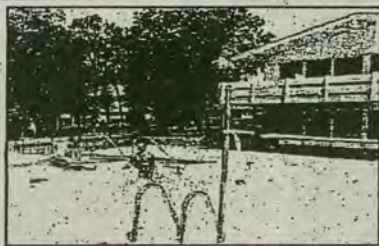
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After a successful showing at the National Catholic Invite, the Irish men's squad looks to improve this weekend.

Runners

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Stanford, No. 8 North Carolina State, No. 10 Arizona, No. 23 Duke and No. 24 Eastern Michigan join No. 22 Notre Dame in the race.

"On the men's side, we would like to — if we can — run with Duke and Eastern Michigan," Notre Dame men's cross country coach Joe Piane said. "They're around us in the rankings, and it would help us to qualify for the NCAAs to run with them."

Staying ahead of Duke and Eastern Michigan would likely allow Notre Dame to take home a top-four finish.

"Basically, our goals are just to beat a couple of teams there

that have a good chance of making the NCAAs," freshman David Alber said. "We've got a long way to go, but I think we're showing that we could be good."

The Irish need strong performances out of the entire squad to finish as hoped.

"We've got to get a couple of low sticks, one in Luke Watson and Marc Striowski," Piane said. "We also need another good performance from Pat Conway and a host of freshmen. We need a good performance out of Sean Zanderson, too."

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HOCKEY

Poulin's team reaches goals

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

When Dave Poulin became head coach of the Notre Dame hockey team five years ago, he set goals for the team. One by one, season by season, those goals have been ticked off. The Irish have made it to the CCHA tournament and they have played in Joe Louis Arena in the CCHA semifinals.

The biggest goal, however, is to win a national championship. To do that, Notre Dame will have to make the NCAA hockey tournament next April — something the Irish have never done. The focus of the 20th-ranked Irish hockey team will be to build on the momentum of last season's trip to Joe Louis Arena in Detroit for the CCHA semifinals.

"We have been to the Joe [Joe Louis Arena], we have had home ice [in the CCHA tournament], but bar none the NCAA's is where we want to go this year," said senior left wing Chad Chipchase.

Standing in the way of the Irish's NCAA bid is a tough slate of early season opponents. Notre Dame begins its season this Saturday when they take on the 11th-ranked Minnesota Golden Gophers at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

"It's a big thing to be able to go up there and show [Minnesota] what Irish hockey is all about. We have put in the work over the last three weeks and we are going to be ready to play this weekend," junior center David Inman said.

On October 13 and 14, the Irish will participate in the Nebraska Omaha Shootout, where they play fourth-ranked Boston College, and could possi-

bly meet 13th-ranked Nebraska-Omaha. And if that wasn't enough, Notre Dame has a home series with fifth-ranked Michigan State and away series with 14th-ranked Lake Superior State and Nebraska-Omaha all before Christmas.

With only one automatic bid from each conference, the rest of the teams make it as at-large bids determined by a selection committee. Notre Dame must make themselves look as good as possible. Poulin likes the challenge of the early schedule.

"With only one automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, we have the schedule which will enable us to do it [make the NCAA's]," Poulin said.

In order to win, there will be several key questions that the Irish have to answer. Offensively they need to become more consistent. Poulin is looking for that consistency to come from Dan Carlson.

The senior left wing led the Irish last season with 35 points. Carlson is quietly making an impact in the CCHA, where he is ranked sixth in goals among active players.

"Talk about someone who stepped it up, and took it to the next level, Dan Carlson did that last year," Poulin said. Also important to the Irish offense will be captain Ryan Dolder, sophomore Connor Dunlop and Inman. Inman showed some flashes of talent last year and could impress some people, according to Poulin.

"[Inman] could take it to a level that would make this team a very different hockey team," Poulin said.

Defensively, the Irish will look to continue their tough defense of the past few seasons. To do that Notre Dame will have to rely on some talented but inex-

perienced players, as the top three defensemen from last year's team have graduated.

Looking to fill those shoes will be senior Ryan Clark, junior Sam Cornelius and sophomore Evan Nielsen. The Irish will also look to some freshmen to step up and play major rolls, according to Poulin.

"Even Nielsen and Ryan Clark have to be real good for us defensively. Sam Cornelius did not play a lot last year after playing a lot his freshman year. And then we have the three kids, Komadoski, Lebda and Galvin, and they are going to get major rolls right out of the gate," said Poulin about his defense.


The defensemen won't have to do it alone, as they will have sophomore goalie Tony Zasowski between the pipes.

Zasowski played in 31 games last year, posting a 13-9-6 record. When asked how Zasowski would play this year without the benefit of veteran defensemen, Poulin responded "Tony is a control guy. Last year was a nice transition for him having [four senior defensemen] in front of him, but he is certainly ready to play."

With the experience that Zasowski gained playing much of last season, he will provide a calm presence which should allow some of the freshmen to mature into solid defenders.

At the start of this hockey season all the cards are on the table. The Notre Dame hockey team knows exactly what it needs to do to reach their goal. With the depth of Irish, combined with the tough early season schedule, it won't take long to figure out if Notre Dame will be able to cross off another goal this April or if they will be sitting at home, wondering what might have been.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish travel to take on Hoyas, Wildcats this weekend

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will be without one of its brightest stars this weekend when it travels to Georgetown and Villanova for successive Big East Conference battles.

Freshman scoring-sensation Amy Warner, still recovering from a knee injury last weekend, will not make the trip east. It looks as though Warner will miss the next several weeks with the injury, but Irish head coach Randy Waldrum is hopeful she'll return for the playoffs.

"At this point, we think she'll be back for the post-season," Waldrum said. "We'll know more when the doctor looks at her again."

Despite the mediocre records of both the Hoyas and the Wildcats, Waldrum is leery of an upset.

"We try to prepare the girls for that possibility every game, every time we step on to the field," Waldrum said. "The way the soccer has been going this year, there have been a ton of upsets. It's something we have to be leery of."

With such a disparity in the talent level between the Irish and their weekend opponents, Waldrum is well aware of the style Georgetown and Villanova will play.

"They're going to lay back," Waldrum said. "I think both teams are much improved from last year, but I still don't think they'll take any chances. We just have to do a better job getting behind the defense."

If Georgetown is able to penetrate the strong Notre Dame back line, they have scorers with the capability of converting. Senior midfielder Liz Delgado is one of the conference's top scorers, notching seven goals this season.

Last year the Irish embarrassed the Hoyas at Alumni Field, whipping them 10-0. Waldrum expects a tougher test this time around.

"I think they're much improved, they're competing much better," he said. "Last year they really didn't have the talent to compete."

The Hoyas do enter the game playing their best soccer of the season. Georgetown improved to 6-4-2 on the current season with an impressive 2-0 victory over Seton Hall, running their Big East record to 1-0-1.

In a game that showcased their defensive strengths, the Hoyas limited the Pirates to a single shot on goal in the game's first half.

After tonight's game in Washington, the Irish will head to the City of Brotherly Love with high hopes of taming the Wildcats Sunday.

Villanova has struggled all

season, but is coming off a 4-0 shutout victory against Rutgers, which improved its overall mark to 7-6-0. The Wildcats are, however, just 1-3 in Big East play.

Kristin Dunst will lead a less than potent Wildcat attack, which has had difficulties finding the net all year. Dunst, the lone bright spot, has but four goals.

After what Waldrum called a good week of training, and a productive team meeting, the Irish coach feels his team will enter the weekend refreshed and with renewed focus.

"We're going to try to get back to some of the things we did well at the beginning of the season in big games," he said. "We want to play every game like it's our biggest one. I think now we're all on the same page."

In order to compensate for the loss of Warner, Waldrum will play a frontline of Ali Lovelace, Amanda Guertin and Meotis Erikson all of whom have the ability to score. Waldrum anticipates no real drop off.

"I think if Amy were healthy, we could start any three of those four and keep up the same pace," Waldrum said. "Without Amy, we do lose speed though."

Waldrum is hopeful that in playing opponents of lesser caliber he will be able to work in some of his reserves.



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Senior Meotis Erikson moves the ball past a Seton Hall defender during Notre Dame's 6-0 victory Sept. 29.



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VOLLEYBALL

No. 20 Irish head east to take on Panthers, Mountaineers

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team will travel to Pittsburgh and West Virginia this weekend in its first conference games on the road.

"I think this weekend is a chance for us to prove our dominance in the Big East," said sophomore Keara Coughlin. "It's an opportunity for the team to show its character and our abili-

ty to control the level of play on our side of the net."

The No. 20 Irish, 11-4 and 2-0 in the conference, are coming off wins against Big East opponents Villanova and Georgetown.

Notre Dame will face West Virginia for the eighth time, with the Irish leading the series at 5-2. Nikki Hardy, who leads West Virginia this year with 185 kills, will pose a threat to the Irish.

The Irish are looking for revenge following the 1998 loss in West Virginia, one of just two

of Notre Dame's conference losses on the road since 1995.

"We're going into West Virginia match remembering what happened two years ago and with the goal of silencing the Mountaineer crowd on their own court," said Coughlin.

The Irish will look for their 14th win against Pittsburgh in the 17th time the teams will face each other. The Panthers are now 15-5 overall and 1-1 in the Big East.

In its Big East season opener,

Notre Dame defeated Villanova 15-5, 15-2, 15-9. Christi Girton led the Irish with eight kills while freshman Kristen Kinder added 16 assists and five digs.

Notre Dame finished off the weekend with a sweep of Georgetown (15-8, 15-6, 15-8). Girton led the Irish again with 16 kills, nine digs and four blocks.

Girton was named Co-Big East player of the week for the second week in a row following the wins.

Junior Kristy Kreher leads Notre Dame on the season with 190 kills while classmate Malinda Goralski will provide a defensive threat with 56 blocks in 2000.

"I think we'll be able to run a very quick offense. We'll be able to concentrate on the execution of our blocking schemes," Coughlin said.

Notre Dame will face Pittsburgh on Saturday before traveling to West Virginia on Sunday.


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61 in a meet that saw seven pool records fall, but in 1986, Notre Dame beat the Belles 84-38. Like the score, the attitude of the competition changed, too.

"The Notre Dame-Saint Mary's meet is basically a fun meet for us," said Tim Welsh, the 1986 Notre Dame swim coach, and current men's coach.

Both schools used the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's dual meet to rotate swimmers into different events or concentrate on qualifying a few swimmers for the national competition.

This trend was evident in other sports, as well. Although Saint Mary's usually won the early meetings between the two teams, as the Notre Dame women's programs developed, the Irish turned these once-close games into blowouts.

Sport by sport, the Irish dropped the Belles from their schedules in favor of teams of Division I caliber.

"We've put a whole lot of our resources into women's sports," said John Heisler, the Notre Dame Director of Sports Information. "As long as we're going to compete in them, we might as well be good in them."

Widening the gap

The era of competition between the Irish and the Belles began when Notre Dame first admitted women in 1972. Because of Title IX and gender equity issues, coupled with the athletic department's desire to

increase recognition of Notre Dame athletics beyond football, women's teams began to develop at Notre Dame. While they were officially recognized as clubs, they still played other collegiate teams.

The first time varsity programs from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's competed against each other occurred in 1976, when the Belles defeated the Irish 6-3 in the final tennis meet of the season for both teams. Saint Mary's won the first three meetings between the two schools, but the Irish earned their first victory in 1979. Notre Dame never lost to Saint Mary's after that date, winning 13 straight meets and, from 1981 to 1986, the last time the tennis programs competed, the Irish won every meet 9-0.

Basketball saw much of the same domination by the Irish. In four years of competition, the Irish held a 10-0 record against the Belles. However, in 1979, the Irish and the Belles faced each other in the semi-finals of the Northern Indiana District Tournament in what may have been the most significant meeting between the two schools. Notre Dame won 61-49 and eliminated Saint Mary's from postseason play, the first and only time the two schools have played each other in a game with postseason implications in any sport.

Volleyball remains the only sport in which Saint Mary's leads the all-time series. The two teams met for the first time in 1980, when the Belles won in straight sets. Saint Mary's won the first four meetings between the two teams. Notre Dame

finally won their first match in 1982.

The Irish won the next two matches before competition between the two schools ended in 1983.

Battles for excellence

The closest games of the Irish-Belles rivalry occurred in soccer. In 1985, Saint Mary's soccer team became the first college program in Indiana to rise to varsity status.

In their first game as a varsity squad, the Belles lost to the Irish 3-1.

"I think we were too fired up for the game," said Katy Boldt, who scored the first goal for Saint Mary's varsity team. "There's always a lot of rivalry when we play Notre Dame, and we were too psyched up for the match."

Saint Mary's got its revenge 22 days later when they beat Notre Dame 2-0 to record their first win as a varsity team.

Considerable hype surrounded the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community when the Irish soccer program reached varsity status in 1988. The area was captivated by the possibilities the rivalry could hold. The Observer reported in 1988 that the soccer games between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's "would determine Michiana supremacy in soccer." The first game lived up to the tremendous buildup as Notre Dame rallied from a 2-0 halftime deficit to win 4-2. Over the next three years, the Irish clawed their way to a 3-0-1 record over the Belles.

The competition between the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame

softball teams was also very intense. Before the Irish softball program reached varsity status in 1989, Saint Mary's dominated most games between the two schools.

The highlight for the Belles came in 1985 when they defeated the Irish 10-3 on their way to the championship at the Notre Dame Invitational. At first it was typical to see the Belles win by scores of 11-1. But when Notre Dame's program reached varsity status in 1989, the situation reversed. The Irish won all four games played that year by an average of nine runs. In 1990, in one of the most memorable games of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's rivalry, Irish pitcher Missy Linn pitched a perfect game as Notre Dame won 1-0 in the final head-to-head meeting between any Saint Mary's and Notre Dame athletic program.

Unbalanced rivals

So why don't the two teams play each other any more? Several factors have contributed to the virtual disappearance of the rivalry.

Scholarships have created an imbalance in the talent pool in both schools. As Notre Dame athletic programs grew in stature and national prominence, they could use athletic scholarships to lure top high school athletes to Notre Dame. Saint Mary's, on the other hand, is a Division III school and therefore does not have any athletic scholarships available.

Thus, as the Irish athletic programs developed, Notre Dame would usually have more talent than their Saint Mary's counterparts simply because athletes

who wanted to compete at a high level would play for Notre Dame. The competitions would turn into lopsided affairs that the Irish would win time after time, as they did in 1981 when Notre Dame's basketball beat Saint Mary's 92-29 in what became the final basketball game played between the two schools.

Another issue involves competing for national recognition. Heisler said the coaches are responsible for scheduling decisions, and they usually schedule tough teams to impress high-profile high school athletes.

"Recruiting is like an arms race," Heisler said. "Your support systems are being measured against other schools. If you want to show how good you are, you have to play high-caliber Division I teams."

As the Irish women's sports programs continue to grow in athletic prominence, the chances of seeing a revitalization of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's rivalry are shrinking.

"There's a big commitment you have to make if you want to stay at the top of the pack," Heisler said. "And if that means abandoning rivalries, that's what has to be done."

So, when the 17th Notre Dame Relays kicks off this weekend, pay special attention the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's swimming teams. The two teams might de-emphasize the annual meeting, but both will secretly acknowledge that the rivalry still exists. As the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's rivalry enters the new millennium, one thing is clear — the rivalry, though diminished, will not die.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish head to Rhode Island for key Big East match-up

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Carrying the burden of a 1-4 Big East record that currently has the team ranked 11th out of the 12 teams in the conference, the Irish men's soccer team faces a must-win game on Sunday when it travels to Rhode Island to take on Providence.

The game has important implications for Big East tournament play. Only the top eight of the 12 teams in the Big East compete in the tournament, while the others are forced to sit at home. An Irish win would move them into competition for the final spot and give the team momentum heading into a stretch where each of the squad's next five games is against a Big East opponent.

"For us to get back on track, back into the swing of things with the Big East we really need to go to Providence and have a big win," said senior captain Dustin Pridmore. "We need to keep momentum going so we can carry it through the rest of the season."

The Friars will be looking to avenge a crushing loss to the Irish last year. In the game, Pridmore and then-freshman Erich Braun each scored two goals to lead Notre Dame to a 4-0 victory.

At season's end, the Friars and Irish were tied for eighth in the conference standings with 10 points apiece. The Irish, however, made the Big East tourney because of their head-to-head win against the Friars. Pridmore feels that this will give Providence an added incentive on Sunday.

"For us to get back on track, back into the swing of things with the Big East we really need to go to Providence and have a big win," said Pridmore. "We need to keep momentum going so we can carry it through the rest of the season."

Providence is coming off of 4-1 loss Wednesday to second-ranked Connecticut.

Junior forward Tom Blesso scored the lone goal for the Friars. Blesso leads the team with six points this season, already matching his total from 1999. The Irish come in confident following a 2-1 win over Northwestern on Tuesday. During the game — which was marked by a 40-minute delay in the second half when the power went out in Alumni Field — the Irish took 25 shots, including two goals by freshman Justin Detter.

In addition to Detter's strong play, Braun has been able to overcome a nagging hamstring injury to create quality shots in recent games. Junior Matt Rosso was inserted into the starting lineup for the Sept. 29 contest against Pittsburgh and has responded with strong play from the flanker position in the last two games.

In addition, senior Griffin Howard has exhibited strong offensive skills as a starter, giving Irish head coach Chris Apple a multitude of scoring weapons heading into Sunday's important game.

"I feel great, confident, the guys are playing well," said Irish head coach Chris Apple. "We have to get a win on the road. We're a better team, we have to prove it on the field."



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Sophomore forward Erich Braun dribbles the ball during Notre Dame's 3-2 loss to Pittsburgh on Sept. 29. The Irish take on the Friars of Providence on Sunday.

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record and stand at 2-7-1 overall. Kalamazoo, the defending conference champions, are 5-1 in the MIAA in third place, and have a 7-4-1 record overall. This doesn't phase the Belles, however.

"They won the game [last time] in the first five minutes and we gave up," Kapphahn said. "When we go out Saturday we will go out ready with our heads up and finish our opportunities."

The Belles have been plagued all season by a scoring drought. They dominate teams but fail to score and thus carry the win. This problem has not gone unnoticed or untreated. Soon after the first Kalamazoo game, the Belles began heavy-duty

shooting drills and game-pressure simulations.

"We did a lot of prep today," Kapphahn said. "We had a lot of shot opportunities and touches on the ball. We worked on possession and moving. We hit communication really hard, because when we get tired we stop talking, and our game level drops. Communication is the number one problem."

The Belles have struggled all season with injuries, losing Kirby and freshman Wendy Irvin early to injuries. Although Kirby and Irvin are

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Tia Kapphahn
Belles' tri-captain

back in the lineup, sophomore Alessa Brasseur is out for the season with a foot injury, and tri-captain Jessica Klink will not play for at least another week.

"They will definitely be missed," Kirby said. "Everyone on the team is doing what they can to make up for the loss."

Because both Brasseur and Klink play defense, the Belles have shaken up that part of the field to compensate against Kalamazoo.

"We have a good defense, but their forwards are faster than our defense," Kapphahn said. "We have to space ourselves out accordingly to beat them."

According to Kapphahn, the Belles are also working on challenging for the ball and being more aggressive, but also on their patience.

"We worked on making moves when they do have the ball, not just stopping but jockeying and waiting for them to make a mistake so we can take the ball," Kapphahn said. "Letting them make a mistake and give you the ball rather than trying to take it is a lot easier. They don't have a very strong defense, so we just have to hit our shots early

and well."

Metzger is fully prepared to do her job in the net, and has worked just as hard as the rest of the team to learn her position since the beginning of the year.

"My goal is to improve," Metzger said. "I've been working hard all season but I have a long way to go. I am willing to put in the time and the effort because I love this team and I love soccer."

Metzger is also confident in her team's defensive skills to support her in the goal.

"We're trying something new with our defense, forcing them offside," Metzger said. "Who knows? I might not even see the ball."

Whatever happens, Metzger and the Belles consider themselves prepared for Saturday's match, whichever goalie wins.

"I'm extremely excited," Metzger said. "I have a good feeling about this game."

CROSS COUNTRY

Belles to ring in Goshen

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

This weekend's meet at Goshen College may turn out to be a battle of the freshmen.

The young Saint Mary's cross-country team will face off against a very young Goshen team when they compete at the Goshen College Invitational.

But head coach Dave Barstis expects some great things from his women this weekend.

"I think [the women] are feeling great," he said. "Practices have been strong and we are injury free. I expect some personal records at this meet."

The young Saint Mary's team, that opened this season with four sophomores and four freshmen, has had a difficult start.

They finished seventh out of seven teams at their only home meet of the season two weeks ago. However, this week's flat course may prove to be a chance to start again.

"This is a flat, fast course so I'd like everyone to have their best time of the season," Barstis said.

Goshen is also fielding a young team. With only two upper classmen running for Goshen, the Belles may have a chance to finish the race in a good place.

"Last year we didn't have anyone in the top ten but our pack running enabled us to get a 4th place finish," Barstis said. "We surprised a lot of teams."

Although it's uncertain what teams will be competing besides Goshen and Saint Mary's, it is probable that the same teams will return from last year.

Bethel College, Adrian College, Hillsdale College, Grace College, Manchester College, Tri-State University, and Concordia College all took part in the race last year.

The other teams competing may present a challenge in that they all have very strong number one runners. But the Belles are hoping pack running will overcome that.

"The other teams seem to have that one runner that finishes in the top ten which gives their team a big bonus," Barstis said. "We have to compensate by having 7 finish as close together as possible."

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish open third varsity season in Chicago, Rockford

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

Opening its third varsity season, the Irish women's rowing team will put their oars to the water and their endurance to the test this weekend in two races on consecutive days.

The Irish will compete in the Chicago Chase through downtown Chicago on Saturday, and will travel to Rockford, Ill., on Sunday to race in the Head of the Rock competition.

Working with a young varsity team, head coach Martin Stone has set high aspirations for the squad this weekend.

"We want to be within 2 percent of Wisconsin's and Iowa's time," he explained. "Last year we were within 5 percent. We'll do fairly well in the pairs this weekend. We've been rowing in pairs a lot because it gives us a better feel for the boat."

The team's weekend race schedule will pose a stamina challenge, with some rowers competing in four races over just two days. But Stone isn't worried.

"We're asking a lot of them, but the fatigue factor shouldn't be that bad," he said.

Senior captains and coxswains Claire Bula and Erin Kiernicki lead the team into a new season. Kiernicki has found this year's team chemistry to be excellent, with everyone working together effectively.

"We have a great team dynamic," she said. "It's hard to describe, but it's made practices work better."

In addition to the captains, the young Irish rowers will rely on the leadership and experience of senior Leah Ashe, junior Catherine Burnett, and sophomores Becky Lockett, Ashlee Warren and Laura Aull.

"Each leader contributes in different ways," Stone said.

The rowers in this weekend's first varsity eight boat illustrate how young Notre Dame truly is. The Irish will race with one freshman, five sophomores, a junior and just one senior.

This fall in practice, the Irish have been concentrating on the technical side of the sport, honing their strokes and developing their cardiovascular base.

"Fitness-wise, we're stronger than last year, and technically we're better as well," Stone said.

The team's diligence in training has translated into faster



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The Irish women's rowing team practices during March of last season. The rowing team opens their 2000 season at the Chicago Chase in downtown Chicago on Saturday.

times on the water, and Stone has been more than pleased with the training intensity put forth by the team.

"In practice, the first varsity eight boat has been faster than last year," he said. "I'm definitely satisfied by what they've done so far this season."

He also wants to battle-test his rowers this fall in hopes of preparing them for the spring sprint season. This competitive experience is especially critical for the novice team, a green squad comprised mainly of freshmen.

"Part of the fall season is to get people out and giving them a feel for a race," said Stone. "I

want the novices to learn to row well and get a good feel for the sport."

Personnel wise, the Irish lost three members of their first varsity eight boat to study abroad programs. But Stone sees this as somewhat advantageous.

"We're seeing some great performances from kids who have stepped up and competed for those empty spots," he explained.

This year, Stone lists the team's major goals as becoming the best team in the Big East and reaching the NCAA championships in the spring. To achieve the second goal, Notre

Dame, made up of all walk-ons, faces stiff competition from more established teams that give scholarship aid.

"For a team in its third year, I think we're fairly competitive," said Stone. "We should be the top Big East team."

This weekend's races should serve as an indicator of the squad's progress toward their goals. "[They] should give us a good idea of where we are," Stone said.

Kiernicki is confident for the weekend. "It's a first step toward putting Notre Dame rowing on the map," she said. "We're building ourselves as a threat."

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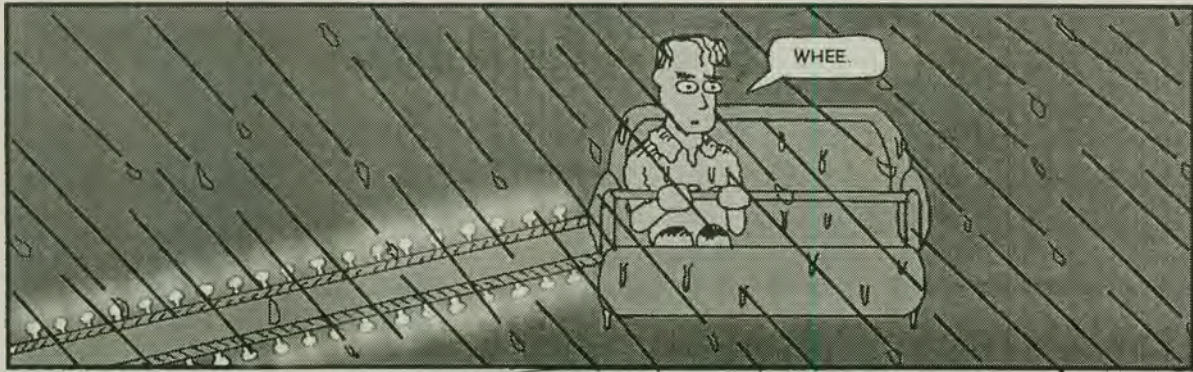
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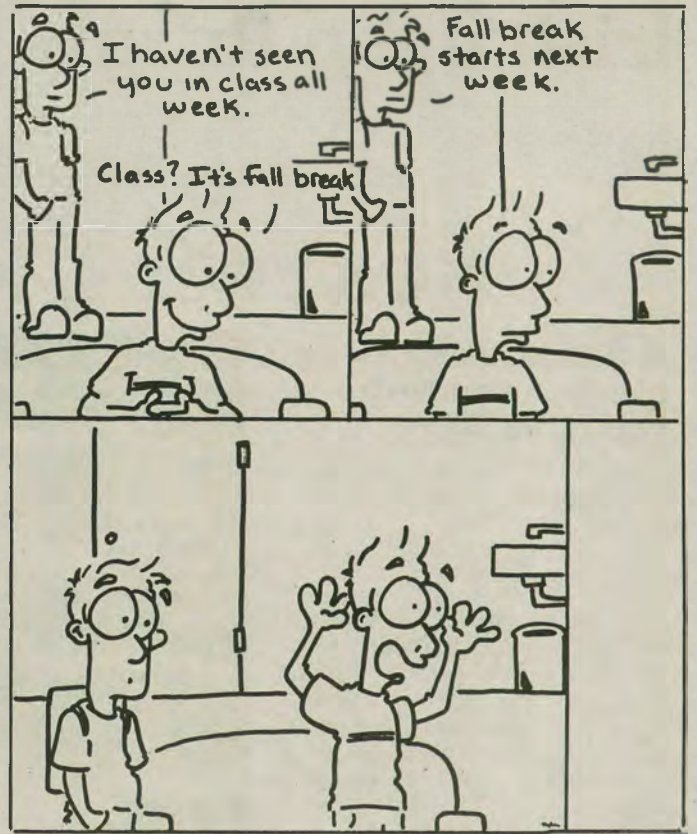
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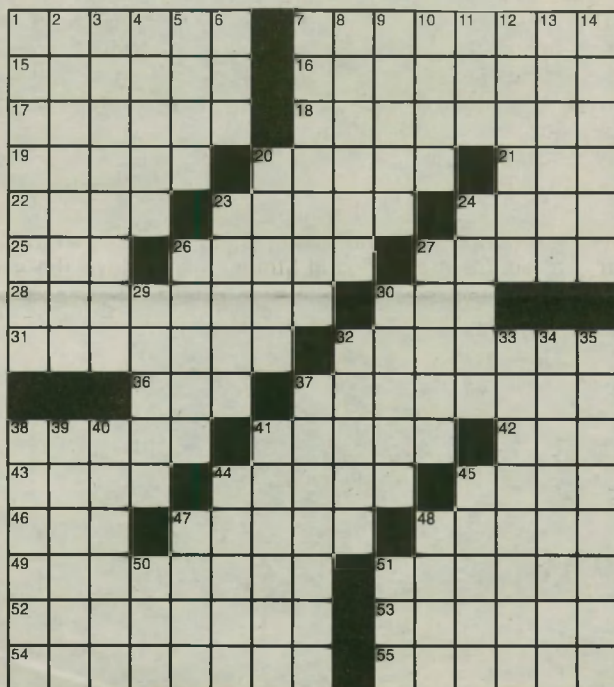
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Renewing Route 31 rivalry

◆ Belles, Irish swim at weekend Notre Dame Relays

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame Relays may be used as an important tool for coaches to prepare their swimmers for the upcoming season, but when the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women's swimming teams compete this weekend, it will mark another important occasion.

It is the only time this year that the Irish and the Belles will compete against each other in intercollegiate competition.

It has not always been this way. When the Irish were developing their women's athletic programs, they consistently played the Belles every season.

However, as Notre Dame grew in athletic prominence and moved to the Division I level, it stopped competing against Saint Mary's.

That does not mean that a rivalry does not exist. Ever since the Irish women's swimming team reached varsity status in 1981, both schools looked forward to the annual Notre Dame-Saint Mary's swimming meeting.

"There has always been a huge rivalry between the two teams in swimming," said Gail Casey, who swam for Saint Mary's in 1983.

Beginning together

When the two teams started out, they were relatively equal. However, as the Irish swimming program developed, the difference between the two teams became more evident. In 1983, the two-year-old Irish program narrowly defeated the Belles 78-

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Irish junior Heather Mattingly finished 15th in the three-meter diving competition at the NCAA Championships last season. Notre Dame takes part in the Notre Dame Relays today.

CROSS COUNTRY

Top national teams take part in Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish got more than they bargained for in putting together a field for the 2000 Notre Dame Invitational. Both the men's and women's varsity races feature six top 25 teams, making a championship by the host school unlikely.

"It's a great competition," Notre Dame women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "Our biggest goal is to see how good we are. I think we're pretty solid, and what

we need to do is see how we stack up against some of the best teams in the country."

The Notre Dame women's squad captured the top spot a year ago, while the men finished third. However, the level of competition is up a notch this year, while Notre Dame's teams were depleted by graduation.

"My goal would be to be in the top five or six," Connelly said. "We're not a team with a whole lot of margin for error. We're going to need our 'A' races."

No. 1 Stanford heads the list

of opposing women's teams, followed by No. 5 North Carolina State, No. 13 Michigan, No. 15 Arizona, No. 24 Duke and No. 25 Ball State. A total of 31 teams will compete in the varsity race.

"It's by far the biggest meet we've ever had," Connelly said. "In fact, it's a little bit bigger than I would have liked."

Top runner Jen Handley returns to action for the Irish after missing the National Catholic Invitational because of a sore foot.

"I know it's going to be real-

ly tough competition," said Handley, a sophomore. "Last year, I was sixth in the race, but the competition is better this year. I just want to stay up there at the front of the race and hang in there as long as I can."

Aside from Handley, the Irish will run their seven varsity runners from the National Catholic meet as well as senior LeAnne Brady.

Many of the top-25 teams on the women's side also boast top-25 men's programs. No. 2

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles look to sting Hornets

◆ Metzger makes 2nd start in net for Saint Mary's

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Saturday will be a battle of rookie goalkeepers as the Saint Mary's Belles travel to Kalamazoo to take on the Hornets for the second time this season.

"[Goalkeeper] Laura [Metzger] has improved drastically throughout the season," said Tia Kapphahn, junior goalkeeper and forward. "We're much more sure of ourselves with her in the goal."

Metzger will make her second career start in goal against Kalamazoo after her first solo appearance in the loss to Hope on Tuesday. Hornets goalie Adrienne Bellar cemented the 5-0 shutout victory over the Belles earlier this season, and will be looking for her second win against Saint Mary's as Metzger looks to redeem her team and earn her first collegiate win.

"Everyone on the team has confidence in her," Adrian Kirby, junior midfielder, said. "Having her in goal lets Tia [Kapphahn, the Belles goalie at the start of the season] play in the field which benefits the whole team."

Kapphahn stepped into the goalie slot for the 2000 season after Brie Gerschick transferred after a solid season in the net for the Belles.

Kapphahn played forward for the majority of the 1999 season after spending her freshman year as the backup to the starting goalie.

Kapphahn sees Metzger's netminding to be an advantage to the Belles in their second match against Kalamazoo.

"I think when we first played Kalamazoo we came out really flat," the tri-captain said. "A lot of the [players] were psyched out. But this time we have Laura on one end of the field, which will help."

The Belles enter Saturday's game with a sixth-place 2-4-1 MIAA

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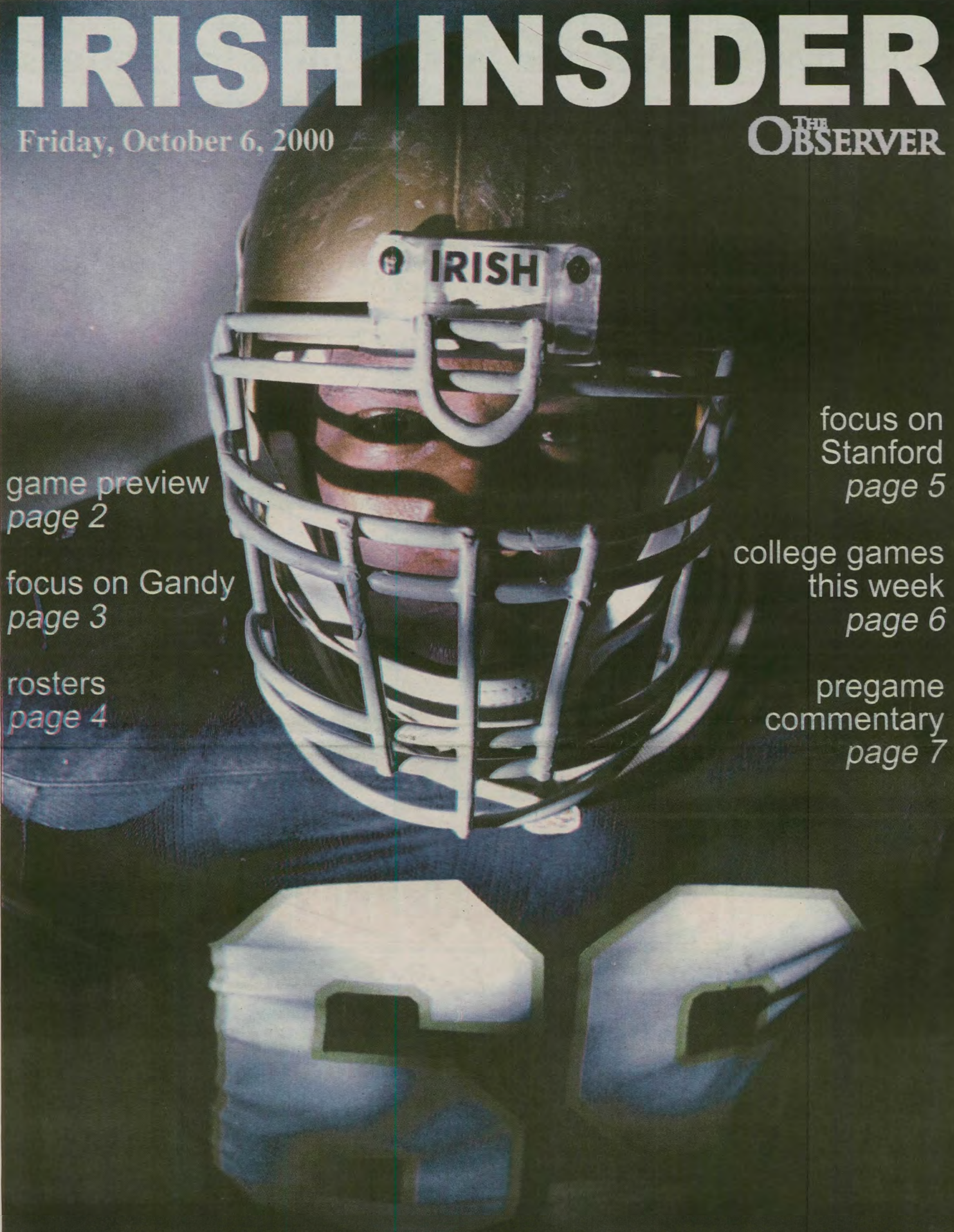
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***Leading the
Irish guard***

game hype



Jim Jones
offensive guard

"We need to get after them early. We're going to be coming after them all day."

"Stanford is the kind of team that is capable of beating anybody in the country."



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"We've got to open up our offense the way we did when Arnaz was in and just play our style football."

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Tyrone Willingham
Cardinal coach

LoVecchio takes helm of Irish offense

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

The key word for the Irish this weekend is offense.

Coming off of a disappointing loss to Michigan State two weeks ago and a break last week, the offense will have to find new strategies to notch a win against Stanford.

"As we move forward, we all realize that we have to open things up," head coach Bob Davie said at a press conference on Tuesday. "We have to become a little more creative."

Following three games in which his offense netted less than 250 yards each outing, Davie wants to see a more potent running game.

"[We need] more productivity on the ground," he said. "Not so much running it more, but being more productive."

The rest of the calls may depend on quarterback performance.

With Arnaz Battle out indefinitely, Davie pegged freshman Matt Lovecchio as the Notre Dame starter and sophomore Gary Godsey as the backup.

"[LoVecchio] gives us the best opportunity," Davie said. "I'm anxious to see him play and I know Kevin [Rogers] feels the same way."

Despite the inexperience of both Lovecchio and Godsey, Davie believes that that past two weeks have provided some much needed experi-

ence, allowing the young signal callers to mature.

"Those young players, all of the sudden, because we've had this situation for a couple of weeks, are no longer young players," said Davie.

With LoVecchio at the helm of the Irish offense, Notre Dame will be able to run the option. However, should Godsey have to fill in during the game, fans can expect to see the ball in the air more often.

"It's not all pass with Gary

in there," he said. "But certainly the option part of it is missing."

With a still unproven offense, Davie will be relying on a strong defensive unit to keep his team in the game against Stanford. Players who were unable to play last year have added the needed depth to the defense.

"We've got some players back that we did not have last year," Davie said. "We've got corner Brock Williams [and] free safety Tony Driver.

I think we're able to do a few more things defensively."

Although the blitz was very effective for Arizona last week against Stanford, Davie is not going to count on that as his main defensive strategy.

"I don't think it is in our best interest to go in and just blitz then every down," he said. "They have seen a bunch of that stuff before, and they do a great job of throwing those jailbreak screens."

Quarterback Matt Lovecchio completed one pass for 43 yards and carried the ball four times for 21 yards in his debut against Michigan State Sept 23.

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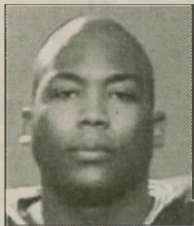
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Gandy comes into his own

◆ Fifth-year senior grows athletically, academically

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor



Gandy

The class met every Friday and Saturday night in the spring of 1997 and 1998.

For a few hours, several football players, who were struggling academically, sat in the football office, studying and reading, while an assistant coach looked on.

Its name? Davie 101.

"That was a last ditch effort," said Mary Ann Spence, the assistant director for Academic Services at Notre Dame, who helped the football players deal with academics. "It was one more way to get their attention."

Among the attendees was Mike Gandy, currently the Irish's starting right guard.

"I was a frequent member," Gandy said.

Developing

During his first two years at Notre Dame, Gandy needed any additional help he could receive. A low grade point average, a minimal work ethic and a tendency to skip classes combined to put Gandy in a difficult situation. He was on academic probation more than once, according to Spence.

So in addition to the tutoring sessions and guidance provided by the University, Gandy was ordered to attend Davie 101, a study hall started by coach Bob Davie and his staff.

"I wasn't very mature," Gandy said. "I kind of coasted by. It put me in a pretty big hole that I had to get out of."

At times, Davie thought the hole was as large as the Grand Canyon.

"There was a point where I wasn't sure if he would make it here," Davie said. "He always had enough ability. But overall, I wasn't sure."

Whenever Jim Jones views photographs of Gandy as a freshman, he has the same expression.

"Every time I take a look at that in the game book, I kind of laugh," said Jones, a fellow fifth-year senior starter on the offensive line. "It's like, if these guys see his picture, they can't be too intimidated."

Said Gandy: "I was a pencil-neck."

Pencil neck to top recruit

In the fall of 1996, the 6-foot-4 inch Gandy weighed a mere 235 pounds. He had started playing football only three years before. After knocking out four front teeth during a soccer game, Gandy decided to give up the sport he had been playing since early childhood.

The switch proved to be a relatively easy task for the athletic native of Garland, Texas. Gandy played on the junior varsity squad as a sophomore before starting at tight end and defen-

position: right guard

year: senior

awards: all-city, all-district and all-area pick in high school, named to 2000 pre-season All-Independent teams by *The Sporting News* and *Football News*, predicted as an NFL draftee by *The Sporting News*

notables: one of four returning regulars on offensive line, started every game in '99 and helped Irish rank 21st in total offense

sive end his final two seasons. By the summer of 1995, Gandy was pursued by the likes of Texas, Texas A&M, Michigan, Florida State and Ohio State. Some schools wanted him on defense, others on offense.

But they all wanted him.

"Guys were at my house every day," Gandy said. "People don't understand, the phone is literally ringing all night long. After awhile, it became the biggest hassle and pain I've ever gone through. I wanted to get it over as quickly as possible."

After making three visits, then-Irish linebacker Bert Berry hosted Gandy and showed him the campus life. Two days after arriving, while eating breakfast at Lou Holtz's house, Gandy made his decision.

He started his Irish career as a tight end and wore No. 82 [because Bobby Brown had No. 88, Gandy's high school number] but never played in a game as a freshman.

Trying times

During the winter months, Gandy was moved to the defensive line before going back to tight end in the spring.

When he arrived for his second season, Gandy switched to offensive guard.

After playing tight end in a run-dominated wing T offense at Garland High School, Gandy had little difficulty changing positions again. A few days prior to the Oct. 11 Pittsburgh game, Gandy suffered his first major on-field setback.

During a practice drill, Gandy got "leg-whipped" by a teammate and tripped. Before he could get up, several players piled on top of the sophomore. Gandy broke a bone above his left ankle and dislocated his foot from the ankle socket. He missed the rest of the season.

"It was so frustrating being away from football," Gandy said. "It's like a part of you was gone. I had no friends because they were all at practice. It was just traumatic."

Gandy spent the next several



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Fifth-year senior Mike Gandy (No. 69) lines up against the Boilermaker defense in Notre Dame's 23-21 win at home Sept. 16. Gandy has started every game for the Irish since Navy in 1998.

months stretching, lifting and doing anything possible to return to the field. He had daily sessions with Irish trainer Jim Russ, who Gandy credits for providing motivation.

But despite the success in rehabilitation, Gandy continued his classroom woes. The academic pressures caused Gandy to consider his situation.

"I thought I could go back to Texas and play," Gandy said. "You have that feeling but my mom didn't want me to leave. She realized if I left, I would be taking the easy way out."

Ladeta Gandy influenced her son enough to stick through the rough times.

By the spring, the cast was removed and Gandy participated in the 15 practices.

He began the 1998 campaign alternating with senior guard Tim Ridder and even lined up at fullback in goal-line situations during the Baylor game. When Jerry Wisne suffered a knee injury against Navy, Gandy was thrust into the starting role. He has started every game since.

"He's 10 times better than he was two years ago," offensive line coach Mike Borbely said.

Besides the football improvement, Gandy's grades and motivation also increased.

Slowly.

"It got as bad as you can get," Spence said. "I encouraged,

nagged, pleaded and begged."

Finally, Gandy decided he would listen to his mother, Spence and the coaches.

"One day I just made up my mind I didn't like the way I was living my life," Gandy said. "I didn't like that I was letting so many people down. When I started doing things the right way, everything fell in place."

Bringing it all together

On May 21, 2000, Mike Gandy walked across the stage in the Joyce Center auditorium and received his diploma from one of the nation's top 20 universities. As he glanced at the thousands of people watching the graduation, Gandy saw his mother, aunts and grandmother, who had made the long trip north.

Tears flowed from each of their eyes.

"It was like an epiphany," said Gandy, who had over a 3.0 grade point average in his last two semesters. "That whole day I thought about the troubles and the hard times I went through. Then I looked in my hand and had my diploma. I was with all my friends. It's still a good feeling right now."

Now, Gandy is a fifth-year senior starter for the 2-2 Irish. He has gone from a self-described "tall and lanky" to a

300-pound NFL prospect.

"He'll be an NFL player, no question," Borbely said. "There's no doubt in my mind. They'll love him."

But when his football career ends, Gandy still has dual degrees in sociology and computer applications and is also taking business courses this fall. His favorite is a class in entrepreneurship, a field he may pursue.

"I want to start my own business, have something of my own and watch it grow," Gandy said.

For Gandy's family, coaches and academic advisors, they have already seen a 17-year old boy develop into a 21-year old adult.

"The Mike Gandys are what make all this [coaching] worthwhile," Davie said. "That's what you do this for."

"It wasn't easy or pretty. But it got done," said Spence.

From Davie 101 to doing well in 400-level courses, Gandy has emerged as not only an on-field leader but as a model for maturity.

"It's almost over for me," Gandy said. "I never really appreciated anything until right now. But I've been fortunate to be around great people who helped push me when I didn't want to go forward. I'm more of a man now."

up close &
personal
WITH MIKE GANDY

birthdate: January 3, 1979
hometown: Garland, Texas
dorm: off-campus
major: Sociology and computer applications '00
dimensions: 6-foot-4, 315 pounds
teams Gandy followed when he was

younger: Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks, Texas Rangers and Garland Owls
word to describe him on the field: big-time
greatest personal athletic moment: perfect display of mobility, agili-

ty, versatility and hostility
area he would like to improve as a football player: all areas
favorite food to eat for pregame meal: blueberry muffins
favorite CD: All Eyez on Me by Tupac Shakur

EYE ON THE ENEMY

2-2 Cardinal aims to rebound against Irish

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Cardinal comes into Saturday's game like a firecracker — whether it will go off like a sparkler or a big-time explosion is the question.

Stanford's season has spiked up and down, with losses to San Jose State and Arizona, but victories over Washington State and No. 11 Texas.

The Cardinal (2-2) does best against tougher foes, which could be dangerous for the Irish on Saturday.

The Stanford defense limited the Longhorns to 13 yards rushing, picked up five sacks and 10 tackles for loss and tallied two interceptions.

The Cardinal defense is on the rise, having improved in run defense, pass defense, scoring defense and total defense since last year.

"It is a good football team that, you know, is capable of beating anyone," Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie said.

"I'm sure they will rebound this week and play their best football game of the year, and that's what we're counting on them to do. And that's why we know that we have to raise our level of play in every area."

Senior defensive lineman Willie Howard provides the strongest front for the Cardinal. Howard was a first team All-PAC 10 selection a year ago.

Another key cog in Stanford's success is wide receiver and kickoff/punt returner DeRonnie Pitts.

The 5-foot-11 senior ranks in the top 10 in school history in receptions, yards and touchdowns.

He already has four touchdowns this year, with 20 receptions for 247 yards.

The Stanford rushing game, however, is a problem.

It ranks even behind Notre Dame's at 89th in the nation.

Like the Irish, the Cardinal faces major uncertainties at the quarterback position. Starter Randy Fasani underwent knee injury following

Stanford's victory against Texas Sept. 16.

Since then, sophomore Chris Lewis is the go-to guy, but Notre Dame marks his first road game.

Backing up Lewis is freshman Teyo Johnson, who also plays basketball.

Notre Dame tried to recruit Lewis and Johnson, but lost out in the hunt to Stanford.

"I think it's very similar," Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham said of the quarterback situation. "I think he [Davie] is starting a quarterback there for the first time, too, and he has to have all the right answers and do the right things with his quarterback. It's very much the same."

Willingham piloted the Cardinal into the Rose Bowl a season ago.

He's not quite on pace for a repeat in 2000.

While the Irish just toiled through four straight games against top 25 teams, Notre Dame marks the first of five ranked opponents for Stanford.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Junior running back Brian Allen carries the ball in the Cardinal's 40-37 win against the Irish in Palo Alto last year.

fast facts

ABOUT STANFORD

- ◆ Location: Palo Alto, Calif.
- ◆ Enrollment: 13,900
- ◆ Colors: Cardinal and white
- ◆ Nickname: Cardinal
- ◆ Conference: PAC-10
- ◆ Founded: 1891
- ◆ Notre Dame's early-season schedule ranks as the toughest in the nation, while Stanford's is No. 2.
- ◆ Stanford's band is prohibited from playing on Notre Dame's campus after poking fun at the Irish in 1997.



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3	Virginia Tech	4-0	1,576
4	Kansas State	5-0	1,574
5	Clemson	5-0	1,451
6	Michigan	4-1	1,353
7	Miami (Fla.)	3-1	1,274
8	Ohio State	4-0	1,218
9	Oregon	4-1	1,031
10	Oklahoma	4-0	1,017
11	Texas	3-1	999
12	Florida	4-1	940
13	Washington	3-1	920
14	TCU	4-0	875
15	Auburn	5-0	869
16	UCLA	4-1	831
17	So. Mississippi	3-1	608
18	USC	3-1	514
19	Georgia	3-1	455
20	Mississippi State	3-1	406
21	Tennessee	2-2	364
22	Northwestern	4-1	312
23	Oregon State	4-0	279
24	Wisconsin	3-2	210
25	NOTRE DAME	2-2	118

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	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	4-0	1,452
2	Florida State	5-0	1,434
3	Virginia Tech	4-0	1,334
4	Kansas State	5-0	1,295
5	Clemson	5-0	1,180
6	Michigan	4-1	1,120
7	Ohio State	4-0	1,119
8	Miami (Fla.)	3-1	1,033
9	Florida	4-1	886
10	Texas	3-1	856
11	Washington	3-1	734
12	Oklahoma	4-0	713
13	Auburn	5-0	697
14	TCU	4-0	695
15	Oregon	4-1	613
16	USC	3-1	582
17	UCLA	4-1	550
18	So. Mississippi	3-1	531
19	Georgia	3-1	455
20	Mississippi State	3-1	355
21	Tennessee	2-2	338
22	Wisconsin	3-2	242
23	Oregon State	4-0	171
24	Northwestern	4-1	140
25	Michigan State	3-1	136

GAME OF THE WEEK



ALLSPORT

Florida State's Davy Ford (No. 22) fights off Maryland's Andrew Smith, Jr. (No. 23) and Randall Jones (No. 12) during the Seminoles' 59-7 routing of the Terrapins Sept. 28. The Seminoles are 5-0 on the season.

Top 10 in-state rivals collide

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

Vinny Testaverde, Deion Sanders, Charlie Ward, Warren Sapp, Gino Toretta, Peter Warrick, and Wide Right I and II. The annual Seminoles-Hurricanes clash conjures up some of the biggest names and tightest moments in college football, not to mention guaranteed National Championship implications.

Miami used to be Florida State coach Bobby Bowden's nemesis. Too often in the last 15 years

he took his undefeated Seminoles into this game, only to leave in bitter, narrow defeat. The tables turned in the last four years, with Miami becoming a mere speed bump in the Seminoles' road to the title.

Last season's spirited 31-21 Florida State win in Tallahassee may have signaled a renewal to one of the best rivalries in college football. The once-beaten 'Canes come into Saturday's contest feeling confident that they can not only play with their neighbors, but beat them.

The talent at the skill

positions in this game is scary. Miami boasts game-breakers Santana Moss at wide receiver and James Jackson at tailback.

Florida State counters with Quan Bolden and Robert Morgan, two youngsters tasked with replacing 'Nole great and bargain shopper Peter Warrick.

The defenses will set the tone early. Both are fast, strong, and ill-tempered. The Seminole defense has scored at least a safety in every game since last season's Sugar Bowl. Jamal Reynolds and Roland Seymour carry on the fine Seminole tradition of fierce

pass rushers, while Dan Morgan and Damione Lewis lead the Miami defense.

Quarterback Chris Weinke has been the forgotten man this season, with most of the Heisman attention going to quarterbacks Michael Vick, Drew Brees and Eric Crouch. Most have overlooked his improved mobility, but his strongest assets are maturity and leadership.

Look for the usual suspects (turnovers and special teams) to determine the outcome of what should be one of the more exciting games thus far.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Tennessee at Georgia: The SEC East has been blown wide open. Last week, perennial powerhouse Florida lost a shocker to Mississippi State. LSU handed Tennessee its second loss of the season, severely crippling the Vols' chances to make the SEC Championship game in December. South Carolina beat the Bulldogs last month, and this unexpected divisional loss effectively put Georgia's backs against the wall.

The Volunteers are still struggling to reload after the 2000 NFL draft robbed them of 11 starters. Questions abound at quarterback, where Joey Mathews and A.J. Suggs have both seen action. Tailback Travis Henry is the still the best running back you've never heard of this side of Julius Jones.

Georgia's problems remain a mystery. Quarterback Quincy Carter has all the tools, but hasn't found another offensive player to help shoulder the burden. Tailback Jasper Sanks has struggled to produce like former Dawgs Herschel Walker, Terrell Davis and Orlandis Gary before him.

In short, this game is do or die for both programs. The winner keeps hopes alive, while the loser plans for next season.

Oklahoma vs. Texas (at Dallas, TX): The annual Red River Shootout is more intriguing this year because of Oklahoma's new look and newfound success. The Sooners were once "Wishbone U," where Barry Switzer coached skilled option quarterback Jamelle Holliday and Heisman winner Billy Sims.

After four coaches in six years, Oklahoma hired former Florida offensive coordinator Bob Stoops. The wishbone has since gone the way of Brian Bosworth. The new Sooner passing attack, led by quarterback Josh Heupel, amassed 3,400 yards and 30 touchdown passes last year en route to a 7-5 record.

Graduation stripped the Sooner secondary of three starters, a weakness that the Texas offense should exploit. Texas continues to shuffle quarterbacks, frequently substituting Major Applewhite with ballyhooed prep star Chris Simms.

Texas misses Ricky Williams. Despite impressive recruiting classes, head coach Mack Brown has failed to find a suitable successor at running back. This game hinges on which Longhorn team shows up: the team that handed Nebraska its only loss last year, or the team that lost to a clearly talented Stanford Cardinal three weeks ago.

around the dial

Michigan at Purdue
11 a.m., ABC, channel 58

Florida State at Miami
11 a.m., CBS, channel 22

Penn State at Minnesota
noon, ESPN2

Ohio State at Wisconsin
2:30 p.m., ABC, channel 58

Auburn at Mississippi State
2:30 p.m., CBS, channel 12

Pittsburgh at Syracuse
3:30 p.m., ESPN2

Tennessee at Georgia
6 p.m., ESPN

South Carolina at Kentucky
6:30 p.m. ESPN2

the inside edge



records: 2-2
A.P. rank: No. 25
coach's poll: NR



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Series Record

Notre Dame: 9-5-0
leads Stanford



quarterbacks: Stanford looks nearly as troubled here as Notre Dame, as the Cardinal also lost its starter to an injury in mid-September.



running backs: Notre Dame's rushing offense has been nonexistent recently. The Irish need Jones to break loose. Carter is a solid back for Stanford.

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receivers: The Irish have players who can catch. They just need someone who can deliver them the ball. Pitts is among Stanford's all-time top receivers.



offensive line: Notre Dame boasts more experience, but has not come through with yards. Stanford's two All PAC-10 players graduated.

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defensive line: Howard is a likely All-American with strong help from the other "Trench Dogs." Notre Dame's line is on pace to set a school record for sacks.



linebackers: The Irish are deep at linebacker. The Cardinal's Johnson is an impressive go-to guy.



secondary: Only one starter is back for Stanford. Walton has surprised Irish fans, and Notre Dame's gotten several interceptions.



special teams: The Irish are exceptional in this category behind Jones and Setta, while the Cardinal is less than impressive.

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coaching: While Davie's taken lots of flak, he's two mistakes away from being undefeated. Willingham led the Cardinal to last year's Rose Bowl.



intangibles: Notre Dame's normally solid at home, but the dilemma at quarterback is a potential game-killer.



Overall

Notre Dame needs to avoid making an error in the clutch, which has sent them to defeat against Nebraska and MSU. If the Irish can resolve their quarterback quandary, they'll be all but unbeatable. Unfortunately, that's a big 'if.'

IRISH INSIGHT

Davie's hesitation to pick LoVecchio could hurt Irish

With a black suit jacket covering his face in an attempt to avoid the media, Gary Godsey walked from the Notre Dame locker room towards the team bus following the Irish's 27-21 loss to Michigan State on Sept. 25. But standing 6-foot-7 inches and being the starting quarterback, Godsey could not escape the herd.



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor

So, for about two minutes, he talked to reporters in a mild, monotone voice. Just before the session ended, some scribe asked Godsey two questions.

Reporter: "Were you disappointed with your own performance today?"

Godsey: "Yeah."

Reporter: "Can you elaborate a little bit?"

Godsey: "No."

Dumb questions, real responses.

After completing 4-of-15 passes for 20 yards against the Spartans and getting replaced in the third quarter by a freshman, Godsey's anger was appropriate.

Since that game, the talk of Notre Dame Nation has centered on the Irish offense, particularly the quarterback situation.

What we know is that LoVecchio will start on Saturday and Godsey may play as well against the Cardinal.

Why did it take more than a week for the final decision?

Because even though Davie has alluded to changing the offensive scheme, diversifying the Julius Jones juggernaut (a.k.a. the Irish offense the last two games) and running more option, he waited until three days before the game to name the starter.

But any townie with a middle school degree could decipher the "coach speak" into a reasonable conclusion: LoVecchio, 10 months after leading Bergen Catholic High School to the New Jersey Parochial Group 4 state title, would line up behind center after the first Irish kickoff return.

Having LoVecchio at the helm

may prove to be a great choice. For now, though, Davie's delayed decision can hurt this team.

Look at Godsey. The entire spring and summer and earlier this fall, he was the backup quarterback. He was said to be much improved, smart and to have a firm grasp of the offense. Then came the Purdue game where he was the hero, the "exit-tight end" who marched the Irish downfield to a dramatic last-second victory. A week later, he was the "reason the Irish lost."

Now, he's relegated to the reserve role. Talk about an emotional roller coaster.

Then there's LoVecchio, who has become the media darling since the Michigan State game. But that adoration can only last so long. Because until the quarterback carousel ends, there still has to remain some apprehension.

What if LoVecchio throws an early interception and is replaced by Godsey, then resubmitted if Godsey struggles?

The switching could cause hesitation, concern and loss of confidence among the candidates.

Davie disagrees.

"I don't look at that in a negative way at all," Davie said last week. "There's no one yet that can be pulled. It's a competition for who the best performer is. Right now, I think it's a pretty positive situation."

My amateur advice?

Tell LoVecchio the job is his the rest of the season. Give him the ultimate sense of assurance. Unless he plays awful and disrupts the team, there's no reason to put false hope in any of the other signal callers.

Two of the safest bets in South Bend are Godsey switching to tight end and one of the freshmen quarterbacks transferring by the winter of 2001.

So don't continue saying the position is open for competition. Right now, LoVecchio may be only slightly better than the other three quarterbacks. But make him feel like he's the man, the leader of this potentially bowl-bound team.

That does not mean Godsey should move to tight end and the other freshman (Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday) should be given no snaps in practice. Backups are essential and an injury is possible. And Godsey would never see action with Dan



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Quarterback Matt LoVecchio controls the ball in his first collegiate game against Michigan State Sept. 23. Bob Davie announced Wednesday that the freshman will start against Stanford.

O'Leary and Jabari Holloway lined up next to the tackles.

There's already enough trouble on offense. Losing breeds contempt.

So does a unit ranked second-to-last in the nation in passing yards per game (98.5) and 106th out of 114 teams in Division 1-A in total yards per game (249.5).

O'Leary, Holloway, David Givens, Javin Hunter, Joey Getherall, Jay Johnson, Tom Lopienski, Jason Murray, Mike McNair, Tony Fisher, Terrance Howard.

Except for Julius Jones, who has emerged as the only option the last few weeks, the remaining Irish skill position players cannot be happy with the predictable attack.

And even Jones may wonder why he's running between the tackles on three-quarters of his carries.

No reason to add LoVecchio to the mix.

For the last month, since Arnaz Battle made the "navicular bone" a household name, a once-promising season has taken

an unexpected turn.

Seven regular-season games remain against a favorable schedule. The only future opponent currently ranked above Notre Dame is USC.

Davie says it best.

"We've been in this situation for four weeks," Davie said on Wednesday. "We have no excuses. It's time to go."

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