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Students' Opus Dei experiences vary

Editor's Note: This is the second article in a two-part series exploring South Bend's Opus Dei community.

By JANICE FLYNN News Writer

Students have taken an array of paths through Opus Dei. Some have deepened their spiritual lives. Others have had emotionally distressing expe-

All have been profoundly affected by the influence of Opus Dei while at Notre Dame.

"An awesome experience"

Brothers Rich and Phil Moss, a senior and a sophomore, were raised by Opus Dei parents in a Washington D.C. suburb, and attended one of the country's five Opus Dei-sponsored high schools. Their family life, they said, was like that of a normal, devout Catholic family: Sunday Mass, saying the Rosary, grace before meals. As adolescents, their parents never forced them to pay visits to the local center they went because they enjoyed it.

"It was just one of the things I looked forward to every week, the nights I went down to the center and got to hang out with the priests and the guys there," Phil Moss said.

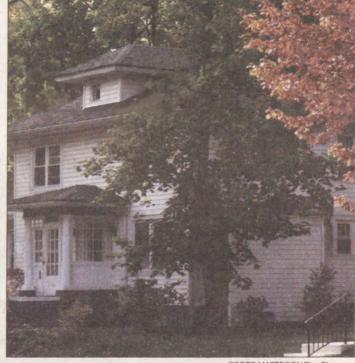
Senior Cara Farr converted from Methodism to Catholicism with her family. Although familiar with Opus Dei in high school, she did not attend a center until she was a freshman at Notre Dame.

"I knew that Opus Dei was very seri-ous about Catholicism, and coming into college I knew that I really wanted to develop my faith," Farr said. "It really emphasizes personal holiness, and that was something that I was also interested in.'

Classmate Dave Cook heard about the men's Opus Dei center soon after he began dating Farr. He was struck by the genuine hospitality of director Jeffrey Langan and the other students at a Friday meditation. He continued going for spiritual direction with the Opus Dei priest once a week.

"[We would] just talk about small things, like what time do I get up in the

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Obse Windmoor, the Opus Dei men's center pictured above, is

located on Notre Dame Avenue.

Ticket shortage leaves many empty-handed



Students queue up in the pre-dawn hours Thursday to secure men's basketball season tickets. Not all early risers were successful.

By ANNA GELHAUS News Writer

In what should have been a familiar scene for many fans of Notre Dame men's basketball, the approximately 3,000 tickets allotted for students sold out by 10 a.m. Thursday - panning out to equal one sale every four seconds.

Incidents of student camp-outs aside, director of ticketing Josh Berlo said this year's sale was similar to last, as the same number of tickets was sold out in approximately the same time.

Berlo also said this is the second year in a row that tickets have sold out in less than a day, when just a few years ago it took a week

Though Berlo admitted to several "early arrivals"— students camping out well before the sale's 7 a.m. start — he said that most

students arrived about an hour before start time.

There is a strong demand," Berlo said. "I think the sale went efficiently for processing 3,000 booklets in three hours.

Senior Aaron Wagner agreed.

"I thought it was fine," he said. 'It showed people were excited about the program and actually wanted to wait in line

Wegner got in line at 6:30 a.m. and had his tickets by 9:30.

Fellow senior Maria Welch disagreed, describing the ticket distribution as "extremely inefficient," she said, "There has to be a better

But this was not the biggest problem in Welch's eyes. Though able to get tickets herself, she was disappointed that many students

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Bar closes early due to fight

Football player named as suspect

By CLAIRE HEININGER News Editor

A Notre Dame football player is a suspect in an assault that took place inside The Library Irish Pub early Sunday morning, police said. The altercation led to the early closing of the

An off-duty South Bend Police officer saw James Ryan, 20, a junior offensive lineman, punch the alleged victim, 23year old South Bend resident Kevin Marriott, in an altercation inside the bar, South Bend Police Capt. John Williams said.

Marriott, who could not be reached for comment, had cuts on his forehead, blood on his face and possibly a broken nose, but neither he nor Ryan required medical attention, Williams said.

Due to time constraints, the Sports Information Office did not permit The Observer to contact Ryan Thursday.

The alleged victim did not initially ask for an assault report to be completed, but changed his mind after learning the suspect was a football player at the University, Williams said.

Library owner Chuck Hammons said Ryan and Marriott were asked to leave the bar at approximately 1:45 a.m., at which point he and police decided to close the bar

"Things got a little rowdy and the decision was made ... to shut down and avoid further problems," Hammons said. That time in the morning, tempers start to flare.'

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Vaccination effort suffers low attendance

News Writer

Despite concern over whether the University would be able to adequately supply flu vaccines to the specified population of highrisk individuals at Notre Dame, only half the number of individuals anticipated by Health Services showed up for the Thursday vaccination clinic.

Approximately 1,000 doses of the vaccine were administered, out of a total supply of nearly twice that amount. High-risk faculty and staff members received

roughly two-thirds of this total, while students of this same identification comprised the remain-

"The University spent additional funds to ensure the entire highrisk population could be provided with vaccination," Health Services director Ann Kleva said. Health

The abundance of vaccinations remaining has prompted Health Services to hold more clinics in the coming weeks. According to Kleva, there is still a large number of high-risk individuals on campus who have not received

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Youths trick-or-treat on campus

By JEN ROWLING News Writer

Young trick-or-treaters from the South Bend area ran from dorm to dorm collecting sweets as part of Keenan's annual "Great Pumpkin" event

The event originated in 1997 and now caters to over 100 elementary students from local groups, including the Boys and Girls Club, Teamwork for Tomorrow and Slice for Life.

Keenan residents constructed an eerie haunted house in the dorm's basement, complete with exorcist music and ghosts, clowns, butchers and wolverines. They also helped the children carve

After the carvings were perfected, Notre Dame students escorted the children as they hunted for



Keenan freshmen lead a group of kids from the Boys and Girls Club through the haunted house.

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INSIDE COLUMN

For love of the game

October is coming to an end and I am stoked. Not because of the crazy costume parties and scary movie marathons happening this weekend, but because in three days November begins. November is the month of the

biggest binge day, but more importantly, the beginning of the finest sports season -

Maggie Oldham

Sports Wire Editor

college basketball. College and basketball. Two words already great by themselves, but put them together and you get hysteria combined with incredible athletic talent to create the greatest sports spectacle in the country.

I am blessed to have lived in Indiana my entire life. Call it Hoosier hysteria; in this state, basketball is sacred. And with Notre Dame's men's basketball team predicted to place high in the Big East, it's likely to bring life back to Indiana basketball. Last year, the only Indiana team to make it to the NCAA tournament was Valparaiso. March was a sad month indeed.

My love for college basketball started when I was too young to remember. My Dad, an avid IU basketball fan his entire life, introduced me to college hoops. When I was in elementary school, my Dad took me to nearly every IU home basketball game. The drive through southern Indiana was great, but Assembly Hall was even better.

For four years, I fell in love with high school basketball as well. The movie "Hoosiers" chronicles a small-town Indiana high school basketball team's journey to the state tourney. This true story inspired many Indiana boys to practice their free-throws in the backyard in hopes of one day leading their team to victory. Although my basketball career never left the driveway, I loved being a cheerleader and traveling with my high school's basketball team across the state to face the best athletes in the nation.

My junior year of high school, Indiana basketball was at its finest. Notre Dame entered the NCAA Tournament in March 2002 seeded eighth in the South Region. And, as my friends and I, on a big screen on the beach in Ft. Myers Fla., watched IU beat Oklahoma to make it to the final game, I thought that Indiana basketball had finally redeemed itself. Last year's tournament proved otherwise.

This year, Notre Dame has a chance to bring Indiana basketball back up to its prestigious level. With senior captains Jordan Cornette and Chris Thomas, and junior captains Torin Francis and Chris Quinn leading the Irish, the Leprechaun Legion can expect a strong performance and a tournament bid this year.

Nothing beats the adrenaline in a fieldhouse packed wall-to-wall with people screaming and hammering the bleachers during the final seconds of a close game. The smell of popcorn, the sound of the pep band and the beat of basketballs dribbled up and down the floor — I can't think of a better college sports atmosphere. I was lucky to get tickets this year, and I will definitely be at every home game. And thus my love of the game continues ... bring it on, November.

P.S. Good luck to all the guys that attended Notre Dame men's basketball walk-on tryouts Thursday (especially if you are an Indiana boy living out a hoosier dream!)

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR HALLOWEEN?



Alec White sophomore Sorin

"My rector told me never to be quoted in this."



Doug Schlaman freshman

Carroll "No clue."



Emily Burgardt

freshman Cavanaugh

"Putting a sheet over my head and pretending to be a ghost.



Paul Wallenberg

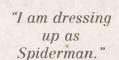
freshman Knott

> "I am dressing up as a leprechaun."



Peter Seipel

freshman Knott

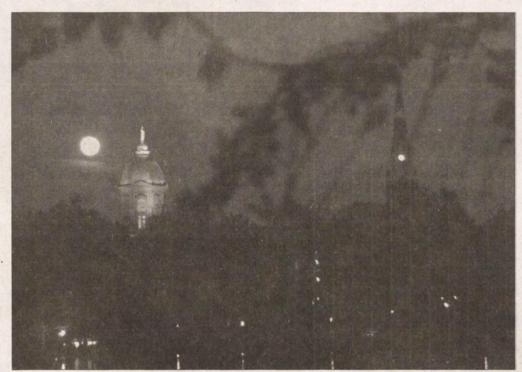




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sophomore McGlinn

"I am going as O-ren Ishii from Kill Bill."



GEOFF MATTESON/The Ob

A full moon shines down on the Golden Dome and the Basilica as campus lights are reflected in Saint Mary's lake.

OFFBEAT

Baby is worth his weight in public relations

ESSEXVILLE — Oh, thank heaven: 7-Eleven employee Erin Kappen got a bonus for having a baby that weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Kappen cashed in on her Parker John VanWormer, who was born Oct. 4. She got a check for \$711 from Garb-Ko Inc., which operates the 7-Eleven store where she has worked part time for 18 months.

Saginaw-based Garb-Ko pays the \$711 bonus to any employee giving birth to a 7-pound, 11-ounce baby. It operates 90 stores in

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and eight in Ohio.

"It's not something that happens every day, but through the 26 years that I have been with this company, it has happened several times," said Larry Hauck, the company's marketing director.

Patrons share their taste in politicians

BEIJING — Looking to please your political palate? How about Bony Kerry? Or Spicy Bush?

Customers at a restaurant in southern China are expressing their opinions about the coming U.S. presidential elections by choos-Michigan, nine in Indiana ing duck dishes named after from the Associated Press.

the candidates.

The restaurant in the city of Foshan in Guangdong province has put up a banner urging customers to "come in, participate and select the candidate of your choice.

On the menu is a spicy concoction to match Bush's "war-mongering personality," and a bonier version with sauce with hints of Kerry's "keen-witted and capable nature."

So far, Kerry duck is ahead with 53 percent, while Bush duck trails with 47 percent.

Information compiled

IN BRIEF

The Student Union Board will screen "Spiderman 2" at 8 and 10:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday in 101 DeBartolo. Tickets cost \$3.

Rajmohan Gandhi, professor/activist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, is featured speaker today at 11 a.m. at the annual John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace. The lecture will be followed by a buffet lunch and discussion.

Gerhard Böwering will lecture today from 4 to 6 p.m. on Islam and Christianity: The Inner Dynamics of Two Cultures of Belief. This lecture is the third of an eight lecture series.

"Before Sunset" will be shown in the Browning Cinema at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight.

The All the President's Films festival will go on all day Saturday in the Browning Cinema. "Primary" will be shown at 11 a.m., "The Best Man" at 12:30 p.m., "The War Room" at 3 p.m., "Journeys With George" at 5 p.m., "Primary Colors" at 7 p.m. and "Wag the Dog" at 10

Flipside sponsors the Cedar Point Halloweekend. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased at the Info Desk in LaFortune. The bus picks up 7:15 a.m. at LeMans Circle and 7:30 a.m. at Library Circle. The bus will arrive at the park around 11 a.m. and depart at 11 p.m..

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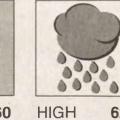
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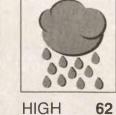
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Campus rests without football

By NICOLE ZOOK News Writer

With the majority of weekends in the semester thus far filled with the hustle and hassle that characterize Notre Dame home football games, students and campus employees are relishing the break from the action.

"When I'm wearing the 'Cappy the Fan' hat, I'm disappointed. When I'm wearing the 'Cappy the Usher' hat, it's a relief," Cappy Gagnon, manager of stadium personnel, said of his feelings about the break.

Gagnon said that preparing for home games, which have sold every seat for 178 consecutive games, is a major process that requires plenty of planning. This includes sign-in sheets for the workers, payroll each week and his own special procedures contingent on the game.

Training the world's largest usher program, with 857 members — the majority of whom are volunteers — from 15 different states presents a unique challenge for Gagnon and the stadium crew each week. Gagnon said the relief from games this weekend will aid in that process.

"These are people you see only six days a year. You have to put together training programs each week that go very quickly and very effectively in a short amount of time," he said.

Hammes Bookstore General Book Manager Kathy McGowan also emphasized the short length of time available to prepare for back-to-back games. "Our fans start coming on Wednesdays, so you've got to be up and ready to perform," McGowan said. "We have six-day work weeks, Monday through Saturday. When you have three weeks consecutive like we just did and you have six-day work weeks, you're mostly just getting things reorganized, but you've already got to be settled in [for the next week]."

The influx of fans on fall football days seems to overwhelm all campus businesses, said South Dining Hall employee Carrie Miller. Miller said that game weekends are highly stressful to workers.

"Last weekend, we had 27,000 people that went through those doors," she said. "The other day, they were lined up out to the sidewalk. I hate working football weekends."

Miller said that South Dining Hall averages about 2,000 people a night. She also said that while the game weekends are hard on employees, she truly appreciates being able to meet students' families as they come in to eat after the game.

Students themselves seem to have mixed reactions about the first break from football thus far this season.

"I don't know what I'm going do on Saturday," freshman Vince Cano said. "Anything from homework to being lazy to doing nothing."

While Cano may joke about the lack of activity on campus on nongame weekends, he says he is serious about Notre Dame football and wants to see the team

redeem itself from last Saturday's Boston College game.

"I've been going to the games for years and years, since before I came here [as a student]," he said. "Everyone felt bad about this last weekend. It wasn't that we lost, it was how it ended."

Saint Mary's freshman Allie Greene attends the games as well, but she said was relieved that the schedule is taking a break.

"I'm going to Chicago this weekend because there's no game," she said.

She added that she especially appreciated the weekend off from attempting to balance studies and sports after the hectic schedule of three home games — Washington, Purdue and Stanford — in a row.

"I can't believe it, there are five home games in a row next year," she said. "So much for that homework."

Senior Mark Ellestad, who will not have to deal with that problem next year, does not find balancing work and play difficult.

"Game weekends aren't stressful, they're, like, so fetch," he said. "They keep me so young."

Gagnon, who spends his football weekends surrounded by students, has taken a clue from them and will be participating in a beloved student activity in the absence of a game.

"Normally I'm up at four o' clock to be at the stadium by five," he said. "This week I'm going to try to sleep in until noon."

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Rabbi lectures on religion and politics

By TRICIA deGROCT News Writer

With the election less than a week away, the Rock the Vote series wrapped up Thursday with a lecture by Rabbi David Saperstein on "Religion and

Politics in Election 2004." Saperstein began his lecture with references to past examples of religion in political, includ-



Saperstein

Kennedy's presidential campaign and the Republican's belief that Democrats would ban the Bible.

He then touched on several hot religious controversies and concluded this part of his presentation by saying that "what is good for religion is good for American democracy, and what is bad for religion is bad for American democracy."

Saperstein talked about the shift in voting patterns in America over the years, going from votes determined by ethnicity and race to today's voting, which is influenced primarily by religion. According to Saperstein, one of the reasons why faith is playing a large role in election is because of this recent breakdown of voting pat-

terns

The focus of the lecture then shifted to an illustration of Judaism.

Saperstein described Judaism "not really as an evangelizing faith" and as a people not mandated to Judaize America. At the same time, however, the Jewish faith is one that believes in "the perfectibility of human beings and human society," and while they don't believe that they can make the world perfect, "we could constantly be perfecting the world."

The Jewish people were described as being believers in "what we own we own a trust relationship with God," and are thus required to share God's wealth with those less fortunate.

"[Therefore], one political sin was sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing," Saperstein said.

The final issue that Saperstein addressed was that of Church and State. Saperstein first pointed out that America is unique in that it says citizens' rights are not something given by the government but rather something entrusted to the government to protect, and this has given Jews more rights than they have known anywhere else.

"America is the greatest nation in the world for us because of religious identity in connection with the state," Saperstein said.

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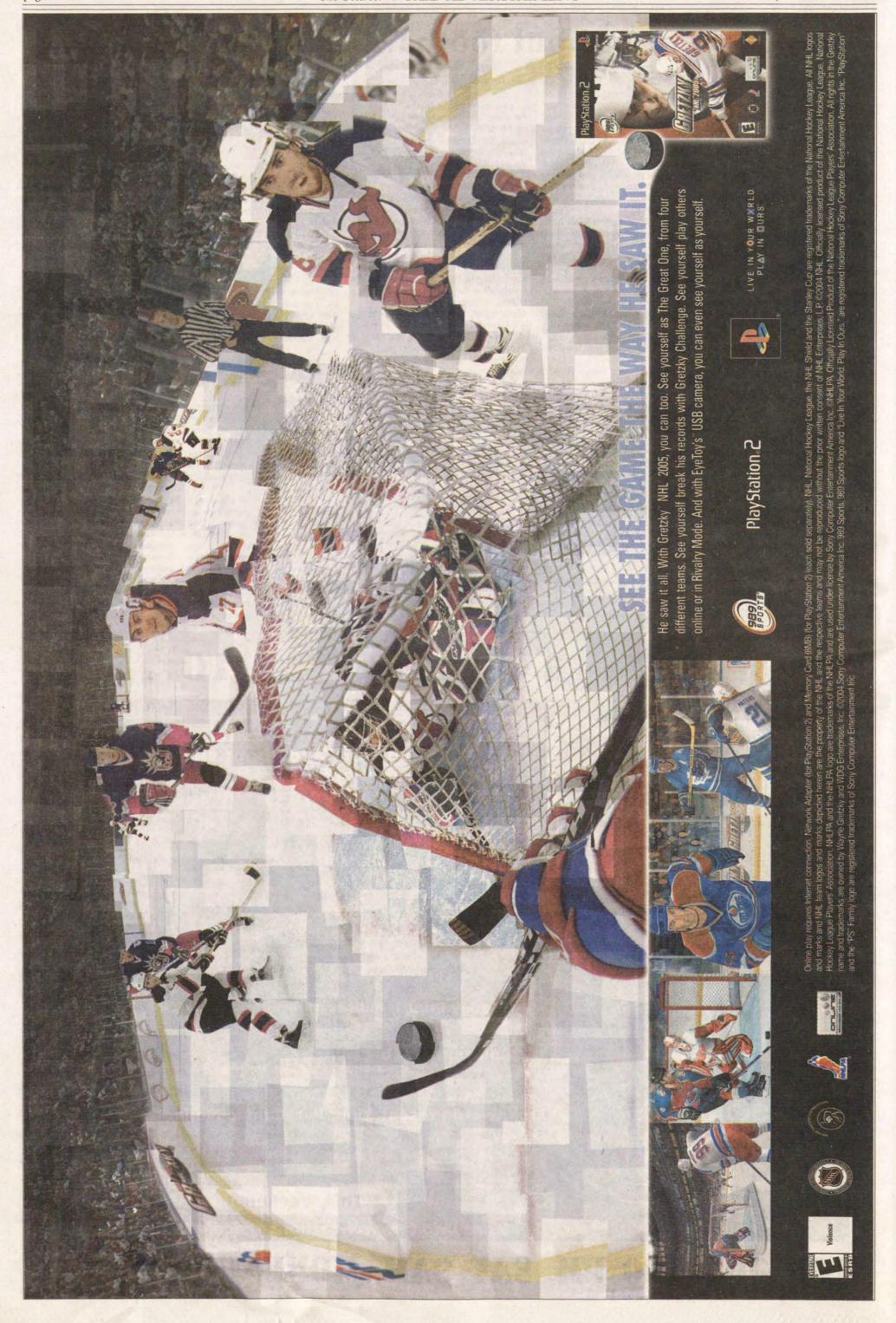
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arafat heads to Paris for treatment

RAMALIAH, West Bank — An ailing Yasser Arafat — too weak to stand, unable to hold down food and spending most of Thursday sleeping — agreed to leave his battered West Bank compound for the first time in more than two years and fly to Paris for urgent medical

The 75-year-old Palestinian leader's planned departure Friday, a decade after he arrived in the West Bank with the promise of statehood, could mark the end of an era. Arafat, who hoarded power and declined to groom a successor, leaves behind a people in disarray.

Blood tests revealed he had a low platelet count, though it was unclear what caused the ailment, his doctors said, ruling out leukemia. In deference to his deteriorating condition, Israel lifted its travel ban on Arafat, allowing him to leave his battered headquarters compound in Ramallah for the first time since 2002 and to return if he recovers.

Violence erupts during mass burial

PATTANI, Thailand — Fresh violence erupted Thursday with the bombing of a bar in Thailand's mostly Muslim south, while villagers held a mass burial for some of the 78 protesters who suffocated while in army custody this

The bomb exploded Thursday evening at a bar in the town of Sungai Kolok in Narathiwat province, on the border with Malaysia, killing at least two people and wounding 21 others, police said. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing and police named no suspects.

Also, officials in Narathiwat's provincial capital defused a 22-pound time bomb minutes before it was set to explode at a food stall where residents gather to give offerings to Buddhist monks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Town settles with abuse victims

DAVENPORT, Iowa — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport agreed to pay \$9 million Thursday to settle 37 claims of sexual abuse by priests — a deal that could lift any immediate threat of bankruptcy.

The settlement averts a potentially embarrassing series of trials over the church's handling of abuse claims dating back 50 years or

"This has been a tragic time for our church," Bishop William Franklin said. "It is my prayer that true healing may now begin in the Diocese of Davenport."

The settlement, reached after weeks of negotiations, will be covered by insurance and diocesan funds, Franklin said.

Before the settlement, the diocese had warned that it might file for bankruptcy - a step already taken by dioceses in Tucson, Ariz., and Portland, Ore.

Judge orders release of documents

DENVER — Dozens of previously sealed court filings and transcripts of closed-door hearings in the Kobe Bryant rape will soon be released to the public after certain information

District Judge Terry Ruckriegle said Thursday he agreed with media attorneys that there was no reason to keep the material sealed after prosecutors dropped the charges in September because the 20-year-old woman was no longer willing to participate in a trial.

LOCAL NEWS

Meth's toll on Indiana mounting

The number of methamphetamine cases in Indiana has risen nearly 200 percent since 1999, and the state is paying the price — at least \$100 million a year, according to report released Thursday.

But reversing the trend will require a combination of education, treatment, new procedures and new restrictions on the sale of key ingredients, the Methamphetamine Abuse Task Force contended.

The task force was created by the General Assembly earlier this year to develop ways to combat the drug's spread.

Threat intelligence has quieted

U.S. officials declare ebb in information picked up about potential election threat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. government officials say the level of information picked up about an election terror threat has ebbed somewhat recently, but they still believe the danger posed by al-Qaida has not waned.

Law enforcement authorities are making arrests and increasing surveillance, tracking several hundred people nationwide in a final push to break up any potential plots before Tuesday's elections or beyond.

Officials have been on alert for a possible al-Qaida strike since intelligence sources this spring and summer indicated the group's interest in such an attack. The sources were never specified publicly.

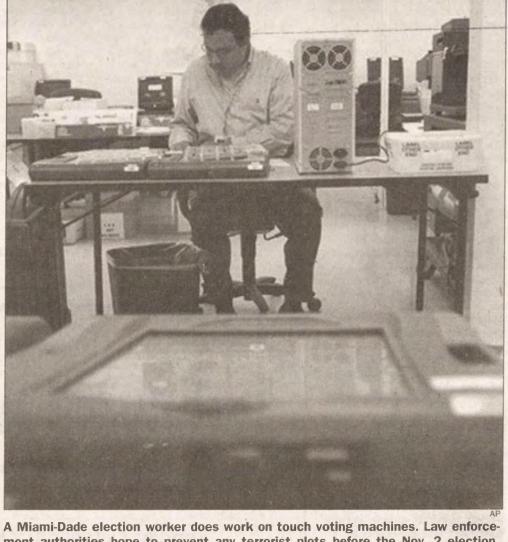
In the past four or more weeks, however, the various sources of intelligence information have quieted down. That includes a decrease in "chatter" — or the contacts and communications among terror suspects and sympathizers that governments can monitor. This oftenambiguous dialogue can include messages as easy to track as postings to Internet chat rooms.

U.S. authorities are picking up less of that kind of traffic, according to officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Within the past week, U.S. officials also have said that some of the information from one intelligence source who led to the heightened election concerns now has been deemed not credible. They say other sources do remain credible.

As counterterrorism officials try to assess the intelligence, the FBI and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents are arresting people who are considered a possible threat; they are usually being taken in on charges unrelated to a potential terror threat.

Law enforcement officials said "several hundred" peo-



ment authorities hope to prevent any terrorist plots before the Nov. 2 election.

ple are under tighter surveillance ahead of Tuesday's election. They declined to give a precise number.

Since Oct. 1, agents have arrested 137 people on immigration violations in a stepped-up enforcement action aimed at finding those who may pose a threat to national security, ICE officials said. The names of some of those arrested appear on government lists of those with possible connections to terror-

Those people under heightened government scrutiny were identified through methods such as intelligence gathered inside and outside the United

States; FBI interviews with an estimated 10,000 Muslims, Arabs and others based on investigative leads; and immigration database alerts triggered when someone violates the terms of a visa, such as failing to attend college as promised.

"We now have systems in place to address this vulnerability, and we are doing so aggressively," ICE chief Michael Garcia said.

Some Muslims worry the arrests and interviews could intimidate Muslims from voting, said Council on American-Islamic Relations spokeswoman Rabiah Ahmed. The FBI has had town-hall meetings and other forums hoping to ease

"Members of our community have been targeted for reasons that are often unexplained or untold," Ahmed

Democrats have suggested that the timing of some highly publicized terror warnings this year was designed to improve support for President Bush.

That includes a summer warning from Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge that terrorists might try to disrupt the political process. The announcement shortly came Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry named Sen. John Edwards as his running mate.

AFGHANISTAN

Foreign election workers kidnapped

Associated Press

KABUL — Armed men in military uniforms stopped a U.N. vehicle in Kabul on Thursday, beating the driver and abducting three foreigners in Afghanistan to help oversee landmark presidential elections.

The daylight kidnapping followed warnings that Taliban militants could target foreigners in an echo of the brutal insurgency roiling Iraq. It came less than a week after a suicide attack killed an American translator in Kabul

Two of the kidnap victims were women: one with joint British-Irish nationality, and another from

Kosovo. The third was a male diplomat from the Philippines. All work for Afghanistan's U.N.-sponsored

A man claiming to speak for a Taliban splinter group, Jamiat Jaishal Muslimeen, said it was responsible. The veracity of the claim could not be verified.

After the kidnapping, Afghan forces mounted roadblocks inside and outside of Kabul, as NATO helicopters searched for clues from the sky.

Norwegian armored vehicles briefly sealed off a street in the upscale Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood. Police said NATO troops searched about a dozen houses before pulling out. Reporters also saw U.S. troops checking vehicles leaving the city on the main road to

The American military was ready to help "locate and if need be to rescue these individuals when they are found," spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said.

Afghan and U.N. officials said the three were stopped and abducted by

about five gunmen. An Interior Ministry official said the Afghan driver, who was beaten and left behind, told investigators a black four-wheel-drive vehicle with tinted windows pulled in sharply in front of the U.N. car.

Fight

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An on-duty South Bend officer was sent to the bar to make an assault report, but by the time of dispatch, 2:20 a.m., Ryan was no longer on the premises, Williams said

According to the police report, Marriott claimed an individual struck him as he walked through the crowded bar, Williams said. After Marriott said "excuse me" with "an attitude," Ryan struck him directly, and the two exchanged blows until the officer intervened, Williams said, adding that Ryan later claimed Marriott spilled beer on him.

Williams said no witnesses were formally listed on the police report.

South Bend police have assigned the case to a detective for investigation, Williams said, but he was unable to comment on any progress made.

Assault reports that are not assigned to a detective are sent directly to the St. Joseph County prosecutor's office, Williams said.

Chief deputy prosecutor Ken Cotter confirmed the office had not yet received a police report and did not have Ryan's name on file.

Ryan was not custodially arrested or issued a citation for being an underage patron in the bar. Williams said he was unaware of the circumstances as to why the player was not issued a citation.

"If he was in that bar at 20 years old, he should've been arrested," Williams said.

Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said there are Universitywide policies in place that apply to any student who breaks Indiana law.

Normal channels would include questioning the student about proper behavior and potential violations of state law, Storin said.

Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham said team policy is consistent with University regulations.

"We go strictly by everything the University adheres to. We should treat our guys just like they're a regular student," he said. "Now that does not mean that if something happens there can't be an additional penalty, but the University guides the conduct of our students."

Any additional penalties are determined on a case-by-case basis, Willingham said.

The Library regularly employs off-duty South Bend and Mishawaka police officers to check patrons' identification and provide security, Hammons said.

Whether in or out of uniform, offduty officers retain their power to make arrests, both South Bend and Mishawaka police said.

"If you're in the state of Indiana, a South Bend police officer has police powers 24/7," South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent said. Mishawaka patrolman Tyler, who would not reveal his first name, said the same applies to Mishawaka police, including when officers are in South Bend jurisdiction. The Library is located at 113 E. Wayne Street in downtown South Bend.

Security officers have made arrests in The Library before, Hammons said.

He said police have not contacted him since the incident, and added that although he had seen Ryan in the bar before, he would not call the player a regular patron. He said he was unaware that Ryan played football.

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Tickets

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were left without.

"It's unfortunate that they don't offer more [student tickets]," Welch said

Even students that arrived before the 7 a.m. start time were left without tickets. Sophomore Jonathan Kiechle was among the first to be turned away.

"Around 9 ... the ushers started coming around and said the person in front of us was 'on the bubble," Kiechle said. "The only way we would not get them they said was if every person in front of us was purchasing six tickets. That obviously was not true."

A policy change was implemented after the ticket shortage problems last year, and is aimed at allowing more students to see the team play. For the first time, students are encouraged to share ticket booklets.

To gain admission to the game, a student will only need that game's ticket and their student I.D. The entire booklet, as in years past, will not be needed.

"Any student can use any other student's ticket," Berlo said. "We are trying to satisfy demand ... We want as many students as possible to be able to come to the games."

Also changed was the distribution venue, as the desire for quick and organized sales prompted the use of the stadium box offices this year, which have more windows.

Concern over ticket shortages extended beyond the student body. Message boards on NDNation.com contained postings from season ticket holders who heard about the quick sell-out. Some responded by offering to sell their unused tickets to students for the student price.

Berlo said the now consolidated student section makes for a better atmosphere in the JACC. He explained that in years past the student section divided in half.

Students who purchased tickets also received Leprechaun Legion T-shirts emblazoned with "No Shirt. No Shoes. No Tie. No Problem," in honor of head coach Mike Brey's tradition of wearing turtlenecks, not ties during games.

Brian Tracy, president of the Leprechaun Legion, agreed the ticket and shirt distribution went well.

"Our main purpose is to unite the student body and create a good atmosphere," Tracy said. "Thank you to everyone for making that happen."

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Pumpkin

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treats across campus.

"We are giving an opportunity for underprivileged kids to trick or treat around the ND campus," Keenan Intra-Hall Commissioner Nathan Catanese said. "This event also provides all the dorms a chance to give service."

For the first time in "Great Pumpkin" history, every dorm sent volunteers to assist in activities or passing out candy to the children.

"It's one of the greatest service projects on campus and one of the only service events to ever have every dorm participate," Keenan co-president Dan Zenker said.

Co-president Ben Kaplan agreed, lauding the opportunities it provides for both children and college students.

"It is not only an opportunity for all the kids that come but also for the students to engage in volunteer and social events," he said.

Individual dorms attempted to make their dorm an exciting place to visit. Elizabeth Cuda said that Farley passed out medical gloves filled with popcorn and candy corn for finger nails.

"Something more crafty and fun then candy," Cuda said.

Walsh president Mary Ellen Botta said they had a party in the basement of the dorm for the young visitors. The kids played 'Stick an Eyeball on Frankenstein,' decorated cookies, bobbed for apples and smacked the piñata.

"We tried to make it more exciting for them by dimming the lights and putting up strobe lights and cob webs," Craig Brede, Alumni Hall president, said. "We wanted to have a Halloween night feeling for them."

"I was really happy with how the 'Great Pumpkin' went. The kids seemed to enjoy all the activities from bringing in loads of candy to being enthusiastic with the pumpkin carving and haunted house," Ed Lerum, Keenan co-president, said.

Shaquille Melchor, a trick-ortreater, was extremely excited to be on campus.

"I am excited to eat candy and to go to Notre Dame someday," Melchor said.

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Company posts bigger loss
NEW YORK — Martha Stewart's multimedia
company, reeling from the jailed domestic diva's
legal woes and declining ad revenue, posted a
bigger third-quarter loss than a year ago, and
predicted a larger-than-expected drop in the

fourth quarter.

Still, Thursday's results beat Wall Street expectations, and Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. said it is "increasingly optimistic" about prospects for an advertising recovery in 2005, when Stewart is expected to return to her company.

Stewart, founding editorial director and former chairwoman and CEO, was convicted in March of lying to investigators about her sale of ImClone Systems Inc. shares, and began serving a five-month prison term Oct. 8. After her release, Stewart, who owns about 60 percent of the company's shares, will be serving another five months of house arrest. She's appealing her case.

Martha Stewart Living posted a loss of \$14.97 million, or 30 cents per share, during the three-month period ended Sept. 30. That compared with a loss of \$3.94 million, or 8 cents per share, in the year-ago period.

Analysts expected a loss of 47 cents per share.

Preparations begin for conversions

HAVANA — Cuba's banks and exchange houses began large-scale conversions of U.S. money into a local currency on Thursday as Fidel Castro's communist nation moved to dump the dollar from general circulation.

Cubans lined up several hours before exchange houses opened to convert the American dollars widely used here for 11 years for the local Cuban convertible pesos that will now be the main currency accepted for consumer goods.

"I'm not going anywhere, I don't need dollars," said 68-year-old port worker Ramon Gonzalez, among about 80 people lined up outside the main exchange house in Old Havana.

"For me, it's just the same," Gonzalez said of the convertible pesos, tied at one-to-one to the U.S. dollar. "It just has a different face."

"As long as it keeps the same value, there is no problem," added 57-year-old custodian Alberto Serra.

Fuel prices negate cost-cutting

Soaring expenses undermine airline industry's attempts to rein in labor costs

Associated Press

Even as big airlines are beginning to successfully rein in labor costs — \$1 billion in annual concessions from Delta's pilots being the latest example — soaring fuel expenses are essentially negating their effects, leaving many of the carriers in perilous financial shape.

"It's like they're all treading water, but they've got 100 pound weights around their necks," said airline consultant Robert W. Mann of Port Washington, N.Y. "You can only do it for so long."

As a result of cutbacks in recent years, labor expenses for the airline industry as a whole are about the same today as they were a decade ago at about 34 percent of total costs, according to the Air Transport Association. But that masks the differences between high-cost carriers such as Delta Air Lines Inc. and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and competitors such as Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp. that pay workers lower wages.

And while all carriers have been hit by higher fuel costs that Mann says will account for about 17 percent of industry-wide operating costs in 2004 — up from 12 percent in 2002 — executives of high-cost airlines face the most pressure to find other ways to cut costs.

For Delta, that meant winning an agreement late Tuesday from negotiators for its pilot union for a new contract that calls for a 32.5 percent wage cut effective Dec. 1 and no raises for the rest of the five-year pact. The airline's roughly 7,000 pilots, some of whom earn as much as \$300,000 per year, must still vote on the contract.

Analysts said the Delta pact, following earlier labor cost reductions at bankrupt carriers UAL and US Airways Group Inc.,



An American Airlines jet is refueled at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine, Texas. Fuel costs are leaving many carriers in poor financial shape.

increases the pressure on Continental Airlines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. to squeeze concessions out of their workers.

After slashing its annual costs by \$5 billion — more than half of which came from labor — UAL is now seeking an additional \$1 billion in savings, a significant portion of which is likely to come through layoffs at its United Airlines unit.

Similarly, US Airways, which was thrust into bank-ruptcy court for a second time as higher fuel costs drained its cash, says it needs \$650 million in givebacks from unions representing machinists, flight attendants and passenger

service employees. This is in addition to the \$300 million in annual savings already achieved through negotiations with pilots and

other workers.
"It's not clear any of these business models works well with these energy costs," said Mann. Indeed, profitability is as elusive today for large carriers as it was shortly after the Sept. 2001 terrorist attacks.

On Thursday, US Airways and UAL reported third quarter losses of \$232 million and \$274 million, respectively. The seven largest U.S. carriers reported more than \$1.3 billion in combined net losses for the third quarter and lost \$5.1 billion for the first nine

months of 2004.

And with oil prices trading above \$50 a barrel, even the plucky budget carriers are beginning to show signs of strain.

ATA Holdings Corp.'s ATA Airlines, the nation's 10th-largest carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection on Tuesday. And on Thursday JetBlue said third-quarter profits fell to \$8.4 million, a decline of more than 70 percent from a year ago. The carrier's chief executive, David Neeleman, blamed the company's disappointing performance on record high fuel prices and a "weak pricing environment" — a revealing, if disheartening, assessment from a low-fare airline.

FBI starts Halliburton investigation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI has begun investigating whether the Pentagon improperly awarded no-bid contracts to Halliburton Co., seeking an interview with a top Army contracting officer and collecting documents from several government offices

The line of inquiry expands an earlier FBI investigation into whether Halliburton overcharged taxpayers for fuel in Iraq, and it elevates to a criminal matter the election-year question of whether the Bush administration showed favoritism to Vice President Dick Cheney's former company

Dick Cheney's former company.

FBI agents this week sought permis-

sion to interview Bunnatine Greenhouse, the Army Corps of Engineers' chief contracting officer who went public last weekend with allegations that her agency unfairly awarded KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Asked about the documents, Greenhouse's lawyers said Thursday their client will cooperate but that she wants whistleblower protection from Pentagon retaliation.

"I think it [the FBI interview request] underscores the seriousness of the misconduct, and it also demonstrates how courageous Ms.

Greenhouse was for stepping forward," said Stephen Kohn, one of her attorneys.

"The initiation of an FBI investigation into criminal misconduct will help restore public confidence," Kohn said. "The Army must aggressively protect Ms. Greenhouse from the retaliation she will encounter as a result of blowing the whistle on this misconduct."

FBI agents also recently began collecting documents from Army offices in Texas and elsewhere to examine how and why Halliburton got the nobid work.

"The Corps is absolutely cooperating with the FBI, and it has been an ongoing effort," said Army Corps spokeswoman Carol Sanders.

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morning, how much do I pray each day, how are my relationships, stuff like that. Just half an hour a week, but so much good came out of that," Cook said. "Just to grow in virtue and to learn the Catholic faith more, it's just been an awesome experience."

Cook, Farr and Phil Moss attend the South Bend centers regularly, but they are not members of Opus Dei. According to Langan, in the 10 years he has been Windmoor director fewer than 10 students have formally joined Opus Dei; many more have simply lived devout Catholic lives apart from Opus Dei or have joined the priesthood of another religious order.

However, many more students become involved in Opus Dei while at Notre Dame. Like these three, students attend activities and receive formation offered at the center. Meditations at Windmoor bring about 30 men each Friday night.

The students say the amount of participation at the center is up to each individual, and the range of the centers' activities varies.

"At any given moment, [some-body would] be in the study room, there'd probably be a talk going on upstairs and there's probably be a whole bunch of guys watching TV," Rich Moss said. "So all three things go on at the same time really. And a lot of the guys participate in all three — the spiritual, the study and the fun."

Rich Moss lives at Windmoor, and has taken the first of several promises to become a supernumerary, an Opus Dei member who lives the spirit of Opus Dei through dedication to family.

"I've made a commitment." Moss said. "Joining Opus Dei, it's not a club — there is a vocation to Opus Dei, and I believe that. It's like a calling."

While the parents of Farr and the Moss brothers were familiar with Opus Dei, Cook said at first his father was not receptive to his participation

"I think [my dad's negative reaction] was based on what most people say about Opus Dei," Cook said. "I think now he's seeing that what he thought about Opus Dei at first is kind of unfounded, and he's seeing me grow and mature. I think he thinks now 'How can it not be good?"

The students take the call to apostolate seriously. All say they occasionally invite friends to come to the center, mostly because they enjoy going themselves.

But they fall short of calling Opus Dei a recruitment effort.

"The goal of Opus Dei isn't to be a presence on campus as Opus Dei, we don't go around vocalizing the fact that we are Opus Dei," Cook said. "I think the point is ... to spread living a Christian life, being a good example and really developing strong relationship with your dorm, with your teachers, with whomever."

"Opus Dei is a means of formation basically," added Rich Moss.
"It's a way of getting people to be closer to God, and anyone in Opus Dei will tell you that it is not the only way."

"A crisis of faith"

Junior John Schneider began attending Friday night meditations at Windmoor in late October of his freshman year.

Schneider had interest in a vocation to the priesthood since he was a sophomore in high school. He was attracted by the disciplined life Opus Dei offered, the regular access to a priest and strict adherence to Church doctrine.

Over the next several months, at the encouragement of a numerary undergraduate, he steadily increased his involvement at Windmoor: he started receiving spiritual direction, he took a small theology course called a "circle" and he went on a center-sponsored retreat

At the retreat, Schneider said he wanted to talk about his possible vocation to the priesthood. It was suggested to him that he also might want to consider a vocation to be a numerary.

Schneider was not familiar with this term. Nearly 30 percent of Opus Dei members are numeraries, laymen and laywomen who live celibate lives, direct centers and give spiritual direction. That he was unaware of this prompted him to say in retrospect, he "didn't know which way was up" with the structure of Opus Dei, even after months of going to the center.

This pattern would repeat itself over the course of his second semester of freshman year — Schneider increased his involvement, and was then given more information about Opus Dei.

Though Windmoor director Jeffrey Langan declined to comment on Schneider's specific experience with Opus Dei, he said Schneider's experience was not an exception to his general statements about the organization.

Langan said that the unfolding process Schneider felt fits the structure of any relationship, including one with Opus Dei: the two parties embark on a process of better getting to know each other and more information is disseminated through talks.

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"The Church requests the talks we give people [after joining]," Langan said. "That way they have enough information to make a good choice."

Schneider was also invited to read certain books kept under lock and key — writings by Opus Dei for Opus Dei that were not to leave the center.

Langan confirmed the presence of such books, saying that most contain the rules of Opus Dei, and that anyone can learn the spirit of Opus Dei through reading the founder's published writings.

"It is enough in the beginning to know the spirit," Langan said. "If you go right away to all the rules, a person may get caught up in all the rules; then they don't understand the spirit or the rules."

Schneider said the combination of his inherent trust for Church authority, and the gradual unraveling of the numerary life made it difficult for him to critically reflect on what he was being asked to accept.

It wasn't until the summer after his freshman year that he began to have serious doubts about Opus Doi

On a three-week long retreat for new numeraries in Boston, Schneider said he began to reexamine the organization "from top to bottom," and have misgivings with aspects of Opus Dei philosophy, which he declined to comment on. He felt uncomfortable not being allowed to talk to the women who served him meals, even to say thank you, and with his perception that he might not be able to uphold his duties as the eldest son in a family of six children. His understanding was that a numerary turns over his paycheck to Opus Dei and that Opus Dei did not guarantee (as he felt a religious order did) that they would unconditionaly provide should his family need financial support.

Langan said that a numerary only turns over the excess of his paycheck to Opus Dei, and that every effort to provide for family members is made.

The intensity of the previous months culminated during this retreat. Schneider became severely depressed. He had a momentary crisis of faith when he doubted the existence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. This only lasted for 15 minutes, but it was terrifying, he said

"Things just weren't making sense anymore," he said. "I was emotionally distressed."

Upon returning to school the next fall, Schneider began to consider leaving the organization, and consulted local priests during his deliberation.

During this time, Schneider said he was very worried about the consequences of leaving Opus Dei.

In retrospect, Schneider said he was overly concerned, and that his departure went smoothly. But because he had continually discovered new facets of Opus Dei during his entrance, he said he was not sure how easy it would be to leave.

Schneider is still considering becoming a priest, and says many things about Opus Dei remain appealing, but "it was not worth the trouble."

He said he believes that better disclosure could have prevented his distress.

"If they had told me in the beginning what would be required of me, and laid out the events which would have followed, I would have said, 'Thanks, but no thanks,'" Schneider said. "Instead, over the course of months, they told me bit by bit by bit.

"Personally, I'm okay if you were to allow someone to direct your life in that way. I have no problem with that.

"My problem is that it is my fear that they do not properly draw people's consent as they draw them into the organization."

The big picture

Not all who leave Opus Dei organization have the same experience as Schneider. Opus Dei boasts an estimated international network of 700,000 supporters, called cooperators, who support the Opus Dei mission through work, money and prayer. Many cooperators were once part of the organization.

Furthermore, the intensity of training and commitment of a numerary is vastly different from that of a supernumerary, by virtue of a supernumerary's main devotion to family, while a numerary more fully dedicates his life to Opus Dei.

But Schneider's experience is also not unique. Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry, acknowledges that other Notre Dame students have sought the counsel of Campus Ministry, but could not provide names, and because there have been no recent situations comparable to Schneider's.

The continuous growth of Opus Dei in membership and influence will undoubtedly affect the lives and faith of young men and women, as it has with those at Notre Dame.

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Flu shots

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the vaccine.

The University plans to keep the supply on campus until it has been exhausted by the population of students, faculty and staff who have a heightened risk of contracting the virus.

"We are strongly encouraging the remaining high-risk individuals to come in," Kleva said. "It's extremely important they are vaccinated."

Dates, times and locations for these extended clinics will be announced in the form of a pending campus-wide email.

For the future clinics, Health Services will expand its definition of high-risk to include those individuals living on campus who have an infant and University priests over the age of 65. If a surplus still remains after these offerings, the University plans to donate the remainder of its supply to various other agencies and venues in the community — including Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

In response to the suspension of a crucial manufacturing license at the Chiron Corporation — Notre Dame and Saint Mary's sole provider of the vaccine — the University was forced to seek out alternative supplies for its high-risk population. The supply used for the recent vaccinations was obtained from an Ohio-based company run by a graduate of Saint Mary's College. Kleva was unable to disclose the name of this company.

In November, Health Services will offer the intranasal influenza vaccine FluMist to all members of the community who are younger than 50 and demonstrate good health. The University has acquired roughly 700 doses and will offer the vaccine for a fee of \$20.

In contrast with the chaos looming across the country regarding the shortage, Kleva described Thursday's clinic as "efficient and enjoyable." The recent media hype caused some individuals to bring chairs in anticipation for a six to seven hour wait, but Kleva said that 350 shots were administered in the first 75 minutes alone.

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Traditionally, Asian American Studies has been taught from historical, literary, political, critical theory, and demographic orientations. One relatively new direction in Asian American Studies is the involvement of psychology and mental health perspective. This perspective is presented as a means of addressing the issue of who Asian Americans are. The effects of culture/assimilation, family, sex roles, and racism on adjustment and mental health are covered. Questions are raised such as: Is acculturation associated with personal and psychological health? Are traditional Asian values sexist? How do Asian American family and child rearing practices enhance resilience or risk for mental health problems? Audience participation in the presentation is encouraged.

Dr. Sue is a clinical psychologist whose research interests include ethnic and cross-cultural influences on behavior. Specifically, his focus is on mental health and personality issues as they pertain to ethnic communities, especially Asian Americans. Dr. Sue has studied the effects of ethnic match between therapists and clients, prevalence of psychopathology among ethnic populations, and cross-cultural validity of assessment instru-

Questions about this talk? 631-8873

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Republicans and Democrats trade pre-election accusations in Florida

MIAMI — Pre-election tensions mounted Thursday in Florida amid claims of voter intimidation, promises that absentee ballots will reach the Broward County citizens who are missing them, and concerns that Republicans will question the authenticity of thousands of votes on Election Day.

Workers at Broward's elections office prepared 1,000 absentee ballots for overnight shipment to Floridians in other states, and expected to send up to 14,000 ballots by Friday to residents who requested them

Meanwhile, state Republican leaders said they are protecting "the integrity of the process" by compiling a list of voters who they say are improperly registered and should not be allowed to cast ballots

"I presume they will use it as a basis for challenges," said Howard Simon, the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union in Florida. "And when they're using a list that's very likely inaccurate for challenges, I think we're in for hand-to-hand combat at the precincts."

Republican National Committee chairman Ed Gillespie said he was "disconcerted" by claims that supporters of Democratic challenger John Kerry are clogging early voting locations and attempting to dissuade backers of President Bush from voting.

Celebrities stump for candidates INDIANOLA, INDIANA — The presidential campaign trail is looking a bit like Hollywood Boulevard. Or a rock 'n' roll stage.

The Boss is stumping for Democratic Sen. John Kerry, while actor Leonardo DiCaprio and rocker Jon Bon Jovi join up with Sen. John Edwards' entourage. President Bush is countering with a movie and political heavyweight — box office star-turned-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Celebrities are joining the candidates on the trail in the presidential campaign's final days, providing a little 11th-hour starpower in battleground states.

As they have all year, more are turning out for Kerry than for Bush. Still, the president has his big-ticket backers.

California Gov. Schwarzenegger, whose prepolitical life included "The Terminator" films, is to join the president Friday in Columbus, Ohio, for a rally. Country singer Sammy Kershaw and his band warmed up a suburban Cleveland crowd for the president Thursday. And, a day earlier, boxing promoter Don King accompanied Bush in Pontiac,

The stars of song and screen appear with Kerry and Edwards nearly every day

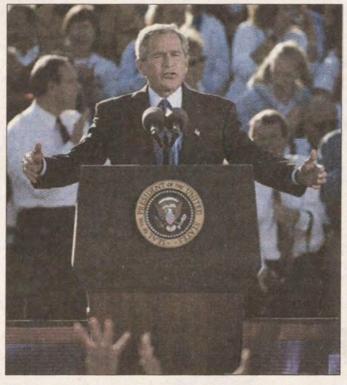
The point? "Have some fun, add to the great energy, excitement and momentum that surrounds this campaign right now," said Mark Kornblau, an Edwards spokesman.

And, no doubt, ensure gymnasiums and other venues are packed to the rafters.

In Madison, Wis., thousands turned out Thursday to see Kerry — and Bruce Springsteen, who sang "Promised Land" and "No Surrender," the latter adopted as the Democrat's campaign anthem. Sheryl Crow and Bon Jovi, too, have been the Massachusetts senator's opening acts this

Wartime leadership questioned

Candidates exchange charges over commander-in-chief's responsibilities





Left, President Bush speaks at a campaign rally in Findlay, Ohio on Wednesday. Democratic candidate Kerry embraces singer Bruce Springsteen after Springsteen performed at a campaign rally at Ohio State University Thursday.

Associated Press

SAGINAW, Mich. — Bitingly personal, President Bush called Sen. John Kerry too weak and wavering for wartime leadership Thursday while Democrat held Bush responsible for missing explosives in Iraq. "The commander in chief is not getting his job done," Kerry said.

The blunder should cost Bush his presidency, the challenger argued. The Republican incumbent fired back: "John Kerry is the wrong man for the wrong job at the wrong time.

For the fourth straight day, the candidates exchanged harsh words over the disappearance of nearly 400 tons of explosives stored at Iraq's Al-Qaqaa military installation. The 11th-hour political stir, which Bush advisers say has slowed their campaign, is a reflection of how the war in Iraq and terrorism have overshadowed domestic affairs throughout the cam-

Another example was news that the FBI has begun investigating whether the Pentagon improperly awarded no-bid military contracts to Halliburton Co., the former company of Vice

President Dick Cheney. Democrats hoped to make a campaign issue of it.

Their eyes cast abroad, many voters even in economically strapped battleground states are judging the candidates on their ability to lead a nation at war. Thus, character is a final-hours issue.

'A president cannot blow in the wind," Bush said in a stinging reference to Kerry. In neighboring Ohio, the four-term Massachusetts senator called on his rival to "start taking responsibility for the mistakes that you've

Chief among them, he said, is Iraq, where insurgents slaughtered 11 Iraqi soldiers Thursday in a bloody reminder of the trouble that awaits whoever sits in the Oval Office at a minute past noon, Jan. 20, 2005.

Five days before Election Day, the polls were close and the crowds huge. Looking out at 10,000 faces at a Bush rally, failed GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole quipped, "I couldn't get a crowd like this in 1996.

Across the country, anxious voters and election official braced for an uncertain outcome Tuesday. The Justice Department said 1,090 federal poll watchers will be sent to monitor elections in

25 states to assure compliance with voting laws.

Time running short, the campaigns reached into their near-empty arsenals of TV ads. Kerry unveiled a new commercial while the Bush campaign was forced to defend a day-old spot, acknowledging that an editor had doctored a picture of

Kerry opens his latest commercial with five words that should warm hearts throughout the campaign-weary battlegrounds: "Soon, the campaign will end," he said. His running mate, Sen.

John Edwards of North Carolina, told CBS the Halliburton deals are part of a "long pattern of favoritism" between the Bush administration and its well-connected friends. Kerry aides debated whether he would criticize Bush on the issue

Pop culture merged with politics as rocker Bruce Springsteen endorsed Kerry sang at Massachusetts senator's rally in Madison, Wis., that drew thousands. Bush didn't have the Boss, but country singer Sammy Kershaw warmed up the crowd in affluent Westlake, Ohio.

Earlier, Kerry donned a Boston Red Sox cap to cele-

brate the World Series victory of his home-state team. Not everybody was a team player, however; Boston pitcher Curt Schilling told a TV audience to "vote Bush next week," then scheduled a campaign appearance with the president in New Hampshire on Friday.

A spate of new state polls had Bush ahead in Florida, the Democrat leading in Ohio and Michigan and the candidates essentially tied in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Oregon. Republican-leaning Arkansas is back in play, with Bush buying ads there.

Private polling conducted for the candidates themselves showed the race even tighter. Both campaigns believe they lead in the contested states by a percentage point or two.

Bush's polling, which showed him making gains last weekend, flattened out this week, and aides blamed the missing weapons flap for stopping their boss' momentum. That was certainly Kerry's intention when he accused Bush of "shifting explanations" for the missing

'You were warned to guard them," Kerry said in direct challenge to Bush. "You didn't guard them."

SOUND BITE: SUDAN

Under what conditions, if any, would you commit U.S. troops to the effort to end the genocide in Sudan?



Bush

and encourages an international diplomatic approach to put a swift end to the genocide...The State Department is pursuing a comprehensive approach to creating peace in Africa that does not, at present, include a major commitment of U.S. troops. We played a key role in negotiating the April 8, 2004, cease-fire in Darfur and in negotiating the entrance of African Union monitors. We are working with the United Nations to organize an international humanitarian force, have been asked by the African Union to airlift African Union monitors, and we will consider sanctions on the Sudanese government if they fail to cooperate with international peace efforts."

"Our nation condemns the atrocities that have occurred in Sudan



Kerry

"The African Union has committed 3,000 troops to halt the violence against civilians and monitor the cease-fire agreement in Darfur, Sudan. At present, there is no request nor any requirement for U.S. or other non-African combat forces. The U.S. should provide generous logistical and financial support to the African Union force. The African Union needs an estimated \$220 million for this mission. But so far, the U.S. has pledged just over \$20 million — a woefully inadequate sum to halt the genocide. I will provide far more generous support. Should the African Union require additional assistance to halt the genocide, I would consider providing unique U.S. capabilities, such as command, control, communication and intelligence support, if requested."

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Duty doesn't end Election Day

Observer

Open a newspaper or turn on the television and you are bound to hear about the election. Day in and day out, the candidates exchange barbs on the campaign trail — and the public hangs on every word. Staying oblivious? Not an option.

Political pundits have said this is the most bitter and hotly-contested election in years. The indecision of Americans is evident in polls that constantly fluctuate between President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry, never by more than a few percentage points.

Soon, however, the polls will be meaningless and the stump speeches will be a distant memory. Someone has to win.

While Republicans and Democrats project confidence, both sides have also prepared for the likelihood that there will be no clear winner the morning

of Nov. 3. Remembering the ambiguity of the 2000 presidential election, both parties are already making legal preparations for the possibility of a recount. Just this week, approximately 58,000 absentee ballots were reported lost in Florida.

As Americans learned in 2000, there is no guarantee an election will end on Election Day. In the same vein, the civic responsibility to remain informed does not end after casting a vote. After such a heated campaign — coupled with the history that precedes it — citizens have no excuse but to stay attuned not only to politics but to

this election's impact on Consitutional areas such as the Electoral College and the United States' reception and role on the interna-

In 2000, the world took notice when the candidate who won the presidency was not elected directly by the people but ultimately was elected by a Supreme Court decision. The world has watched the Bush administration develop its current international policy objectives. Be assured it will watch whether the United States

billed as the leader of the democratic world — can run its own accountable election in which all properly casted votes are counted.

If a repeat of 2000 occurs, the topic of revising the Constitution will surely be raised. This election could represent the precipice for America's

Constitutional foundation and our interaction with and role in the international sphere

All too often, people become informed because they feel they have to. Now is not the time to become informed because you feel you have to - whether to cast a responsible vote or to fulfill someone else's expectations. Now is the time to become informed because you want to - to understand the consequences and lasting impact your vote may have, and to seize the outcome you

Is there a conservative gene?

While growing up my favorite television show was "Family Ties." As an avid young Republican, I was quite taken by the character of Alex P. Keaton, the ultra-conservative

Reagan-loving son of two liberal parents — parents so liberal they even worked for a pub-

John Infranca Dissident Poetry

lic broadcasting company. Happily ensconced in a warm and supportive conservative home, I could celebrate that I did not have parents of such questionable character. At the time, I never wondered how conservative wisdom could become incarnate in such an unlikely household.

But what made Alex Keaton a conservative? It does not seem that he was the product of his environment. Alex's siblings either shared their parents' political proclivities or simply expressed no interest in politics. The Keaton parents did not allow cable and so Alex and his siblings were often forced to watch the public television station his father worked for. As we all know, public broadcasting dispenses nothing but liberal propaganda and tote bags. Perhaps the source of his political identity was genetic rather than environmental. Could there be a recessive gene for conservatism that had become dominant in young Alex Keaton? Might a similar gene be responsible for liberalism?

I did a bit of research on the issue and came across varying opinions. According to one, perhaps not very reliable, source on the Free Republic Web site: "The answer manifests itself in the structure of the human genome. Liberalism can be explained by the notion that liberals lack the gene required to process reality." I will contend that this questionable science is likely politically motivated. A more scholarly analysis of the psychology behind our political orientations was published in the May 2003 issue of the Psychology Bulletin, the journal of the

American Psychological Association. The article appraised the past 50 years of study on the psychology of

conservatism.

The study claims that conservatism is a form of "motivated social cognition." Conservative ideology, like any belief system (including liberal ideology), is said to develop in part out of psychological need. This is not to say that such an ideology is not responsive to reason or grounded upon strongly held principles. It might, however, be initially motivated by some psychological factor and then further developed and articulated into a set of core beliefs.

The psychological variables that the study claims might contribute to the adoption of a conservative ideology include anxiety regarding death, intolerance towards ambiguity, resistance to change, avoidance of uncertainty, need for order, structure and closure, fear of loss or threat, aggression and lower than normal levels of self esteem. It is worth noting that none of these are inherently good or bad character traits. One might reasonably concur that contrary traits could lead to the development of a liberal ideolo-

What brings us as individuals to our particular political persuasions is worth considering amid this most heated and divisive of elections. It is probably a complex interaction of personality traits, genetic disposition, environment and experience that turns us into liberals or conservatives or anywhere in between. Much of this complexity is lost in the process of trying to so clearly paint people in particular political stripes. It is worth considering that even the most vaunted political principles we hold and express so dearly might be less the product of our own rational thought than we care to admit. Perhaps our genetic traits and the environment in which we find ourselves predispose us more than we would like to admit

towards a particular political position. This might offer reason for thinking a bit more deeply not only about the basis of our own political principles, but also the factors that have brought those around us to opinions that might be very different.

In the years since my youth, my love for "Family Ties" has faded and with it my admiration for both Alex Keaton and Ronald Reagan. Interestingly, I now share with that character the experience of being a black sheep, the left-leaning child of two party-line Republican parents. Now I have a hard time making sense of why my parents insist on watching Fox News while I would rather turn to public tel-evision. My parents' experiences and personalities are similar but in many ways far different than my own. While at times we might attempt rational discussions of politics these often devolve into the kind of fiery arguments only a family of hot-blooded Italians is capable of.

At the end of the day there is something that has formed our political ideologies that can not be reduced to policy positions and factual analysis. As I argue with my parents across the dinner table I also realize that someday I might be battling my own children as they argue on behalf of lower taxes and increased military spending.

There remains no clear explanation for the source of an individual's political orientation. Perhaps it is something we are born with but not always comfortable expressing.

If so I hold out hope that one day, perhaps through some form of counseling, disordered conservatives might finally recognize the nature of reality and embrace their true identity.

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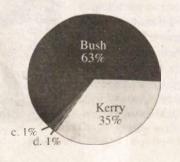
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Who are you voting for?

a. George W. Bush b. John Kerry 35% c. Other d. Not Voting

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You should try everything once, except incest and folk dancing."

Old Scottish Proverb

VIEWPOINT

The funding crisis in graduate education

Notre Dame aspires to be an elite university, rivaling Harvard, Princeton and Berkeley. Reaching that goal means achieving excellence in undergraduate education, graduate education and research.

Progress in Don Howard

research and graduate education is a top prior-

Guest Column

ity in our new strategic plan. Judging by such measures as the U.S. News & World Report rankings, we're well on the way toward elite status in undergraduate education. In graduate education and research we've made great strides, but still face major challenges. Some of our Ph.D. programs are among the best in the world - Philosophy, Theology, the Medieval Institute and the History and Philosophy of Science Graduate Program are there already and others are prepared to step into the top ranks. In too many fields, however, ours are still what are termed second, third or, in a few cases, fourth quartile programs.

A necessary condition for maintaining the standing of strong programs and improving the rest is recruiting the best new graduate students, and a necessary condition for successful recruiting is offering competitive financial support. But here Notre Dame faces a crisis. As recently as six years ago, we were in a strong competitive position. This year, however, is the third straight with no growth in the value of basic stipends or special fellowships. This year, for the first time, modest support is provided for health insurance, but that covers only about one third of the total cost for those on basic graduate stipends.

How serious is the problem? It's hard to say because the university has not made available good, timely, comparative data. But some of us have collected our own data. Here's what I found in my field, History and Philosophy of Science. A February

2003 survey of 20 top programs with which we compete revealed that, on average, our basic nine-month stipend of \$11,700 was \$2,500 dollars below what our competitors offered, and virtually all our competitors covered health insurance, making the total average difference more like \$3,500. This information is already over a year old, and we've again had no growth in funding at Notre Dame, so we're now even further behind. To cite just one more recent example, a graduating Notre Dame philosophy major received an offer

Savor the magnitude of the problem. Our stipends would have to grow by over 30% to reach the average among our competitors, and that would only put us in the middle of the pack. It

from Princeton last spring for over

won't do to say that we can muddle through because the cost of living is low in South Bend. It's not that low, and the cost-of-living argument is not persuasive with new recruits. In addition to the problem of recruiting new students, there is the problem of

treating current graduate students with justice and fairness. \$11,700 isn't a living wage, even in South Bend. For a married graduate student with one child, a family income of

\$11,700 is almost \$4,000 below the poverty level for 2004 as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

We face other

pressing financial needs, including undergraduate financial aid, library funding, research infrastructure, faculty salaries, and new faculty hiring. But none of these challenges is as seri-

ous as that which we face in funding graduate education. Here we have reached the crisis point. If substantial new funding is not provided immediately, then the quality of the graduate students recruited to study at Notre Dame is guaranteed to decline. We're already losing top-qual-

ity graduate students to schools offering more generous support. If we don't act quickly, the damage will take many years to repair.

Some might argue that spending to recruit the best and brightest graduate students is not important, if all they do is serve as research assistants to the faculty. I can't speak for all fields, but in the humanities this isn't the point of graduate education. In the humanities, our mission is to train the next generation of university professors. Heretofore, especially but not only in fields like philosophy and theology, Notre Dame has distinguished itself in this respect. Notre Dame Ph.D.s are found on the faculties of the most prestigious universities in the United States and around the world. That's one important reason why the reputation of Notre Dame looms so large in academia.

If Notre Dame is serious about its professed commitment to excellence in graduate education and research, then dramatic action is needed now. Not two years from now, but now. And we don't need to study the problem. We know what the problem is. The question is whether Notre Dame — by which I mean the central administration, donors who have high ambitions on behalf of the university and all faculty members who have a voice in setting academic and budgetary priorities — will do what needs to be done.

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Democrats play the fear card

After Vice President Dick Cheney suggested that John Kerry's approach to fighting terrorism is more conducive to terrorist attacks on America than the incumbent's, Democratic talking heads had a field day grumbling about Republican fear-mongering on the cam-

paign path. Keeping true to their hypocrisy, Democrats have excused similar tactics of instilling fear into the electorate as long as Bush happens to be the target.

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

Embracing a no-holds-barred approach to defeating President Bush and installing the hollow man John Kerry to placate the liberal masses whose stomachs churn at the prospect of four more years of "nuclear" being mispronounced on a semi-regular basis, Democrats have subtly and unsubtly intimated that Bush's policies pave the road to national disaster.

On the question of national security, fear is a natural byproduct of the debate over which candidate will provide a more sound and effective approach to preventing terrorist attacks against America. While political analysts cried havoc over Cheney's rhetoric, few complaints emerged about Ted Kennedy's equally alarmist warning made in a speech at George Washington University in late September.

Kennedy warned that "the war in Iraq has made a mushroom cloud more likely, not less likely," and that "the only thing America has to fear is four more years of George Bush."

The feisty senator's comment echoes Cheney's own words, which sound less alarmist and more "nuanced" when placed in proper context. Rather than directly warning the electorate that a Kerry vote is synonymous with increasing risk of terrorist attack, he referenced a potential attack to express concern of falling into the pre-September 11 mindset of treating terrorism as a problem of law enforcement: precisely the message that Kerry has imparted time and again.

Since the first duty of a president is to provide for the common defense, both candidates and their surrogates may justifiably fan the flames of fear over national security, but Democrats have routinely issued unfounded warnings about the dangers of reelecting Bush to a second term

A favorite topic among Democrat critics is the myth of disenfranchisement in the 2000 election, now frequently repeated to present Bush and Republicans as attempting to suppress the black vote. Taking solace in the comforting notion that no Republican can win an election without directly disenfranchising the voter, embittered Al Gore-supporters have repeated the myth ad nauseam without producing credible evidence. Janet Reno, still serving as attorney general in late 2000, and Gore's team of lawyers failed to corroborate wild claims beyond isolated instances

that did not suggest a pervasive trend. Fast-forwarding to the current election, John Kerry routinely states that he will not allow "one million African Americans being denied their right to exercise the vote" as his standard line when touring black churches along the campaign trail. Instilling a sense of fear, in this case baseless, serves to energize (or simply enrage) his traditional base. The historical truth of the matter is but a mere triviality, and reporters are more likely to investigate the latest Elvis sighting than the veracity of his

Unlike Bill Clinton, who exuded sympathy and was once dubbed "the first black president," Kerry's awkward attempts to transcend his elitist heritage have met limited success. What better way to mobilize the black vote than to portray Bush as deviously attempting to limit their influence?

One egregious example of anti-Bush fear-mongering recently found its way into my email box from a concerned yet deluded liberal friend afraid that Bush's second term will hail the reinstatement of the military draft, despite the near-consensus of expert military opinion to the contrary. Few events can cause more fear than the prospect of being rounded up by the government and sent to the front lines to fight the enemy,

and hinting at the possibility of a draft serves as the perfect means to inspire naïve young voters to the polling booths.

Last year, Democratic Senator Fritz Hollings and Democratic Representative Charles Rangel introduced two draft bills in a cynical attempt to voice their distaste with the administration's policies. They argued that their draft bills would help remedy the purported racial gap in active military service and even declared all women eligible as well, as everyone between

ages 18 and 26 could be drafted without college deferments. Both sponsors of the bill are strong critics of the administration and continued American military

efforts in general, and they kept silent when conspiracy theorists claimed that Bush continues to push for a draft.

However, both bills died in Congress, the administration has taken a unanimous stance against the necessity of a draft, a vast majority of active senior military personnel dismiss the exaggerated claim, and open public records would indicate whether any similar proposals have momentum. Rock the Vote, the MTV outfit that claims to be

Democratic talking points as their modus operandi, still discusses the draft as an important factor to consider for the election, on par with jobs and the national debt.

non-partisan but harps on

Next week's election may be one of the most important of our generation, and the anti-Bush desperation manifests itself all too clearly while reasonable voices drown in the baseless rhetoric.

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By MOLLY GRIFFIN Scene Writer

The film "The Grudge" will be screened Nov. 11 on the Notre Dame campus at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the Center for Performing Arts. Notre Dame alumni Steven Susco, the film's screenwriter, and William Mapother, one of the film's stars, will be present to participate in a question and answer session for students.

Both men have come a long way in Hollywood since their days as Notre Dame students. William Mapother has become a successful actor in such films as "Mission Impossible II, and Steven Susco is an up-and-coming screenwriter, with "The Grudge" being his first major motion picture.

To start with a Notre Dame-oriented question, what dorms did you live in?

Mapother: My freshman year I lived in Grace Hall, and my sophomore year through graduation I lived

Susco: I started out in Pangborn, and just after I had made all of my friends and settled down, they announced that they were changing it to a women's dorm. All of my friend's moved to Cavanaugh, but I missed the cut and had to live in St. Ed's. They then

announced that Cavanaugh was becoming a women's dorm, and we were about to move to Flanner when they announced that it was going to become an office building. After that, I took the hint and moved off campus.

How did each of you become involved with "The Grudge?"

Susco: I met up with some producers in 2002, Roy Lee and Doug Davison. They had had these tapes that they showed me that they loved. These were the original tapes of "The Grudge" movies. I loved them, I had ideas and I attached writer/director in 2002. There was concern because I had directed only shorts, not features, and this became a major hurdle. The producers ultimately decided to keep the original director [Takashi

Mapother: [Executive directorl Sam Raimi said that he wanted to have Shimizu to direct in order to retain the flavor of the original. He didn't want to Americanize it too

Susco: Basically, over the course of the first year, Shimizu made the first feature version. Sam Raimi saw it, and said "I want to do this with same director." I negotiated staying on as writer, and that's where I came into the project. It was a long process but worth it.

Mapother: I met with Sam and his partner [producer] Rob Tapert for another project that was in development. About two months later I got call asking me if I would be interested in "The Grudge."

They had enjoyed the meeting and my work, and they thought I would be a good fit for role of Matthew. Sam wanted me, but Sony said "hang on, make sure he can do it." So I read, and I got the

Susco: William was one of first people I heard of getting cast. I was a huge, huge fan. One of my favorite movies was "In the Bedroom," so when I heard that, I knew the film was becoming very legitimate. The original idea had been to do the film in Tokyo for 3 or 4 million with up-and-coming actors.

William and I met the day he arrived. Sarah [Michelle Gellar] and Jason [Behr] and KaDee Strickland and myself all went out with him, and the two of us ended up talking for hours.

Mapother: Not only that, but after we hung out in

Notre Dame alumni mal

An interview with William Mapother and new horror movie "The Grudge" and on entertainment industry has affected the th

Tokyo and we were back in the States, I said come over, and he came and watched the Oscars with his fiancée. Sony had a few online journalists come over too, and I forwarded the article to my sisters, both of whom had gone to Notre Dame, and one said, "Is that the Steven Susco who went to Notre Dame?" We spent time in Tokyo and in the U.S. together, and didn't know that we both went to ND. The Notre dame connection is almost incidental, but it's there

Susco: When you go to Notre Dame, it's usually one of the first things you talk about. It's astounding that very specific vision of what he wanted, but he was still open to a lot of outside ideas. The language differential was very difficult, particularly communicating ideas without offending anyone. It was really challenging, but everyone was really out to make same kind of movie, so that made things that were difficult go smoothly.

For William, tell us about the character that you play in the film. What do you think that you bring to the role, and how did you prepare?

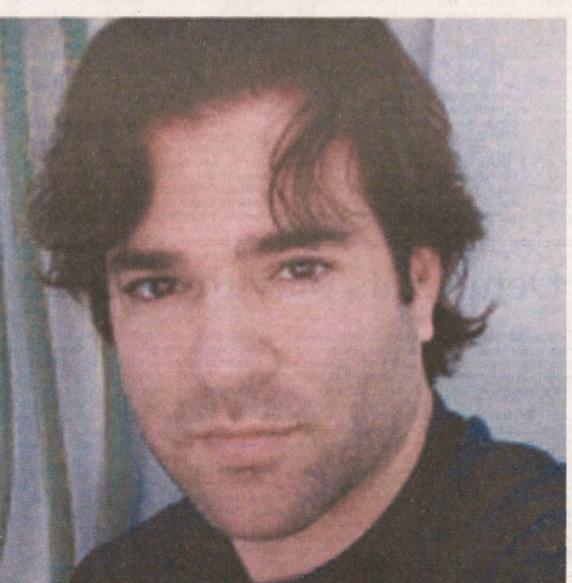
Mapother: Matthew Williams, my character, has been hired by a Japanese corporation to do financial work. He moved mother and wife of three or so years — Clea [Duvall] and I had talked about it and come up with something — to Tokyo for work. When we meet him, he has only been there a few days. For my character, this is a thrilling opportunity, but at same time, he is concerned about mother's health and wife's ability and willingness to adapt to Japanese

How do you think going to Notre Dame prepared you for your career?

Mapother: It really breaks down into two aspects. First: my major. We didn't have the FTT major, but being an English major helped me in several ways. First, it taught me value of pursuing something that I love. I chose English because I loved it and having made that decision, it was easier to choose a career that I love. It also helped to develop critical thinking and gave me an awareness of the storytelling tradition, which allows me to read and break down scripts easier. Second: The environment. I made a lot of friends and like most felt a bit castigated, but within that safety I was able to explore who I was and what I wanted. Susco: I would give essentially

the same summation: do what you love to do in terms of looking forward in life. Don't look at the odds, and do what makes you happy. I had three different majors: philosophy, FTT and CAPP. Philosophy opens up limitless career choices, and as if that didn't frighten my parents enough, I told them I was looking to pick up second FTT major. My parents met at IBM. I think that for me, film production and theatre were the things that helped me with writ-

ing. I learned about the filmmaking process, not just liking it, but the economics and the nature of collaboration, being able to make films, meeting with people like producers and learning that it is a truly collaborative medium. Theatre: I did a lot of acting, and what that helps me with now is writing characters and in directing, it helps me communicate and use the language of the theatre. I don't subscribe to George Lucas's, "Do it again and do it bigger" philosophy. I like to enable actors to do their work better and allow them to find their own things. Legendary film moments are often things that actors come up with on the fly. Philosophy was invaluable because it opened me up to different ways of thinking. Particularly in "The Grudge", it helped me figure out what about the original film was especially resound-



Steven Susco graduated from Notre Dame with degrees in philosophy, film, television and theatre and computer applications, and he graduated from the University of Southern California's film school in 1999. He served as the screenwriter for the new film "The Grudge," which stars, among others, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Bill Pullman and Clea DuVall. The film is a remake of a Japanese horror film, "Ju-On: The Grudge," and Susco worked closely with the director of the original film, Takashi Shimizu, who also directed the American remake of the movie.

we never talked about it.

For Steven, what challenges did you face writing the script, which was based on a Japanese film, "Ju-On: The Grudge"? How did you make the work

Susco: The biggest challenge was really wanting to do it well when the decision was made to do it in Japan with Shimizu. There was a lot of internal pressure to do it justice; I imagined myself being in his shoes doing the original and having to work with another writer and having someone remake the material and try to add in new things. It was hard feeling like I was doing the right thing. It was pressure that, at the end of the day, was rather unjustified. Shimizu is a very good collaborator. He has a

ke it big in Hollywood

Steven Susco about their work on the how choosing a career in the he paths their lives have taken

ing, what the filmmaker was trying to say. It basically enables me to figure out what the film means, to convey the story and the characters. They [philosophy and FTT] ended up meshing together really well.

What skills do you think have allowed you to succeed in such a difficult industry?

Mapother: Persistence.

Susco: Same thing I was going to say. Same page as

Mapother: It really is perseverance. Also a sense of

professionalism. There is cliché that town is small and it is. Reputation builds quickly.

Susco: A quote I always think of says something to the effect of, "The person who succeeds is person who wakes up and says, 'I'm going to give it another try.'" I've been writing since '96 and I've been shot down so much. Your breakfast, lunch and dinner is

Mapother: How do you want your rejection? Over easy? Raw?

Susco: You don't eat for the broccoli, you eat for the pie. That's how I view it out here. As long as you understand that you're going to be told "no" 100 times a day and you're completely fine with that and you only care about the "yes" you might get, it's worth a

Mapother: I give advice along the same lines. If there's something else you want to do, you should do that. Persistence comes from having no exit strategy. It is perseverance, but it takes selfquestioning out of the equation.

Susco: For writing, and possibly the entire industry, you can't come out to Hollywood because you love being a screenwriter but because you love trying to be a screen-

Mapother: As a trade-off, actors get rejected more often, but it can be harder for a writer. Actors invest a few days preparing for an audition, but a writer has a lot more at stake. Each hurts in its own way. It's rejection in quality or quantity

Susco: This is something you'll find in any profession - roadblocks. You're going to have to prove yourself, and win people over. It sounds daunting and you need a thick skin, but it's sort of like anything else. You're not going to be happy if you don't do what you love.

Mapother: As an addendum to the advice I gave earlier, I usually say that to someone after they've come out and are having a crisis. First advice, come out and try, because you'll regret it if you don't. It's when you're not sure that you have to evaluate and determine if it's worth it.

Susco: It's a brutal road.

Mapother: There's more underlying all of this "desperate love" of what we do. I don't want to paint a portrait of suffering and self-sacrifice and nobility in pursuit of my craft, but it's an acknowledgement that it's a tough road.

Susco: There's no set course. If you want to be a doctor, it's a hard road, but there is a set path. You graduate and take the MCATs and go to med school, and there's a likelihood of employment. Same with law school. With anything in the entertainment industry, there's no path. You can ask anyone and you'll never get the same answer. I went to film school, and in terms of opening doors for me, it didn't do much. Some people who didn't go to film school are the most talented in the world. There's no set path that will lead you to the goal, and there's no sure formula that leads to success.

Mapother: There's also no promise for your next job. The career for writers and actors is one of uncertainty. You can't let up. Ironically, I love the

William Mapother graduated from Notre Dame in 1987 with an degree in English. He has had a successful career in Hollywood, with roles in films such as "In the Bedroom", "Mission Impossible II," "Magnolia" and "Born on the Fourth of July". He has appeared on such television shows as "CSI: Miami," "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," "Touched by an Angel" and "Lost." Mapother worked as a school teacher in Los Angeles for three years before deciding to pursue a career as an actor in Hollywood.

sense of fear that that instills. It keeps me motivated and working my hardest. In addition to the motivation of doing what I love, I can't afford to do less than my best.

Susco: It leads to creative evolution. You intuitively understand that you need to keep pushing, growing, and redefining. It's that fear that you need to love. You need to be driven by that. It keeps everything churning. Turn it into a positive. As soon as that feeling that stops, I'll find something else to do, but I don't think that I will ever happen because writing, reading and movies are something that I've loved since I was a kid.

What is the most exciting project that you've worked on?

Mapother: For me, it's always the most recent project, if it's not the one I'm working on. That's because I feel as if I'm ever-growing and learning about myself. The most recent is where I have set the bar the higher, and that's the most exciting part of it. For me right now, it would be "The Grudge." It gave me first scene with a woman where I wasn't raping or killing her. I've been in Swordfish, Mission Impossible II, and serials on TV (Law & Order, CSI, etc). I was excited about playing someone unequivocally loving with other characters. For me in my career, that was a big challenge because I have an intensity, I've been told, and I wanted to work on channeling it on that end versus where I have channeled it in the past.

Susco: I think it's interesting because when I met William, I was walking through this breeze way and I saw him and recognized him from "In the Bedroom." He turned around with the biggest smile on his face. Every time you see him, he is always playing the bad guy. It was a pleasure to write a character much closer to who he is in real life. I agree with William. You at least strive to have whatever your most recent project was be your favorite. "The Grudge" is the first project that I've had come to fruition. I was extremely lucky because they kept me involved in the entire process. I felt like I was creatively part of the family. I learned a great deal

about being so intimately involved in so many different aspects of the project. It was really a big step forward for me and it was a creative evolution. I wanted to work with them again. I'm already potentially involved with a number of projects relating to

Tell me about working on the film.

Mapother: First, I'd like to say how much fun I had making this movie. Like all, it starts with the script. Keeping the essence of the story and adapting it for an American cast going to Japan is a very difficult task. I have to say he [Steven Susco] did a fantastic job with story and characters. There are so many moments that brought characters to life. He kept the non-linear structure but made it clearer but without violating Shimizu's original structure or vision. As an actor, the script is all you have, and I was excited.

Susco: That's great to hear. Mapother: He [Susco] was more than willing to talk about the move and was receptive to new thoughts, which isn't common. That spirit of collaboration is rare.

Susco: Is it really that unusual?

Mapother: I would say it's not that common. New writers are usually more protective of their work. Openness allows actors to be better. I need someone to acknowledge my thoughts, and I need to bounce ideas off of some-

Susco: I had been working on the film for two years when I met William. I went

from being director to writer to maybe not being involved at all. When I went to Japan for the first time, it was thrilling. We shot the movie in the same house where they shot "The Seventh Samari." The night that it really clicked, it really exploded for me, was when I went to dinner and talked about his character. That was what I missed. I had collaborated, and had spent so much time talking about making creative decisions based on business things, and just talking about William's character was great. The whole thing was a lot of fun, but it was truly that moment that I realized that it was going to be exciting. The clouds that were over the project vanished for a few days after that.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish ready for two road games

By ANN LOUGHERY Sports Writer

Away games can be a source of anxiety and frustration.

Playing on an unfamiliar court in front of a fervent crowd cheering in favor of the home team can be more than intimidating.

But for Notre Dame, this is a non-issue.

"We've had one of our craziest traveling years yet," freshman Adrianna Stasiuk said. "But being on the road hasn't really affected us. We just focus on playing."

The Irish (11-6, 4-0 in the Big East), have registered a 9-2 away record this season and hope to add to their road success as they face Georgetown on Saturday and Villanova on

The last time the Irish took to the courts, they defeated St. John's in just three games 30-16, 30-17, 30-20.

Notre Dame showcased its offensive skills in the contest, hitting .330 in every game and ending with a .356 attack per-

Since that match, Stasiuk said the team has worked to hone its serving and passing skills in practice.

"We've really been focusing on scoring points when we have the serve and getting on a

run to finish off our opponents," Stasiuk "Everyone's had a really great work ethic in practice, and they're giving 100 percent."

Additionally, the Irish have been sizing up their opponents by watching tapes of games and learning about each team's strengths and weaknesses.

Georgetown (13-10) boasts big hitters, according to Stasiuk, and is known for putting up a fight. After losing to West Virginia on Sunday 30-26, 30-25, 30-26, the Hoyas will likely be looking for redemp-

Villanova (7-14) also looks to be a tough competitor, as it will be thriving off the momentum the Wildcats gained from Wednesday's win. The Wildcats defeated Wagner in three games 30-21, 30-9, 30-19.

Despite the challenges the Irish will face this weekend, Stasiuk says the Irish have a chance at winning if each individual plays their best.

"If everyone does their job, we'll do well," Stasiuk said. "We've been kind of frustrated this season because even though we're 4-0 in the Big East, we've been up and down in non-conference matches. We've kind of been using that as our motivation for winning.'

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hokies rally at Georgia Tech

Associated Press

ATLANTA - If Virginia Tech goes on to win the Atlantic Coast Conference, remember the last 5 1/2 minutes at Georgia Tech.

For most of the game, the Hokies couldn't do anything

Then, in a stunning turnaround, they could do no

Bryan Randall threw two long touchdown passes and Roland Minor finished off the Yellow Jackets with a 64yard interception return, rallying No. 22 Virginia Tech to a wild 34-20 victory Thursday night.

For the Hokies (6-2, 3-1 ACC), this was a crucial victory. They remained one game behind Miami in the loss column, with a seasonending game against the Hurricanes at the Orange

'This is one of those wins that is great for your football program," coach Frank Beamer said. "I hope we build on it. The way we did it, the way we hung in there,

we never gave up."
Randall passed for 304 yards, also hooking up with David Clowney on a 34-yard touchdown in the second

But Randall really shined at the end.

He threw an 80-yard scoring pass to Eddie Royal with 5:28 remaining, then completed a desperation pass for the tying 2-point conversion.

When we tied it, we knew we had the momentum, Randall said. "We didn't think our defense would give up any more points.

But Georgia Tech's did. On the Hokies' next series, Randall ran for 32 yards, then connected with Josh Morgan for a 51-yard TD with 3:10 remaining.

Minor, a redshirt freshman, intercepted two passes by Reggie Ball in the final 2 1/2 minutes, returning the second for the touchdown that capped a 25-point fourth quarter by the Hokies.

Georgia Tech (4-3, 3-3) scored two touchdowns less than a minute apart in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead. But the Yellow Jackets couldn't hold it, their highly ranked defense falling apart in the final period.

After giving up a total of 265 yards in its two previous games, the Yellow Jackets were burned for 446 yards in

It hurts to let one get away like this, where we thought we were in pretty good shape going into the fourth quarter," coach Chan Gailey said. "We gave up some big plays and just couldn't sustain anything offensively.

Randall completed 18 of 31 passes and also played a big role in the running game, accounting for 64 yards on nine carries.

Georgia Tech was still looking good after Travis Bell

kicked his second field goal, a 34-yarder with 5:44 remaining for a 20-12 lead.

"Things wrong," Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said. "It looked like every time things were turning around for us, we did something else.

But the Hokies managed to survive on a foggy, wacky night in downtown Atlanta. The teams combined for seven turnovers, 173 yards in penalties and plenty of headscratching plays

Ball inexplicably ran out of the back of the end zone in the third quarter to give Virginia Tech a safety. The Hokies had to settle for a field goal early in the fourth quarter after having firstand-goal inside the Georgia

In the first half, the teams spent plenty of time giving each other the ball.

Randall fumbled deep in Georgia Tech territory, while Georgia Tech's star running back, P.J. Daniels, lost the ball twice on the Hokies side of the field.

After Daniels' second fumble, Randall gave the ball right back with an ill-advised pass over the middle that was picked off by Butler and returned to the Hokies 39.

Finally, someone took advantage. Ball threw a 27yard pass to Nate Curry, then hooked up with Calvin Johnson in the back of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Swimmers take on Arizona St., Purdue in meet

By KATE GALES Sports Writer

After dominating the Dennis Stark Relays at Notre Dame, the Irish hit the road to take on Arizona State and Purdue at West Lafayette in a threeway meet tonight.

The Irish enjoyed nearly a month of rest between the relays and this weekend's competition, which allowed the team to adjust to new swimmers and new talents.

"Over fall break we stayed the NCAA.

here and we had a week of really, really intense training," senior co-captain Georgia Healey said. "This week we had a little bit of a rest at the beginning of the week, took down the intensity and we're just trying to get psyched up for tomorrow.

The Sun Devils finished 14th in the NCAA Championships year, and Boilermakers were ranked 36th at the season's end. The Irish finished action as Big East champions and 25th in

The team this year seems to be stronger than ever.

"I think we're definitely in a great position this year to do well," Healey said. "We have a big team. We have a lot of

Sophomore Katie Carroll was named the Big East Most Championships Outstanding Swimmer last year and opened this season with a time that may qualify her for the 400-meter individual relay at the NCAA championships. Other strong mem- bunch of people who are Contact Kate Gales at

include Ellen Johnson, Christel Bouvron, Ann Barton and Laura Stafford in the 800meter freestyle Seventeen swimmers have already posted qualifying times for the Big East Championships.

The team will be able to use this weekend's meets as preparation for a tough Big East conference schedule.

"There will be some [swimmers] that get switched around because we have a bers returning to the team strong in several different kgales@nd.edu

areas," Healey said.

Healey was also excited about the addition of assistant coach Carrie Nixon, a 2002 graduate and former Irish All-

"She's been tough, but she's been very inspirational," Healey said. "The addition of her has really been a great asset to the program. I have a lot of confidence in what we're going to be doing this year."

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles look to begin season against Hope

By ANNA FRICANO Sports Writer

The Belles will participate in their first conference challenge of the season this Saturday as they face opponents Olivet and Hope, in a meet held at Hope College.

Saturday marks the first day of contest within the MIAA swim competition. All of the schools in the conference will be making their first attempts at capturing conference points to start the season off in a comfortable position in the standings.

The Belles will swim in three conference meets, including Saturday's, before the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships at the beginning of February.

With only two returning seniors on the team, captains Michelle Stanforth and Ashley Dyer, the Belles are going to have to deal with the challenges that inexperience will cause for the team.

Eight freshmen joined the

team this season, replacing the six swimmers that graduated after last year.

But with the inexperience comes a fresh outlook that might be exactly what the Belles need.

Saint Mary's will be diving in headfirst on Saturday for their competition against Hope and Olivet. Hope has won the league championship for three of the past five years, with Calvin claiming the title during the other two years.

In order to really be successful in the 2004-05 season, Saint Mary's will have to overcome the deficit of divers that the team has experienced in recent years. Two new divers added to the roster should give the Belles the boost that they need in order to be really competitive within the conference.

Saturday, Saint Mary's will be able to put its new roster to the test, and see what it has to offer to the conference competition for the 2004-05 season.

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SMC SOCCER

Perfect home record looms

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

With their season all but finished, the Belles still have one more goal to check off their list—going undefeated at home.

Saint Mary's will attempt to finish the season 8-0 at home when it takes on conference rival Calvin College Saturday at noon.

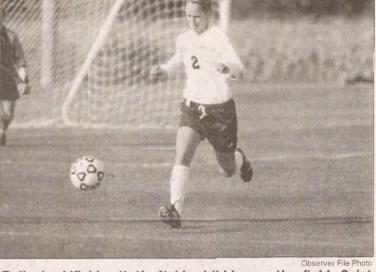
"We're undefeated at home, so winning this game leaves us undefeated for the year," junior defender Shannon Culbertson said. "We want to win for our seven seniors, so it's a really important game."

The Belles will face a tough challenge in Calvin, who currently sits atop the MIAA standings. Saint Mary's has proven itself capable of knocking off a top team at home once already this year, defeating then-conference leader Hope 2-0 Sept.

"We're undefeated on our home field, and we plan on keeping it that way," goalie Laura Heline said. "We want to play our game at home so we can have a big win at the end of the season. There's always a lot of confidence at home. We get a lot of fan support, and we've been playing well on our field."

Saturday will mark the second matchup for Saint Mary's against Calvin. In their first meeting, Calvin got two goals from 2003 MIAA MVP Sarah Weesies in a 3-1 defeat of the Belles.

"We've never lost to a team twice this season, and we're hoping to keep that record," Culbertson said. "We're capa-



Belles' midfielder Katie Noble dribbles up the field. Saint Mary's looks to complete an 8-0 home record Saturday.

ble of winning. We know we're a talented team, but we just came up short a couple times. We just want to go out there and play our best, and get one more win at home."

The loss to Calvin earlier in the year came on the road, where the Belles have had little success this year. Had they even held a .500 record on the road this year, Saint Mary's would have been near the top of the conference, in strong position to make the playoffs. Instead, they are left wondering what might have been.

"Individually, we're a very talented team, but for whatever reason, we just find it easier to put it together at home than on the road," Culbertson said.

The Belles will look to rebound from Wednesday's 3-2 loss to Hope, their second in their last three games.

"We played a good game against Hope, and we're disappointed we lost, but we're focused on playing a big game on Saturday," Heline said.

The Belles will receive some extra motivation knowing that this weekend's game against Calvin represents the last home game for the team's seven seniors.

"The seniors are tremendous leaders; they've turned the Saint Mary's soccer program completely around," Helinesaid. "We went from being a consistent last place finisher to competing for first every year. I don't even know how to put into words the great things they've done."

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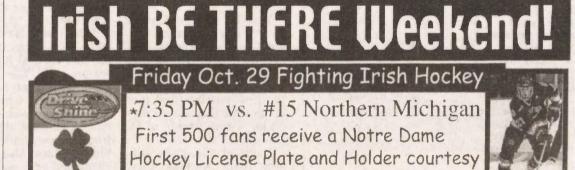
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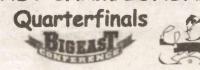
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1	Wisconsin	GL	418
2	Stanford	W	401
3	Colorado	. M	388
4	Arkansas	SC	387
5	NOTRE DAME	GL	359
6	Cal Poly	W	346
7	Georgetown	MA	325
7	Michigan	GL	325
9	Arizona State	W	308
10	BYU	M	300
11	Florida State	S	274
12	Air Force	M	272
13	Indiana	GL	240
14	Butler	GL	237
15	lona	NE	220
16	North Carolina State	SE	212
17	Colorado State	M	186
18	Villanova	MA	178
19	Minnesota	MW	173
20	Florida	S	142
21	Oklahoma State	MW	134
22	Providence	NE	133
23	New Mexico	M	123
24	Northern Arizona	M	102
25	Central Michigan	GL	75

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1	Stanford	W	390
2	Providence	NE	376
3	Colorado	MT	364
4	Michigan	GL	349
5	Duke	SE	336
6	NOTRE DAME	GL	329
7	North Carolina	SE	308
7	Arizona State	W	302
9	Missouri	MW	285
10	North Carolina State	SE	267
11	Michigan State	GL	248
12	BYU -	MT	244
13	Southern Methodist		236
14	Tennessee	S	225
15	Villanova	MA	214
16	UC-Santa Barbara	W	189
17	Georgia	S	178
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19	Princeton	MA	151
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	team	record
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3	Michigan	4-1-1
4	North Dakota	4-1-1
5	Wisconsin	4-0-0
6	Minnesota	3-2-0
7	Maine	4-3-0
8	Colorado College	4-0-0
9	New Hampshire	3-1-1
10	Miami	4-2-0
11	Denver	3-2-0
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13	Ohio State	4-2-0
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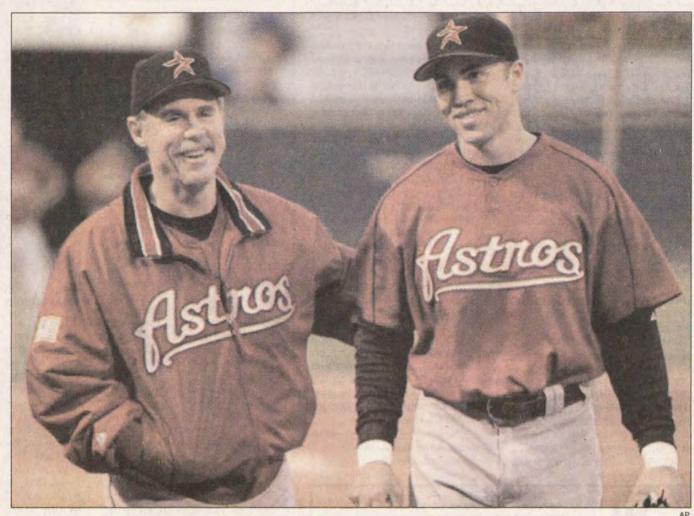
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MLB



Houston Astros manager Phil Garner, left, shares a moment with Astros outfielder Carlos Beltran during warmups at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Oct. 21. Beltran was among 65 players to file for free agency.

Key players enter free-agent market

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Carlos Beltran got off to a fast start in the free-agent market,

After hitting eight homers for the Houston Astros to tie the postseason record, the speedy center fielder was among 65 players who filed for free agency Thursday on the first possible day, just hours after Boston completed its historic sweep of St. Louis in the World Series.

Acquired during the season from Kansas City, Beltran has said he would consider re-signing with the Astros if they keep the core of the team together.

"I experienced being on a team where they don't do

anything to help the ballclub," Beltran said. "One of my priorities if I stay with this ballclub will be keeping the young guys ... our young players have potential to be real good."

Beltran; who is represented by Scott Boras, could get the biggest deal of the off-

Dodgers third baseman Adrian Beltre, who led the major leagues with 48 home runs, also filed along with Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley. Beltre, also a Boras client, had arthroscopic surgery Thursday to remove two large bone spurs from his left ankle.

"Obviously there's a lot of interest in those guys," Boras said. "We're getting a

lot of calls, so we thought we'd file.'

Also filing Thursday were Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado, Chicago White Sox outfielder Magglio Ordonez, Minnesota right-hander Radke and Brad Philadelphia right-hander Kevin Millwood.

While the Red Sox have 17 players potentially eligible for free agency, a group that includes Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek and Orlando Cabrera. Backup outfielder Gabe Kapler was the only player to file Thursday. Players may file through Nov. 11 and start negotiating money with any of the other 29 teams the following day.

Cardinals right-hander Chris Carpenter, sidelined mid-September because of nerve damage in his right biceps, filed conditionally. St. Louis must decide whether to exercise a \$2 million option for 2005.

Florida right-hander Carl Pavano and Philadelphia left-hander Eric Milton are among the other starting pitchers eligible to file.

Preliminary talks figure to start Nov. 8, when general managers gather for a week of meetings in Key Biscayne, Fla. The New York Yankees ended three days of high-level meetings in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday as they prepared for the offseason.

IN BRIEF

Texas' Francisco faces a lesser charge

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers reliever Frank Francisco will face a misdemeanor assault charge rather than a felony for breaking a woman's nose when he threw a chair into the stands during a game.

He has no record. He threw a plastic chair. It's not a gun. It's not a knife," Alameda County Senior Deputy District Attorney Norbert Chu said Thursday, explaining his deci-

While Francisco still faces a maximum three years' probation and one year in county jail, if convicted, he escaped the three years in state prison connected to a felony conviction. A misdemeanor charge also means that Francisco does not have to appear in court for some proceedings, including the initial arraignment, Chu said.

Francisco threw the chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during a Rangers-Oakland Athletics game Sept. 13.

He hit Jennifer Bueno, whose husband, Craig, was part of a group of fans heckling the Rangers before the fracas. The couple's attorney, J. Gary William, said he expected such an outcome.

Mauresmo, Sugiyama reach quarterfinals

LINZ, Austria - Top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo reached the quarterfinals of the Generali Ladies Open by beating Polish teenager Marta Domachovska 6-4, 6-0 Thursday.

Defending champion Ai Sugiyama also advanced, cruising past Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-1 to set up a match against Mauresmo.

Mauresmo, briefly ranked No. 1 this year and now No. 2, withdrew from recent tournaments in Zurich and Moscow because of a groin injury and played Thursday with her right thigh taped.

But Mauresmo said she "was not hindered at all."

In other action, Meghann Shaughnessy of the United States beat qualifier Julia Schruff 7-5, 6-2 and will play 2003 runner-up Nadia

Petrova in the quarterfinals.

Pacers pick up option on Jones, waive three rookies

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers exercised their option for reserve guard Fred Jones on Thursday, extending his contract with the team through the 2005-06 season. He will become a restricted free agent at that time.

Jones, a first-round draft pick out of Oregon in 2002, averaged 4.2 points in his first two seasons with

The Pacers also waived rookie guard Rashad Wright, their secondround pick out of Georgia, and rookie free agents Randy Holcomb (F, San Diego State) and Desmon Farmer (G, Southern California).

MEN'S SWIMMING

Welsh hopes squad will rise to challange

By ANN LOUGHERY Sports Writer

This weekend's meets will measure more than just speed for the Irish.

Notre Dame travels to Utah this weekend, first facing Utah today and No. 22 Brigham Young on Saturday in the team's second meet of the sea-

Coach Tim Welsh anticipates that swimming at a higher altitude in front of a home crowd will allow Notre Dame to gauge their resilience in the face of adversity.

"We're hoping to satisfy our curiosity this weekend," Welsh said. "We've been training extremely well and every thing we see is positive. We're pretty balanced; we have some strong swimmers in each event. What we don't know is if we're fast enough.

Welsh emphasized that the change in altitude will likely provide one of the most demanding challenges for the Irish this weekend. Notre Dame's opponents are used to training above sea level and coping with the effects of the thinner air.

The Irish hope to match the success they enjoyed three weeks ago at the Dennis Stark Relays. Notre Dame used a mix of explosive youth and consistent veterans to win the meet 157-55 point victory in the dual meet against Evansville.

Sophomores Ted Brown (400-meter individual medley,

200-meter butterfly) and Louis Cavadini (50-meter and 100meter freestyle), senior captain Matt Bertke (200-meter freestyle), juniors. Doug Bauman (200-meter backstroke), Patrick Davis (500meter freestyle) and Tyler Grenda (200-meter breaststroke) all raced to individual victories for the Irish.

The diving team showed its promise as well, led by freshman Sam Stoner's victory on the 1-meter board and sophomore Scott Coyle's win on the 3-meter board. Welsh praised the divers for solid perform-

Both Irish swimmers and divers will encounter their share of challenges this weekend from their competitors. Utah's 500-meter free relay, 200-meter free relay and 100meter individual medley relay demonstrated their potential with wins at the university's Beehive Relay.

Brigham Young's sophomore Chay Jung Jun looks to be a legitimate threat in the 100 backstroke. 100-meter freestyle and 200-meter freestyle, while senior Scott Randall looks to excel in diving.

Despite the talented competition Notre Dame will face this weekend, Welsh said the Irish are focusing on their individual performances instead of their

We want to be aggressive and unified in our approach,"

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish compete in Big Easts today

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Sports Writer

The Irish look to continue what has been a successful season to this point when they compete in the Big East Championships today. The Irish have displayed consistency all year, which will be a huge positive for them going into the race.

Both the men and women face tough opposition in Boston this weekend, as they will be racing against several competitive teams.

The men, who are currently ranked fifth in the nation, will have to face a slew of ranked opponents

Georgetown heads into the race ranked seventh, Villanova is ranked 18th and Providence is ranked 22nd.

The women do not have it much easier. Ranked sixth in the nation, the women will have to face Providence and Villanova, among others. According to one poll, Providence is ranked second going into the race, and Villanova is ranked 18th.

As their rankings indicate, both the men and women have performed extremely well all season.

Both teams finished first in National Catholic the Championships, and then against stiffer competition, the men took second in the ND Invitational while the women took third.

On Oct. 16, both teams again finished second in the Pre-National Championships.

The only team that the Irish have had consistent trouble



Notre Dame will compete in the Big East Championships today. The Irish women are ranked sixth in the nation going into the race.

beating this year has been Stanford, who finished ahead in both the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Championships.

The Irish have been led by a solid group of runners all sea-

For the men, sophomore Kurt Benninger has placed in the top 10 twice already, taking eighth in the Pre-Nationals and second in the Notre Dame Invitational. Benninger has clearly been a major reason for the men's success all year.

On the women's side, Molly Huddle has been a model of consistency this season with a third-place finish in the PreNationals and a second-place finish in the Notre Dame

The Irish women have had a lot of success in this race. They are two-time defending champions, and last year, Huddle finished third in the event leading a pack of Irish runners, Kerry Meagher, Lauren King and Stephanie Madia, who all finished in the

King won the race in 2002.

The race will begin today at 11 a.m. for the men and 11:50 a.m. for the women.

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Women's Interhall Football Playoffs

No. 2 Welsh Fam meets No. 7 Breen-Phillips Sunday

By MIKE LASKEY, MIKE TENNANT, PETER **CRAOCHIOLO AND** THOMAS BARR

Sports Writers

For Breen-Phillips, merely qualifying for postseason play is not good enough. The seventh-seeded Babes will look to shake up the playoff bracket this weekend when they take on the second-seeded Welsh Family Whirlwinds. The game is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday at the McGlinn Fields.

Babes captain Jaimie Feltault is excited at the prospect of playing spoiler.

"We're coming in as under-dogs. It's a make or break situation," Feltault said

The Babes find their team slightly hobbled heading into the playoffs, losing several players to injury and finishing the regular season with two tough losses and a tie.

"We've improved on some of our weaknesses," Feltault said. "We're going to have to keep our defense strong. A lot of our players are still improving, and we have some players back from injuries."

Both the Babes and the Whirlwinds have found themselves in a similar situation before, as the teams have squared off in the playoffs several times over the past few seasons

"We've had a good rivalry with them the past few years," Feltault said. "We're looking to have this one end our way.

In what could potentially be her final interhall football

game, the senior Feltault is not ready to hang up the spikes just yet.

No. 3 Walsh vs. No. 6 Pasquerilla West

It'll be a devil of a rematch Sunday as the Wild Women and the Weasels square off in the opening round of the play-

Walsh and Pasquerilla West battled to a 6-6 tie early on in the season in a defensive struggle where both teams failed to convert on their extra points.

But Weasels captain Abby Nerlinger is confident this game will be different.

"When we played them, it was our first game of season, and that makes a difference,' the Weasel senior said.

The Wild Women will be dealing with a different Pasquerilla West team this time around, as the Weasels have since found a quarterback in junior Heather Van Hoegarden.

'I'm confident our offense will be strong," Nerlinger ... We have some of the best receivers in the league.

Van Hoegarden's targets will include sophomore Maureen Spring and junior Brenna Mannion, both of whom are having good seasons at wide receiver.

The Walsh offense will be led by freshman quarterback Mary Sullivan, and will certainly be looking to reach the end zone often.

'Scoring is always a key," captain Carrie Campbell said.

Campbell is also confident

her defense will set the tone

"Our defense is really good at gaining momentum, and our offense keeps up the energy," the senior Wild Woman

Leading the Walsh defense will be senior cornerback Katie Hesmond. Hesmond and company have only allowed two teams to score on them all season, one of which was Pasquerilla West in the Wild Women's second game of the season

The Weasels defense has been impressive as well, thanks to strong play from their line and a superb season from senior linebacker Gina

The Wild Women finished the season strong, winning their last four games after tying the first two, gaining the third seed in the playoffs. Meanwhile, the Weasels have worked their way to a 3-1-2 record, leaving them with a

No. 4 Pangborn vs. No. 5

Pangborn has a game plan to continue its success this

The Phoxes only tie has come from this weekend's opponent Lyons. Pangborn's inability to shutdown Lyons earlier this season has forced them to re-evaluate its strate-

"We really need to contain Traci Kazmerski, their quarterback and captain. We've been watching their games, and we know her best receivers," Pangborn captain Katie Murray said, "We've

been working on a defense to . stop her, and we just need

implement it."

According to the Phoxes, Kazmerski is the loudest roar that the Lions can boast, but stopping her will be hard work. Pangborn has not forgotten about its only tie this season. Murrary believes her team's offense developed gradually throughout the season, but especially after the

"Our offense was a little slow coming off, but it has built up very nicely," Murray said. "It started to turn around during the first Lyons game. I'd say that if the game had gone on we would have

Despite what has happened in the past, the future of the seasons lies in Sunday's match up. Not only is Murray confident in the offensive attributes of her team, but the defense looks solid as well.

"I think our defense has been strong pretty much all season. Our tackling is dead-on most the time," Murray

With the generally strong defense plus the changes implemented to contain Lyons quarterback, Pangborn should be all set. However, it doesn't stop there. Pangborn has weapons.

"Mary Davis, our receiver, has unbelievable hands, she can catch just about anything," Murray said, "Trish Conneely and Brynn Johnson are our key running-backs as

With Davis going deep as well as Conneely and Johnson running the ball, Lyons should definitely feel threatened.

No. 1 Cavanaugh vs. No. 8 Badin

In many occasions the first seed is expected to breeze through the first round, but this matchup between the undefeated Cavanaugh Chaos and the eighth seeded Badin Bullfrogs looks to be different.

Neither team is taking this game lightly as there is a bit of a rivalry between them. Although this is their first meeting of the season, they have played in the playoffs the last few seasons.

In the last meeting between these teams the Bullfrogs knocked the Chaos out of the

The Bullfrogs, led by captain Stephanie Heath, ended the season 3-3 and realize they are up for a challenge. They know it will be a tough game and realize that a key to stopping the Chaos is to somehow keep their solid receiving corps in check

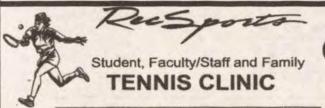
They do not run a set defense every week but adjust to opponents' offenses. They are similarly adaptable on the offensive side of the ball.

Despite missing a few key players for undisclosed reasons, Heath expects her squad to step up and give the clutch performance that a game of this magnitude against a team of this caliber requires.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look to reverse woes

By JUSTIN STETZ Sports Writer

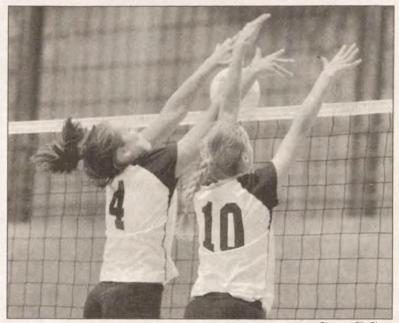
Beginning today Saint Mary's will play its final four games of the regular season. The Belles are currently on a five-game losing streak matching their longest skid since beginning the season 0-5. Their recent lapse has dropped their regular season record to 5-15 overall.

Saint Mary's will travel to Illinois to partake in the Benedictine Tournament, a twoday trip which pits the Belles against four non-conference teams. So far this season, the Belles have played four teams outside of their league and have yet to win. The Belles will take on Monmouth College beginning at 4 p.m. The Fighting Scots come into the contest with a record of 17-10.

Saint Mary's did not play Monmouth last year and will have its hands full against a very good volleyball team.

Following the match, the Belles will have little time for rest as they immediately take the court again against Clarke College at 8 p.m. The Crusaders are only 5-28 this year.

At the conclusion of tonight's games, Saint Mary's will be at it once again on Saturday to finish up the last two matches of the tournament. At 10 a.m., the Belles will play Benedictine University, the tournament's host. The Eagles have had an up-and-down season until now, winning their first four and then dropping seven of their next nine. They are currently 16-14 on the year.



Elise Rupright, left, will be crucial to the Belles if they are going to reverse their five-game losing streak this weekend.

Their final match begins at noon and the Belles will be facing one of their most difficult opponents of the year. The Big Blue of Millikin College are 24-8 this year, and Saint Mary's must bring its best game if it hopes to have a shot at coming away with

Saint Mary's will be relying on players such as Michelle Turley, Elise Rupright and Shelly Bender to lead the team's offense. The Belles will look to Anne Cusack to continue her dominance on defense. She leads the team with 323 digs. Teammate Amanda David should also help the defense after accumulating 131 digs this

At the completion of the

Benedictine Tournament, the Belles will begin the MIAA Tournament which begins on Tuesday. The games have yet to be determined, but Saint Mary's, who finished seventh in the league, will probably face Kalamazoo College who currently resides in third place in the conference.

This weekend's tournament will hopefully give the Belles a chance to polish up their game and tie up any loose ends that still remain. It is vital they finish the season strong if they hope to have any chance at making a run in the conference tournament.

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SMC Cross Country

Belles' season comes down to MIAA race

By ANNA FRICANO Sports Writer

Saturday will determine the Belles' fate in the MIAA standings, as the Saint Mary's cross country team will travel to Calvin College to compete in

the conference championship.
The team finished sixth place at its only other conference race this year, the MIAA Jamboree. In order to achieve a fourth place spot in the final standings, the Belles will need to have one of their best performances of the season. Albion, Kalamazoo and Alma will all prove to be obstacles for Saint Mary's to overcome.

Coach Dave Barstis knows that the team has a challenge ahead.

"If we can beat Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo can beat Alma, we'll finish fourth overall in the standings," Barstis

Saint Mary's is poised and ready to capitalize on any opportunity that the Belles have to move up in the conference standings. Freshman Megan Gray is confident in her team's ability to compete on Saturday.

'All of the workouts ... and especially the hill workouts ... have made us stronger runners. At this point, the potential is there, we just have to relax and run," Gray said.

Senior and co-captain Risa Zander also has high hopes as well as high expectations for her fellow teammates.

For the seniors on the team, this Saturday may mark the final cross-country meet of their collegiate careers.

Zander, along with co-captain Elizabeth Commers and senior runners Sara Dunn, Ashley LaLonde, Aubrey Szany and Kristin Zaininger will all run in their final team competition. Although the top seven runners in the conference race will go on to compete in the regional meet, Saturday will be the last time that the entire 2004 team will run together. Zander looks upon her final race with the team as something to remember.

"Being a part of this team is going to be one of the things that I will miss most about Saint Mary's, if not the single most," Zander said.

There would be no better way for the ladies to finish off their four years than with yet another step up the ladder in the MIAA Conference stand-

After finishing sixth place in the 2003 season, their highest finish since running in their first championship in 1998, the entire team is ready to again improve upon their performance and again make history for Saint Mary's.

The team will travel to Calvin with this goal in mind, as well as the potential to make it a reality.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Carroll looks to bounce back against Fisher

By JOHN EVERETT, TOM DORWART, ANNA FRICANO AND RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA Sports Writer

The playoffs are a welcome novelty for Carroll, but they are not about to relax now.

Carroll finished the regular season with an impressive 3-1 record which included a defeat of two-time defending champion Siegfried and a victory over a very tough Fisher squad. However Carroll heads into the first-round with a bit of disappointment surrounding them. The Vermin lost a chance to finish the season undefeated when they were crushed 34-13 by previously winless Sorin.

In that finale, the Carroll offense performed miserably, and the Otters made them pay for it. Two of Kory Wilmot's passes resulted in Sorin touchdowns

Once the Vermin were so far behind, their offense was forced to pass on just about every play, limiting their effectiveness. Carroll will be looking to return to its earlier, more productive form Sunday.

Knott had an up-and-down season, and managed to sneak into the playoff picture at 2-2. This fact, however, does not mean that Carroll, or any other interhall team, can afford to take the Juggs lightly. When Knott plays at its best, they can look like a truly difficult team to beat.

The Juggs feature an especially potent rushing attack, with both John Lyons and Joe McCarthy capable of carving through the defense. Quarterback Justin Gillett is also a threat to run, and provides the passing game to balance out the offense.

The job of stopping Carroll from scoring will fall into the hands of the very capable Knott defense, led by an outstanding defensive line. Defensive tackle Justin Cheers has been racking up the sacks this season and is a disruptive force at all times.

If Carroll hopes to continue its dream season with a playoff win Wilmot's passes must wind up in the capable hands of the Vermin's receiver core, led by Kyle Kownacki and Mike Versagli. Knott will be hoping to show people that they are better than their record. It should make for an interesting battle.

No. 1 Keenan vs. No. 8

Morrissey
Each sitting at 1-0 at the time, the Keenan Knights and Morrissey Manorites battled in a back-and-forth game full of turnovers, in the second game of the interhall season five weeks ago.

Keenan prevailed 18-7. Somehow, the Keenan captain and coach knew his team would see the Manorites again.

"We had a feeling we were going to see them again," Patrick Downey said.

The second time around happens to be in the first round of the single elimination playoffs. First-seeded Keenan (4-0) clashes with eighth-seeded Morrissey (1-2-1) Sunday at 1 p.m. at Stepan fields.

Downey recognizes the Knights' need to handle the pigskin much better than they did in their first meeting with Morrissey.

"In the first game, we turned the ball over four times. In the playoffs, we know that is just not going to cut it. We got away with it before, but we have to eliminate the mistakes. Hopefully we've worked all the bugs out," Downey said.

The Knights ride a four-game winning streak into the matchup, while the Manorites squeak into the contest after edging Stanford for the final spot in the playoffs.

"The playoffs are a whole new season. Anything can happen," Morrissey captain and wide receiver Aaron Ronsheim said. "We were disappointed after the last game [with Keenan]. We're using it as motivation."

After falling in quadruple overtime in the semifinals of last year's playoffs, the Knights remember what it feels like to be one game away from playing in Notre Dame Stadium and lose a nail-biter.

"We definitely have that haunting us. We were really close last year," Downey said. "We've got a little extra motivation."

While neither team has played for at least two weeks because of fall break, Keenan's layoff has been three weeks because of a bye before fall break.

"There's been some rust, but we've had a good week of practice," Downey said. "In the regular season, you can afford some hiccups but not in the playoffs."

Both teams boast balanced offenses, and both teams show-case formidable defenses.

"Our team begins and ends with our defense. We rely on them. Once we have a lead, we feel really good about our chances. Our defense has only given up two touchdowns this year and no sustained drives," Downey said.

"We've been intense lately. We're flying around," Morrissey captain Ronsheim said. "We're a lot better than a month ago."

As Morrissey looks for revenge and Keenan looks to cast aside the frustration of last year's quadruple overtime semifinal loss, this first round meeting is huge.

No. 4 Fisher vs. No. 5 Siegfried This Sunday on the South field at 1 p.m., Siegfried and Fisher will be playing in the first round of the interhall playoffs.

Both teams have won three games, but each team also has one loss going into this game. Now that it is time for the playoffs, each game is much more important.

"We're trying to get more guys out to practice," Fisher captain Jerremy Morene said. "[We are] preparing, like every game, to win. They throw the ball a lot, and we're preparing for that"

Last year when Fisher and Siegfried faced each other, Fisher came out on top with a tight score of 10-7.

"They are defending champs," Morene said. "They are tough competition. We know it's not impossible to beat them. It can be done."

Some of the players on the Fisher team that have been playing well this year are quarterback Pat Gotebeski, running back and linebacker Andy Pfister and linebacker Tom Bufalino.

"Our whole offense has done good this year," Morene said. "[They are] playing like a unit and giving the quarterback time."

This game is a deciding game on who will continue on in the playoffs. This game is very essential to both teams because whoever loses does not get to continue on.

"[We've] got to go out and play like every other game," Morene said. "Go out and win."

No. 3 Dillon vs. No. 6 Alumni

At first glance, this weekend's matchup between the No. 3 and No. 6 ranked teams in the men's interhall playoff bracket is just that — a playoff game. But intangibles give any game a whole new, unique spin. Especially considering the two teams are neighbors, Dillon (2-0-2) and Alumni (2-1-1), heated rivals whose last regular season game ended in a 6-6 tie.

In a strange coincidence, the Dawgs and the Big Red find themselves facing each other again on Sunday for the first game of the playoffs. This time, though, the stakes have been raised and only one team can take that crucial first step towards being one game away from playing in Notre Dame Stadium

"Our team is obviously pretty pumped about playing Dillon again," Alumni captain A.J. Remen said. "It's always been a big rivalry and everyone is going to be going out there and, on both sides of the ball, giving 110%. Everyone played their hearts out last game and it ended up in a tie. But, unfortunately, someone's got to go home with a loss this game and hopefully it's Dillon."

Although Dillon has the advantage with a zero in the losses column, Alumni holds the distinction of being the only team to score on the tough Dillon defense all year. The Dawgs hope to replicate that success for this Sunday.

"Their defense is a pretty solid defense," Remen said. "They've been good basically all year. So obviously our biggest concern is being able to put points on the board against their tough defense. And offensively, [our biggest concern is] trying to get our offense into a little better rhythm so that we're a little smoother as far as precision in running routes and blocking."

Facing a challenge to their defense in their last game, Dillon hopes to set the tone early defensively in Sunday's game and channel the mentality that has served them well throughout the season.

"We're not changing much from what's worked for us in the past," Dillon captain Mike Roaldi said. "We know what we saw from them last time so that gives us a little bit of heads up. But we'll try getting to the quarterback and get a few sacks early as well as first stopping the run and making them throw the ball, which is what we did last time."

But no matter how much tension there is in this matchup, one simple fact remains. In the playoffs, the win or go home mentality takes a whole new importance, no matter who the opponent is.

"Once you're in the playoffs, that stuff goes out the window," Roaldi said. "If you can't get excited about a playoff game, you shouldn't be playing. We're looking for a tough game with four tough quarters."

The Big Red and the Dawgs face off at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Riehle West field.

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Notre Dame will also be looking to continue its positive momentum after defeating then-No. 1 Boston College Oct. 22 by the score of 3-2. Notre Dame's upset win knocked the Eagles to No. 2 this week, and moved Minnesota Duluth to the No. 1 spot, prompting Poulin to jokingly say that the Irish are "the only team in the country that's played two number one teams already."

One crucial part of Notre Dame's success against the Eagles was the play of senior goalie Morgan Cey. Cey was rewarded for his 50-save performance with a bevy of weekly awards, including being named the CCHA goaltender of the week and the USCHO/ITECH defensive player of the week.

"It's all starting to come together for Morgan," Poulin said. "I think his freshman year he came in with a lot of raw talent but wasn't quite as strong as he needed to be, and had to take some time to feel that out. Sophomore year the team struggled in front of him. Junior year he had to deal with injuries, and I think the culmination of all the hard work he's done is really starting to pay off now."

Cey's play has been especially impressive at home, where the goalie has a tie against Minnesota Duluth also to his credit. The Irish as a whole seem to play better at the Joyce Center, and Poulin hopes to use his team's home ice this weekend as an advantage.

"We've created a really nice advantage in this building over the years," he said. "We're comfortable here and get to practice here everyday — a lot of teams aren't able to practice in their buildings every day. We've been able to maximize what we have to work with."



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Notre Dame's Mike Walsh skates the puck up ice against Minnesota Duluth in a game Oct. 7.

Among the players who played well at home last week was sophomore defenseman Wes O'Neill, who Poulin singled out as one of the best players so far this season. The stats back up the coach's assessment — O'Neill leads the team in scoring with five points [one goal and four assists] and tied for second on the team with a plus-1 rating through the first five games.

"He keeps getting better and better," Poulin said about O'Neill. "I thought the BC game was one of the best games he's played in an Irish uniform, and he's played some good ones."

Defense is a key part of Northern Michigan's team, as well. The Wildcat defense has held opponents to just 1.75 goals per game, with its goalies amassing a combined .949 save percentage.

Defenseman Nathan Oystrick is considered one of the top blueliners in the country, and leads the team with a plus-2 rating. Offensively the Wildcats are led by Jamie Milam's six points (two goals, four assists).

Coming into the season, Northern Michigan's biggest question mark was in net after the graduation of workhorse Craig Kowalski. But senior Tuomas Tarkki and freshman Bill Zaniboni have each been impressive between the pipes so far.

"[Northern Michigan] is fast, skilled and good," Poulin said. "Their strength is really at the defense position and we have to get to the defense and force them to get rid of the puck early because all of their defensemen can really handle the puck well."

The Irish face the Wildcats tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center, and face Northern Michigan Saturday with the face-off scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish get ready to host UConn

By MATT PUGLISI Sports Writer

The No. 5 Irish (12-2-2, 7-1-1 in the Big East) hope to avoid a let-down after securing their first regular season conference title since beginning Big East play in 1995 when they welcome No. 21 Connecticut (8-6-2, 4-3-1) to Alumni Field Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

While they have already locked up the Big East, with two regular season games and the Big East Championships in the near future and the NCAA Tournament on the horizon, the Irish need every win they can get to ensure a top ranking come national tournament time.

"It's very important that we win as many remaining games as we can because ... you want to be one of the top four seeds in the country [going into the NCAA Tournament]," coach Bobby Clark said.

Hosting elimination games at Alumni Field and not being forced to travel to an opponent's turf offers a number of advantages for the Irish.

"[Being a top-four seed] means that the team can stay and prepare at home here in South Bend," Clark said.

A victory Saturday night would mark the first time in program history the Irish have won eight conference games in a single season — they posted seven Big East victories in 2001.

Fighting for a position in the Big East Championships slated to start begin Nov. 6, Connecticut finds itself in need of conference points — in a tournament where the top four Big East finishers host a first round match, the Huskies currently occupy the sev-

Behind a pair of second half goals from leading scorers Justin Detter and Devon Prescod, the Irish knocked the Huskies out of the Big East Championship quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory at Alumni Field last November. While most students used fall break for some much-needed rest and relaxation, the Irish were busy securing the Big East on a three-game conference road trip.

Notre Dame kicked off the make-or-break trip with a 1-1 tie against No. 10 St. John's Oct. 16. The Irish struck first when midfielder Ian Etherington's corner kick found the far corner of the net 21 minutes, eight seconds into the contest.

The Red Storm fired back just over 45 minutes later when a 20-yard blast from forward Matt Groenwald beat Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and knotted the game at 1-1.

While the St. John's tally broke both Sawyer's 618-minute scoreless streak and his six-game shutout run, the draw allowed the Irish to remain atop the Big East standings.

The Irish followed the tie against the Red Storm with a 1-0 victory over No. 17 Seton Hall Oct. 20 to move one step closer to the regular season conference title.

After playing 80 minutes of scoreless soccer, the Irish finally broke through on a goal created by a pair of freshmen in Lapira and classmate Alex Yoshinaga.

Needing a victory to lock up the conference, the Irish finished off the trip — and the Big East — with yet another shutout in a 1-0 victory over Rutgers last Saturday.

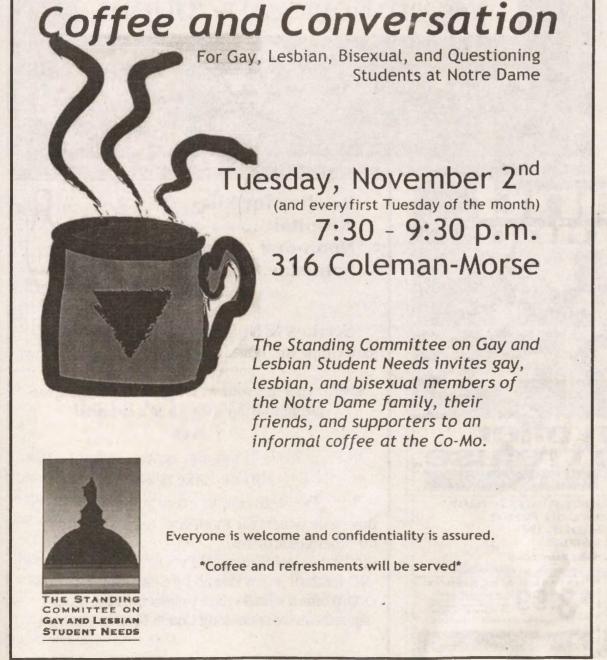
Senior midfielder Luke Boughen put the Irish in front at the 36:31 mark, tallying what would be the game's lone score.

Following the goal, the Irish defense once again reigned supreme, limiting Scarlet Knight chances to provide the equalizer.

Although Notre Dame netted only a trio of goals in three games over break, Clark was more than happy with the trip's results.

After battling the Huskies Saturday, the Irish welcome Michigan State to Alumni Field Tuesday to conclude the regular season.

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"I'm not going to take any credit away from their quarterback," Irish cornerback Dwight Ellick said.

"He found open receivers and he definitely hit them when they were open. At the same time I think some of those plays were because of us not doing our responsibility.

The Notre Dame secondary has been a bit of an anomaly this season. The team held Michigan and its vaunted receivers to just 240 yards through the air and one touchdown, but could not stop Heisman candidate Kyle Orton

Purdue, Boilermakers sliced through the team's defense for 413 yards passing and four touchdowns.

"Right now I don't think we're playing our best game,' Irish secondary coach Steven Wilks said. "We're in position at times and not making plays; we're not breaking on the ball as we should.

"A lot of times we're playing too far off on first down and giving up the hitch [route] and that's just something that we can't do; we've got to mix our coverages up, and one thing we've got to do for sure is make tackles.'

Perhaps the most-noticeable miscue by the Notre Dame secondary Saturday came late in the fourth quarter in the and getting the defense on the middle of Boston College's game-winning scoring drive.

and

facing fourth-and-13 Peterson had "You know that plenty of time eventually they're to find a widegoing to complete a few Larry open Lester on the right sideline passes, and you've got to step up after that." for a 17-yard pass, giving Boston College Tom Zbikowski

Irish safety

helping Eagles gain some positive momentum in the hostile road environment.

a much-needed

first down and

"We were really honing in on getting that play stopped

field so we could win the game," Irish safety Tom With 1:33 left in the game Zbikowski said. "When that

> happens you've just got to regroup that's football.

'You know that eventually they're going to complete a few passes, and you've got to step up after that."

Irish The pass defense

- like the rest of the team has a much needed bye week to work out its fundamental problems and get ready for Tennessee and its quick-strike

passing offense led by talented freshman quarterback Erik

Further down the road is USC and another Heisman hopeful in quarterback Matt

'We've got to go back this week and work on our fundamentals - working on anticipating the hitch and the slant [routes]," Wilks said.

"All that stuff is what we're going to see against Tennessee - that quick passing game.

"It gives you an opportunity to go back and work on the basics, and that's really what we've been focusing on this week.'

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Revenge

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In addition to her goal, it was not long for Buczkowski to register an assist for the Irish. She sent the ball 35 yards to the left side of the box for Katie Thorlakson in the 29th minute of play, which gave the Irish a

2-0 lead going into the half.
"We didn't have too many things to correct after the first half," Waldrum said. "Their [Irish] mentality was let's make this five or six during the half. But we never felt they had put

the game out of reach and came out with the intensity in " second the half.

Halfway through the second period, freshman Amanda

Cinalli set up an assist to Candace Chapman in the center of the box and scored her ninth goal of the season and third in two games.

"Our main focus was to beat Michigan. What happened last year was a big motivation. It is always better to get a quick start and stop them early," Chapman said. "A quick goal definitely stopped their momentum."

The momentum clearly was continuing for the Irish as they were once again able to break through the defense once again to score the fourth and final goal of the contest.

In the 73rd minute of the match, Cinalli took a pass from Thorlakson and dribbled the ball towards the left side of the box. Cinalli then sent the ball back to Thorlakson who took and scored in the upper left corner of the net for the 4-0 victory.

On Sunday, the Irish will begin postseason play in the Big East Tournament at Alumni Field. Although the Irish are the regular season Big East champions, the team remains cautiously confident.

"They [Big East opponents] are all good teams on any given day. It is not going to be an easy run through the tournament," Waldrum said. "It is difficult because you have to prove yourself again.'

Notre Dame enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed and will face No. 8 St. John's in the opening round. Despite the 4-6 record St. John's holds against conference competition, the Irish remember the last time these two teams met and are not looking past the program's intensity and competitiveness.

"St. John's is fully capable of beating us if we are not ready to play," Waldrum said. "They are very strong defensively and competitive. They didn't have a lot of star players last season, but they had enough of a fight-ing spirit to make it difficult for us to play them.

Adding to the difficulty is the Red Storm are the only remaining team the Irish have not played this season in the Big East. Despite this challenge, Waldrum believes this will only help the team to remain focused for this weekend's matchup.

"We've got a good idea of who their key people are, "We are at that point of Waldrum the year where we have

learned our mistakes

from last year"

Randy Waldrum

Irish coach

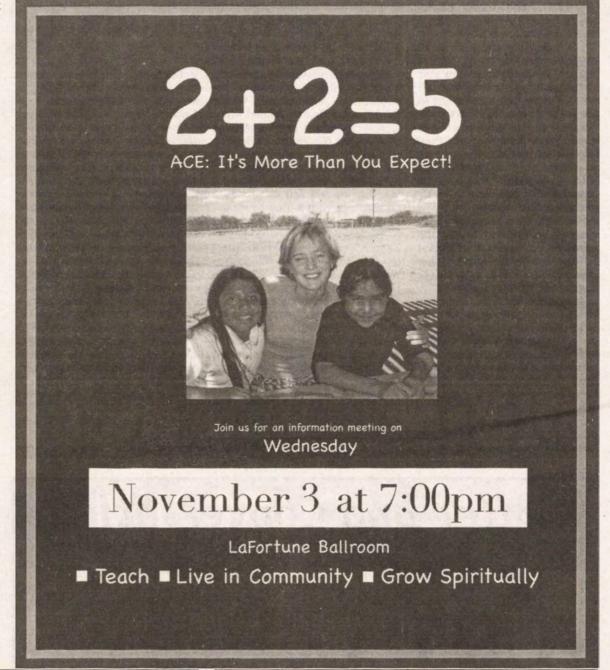
said "Tomorrow we are going review those things and use the time Saturday to

prepare. In preparations for the first game of the postseason, the Irish are fully aware of their ability and have learned from last season to not look past each game.

"We are at that point of the year where we have learned our mistakes from last year," Waldrum said

"So the team is just continuing to focus on what is the next step, St. John's."

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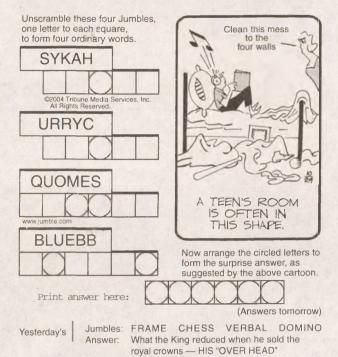






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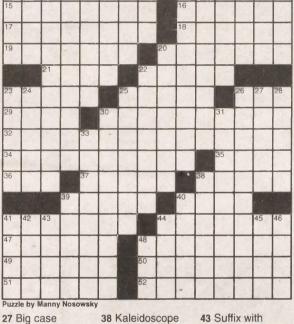
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Happy Birthday: So many things are happening this year. You will have to hang on and do your best in order to accomplish the most. This won't be a year of rest, but can be progressive if you don't procrastinate or let others slow you down. Your numbers are 10, 13, 17, 22, 35, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be thinking clearly when regarding your position and the direction you want to take. Nothing should stop you from checking out the possibilities. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional matters may escalate but, if you are prepared to handle the situation, you will clear matters up quickly. Trust in your own abilities. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dig deep to get to the bottom of any situation you face. Someone may be holding back vital information. Don't trust a fellow

you face. Someone may be holding back vital information. Don't trust a fellow colleague or friend to cover for you.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The more accepting you are, the better you will do today. Your wisdom and good sense will allow you to make a difference to an organization you decide to help. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take a moment to realize what everyone else is doing. You don't want to go against the grain, but you also don't want to be a part of something that may not be totally honest. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can do whatever you want by using your creative imagination to accomplish your goals in a cost-efficient way. You'll stir up interest if you are vocal about your ideas. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Invest more time and effort into moneymaking ideas or property. You will be able to adjust your lifestyle to suit your budget

ideas or property. You will be able to adjust your lifestyle to suit your budget if you give up some luxuries you don't really need. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sudden romantic infatuations may confuse you today. If something or someone appears to be too good to be true, back off. Time is on your side, so use your head. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your colleagues or friends will have interesting ideas for you. Don't let children or social events take priority when there is work to be done. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Count on a social event turning into a profitable affair. Love is in the picture and you will enjoy the company of someone special. Children may play a role in your life. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't count on anything and you won't be disappointed. Take a closer look at your present situation and prepare to make changes that will better suit your lifestyle. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can have it all if you are prepared to make changes and pursue the skills you require to follow through with your plans. You will be introduced to someone special. ****

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Birthday Baby: You are strong, dependable and will always contribute your own style to whatever you do. You are resourceful and will think matters

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S PORTS

ND Women's Soccer

A dish best served cold

Notre Dame gets revenge on Michigan with 4-0 drubbing

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

For the fourth time in the program's history, the No. 2 Irish (17-0-1) have finished the regular season with an undefeated record after a 4-0 victory over Michigan.

"We did not have one bad performance," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last few weeks we've controlled games, but have not been getting the goals until late. It was huge because this is what we didn't do to Michigan last year in the playoffs."

Last season, Michigan ended the NCAA playoff run for the Irish in the second round with

But it was apparent the Irish were out for redemption in Thursday afternoon's rematch. The Irish came out quickly as sophomore midfielder Jen Buczkowski scored her seventh goal of the season within the first five minutes of play.

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HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer

Irish defender Kate Tulisiak dribbles the ball up the field against Providence during a game Oct. 3. Tulisiak and her teammates demolished Michigan 4-0 on the road Thursday.

HOCKEY

Irish ready to take on Wildcats

Irish goalie Cey named USCHO/ ITECH defensive player of the week

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It just doesn't get any easier for the Irish.

Notre Dame is set to face its fourth ranked opponent of the young season this weekend when No. 15 Northern Michigan travels to the Joyce Center for a two-game CCHA series with the Irish.

"These kinds of games force you to up your level," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We are practicing better and faster; the intensity has increased in practices because the guys have seen how we have to play in order to be successful."

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FOOTBALL

Secondary upset with play

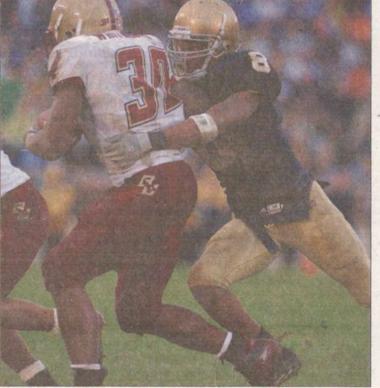
Irish defensive backs allowed 297 yards passing in second half against Eagles

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

Paul Peterson's game-winning 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 54 seconds left in the game was a microcosm of how the Eagles victimized the Irish secondary in the second half of Notre Dame's 24-23 loss to Boston College on Saturday.

After intercepting Peterson twice in the first half and holding the Eagles' quarterback to just 86 yards through the first two quarters, the Notre Dame defensive backfield fell apart in the second half — allowing 297 yards and two touchdowns.

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Irish defensive back Quentin Burrell wraps up Boston College's L.V. Whitworth in the Eagles' 24-23 win Saturday.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast on top of the Big East

Irish forward named conference preseason player of the year

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Editor

Just two days after being named the preseason National Player of the Year by Basketball News, Irish senior Jacqueline Batteast was named the Big East Conference Preseason Player of the Year.

Batteast averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game as a junior, and was named first team all-Big East. She was a unanimous selection for this year's preseason first team all-Big East as well.

Meanwhile, Irish junior guard Megan Duffy was named to the preseason all-Big East second team. Last season, Duffy was named the Big East Most Improved Player after a campaign that included averages of 9.9 points and 3.9 assists per game.

Both preseason selections were announced Thursday at the Big East women's basketball media day, held in Newark, N.J.

Also at media day, the Irish were picked to finish second in the Big East after a poll of the Big East coaches, one year after finishing second with a 12-4 league record.

Three-time defending national champion Connecticut was picked to finish first. The Irish beat the Huskies last season by the score of 66-51 in South Bend.

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SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER

Notre Dame vs. Connecticut

The No. 5 Irish face No. 21 UConn in a game Saturday at Alumni Field.

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Carroll takes its No. 2 seed against No. 7 Fisher in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

MIAA Championship Saturday

The Belles need to run well at conference championships to finish in fourth.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Welsh Family and Breen-Phillips meet in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

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ND CROSS GOUNTRY

Big East Championships Today

Notre Dame travels to Boston to run in Big East Championships.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

ND at Utah ND at BYU Today-Saturday

Meets against Utah and No. 22 BYU should test the Irish.

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