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Irish football faces long time rivals, Boston College this weekend in the last home game. See the insert for details.

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Brownson Hall serves as home to many since 1855

Home to nuns, graduate students, first year of students and printing presses during the last 150 years, First Year of Studies and Brownson Hall will be undergoing major changes in the next year as organizations housed in these two buildings are moved to the new Coleman-Morse Center on South Quad.

All First Year of Studies offices, the Learning Resource Center, the First Year Writing Center and Academic Services for Student Athletes will be moved to the Coleman-Morse Center during the spring, said Joseph Schellinger, director of academic space management. Previously the old Hammes Notre Dame bookstore, the Coleman-Morse Center has been under renovation for the past two years.

Some offices located in Brownson will not move immediately. Offices of organizations currently housed in Brownson Hall, the Center for Sport, Character and Culture, the London Stage Program, the Office of Information Technologies, Pre-College Programs, Psychology Research Labs and Upward Bound, will expand for the time being. Other open space in the building may be used as temporary space for organizations whose offices are being renovated.

No decision has been made about the long-term future of the three-building complex including Brownson Hall, the First Year of Studies building and the Earth Science Building in the long term.

"There has been no decision on whether the buildings will be renovated or torn down," said Schellinger. "There are definite plans for the buildings until 2003, but if the officers of the University want something different before that, we will do that."

Campus Ministry will also have a new office in the Coleman-Morse Center. The offices of the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), which shares Campus Ministry's current office in Badin Hall, will grow to include Campus Ministry's space after the move is completed.

A long history behind the Dome

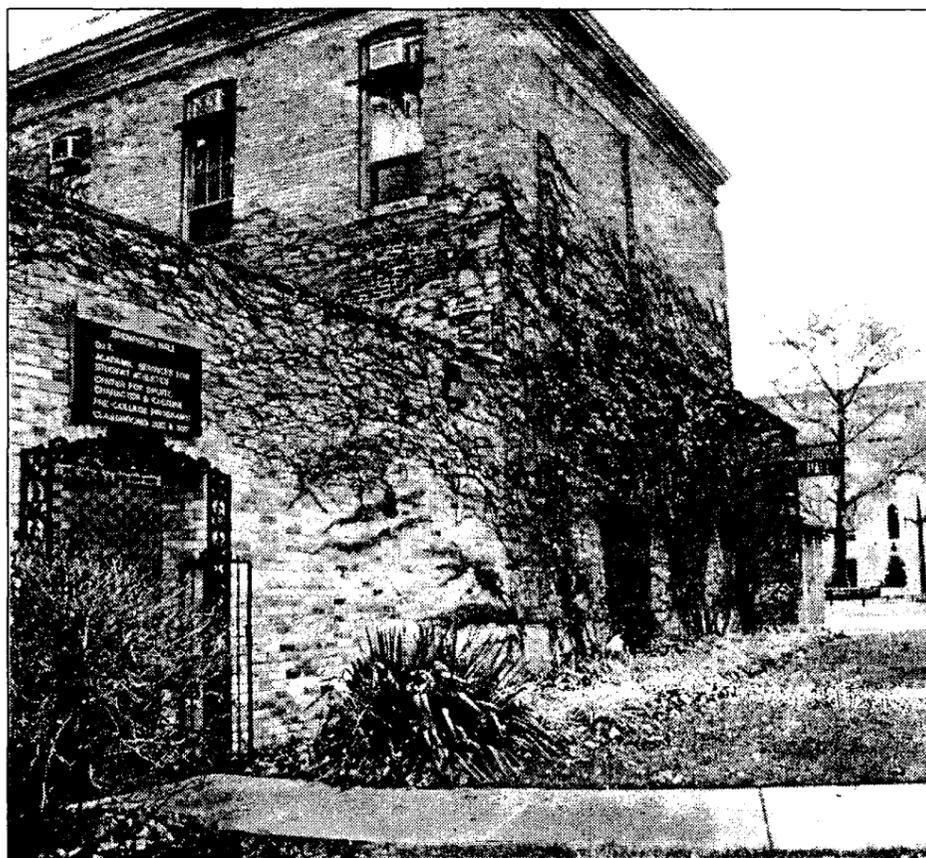
In 1855, under the direction of Father Sorin, Brother Francis Patois designed the complex of buildings and work began on two buildings behind the Main Building the same year. One was a convent for the Sisters of Holy Cross (now the Earth Science building and First Year of Studies building) and another was the Ave Maria Press (now Brownson Hall).

The sisters, living in a convent that is now the First Year of Studies and worshipping in a chapel that is now the Earth Sciences building, prepared food for all students in a kitchen facility behind the main building from 1849 until South Dining Hall opened in 1927.

In addition to cooking, they aided sick students, tended to gardens, set type at the press facility next door and did laundry.

The convent closed in 1965 after the remaining sisters, who were graduate students, moved to Lewis Hall, which was home to both lay graduate students and nuns.

Ave Maria Press printed The Scholastic and Ave Maria, along with other publications, in the building that is now Brownson Hall from 1855 until 1940, when it moved to its current location on Douglas Road. In 1941, the Hall was renovated so that it could be used for food storage.



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COURAGE speaker supports chastity for homosexuals

By **TIM LOGAN**
Senior Staff Writer

David Morrison was once an outspoken gay rights activist at the University of Maryland.

Then he spent seven years in a successful, monogamous gay relationship.

But now the 37-year-old writer spends his time calling on homosexuals to live chaste lives.

He came to Notre Dame Thursday to do just that, and to tell about his transition, speaking before a DeBartolo Hall crowd which included about 30 skeptical OutreachND members

wearing rainbow armbands.

Morrison told his story of growing up as a troubled adolescent, and realizing he was gay in high school.

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When he was a student at the University of Maryland, Morrison found a homosexual community and became involved in the gay rights movement there. He went on to become a writer and spent seven years in a monogamous

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Bush lead slips in Florida recount

Associated Press

George W. Bush's lead over Al Gore in all-or-nothing Florida slipped beneath 300 votes in a suspense-filled recount Thursday, as Democrats threw the presidential election to the courts claiming "an injustice unparalleled in our history." The Bush campaign was considering recounts in two other close-voting states.

Chaos reigned. It may take weeks to untangle the thickening legal and political webs and determine the nation's 43rd president.

"The presidential election is ... on hold," said James Baker

III, the secretary of state in the Bush administration brought in to protect the Texas governor's interests.

Gore wants a follow-up recount in four Florida counties and perhaps a new election in the Palm Beach area — ideas the Bush camp said amounted to "politicizing and distorting" the electoral system.

Amid a campaign-style flurry of charges and countercharges, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said his party will support legal actions by voters and supporters who say a confusing ballot may have led them to vote accidentally for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan.

"We're raising some very serious questions and legal actions will be taken," Daley said at a Florida session with Warren Christopher, the former secretary of state acting as Gore's recount consigliere.

The Bush campaign fired back by staking its own claim to a Florida victory and questioning Gore's motives. Still, Republicans eyed recounts elsewhere in case Gore prevails in Florida, raising the specter of a lengthy, multistate battle.

"One of the options that they seem to be looking at is new elections. Our democratic process calls for a vote on

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INSIDE COLUMN

Juice and a bagel

For 15 years, my family had a ritual. Every Friday night, my mother would stand over a pot of spaghetti, check the bread in the oven, and make sure my favorite Lemon Ice Gatorade was in the refrigerator. As a swimmer, my weekend races usually dictated the family's schedule — and our menu. My carbohydrate and high-fluid pre-race diet wasn't the typical family meal, but in my house, it was the unbreakable norm.



Noreen Gillespie

Managing Editor

My mom's preparations didn't end there; she would set her alarm to wake me up at the crack of dawn on Saturday morning, make sure a bagel and juice were on the table, and warm the car for whatever location we were voyaging to that weekend. With coffee balancing dangerously on the dashboard of our Buick station wagon, she would never show signs of fatigue as she drove me to a pool in some foreign corner of the state for my competition.

And despite the fact that after a night of cooking, a morning of driving, and long hours sitting in the humid bleachers of a strange natatorium, when I stood up on the blocks, she'd always be cheering the loudest. At the time, I'd usually pretend not to notice, but I knew for sure that each time I raced, there would be at least two people cheering for me — my coach and my mom.

This weekend, the roles will switch for my mother and me. In 1974, my mother began the first swim team at Saint Mary's College, and will return to campus today for the College's first alumnae athletic reunion. On Sunday morning, my mother will join with her fellow alumnae from '74 and beyond to return to the pool as they take on the current Saint Mary's swim team at Rolf's Aquatic Center.

And like she has done so many times for me, I'll make sure she eats her pasta dinner on Saturday night after the game, I'll wake her up on Sunday morning and I'll make sure I hand-deliver juice and a bagel to her before her race. And you'd better believe that I'll sit with my stepfather in the stands, yelling and screaming as loud as I can.

I know that my mother was excited when I took Saint Mary's acceptance and came to her alma mater. I know that she was even more excited when I joined the Saint Mary's swim team as a freshman. But I know that she was devastated when I quit. One year ago I left my swimming career for good to pursue my other love: journalism. She'll never say it, but I know my mom misses cooking spaghetti for me and driving hours at the crack of dawn to see me compete. I know it broke her heart for me to quit the team that years before she had started. But she never said a negative word to me about my decision.

Like a good mother, she recognized that I had to go my own way.

If I have one regret about my own swimming career, it is that I never thanked my mother for being my No. 1 fan. I hope my cheers from the stands this weekend can speak for all the words I never said. If they can't, I hope that being her No. 1 fan — if only for the weekend — can be enough.

Good luck, Mom.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

Marijuana crop offers harvesters free high Nov. 17, 1975

Marking the beginning of harvest time for Hoosier marijuana, state authorities and individual entrepreneurs were racing to reap the illicit weed. The high price of marijuana on campus is one reason given for harvesting local patches of pot. "I would say at least half of the students here who smoke try to grow their own," an anonymous student said. "But most the good stuff comes from Ann Arbor, Mich."

Cavanaugh men face dorm change Nov. 19, 1993

Cavanaugh residents were informed that their dorm would be converted to a female residence effective in the Fall of 1994. Although many different factors were taken into account, the final decision to convert Cavanaugh came down to beds, said Patricia O'Hara, vice-president for student affairs. The dorm was chosen because it has the 242 beds which would be needed for incoming females.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Networks predict Gore's future as Harvard pres

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

There's more than one presidency at stake here. As Vice President Al Gore waited for the recount Wednesday, pundits were already speculating that he could be in the running for the nation's second most highly contested presidency — Harvard's.



Tuesday night, as networks goofed, rhetoric shifted and fickle Florida fluctuated, NBC news anchor Tom Brokaw tossed off a comment about Gore's future to millions of viewers, noting that Gore might be a fit for Harvard's presidential spot. On CBS, a guest of Dan Rather's did the same, as anxious voters awaited the verdict.

As early as Monday, Slate's Timothy Noah began the gossip by devoting his "Chatterbox" column to

Gore and the Harvard presidency.

Noah said a list of possible presidential candidates published in The New York Times inspired him to suggest Gore to replace outgoing university President Neil Rudenstine.

"I was struck by the implausibility of Clinton because of the Lewinsky scandal and the more prosaic fact that he had no previous connection to Harvard," Noah says in an inter-

view, referring to flying rumors that President Clinton would be considered.

But Noah says the vice president is a much more realistic prospect than his boss is. Gore is a former member of the Board of Overseers, the university's second-highest governing board.

"He has a great affinity for the academic life," Noah says. "It is entirely speculation on my part, it's probably unlikely, but it's at least as worth discussing as any of the other names I've seen mentioned."

But longtime search and university officials dismiss Gore's chances as slim, if existent.

Former Overseer Joan Hutchins says the next university president must have a true understanding of higher education issues.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Asian students complain of abuse

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

After four anti-Asian assaults on campus this fall, Cornell University is considering far-reaching curriculum reforms to combat hate. In mid-September, an Asian female student was sexually assaulted on campus. In the same week, another Asian student and four Asian alumnae were verbally harassed. Then, two weekends ago, an Asian male student was assaulted with racial slurs. This week, Cornell University president Hunter Rawlings issued a statement urging students to take greater safety precautions and endorsed a series of proposals designed to increase campus security. The proposals, which were first outlined in an administration report released Sunday, include increased security on campus and the possible addition of a diversity requirement to the curriculum. In his statement, Rawlings wrote, "Crime and bias are realities in society and on our campus that we must confront." But many students said they were not satisfied by the anti-bias actions taken by the university both before and after the assaults.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Men to end violence against women

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

University student Gary Brouhard said he got involved in the White Ribbon Campaign after hearing too many stories about his female friends being abused by men. The campaign, an international program run by men to end male violence against women, is celebrating its first anniversary at the university this December. "I want to be proud to be a man," Brouhard said. "But as long as so many men commit acts of violence against women, that's impossible. I want masculinity to mean peacefulness and cooperation, not aggression and violence." The focus of the events is the White Ribbon Drive to distribute ribbons from Nov. 29 to Dec. 5. Jack Gagliardi, national outreach coordinator, said he believes the biggest problem in combating violence against women committed by men is a lack of education for men about the seriousness of their actions. "We battle everything from sexist jokes against women all the way up to murder," Gagliardi said. The campaign began in Montreal in 1989 following the Dec. 6 massacre of 14 women at the University of Montreal by a lone gunman.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast. AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures. Table with days (Saturday-Wednesday), icons, and high/low temperatures.

NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 10. Map of the United States showing temperature zones and weather fronts.

Table of weather forecasts for various cities including Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Houston, Las Vegas, Memphis, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia, Portland, Sacramento, St. Louis, Tampa, and Wash DC.



Protesters carry signs outside the gates of the Texas governor's mansion in Austin, Texas on Thursday. The vote count in Florida has yet to be finalized. AFP PHOTO

Election

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Election Day, it does not call for us to continue voting until someone likes the outcome," Bush campaign chairman Don Evans said in Austin, Texas.

Both sides dispatched dozens of lawyers and political operatives to Florida and geared up fund-raising drives to finance what is exploding into a post-campaign recount campaign.

As the drama unfolded in Florida, Attorney General Janet Reno said in Washington she saw no reason for federal authorities to "jump in" the controversy. The former Miami prosecutor said she would review any complaints brought to her. "We are not here to generate controversy," she said.

There was already plenty of that.

An unofficial tally by The Associated Press showed that Gore had cut Bush's lead to 229 votes with 66 of 67 counties recounted. One by one, the counties reported throughout the day, as the candidates and their staff agonized over each return.

The official total lagged behind, and Secretary of State Katherine Harris said it could be as late as Tuesday — a week after the election — before the state certifies ballot results from all 67 counties. Nearly 6 million votes were cast Tuesday in Florida.

She said it may take until Nov. 17 to tabulate ballots cast by Floridians living overseas. "Nobody ever said that democracy was simple or efficient," said election board member Bob Crawford.

The winner of Florida stood to gain the state's 25 electoral votes — and the keys to the Oval Office, unless Bush's team makes good on a threat to contest Gore victories in Iowa and Wisconsin, among others.

With votes still dribbling in from across the country, Gore's lead in the popular vote was shrinking to about 200,000 votes out of 100 million. With a few precincts still unreported (as of

8 p.m. EST):

- ♦ Gore had 49,113,600 votes.
- ♦ Bush had 48,906,647 votes.

It is the tightest election since 1960, when John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by 118,574 votes. Though it has no bearing on who is the next president, the total-vote lead gives Gore added psychological standing in his fight to overturn Florida's results.

Republicans and Democrats alike said the Florida-vote challenge poses incredible risk for both candidates, because an evenly divided electorate will soon tire of the political suspense and begin looking for somebody to blame.

"This is serious stuff; it's time to cool partisan passions or risk being damaged goods, even if you win the presidency," said Democratic consultant Jim Duffy.

In competing news conferences Thursday, the strategies gelled: Bush's camp portrayed Gore as a poor loser who wants to overturn election-night returns that gave Bush the edge in Florida; Gore's camp accused Republicans of selfishly ignoring ballot irregularities and attempting to scare Americans with talk of a constitutional crisis.

Christopher and Baker met Thursday in what was described by Democrats as an uneventful session.

Christopher dismissed Baker's election-on-hold remark as "self-serving myth" and pointedly said: "Let me assure you that the presidency goes on until Jan. 20 in a vigorous way, and none of our allies are in any doubt as to who's in charge of the government until Jan. 20."

But the election standoff rattled Wall Street, where stocks plunged after Daley's news conference but later recovered.

Eight lawsuits have been filed in state and federal courts to challenge the Florida results, including six in Palm Beach County and two in Tallahassee. One of the federal cases was withdrawn by the voter who filed. Democratic Party-backed lawsuits won't be filed until next week, party officials said.

The Tallahassee cases alleged race discrimination, and Palm Beach County voters sought a new election because they said the ballot was too confusing. Thousands of ballots were not counted because they were punched twice: Democrats say Gore backers voted for Buchanan — then voted for Gore after realizing their mistake.

Bush aides said Palm Beach county is home to 17,000 voters allied with the Reform Party, and thousands of Palm Beach County ballots were invalidated in 1996.

In Florida, Daley said Democrats would seek a more thorough, second recount of ballots cast in Palm Beach, Dade, Broward and Volusia counties — some 1.78 million votes, many of them Democratic.

He said the Bush campaign was willing to "blithely dismiss the disenfranchisement of thousands of Floridians as being the usual mistakes" that afflict elections.

"I would assume that the courts will take a serious look at what may be an injustice unparalleled in our history," Daley told CBS.

Both candidates were working simultaneously to prepare their transitions to power and fight the ballot dispute.

Democrats were trying to raise \$3 million to finance Gore's challenge, while Republicans geared up their own fund-raising drive.

The Bush campaign conducted conference calls with allies across the country to rally the troops, but instead heard a slew of complaints. GOP governors, in particular, warned that Bush's camp was losing the public relations battle to Gore and needed to send more political and media operatives to Florida, said sources involved in one of the calls. The Bush campaign said aides were being sent and promised to be more aggressive.

Nearly 48 hours after the polls closed, Bush had won 29 states for 246 electoral votes. Gore had won 18 states plus the District of Columbia for 255. New Mexico and Oregon were too close to call.

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Also added to the building was a weight room and the University finance office. Named the fourth strongest man in the world in 1922, Father Bernard Lange, a professor of anatomy and biology, ran the weight room.

His gym, which was housed in the natatorium until its destruction, and then moved to Brownson, was famous for the slogan "One man in Twenty Thousand Can Press His Own Weight — Are You a Man?"

During this time, a Brownson Hall did exist on campus — it was a male dorm in a wing of the main building. Students lived in Brownson Hall and Carroll Hall, then another wing of the main building.

However, when the main building was rebuilt after the 1879 fire until 1943, the dorms were closed and residents were displaced into Sorin, Walsh and Zahm Halls.

In 1965, the University Council gave Brownson Hall, the former Ave Maria building, its current name.

From this time on, priests and other religious lived on parts of the first and second floors of Brownson.

International graduate students lived on part of the second floor and graduate students lived on the third floor.

According to Emil Hofman, founder and dean emeritus of

The First Year of Studies, the First Year of Studies was founded in 1962 and was housed in the main building for eight years until it was moved to its current building in 1970.

Although the First Year of Studies was situated between such a motley group including religious, graduate students and the Earth Science Department, it had no problems with its neighbors and was successful in its mission of acclimating students to college life.

"We all got along very well. The courtyard of Brownson Hall was great for us, we would have New Orleans' style

cookouts on Friday nights with 200 freshmen and freshmen teachers," Hofman said.

Football revenues during the early 1970s

allowed the First Year of Studies to create the Learning Resource Center, whose goal is to offer freshmen tutoring and other resources, in Brownson Hall, adjacent to its offices in the First Year of Studies buildings.

"Extra money came in for football revenues and the executive vice-president, Father Joyce, who was in charge of athletics and finance, decided to use it to create the Learning Resource Center," said Hofman. "We moved out the finance office and Father Lange's weight lifting room to build it."

In 1978, the student government proposed to turn Brownson Hall into under-

graduate housing during a shortage of on-campus housing, but graduates remained in the building until the 1991-1992 academic year when the Fischer Graduate Housing was opened.

From that year until now, the University has used the building to house organizations whose offices were being renovated.

Schellinger estimates that over 100 organizations have had offices in Brownson during the past 10 years.

If current plans do not change during the next three years, both Brownson Hall and the First Year of Studies buildings will continue to be home to many organizations

Growing to the future

The opening of the Coleman-Morse Center provides opportunities not only for organizations whose offices will be housed there, but also for offices in Brownson Hall, who will benefit from the additional available space.

The new First Year of Studies location will allow it to continue its 40 year-old mission.

"Brownson Hall was the place where the First Year of Studies was done, it didn't mean that much to us. I'm very happy they are getting a new place," he said.

"What's going to come about now, is what I would have liked to have happen when I founded the first year of studies," Hofman said.

"I have a grievance, though. I taught in the old Cushing auditorium for 40 years, and then DeBartolo was built after I retired," he said.

"I was the First Year of Studies Dean for 20 years in Brownson Hall, and now they have the new building."

"I'm very happy [First Year Studies is] getting a new place."

Emil Hofman
founder and dean emeritus
of First Year Studies

Chastity

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homosexual relationship, until his life changed.

He was feeling unfulfilled in his relationship, and was unsure what to do, until one quiet morning, when he had the house to himself, Morrison decided to pray.

"I prayed the classic skeptic's prayer — Lord, I don't even know if you exist, but if you do, I sure need you in my life — and he came," Morrison said.

Morrison joined an Episcopal church, and eventually, the call to chastity led him to separate with his partner. He became a Catholic, saying that this church is the one most supportive of chaste lifestyles, and he has been a celibate homosexual ever since.

After Morrison's talk, he opened the floor to questions, and there was some heated discussion. He was challenged by several students in the audience.

"[Morrison's] experience is one experience. He finds comfort in a chaste lifestyle. I don't know many other people who can do that," said senior Joe Shepherd. "I don't think he has the answer."

Morrison defended his position, and the discussion went on for about 30 minutes, before the program ended. After the talk, OutreachND co-president Dave Wyncott said it was a good debate to have.

"I think anything that raises awareness of this and increases dialogue is good," he said. "I don't necessarily agree with everything that was said, but I can have a dialogue with him."

Before Morrison spoke, Father John Harvey, founder of COURAGE, a Catholic organiza-

tion that calls on and helps homosexuals to lead chaste lives, discussed the morality of gay acts. He pointed to the Bible, both New and Old Testament, and the oral tradition handed down in the Apocryphal Books as evidence that it is an intrinsic disorder which Catholics must not act on.

"The two purposes of human sexuality are the perfect commitment of union with the hope of having a child," he said. "Homosexual activity by its very nature does not fulfill either purpose. Therefore it is immoral."

Harvey also called homosexuality biologically unnatural, saying that men and women were created with the ability to procreate only in heterosexual ways.

The Franciscan priest has written and lectured about care of homosexuals for more than 40 years, and in 1980, he founded COURAGE, a program run by the Diocese of New York, and since expanded to other cities, to help gays and lesbians lead chaste lives under church teaching.

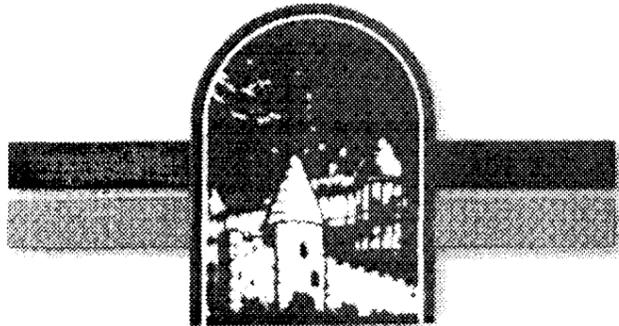
He stressed that his program was not intended as therapy to "cure" homosexuality.

"Our goal is to teach people to live chastely. We're not in the business of therapy," he said. "We are not trying to change people's orientation."

Critics of COURAGE have said the group promotes therapy to "convert" homosexuals to straight lifestyles.

Harvey said that he does not oppose therapy, but that he does not recommend it to all who turn to him for help.

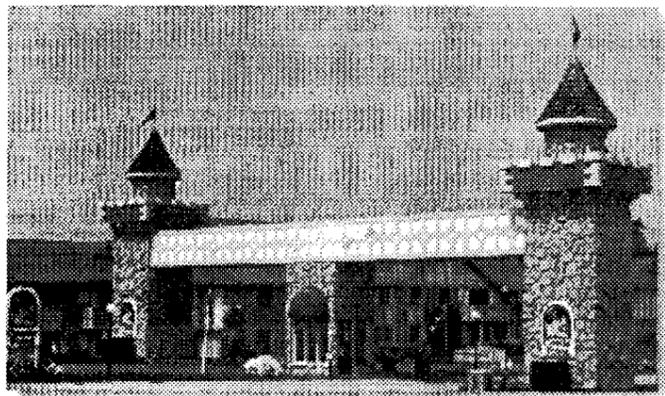
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Red meat safe for consumption:

France's consumer affairs minister said Thursday that no scientific evidence exists to justify the widening alarm gripping the country over mad cow disease. "Never was meat as safe as today," Minister Francois Patriat declared. Health Minister Dominique Gillot echoed the claim, saying that strict rules for meat production were ample protection against the illness.

Suspected terrorists arrested:

Police on Thursday announced the arrests of three Kuwaitis and seizure of a large quantity of explosives in an alleged plot that a local newspaper said was directed at U.S. targets in other countries. The newspaper, Al-Qabas, said the arrested men had links to terror mastermind Osama bin Laden, Islamic fundamentalist scion of a millionaire Saudi family with ancestral roots in Yemen.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Child accidentally shoots brother:

An 8-year-old boy accidentally shot his 7-year-old brother in the head, and when their 29-year-old stepbrother came home, he grabbed the gun and a stash of drugs and fled instead of calling for help, New Jersey authorities said. Shakur Forte, 7, lay in critical condition Thursday. Shakur and his brother had been left alone and were playing with a 9 mm gun in their bedroom when it went off, police said.

NY cops foil sale of stolen art:

Two Israelis have been charged with trying to sell \$750,000 in stolen bronze sculptures to New York City collectors. Detectives arrested the two after being tipped off by a Madison Avenue gallery. They were charged with possession of stolen property and ordered held on \$100,000 bail each. Investigators recovered seven small statues of tigers, a bull and other animals by the 19th century artist Antoine-Louis Barye.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Health department urges lead tests:

Health authorities urged people living near a former plating factory to get their blood tested after soil samples revealed lead levels 19 times the federal limit. The Vanderburgh County Health Department offered free blood-lead level tests to people living in a 16-block area surrounding the Evansville Plating Works. The neighborhood is a mix of businesses, apartments and older homes. Spokesman Phil Schermerhorn of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management also recommended residents receive blood tests.

THAILAND



A Thai protester burns banners and pictures of Thai Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai during a demonstration outside the Government House in Bangkok. About 1,000 protesters surrounded Thailand's Government House on the eve of the dissolution of Parliament to blast the outgoing government's social policies.

Premier dissolves parliament

Associated Press

BANGKOK

Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai dissolved parliament and called general elections Thursday, preparing for an uphill battle against a billionaire opponent and an electorate unhappy with his economic policies.

The election date was set for Jan. 6, Cabinet Secretary Visanu Kreuangam said.

At least 57 parties are expected to take part in the elections, which will be conducted by a newly empowered Election Commission. It was allowed last month to

enforce stringent laws against cheating, exceeding campaign fund limits and vote-buying.

Chuan's Democrat Party is facing serious criticism over his finance minister's policies. Critics say the minister botched a program to resolve problems stemming from the 1997 economic crisis that devastated Thailand's financial structure.

On Thursday, Chuan suffered a blow when deputy Finance Minister Pisit Leeahtam said he would not run in the elections and would resign from the Democrat Party's economic team. Commerce Minister

Supachai Panichpakdi also said he would step down as the leader of the party's economic team.

Chuan's main opponent, opposition leader Thaksin Shinawatra, has capitalized on anger over the slow pace of reforms to win support among the poor and the business community.

His populist promises include debt write-offs for farmers, businesses and banks. He wants to set up a national asset management body to take over billions of dollars of bad loans that banks have been saddled with since the economic crisis.

Until recently, Thaksin, a

billionaire telecommunications tycoon who heads the Thai Rak Thai, or Thai Patriots' Party, was seen as a shoo-in to take power.

However, in recent weeks he has been tainted by a state anti-corruption panel investigation into allegations of unusual share transfers to his domestic servants to hide his assets. If found guilty, he will be barred from politics for five years.

The dissolved House of Representatives was elected in November 1996 under the government of Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh of the New Aspiration Party.

UGANDA

Ebola outbreak toll rises to 100

Associated Press

KAMPALA

Ugandan health officials say an outbreak of Ebola that has already killed 100 people is contained to two areas, but the death toll will increase as infected people die. Four people died of the virus in a 24-hour period.

Authorities had hoped to keep the disease in Gulu, an area 225 miles north of the capital of Kampala where the outbreak was first reported in mid-October. But last week, experts

confirmed that a Ugandan soldier who had visited Gulu died of the disease in Mbarara, a town in the south.

On Thursday, Alex Opio, the assistant commissioner for national disease control, announced that two men died of Ebola in Mbarara, 175 miles southwest of Kampala. Two other deaths were reported in Gulu, he said.

Since the death of the soldier in Mbarara on Nov. 2, three people who came into contact with him have died of the disease. Two of them were also soldiers and the third did community

service at Mbarara hospital. There are no other reported cases of the virus in Mbarara.

Nine new cases have been identified in Gulu during the last day, bringing the total number of Ebola cases in Uganda to 297, Opio said.

Ebola, which is spread by bodily contact, can cause severe hemorrhagic fever and is often fatal. Early symptoms are similar to the flu. No one knows where the virus exists between outbreaks or how the first person in an outbreak contracts it.

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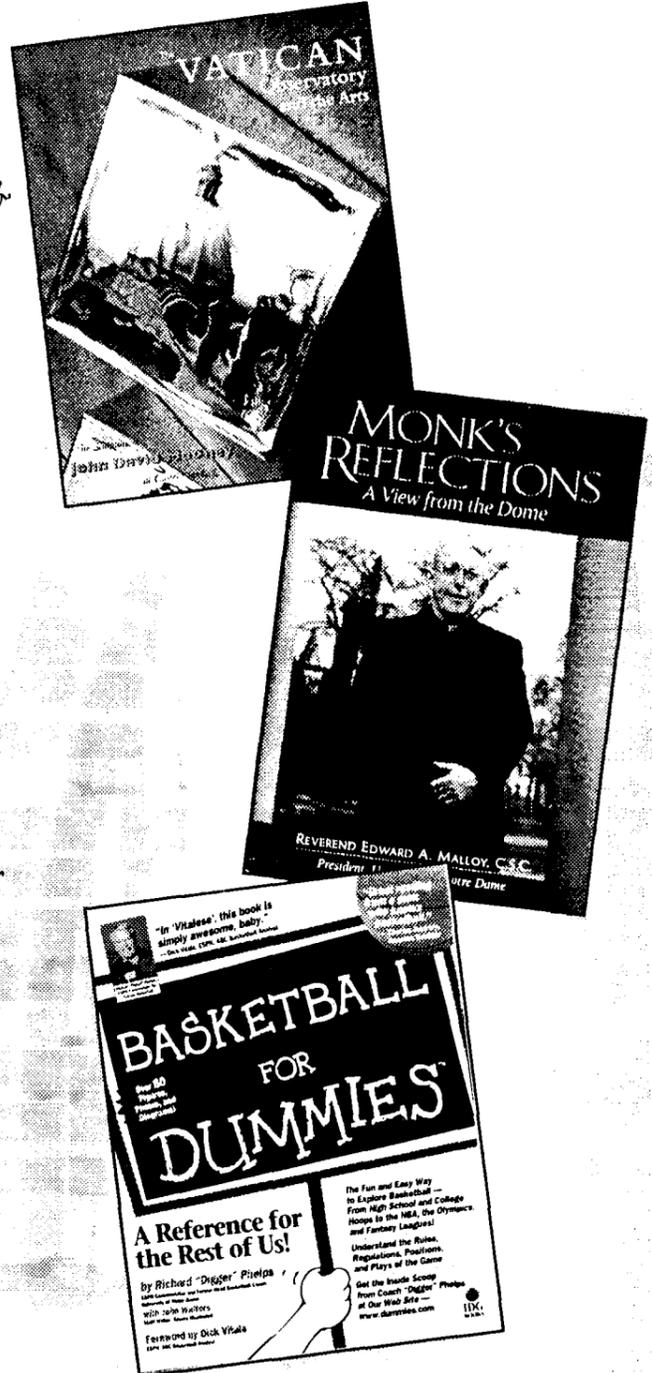
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Private school graduate students granted right to unionize

By LAURA SEGURA
News Writer

Beginning this month, the National Labor Relations Board granted graduate students of private universities the right to form unions to negotiate terms of their employment as researchers and teaching assistants.

Graduate students have argued

for years over the wages, benefits and conditions of their employment at the schools they also attend as students.

"I don't expect this to set off a firestorm of organizing at all the top universities, but it is likely to have an effect at some," said Thomas Koehan of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Much of the protesting has

taken place at state and other large institutions where many graduate students argue their voices are not heard. Notre Dame does not expect to face labor difficulties with its grad students, according to Peter Diffley, associate dean in the graduate studies office.

"Because of the size of our school, we are able to deal with graduate student issues on an individual basis without arbitration," Diffley said.

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Dame's graduate programs have not had to deal with the uproar heard on larger school's campuses, in part because of the efforts of the Graduate Student Union already on campus.

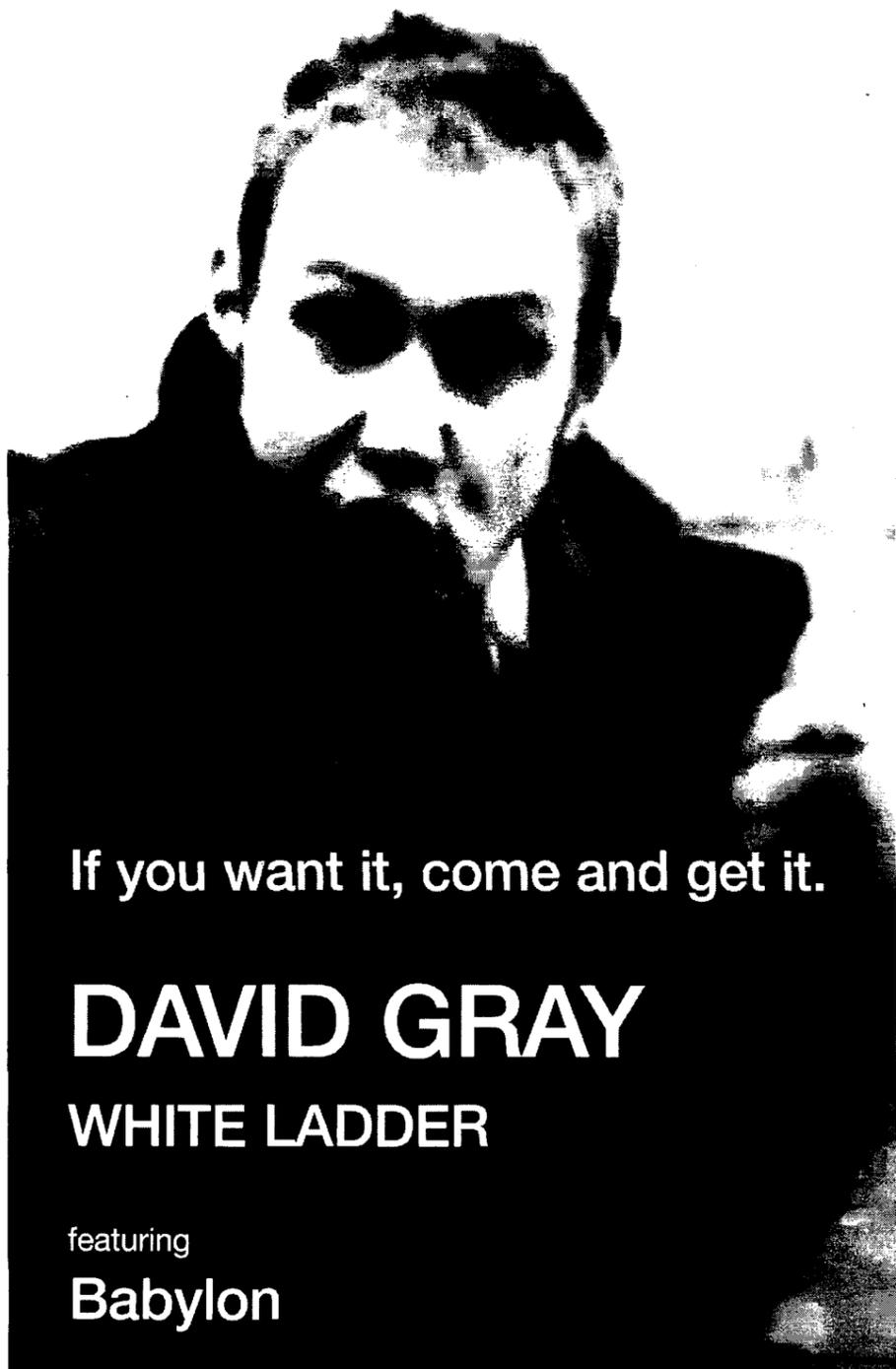
Arguments against unionization center on the graduate students' status as students. Teaching and research positions are meant to further students' postgraduate education, not entitling them to equal pay and benefits of a university employee, according to arguments against grad student unions.

Pro-union arguments state that

some graduate students teach as much as 40 percent of essential teaching, making them justifiable employees of the university. Without comparable wages and working conditions, many students must find outside jobs depleting their study and research time.

Other national universities have had to seek legal intervention, as most recently seen at New York University.

Currently, there are only 12 recognized unions for graduate students employed by their universities, all at state schools.



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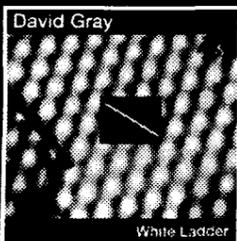
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GSU considers Observer support, delays decision

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

While most of the country's attention was turned toward the presidential election on Tuesday the Graduate Student Union considered a resolution supporting The Observer's independence.

Eleven representatives voted in support of the resolution, six against it, and two abstained. However Mark Buckles and Alexander Samuel, GSU president and vice president respectively, could not decide whether the organization's constitution required a simple majority or approval from 2/3 of the members present in order to pass. Buckles and Samuel held off announcing the final decision until GSU secretary Joe Blacketer could be contacted.

William Bolan, the organization's theology representative, introduced the resolution, through which GSU would endorse The Observer's independence.

"I read about the issue in The Observer and I thought it was something that the GSU should consider," Bolan said.

"The fact that the faculty senate took up the issue was the main [reason] for us to take up this issue as well," Bolan said when asked why he brought up the resolution.

The proposal, similar in nature to one approved by the Faculty senate, stated that "The Observer's history of responsible journalism does not justify any change in its status ... The editorial board of The Observer should maintain control over the paper's advertising and editorial content." It also concluded that "disputes ... against the editorial board

of The Observer should ordinarily be resolved by good faith negotiations between the editorial board of The Observer and the offended party."

Questions concerning the independence of The Observer arose after University President Father Edward Malloy created an ad hoc committee to examine the relationship between the University and the newspaper. Malloy created the committee after The Observer editorial board rejected advertising restrictions placed on unrecognized gay and lesbian groups.

Mike Connolly, The Observer's Editor in Chief, was present at the meeting to answer any questions representatives might have. The resolution, however, was not addressed until the end of the meeting, limiting the time members had to discuss the proposal.

Many members expressed concerns about the GSU supporting The Observer's independence.

"I'm in favor, in a large degree, of independence [for The Observer] but I'm uncomfortable with you not having any formal standards [in advertising]" said Keith Hubbard, the board's math representative.

After the meeting, Buckles and Samuel reviewed the organization's constitution to determine if the resolution had passed but they were unable to reach a consensus.

The decision was deferred until Thursday morning when secretary Blacketer had an opportunity to review the constitution. The GSU concluded that a second vote is required before the resolution can be adopted.

"The discussion [on the resolution] will continue at the next council meeting on Dec. 5," Blacketer said.

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Week to highlight hunger, homeless with campus events

By KYLIE CARTER
News Writer

Several Notre Dame student groups have self-organized a series of five events next week for the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week - Nov. 12-17 - specifically for the National Student Campaign against Hunger and Homelessness.

The week will start off Sunday with Dillon Hall's Race for Hunger. This annual event was rescheduled to coincide with the Awareness Week. The race will begin at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, students will be asked at dinner to scrape food off of their own plates into the approximately 3 ft. by 4 ft. bins where food is normally scraped. Rene Mulligan, an active senior in the Center for

Social Concerns who helped with of much of this week's organization, said the "Students for Clean Plates will be a visual demonstration of how much food we, the students, waste at the dining hall."

Students on average, 12 of these bins are filled with wasted food each day in each dining hall.

"The point is not to reprimand or make us feel bad, but to make us aware that just because we have all of this food doesn't mean we can waste whatever we want," Mulligan said.

The key event of the week will be the Hunger Banquet on Wednesday evening. It will be held on the east (left) side of South Dining Hall and will begin at 7:30 p.m., although students are asked to arrive at

7:15 p.m. Mulligan describes this event as "a fundraising meal with a message." Food services will be donating a portion of the cost of each person's meal. The cost will be a \$5 donation for non-meal-plan users and will be a regular meal swipe for those with a meal plan.

"It won't be your typical banquet," Mulligan said. "The audience will be able to learn about the causes of poverty and hunger and personal ways that they can take action to equalize things in this world."

The Hunger Banquet is based on a model by OxFam America, a non-governmental, non-profit organization that works for grass-roots-based solutions to poverty and hunger around the globe. At this Hunger Banquet, Mike Brown will be the MC and

there will be a guest speaker from East Timor, Ajizo Magno.

On Thursday, a "Bread for the World" letter-writing session will be held in the CSC at 4 p.m. Bread for the World is a Christian Institute that uses political advocacy and action to overcome societal ailments.

A student can work at a soup kitchen and so similar service activities, but Mulligan said, "to really find long-term solutions and do more than just place a band-aid on the problem, you have to change things in the system."

This letter-writing session will be teaching people to write letters using examples Bread for the World has given.

The purpose of these letters will be to push for Congress to increase funding for emergency food providers, and to make food stamps available to

legal immigrants, who are unable to obtain them under current laws.

The last event of the week will be Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Stepan Center. The World Hunger Coalition will be preparing Thanksgiving food baskets for families in South Bend.

The money from Wednesday's Lunch Fast program will be used to purchase food items and students are asked to help in the basket preparation.

"College students are in a really good position to become aware and start practicing activism that can last our whole lives. We're still idealistic," Mulligan said. "We don't have to accept that in the richest, most powerful nation in the world, 31 million people are going hungry."

Native American speaks at SMC, focuses on women

By SALLY GOLDBERG
News Writer

Discussing the religion, traditions, symbolism and music of a Native American lifestyle, John Warren, the cultural coordinator and vice chair of the Pokagon Band of Potawatami Indians, spoke at Saint Mary's on Wednesday.

He also focused on the importance of women in their tribe, which was of great relevance to the Saint Mary's students attending the lecture.

He was careful to caution that his views are specific to his own tribe, as every tribe is unique and has been taught differently.

He did mention that most tribes were similar in their respect for nature and Mother Earth. He is part of the Potawatami tribe, which translates into "keepers of fire."

In his tribe, nature plays a large role in their religion and daily life. They believe in the spirits of nature and feel that they have spiritual helpers that intervene in times of turmoil and confusion.

Warren gave an example of nature's importance, "You get sick often because you sit up on chairs off the ground and wear rubber-soled shoes, which keep you from contact with the ground. If one

of us gets ill, we sit on the ground for days to reconnect with the earth and be healed."

They offer tobacco to the spirits and also hold sage, cedar and sweet grass in high regard.

In respect to prayer he said, "We say prayers for other people, not ourselves, that way everyone is covered."

They apply their religious beliefs to many sacred practices and rituals.

They hold long house ceremonies in which they smoke a tobacco pipe, sing over 65 ceremonial songs, play the drums and dance in their ceremonial clothing.

The women wear wrap skirts, a blouse and a large shawl used to wrap up their children.

The shawls symbolize "the warmth that they have for their families," he said. As another ritual, fasting is done

mostly by adults to clean the body of impurities or to seek and answer to a problem.

*"The drum is the woman,
the center, and the drum
sticks the man, and they
come together to
create a heartbeat."*

John Warren
vice chair of the Pokagon Band

Children fast to be initiated as an adult Potawatami member, an important tradition called "taking them through the Crescent of the Moon."

The fire is central to the Potawatami tribe and is looked at as a circle of life that is unending.

Whenever they begin a new fire they must use some ashes from a previous fire, to emphasize the continuous nature of life.

An aspect of their culture that was

very prevalent in Warren's speech was their deep respect for women.

The Potawatami believe that women are the center of their lives because they give us life, according to Warren.

Women in their tribe bless water, which they refer to as a female entity because it nourishes and sustains life.

Regarding the of importance women Warren said, "The drum is the woman, the center, and the drum sticks the man, and they come together to create a heartbeat. One cannot exist without the other."

He ended by playing his drum and singing, entering us into his own world and showing us its brilliance.

He sang a song with no words and said, "We can sing this song with any tribe, because the sound and the emotion within it are universal."

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American election deadlock intrigues world reaction

Associated Press

LONDON

Two days after the U.S. presidential vote and with no clear victor, observers around the world marveled Thursday at a rare spectacle — American election uncertainty.

In some quarters of the press, surprise at the deadlocked contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore turned to amusement.

For its headline, Switzerland's French-language 24 Heures played on a famous line from the Apollo 13 space crisis — "Washington, we have a problem."

"Forrest Chumps," read the front-page headline in Britain's tabloid Mirror, above a picture of the two candidates in Gump-like poses. "This election's like a box of chocolates," ran the kicker. "You never know what you're

going to get."

The cliffhanger vote remained front-page news around the world as a painstaking recount continued in the state of Florida, whose 25 electoral votes could settle the election.

With nearly all the ballots recounted, Bush led by less than 300 votes. Elections officials said the results wouldn't be certified for more than a week.

For many, the real lesson of this extraordinary election was its affirmation of the power of the individual. Japan's top economic daily, Nihon Keizai, said the election "made us realize the weight of each vote under the democratic system."

Around the world, newspapers had to backpedal from premature declarations of a Bush victory in their Wednesday editions.

"Bush celebration interrupted by recount in Florida," said

Thursday's edition of Mexico City's Reforma newspaper. A day earlier it headlined: "The United States decides: Bush!"

Britain's tabloid Sun proclaimed: "It's Bush, It's Gore ... oh, we give up!"

Beneath the humor, observers were split between those who viewed the deadlocked vote as evidence of a flawed electoral system and those who saw a robust democracy at work.

"It seems incredible to me how the elections are going in the United States, which is globally considered the father of democracy," said Alphonse Kwem, a worker in an

Internet cafe in Cameroon.

European newspapers tried to help their readers get to grips with the unfamiliar electoral college system — and many found it wanting.

Sweden's Dagens Nyheter marveled at the fact that Gore may yet win the most votes but lose the election.

"The chaotic situation has made many demand a new election system," the newspaper wrote under the headline "The loser may become president."

Norway's biggest newspaper, Verdens Gang, agreed. "It is not in keeping with basic democratic principles for the one who gets the second-largest share of votes to win the presidential election," it said.

Denmark's Aktuelt newspaper said the fact that nearly half the U.S. electorate did not vote "is, in itself, a huge defeat for democracy."

But British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook declared the process "an excellent example of democracy in action. That's what we would expect from one of the world's greatest democracies," he said.

The Jakarta Post newspaper in Indonesia gave a "thumbs up" to the meticulous recount of ballots in Florida.

"As a fledgling democracy, Indonesia could learn much from ... U.S. election and from the political maturity the

"...Those in the [U. S.] who have always tried to become judges of elections that take place elsewhere must be receiving a lesson of modesty and humbleness."

Felipe Roque Perez
Cuban Foreign Minister

American people displayed in adhering to their democratic principles," the newspaper said.

Switzerland's Le Temps called the debacle — which resulted in some world leaders offering Bush congratulations, before hastily taking them back — "the most extraordinary failure in the history of television."

"The obligation to announce the news before the news has happened will cost CNN and its sisters dearly," the newspaper said.

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Roque Perez, in New York on Thursday for a U.N. visit, drew a link between the election's outcome and frequent U.S. advice to other nations.

"I believe that those in the United States who have always tried to become judges of elections that take place elsewhere must be receiving a lesson of modesty and humbleness," Perez Roque said.

He added that Cuba would gladly send monitors for a new election if asked by U.S. officials.

Stock markets sagged under the uncertainty, with Tokyo's benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average finishing down 2.2 percent Thursday. European shares also ended the day slightly lower following a 5.4 percent sell-off on the Nasdaq on Wednesday.

Andy Penman, an analyst at Greig Middleton, said markets would remain unsteady until the election's outcome was certain.

"The danger is that it could go through the courts as part of a legal process, and the markets do not want to see that happening," he said.

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High student turnout at U. Florida attributed to tight race

By SARAH MYRICK
Independent Florida Alligator
University of Florida

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

More than 50 percent of registered voters turned out in four voting precincts dominated by University of Florida students — a result of what experts say is largely because of a competitive party system and a spine-tingling tight race.

The election — which still has no clear winner — has come down to the line, with the results from Florida determining the winner. Turnout at the American Cancer Society Winn-Dixie Lodgeway was reported at 53.52 percent by the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office on Tuesday night. First Baptist Church, reported 53.35 percent, compared with 54.34 percent at the Reitz Union and 60.05 per-

cent at the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art.

The Alachua County voter turnout was reported at 71.15 percent Tuesday night. The student turnout was considerably lower than the county turnout, but most officials said the turnout was good for students. Compared to the 1996 presidential election, student-dominated precincts had an average turnout of 52.5 percent, according to an Alligator article from 1996.

Florida had been labeled one of the key battleground states in the 2000 presidential election, which brought candidates and their supporters to the state often during the campaign. Last week, Jesse Jackson led a rally through downtown Gainesville to encourage citizens to vote, and Green Party candidate Ralph Nader spoke at the University of Florida last

month.

UF political science professor Michael Martinez said the visits probably encouraged a few more students to get involved or vote.

"I think some students were energized by the events in the last few days of the campaign," said Martinez, who recently has published articles on voter turnout.

"There were several events on campus and in town," he said. "Jesse Jackson's visit and George P.'s visit might have mobilized some students."

Richard Conley, a UF political science assistant professor who studies presidential elections in

Florida, said the voter turnout is partly because of the competitiveness of the two parties and the closeness of the race.

"I think certainly all the media and high drama with Florida ... does [have an effect]," he said. Conley said the commotion surrounding the tight race encouraged people as well. "It makes people realize their votes count, especially in a close election."

Tuesday at the Harn Museum — a voting precinct laden with registered student voters — poll deputy Steve Wiebeld described the afternoon scene as "fast and furious."

"We even had people waiting

outside for the polls to open at 7 this morning," Wiebeld said. "That kind of turnout is unusual for this poll. I've never seen students show up like this before."

Ryan Foster, a UF microbiology and cell science junior, said he made it a point to vote because he did not want the "country to screw me over without at least trying to vote for Gore."

"I didn't want the country to go to hell in a hand basket without at least putting my say into things," he said.

Jenny L. Allen contributed to this report.

Lt. Gov. Perry awaits presidential decision

By JULIE NOLEN
Daily Texan
University of Texas at Austin

AUSTIN, Texas

While America waits to see who will be the 43rd president, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry is waiting to see which office in the Texas State Capitol he will occupy.

If Gov. George W. Bush is elected president, Perry will replace him as the state's next governor in mid-January. If Perry becomes governor, the state Senate will vote to see who will become the next lieutenant governor.

"The governor is the most visible leader of Texas state government," said State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. "Arguably, the one that holds the most power in state government is the lieutenant governor, but very few know who [he is] or what he does."

Senate members who have expressed interest in taking this position include Wentworth; David Silbey, R-Waco; Bill Ratliff, R-Mt. Pleasant; J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson; and Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo.

Before beginning his term as lieutenant governor, Perry, 50, served as a commissioner of agriculture from 1991 to 1998. Perry, who graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in animal science, was elected lieutenant governor in 1998.

Perry also served as a member of the Texas House of Representatives from 1985 to 1990, and worked on the Appropriations and Calendars committees.

Kathy Walt, spokeswoman for Perry, said he is prepared to take over as governor and will continue to focus on Texas, regardless of which job he has in January.

"He is focused on where he is today and doing the best job for Texas," Walt said. "He is ready to work for Texas in a variety of areas from the lieutenant governor's office or the governor's office."

Wentworth, who met Perry 20 years ago at a young leaders' council in Washington D.C., said Perry has served well as lieutenant governor.

"He maintained electing members of both [political] parties to chair over committees [in the Senate]," Wentworth said. "I expect him to continue the bipartisan spirit he has adopted if appointed to Governor."

State Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, said if Perry becomes governor, Texans should expect the same leadership from Perry as they received from Bush.

"It's a status quo situation; he's no new kid on the block," said Maxey, who was a member of the House with Perry. "He's a steady manager, but don't expect dynamic, bold leadership out of Perry."

Maxey criticized Perry for "sloppy" political work, adding that Perry should stay focused on state issues before planning his 2002 campaign for governor.

"As long as he realizes he needs to pay attention to Texas first, he'll be better off," Maxey said.

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White House celebrates 200 years with formal dinner

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

As the nation awaited word on its next chief executive, three former presidents joined President Clinton at the White House on Thursday night to celebrate the mansion's two centuries as a symbol of leadership and continuity.

"Hillary and I are grateful beyond words to have served as temporary stewards of the people's house these last eight years — an honor exceeded only by the privilege of service that comes with the key to the front door."

Clinton said in exchanging toasts with the former presidents in the East Room.

"In ways both large and small, each and every one of you has cast your light upon this house and left it and your country brighter for it."

The formal dinner honored the building's history and the 40 presidents who have lived there, but much of the attention was focused on three of its recent occupants:

♦ Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York's senator-elect and the only first lady to win high elected office. She used the occasion to

show off a new, 300-place setting of Lenox china, the first to feature the White House itself in the center of a gold-edged plate.

♦ George and Barbara Bush, who have a keen family interest in the outcome of the still unsettled 2000 presidential election. Their eldest son, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, and Vice President Al Gore, are locked in an unpredictable Florida recount for the final votes needed to decide the next White House tenant.

Other honored dinner guests include former President Gerald R. Ford and his wife, Betty; former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn; and former first lady Lady Bird Johnson. Of the nation's living former presidents, only Ronald Reagan, afflicted with Alzheimer's disease, was unable to attend.

Hillary Clinton, slipping seamlessly from her 16-month Senate campaign into her role

as first lady, told reporters that the new china is the product of a two-year design effort in which she took an active role. The china is a gift to the executive mansion from the White House Historical Association, which raised \$240,000 from private donations.

The East Room had a head table for the Clintons and former presidential couples and round tables for the rest of the 190 guests.

The dinner menu, the selection of desserts and the wine list were an attempt to match the tastes enjoyed by White House guests in the age of John Adams and his successor, Thomas Jefferson, the first two presidents to live in the White House.

Chef Walter Scheib prepared a menu with an emphasis on the kind of seasonal and local ingredients that likely were available along the Potomac River two centuries ago: seared striped bass, corn and crab fricassée,

and smoked loin of lambs with a sauce that included "heirloom apples" planted in York, Pa., in the 19th century.

Pastry chef Roland Mesnier planned an "Abigail Adams floating island" with a replica in white chocolate of President Adams' famous prayer offering "the best of blessings on this house."

When the Adamses arrived in Washington on November 1800, the city was a dispirited landscape of tree stumps, rutted muddy roads, construction debris and only a few new buildings.

The President's House, as it was to be called for decades, was chilly, damp and uncomfortable.

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Clinton meets with Yasser Arafat

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat slammed Israel on the White House doorstep Thursday after a two-hour meeting with President Clinton on the violence that has shattered already enfeebled peace talks.

After shaking hands with Clinton and saluting him as he left, Arafat told reporters in a rain-swept driveway that he had reaffirmed his commitment to making peace, and the outcome depends on the efforts exerted by Clinton.

The White House gave no indication that any



Clinton

reopening negotiations between the Palestinians and Israelis.

In fact, administration officials abandoned the phrase "peace process" and replaced it with "political process."

A White House spokesman, P.J. Crowley, would not say whether Clinton asked Arafat for a public demand that Palestinian protesters stop their rock-throwing campaign against Israelis.

But, Crowley said, "Clear statements by both leaders can only help."

"We continue to be frustrated," Crowley told reporters.

Arafat was defiant in his own exchange with reporters earlier. Thrusting at Israel, he said: "I am not the one who initiated the violence. I am not the one who is attacking Israelis."

My tanks are not sieging Israeli towns. I did not order my tanks, my air force, my artillery, my heavy weapons, my navy."

He interrupted his interpreter to make sure his English was conveyed as he wished.

"We are facing a very dangerous situation that is really hindering the peace process," he said.

"We are a nation with one airplane," Arafat said as he left.

He met later at his Washington hotel with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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Arizona, Idaho receive monuments

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
President Clinton on Thursday created a new national monument to protect a spectacular line of red-hued cliffs in northern Arizona and dramatically expanded an Idaho monument featuring an eerie, volcanic landscape.

The 293,000-acre Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, near the Colorado River north of the Grand Canyon, is the 10th monument Clinton has created this year and the fourth in Arizona, over the objections of the state's governor and other Republican officials.

Clinton also ordered 661,000 acres of federal land added to the 54,440-acre Craters of the Moon National Monument in central Idaho — expanding the monument by more than 12-fold.

Clinton used his power under the 1906 Antiquities Act to add protection to areas already owned by the federal government. Creating a monument allows the president to ban logging and mining, restrict off-road vehicle use and grazing,

and bring added prominence to the areas.

Western Republicans have complained bitterly about nearly all of the 10 Western monuments Clinton has created. Critics say Clinton misused his authority, locking away federal land from commercial ventures that would have brought jobs and money to poor and remote areas.

Clinton had not notified Arizona Gov. Jane Hull of the plans to create the monument by Thursday evening, said Hull aide Scott Celley. While Celley said Clinton's earlier monument designations in Arizona were "unilateral and poorly communicated," the Vermilion Cliffs decision was no surprise because Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt had recommended it in August.

Environmentalists, on the other hand, have cheered Clinton's monuments and urged him to create more.

"I do think that the outcome of the election will affect future monuments," said Pam Eaton of the Wilderness Society.

Top on environmentalists' monument wish list is the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska. Presidential hopeful George W. Bush and many other Republicans say oil companies should be allowed to drill in the refuge, while environmentalists and Vice President Al Gore say the area should be off-limits to drilling.

Clinton has not said whether he plans to make the refuge a national monument, which would block oil drilling there.

Bush also has criticized Clinton's monument designations but acknowledged overturning them would be difficult. Congress may change monuments' status as it did most recently with many of the monuments President Jimmy Carter declared in Alaska.

"I do think that the outcome of the election will affect future monuments."

**Pam Eaton
Wilderness Society**

Teenaged gunman gets 40-year sentence

◆ **Teen wounded 6 classmates last year**

Associated Press

CONYERS, Ga.
A teenager who shot and wounded six high school classmates last year was sentenced Thursday to 40 years in prison and 65 years of probation.

T.J. Solomon, 17, who pleaded guilty but mentally ill a day earlier, held his head in his hands through much of Thursday's hearing. He stood up straight and had no visible reaction to the sentence.

Superior Court Judge Sidney Nation said he felt sorry for Solomon, but said he would "err on the side of safety for the community."

Solomon opened fire with a sawed-off rifle at Heritage High School in suburban Atlanta on May 20, 1999, one month after the Columbine

High School massacre in Colorado.

No one was killed or critically injured, and witnesses said Solomon, then 15, aimed below the waist.

Witnesses said he surrendered to an assistant principal with a tearful: "Oh, my God, I'm so scared!"

Solomon's attorney, Ed Garland, had recommended 10 years in prison and indicated he may appeal.

"I'm very sad, I'm very disappointed T.J. will not be provided treatment for his mental illness," Garland said.

Victims who were in the courtroom hugged after the sentence was announced.

Michael Cheek, whose son Jason was shot twice, described the sentencing as "bittersweet."

"I feel sorry for T.J. and his family but he did the crime and he should be punished for it," Cheek said.

Jason Cheek, now a freshman at Cumberland College in Williamsburg, Ky., was not in court.



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New cancer drug shows promise, but cure unlikely

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — Eagerly awaited test results on a much-publicized new cancer drug designed to stop tumors by cutting off their blood supply indicate the medication is safe and

show promising signs it may help control the disease.

However, the results discussed Thursday at a symposium on new cancer drugs suggest that the drug endostatin is unlikely to be the kind of across-the-board cancer cure that many had hoped for.

The drug was tested on terminally ill cancer patients largely to assess its safety.

No dramatic recoveries have so far been seen among the 61 patients studied.

"Some patients benefitted, but many did not," said one of the chief investigators, Roy Herbst,

an assistant professor of medicine at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. "These patients were very sick. Most of their tumors are going to grow no matter what you do."

The best results were seen in a 50-year-old man with cancer in his jaw.

His tumor shrank by 62 percent in eight weeks.

A tumor in the pancreas of another patient shrank by 19 percent after he had been taking the drug for a year.

In five other cases, the disease remained stable, with the tumor neither progressing nor shrinking.

Despite the lack of cures, the testing provided some evidence the drug may cut off a tumor's blood supply, as intended, offering hope the approach could work better in patients who are less desperately ill.

Blood flow through the tumors became less robust and chemicals involved in blood vessel creation diminished as patients were given increasingly higher doses of endostatin.

No serious side effects were noticed in any of the patients, the scientists said.

While some experts considered the test results "tremendously promising," others were cautiously optimistic.

The recent discovery that angiogenesis, or the creation of new blood vessels, is vital to a tumor's survival has been the

basis for the hottest area in cancer research.

Drugs that attack the process are called angiogenesis inhibitors. Endostatin is one of dozens of such drugs, which are at varying stages of development and attack blood vessel growth from different angles.

"Many of them have shown little toxicity, and this is not the first to show a response," said William Li, head of the Boston-based Angiogenesis Foundation, a non-profit information clearinghouse that tracks research in the field.

"But it's unprecedented at this stage of testing to have such a comprehensive measurement of markers that indicate there might be a benefit," he added.

Tracking the indirect indicators has allowed scientists to see more promising signs earlier in the research than normal, Li said.

Besides M.D. Anderson, the Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston and the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center in Madison conducted the studies.

The Boston study was sponsored by the drug's maker, Entremed of Rockville, Md., while the other two were funded by the U.S. National Cancer Institute.

Some experts predict endostatin and the other drugs will in most cases halt cancer growth, turning the disease from an acute fatal illness into a low-level ongoing condition, like diabetes or arthritis.

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Mexican rapist, killer executed in Texas

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A Mexican-born killer was executed by injection Thursday

amid protests from foreign countries that say he was denied his right under an international treaty to contact the Mexican consulate after his arrest.

About five hours before Miguel Flores was strapped to a chamber gurney for the execution, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 5-4 vote, denied his request for a reprieve.

Earlier this week, both the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused to halt the execution, the 35th this year in the nation's most active death penalty state.

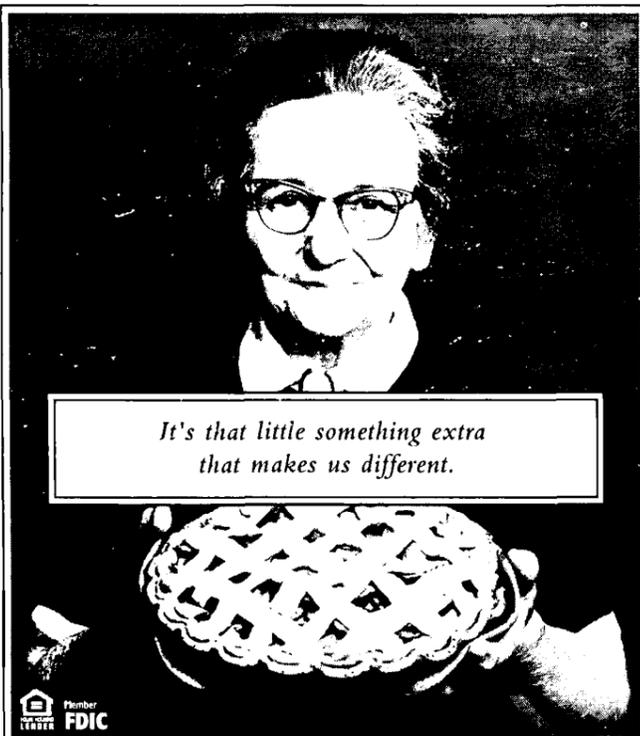
Flores, 31, was condemned to die for abducting, raping and stabbing to death 20-year-old Angela Marie Tyson as she left her summer job at a video store in 1989. He issued an apology to Tyson's relatives before he was executed.

"I want to say I'm sorry. I said a prayer today for you so you can have peace. I hope you can forgive me," Flores said, choking back tears.

When Flores was arrested, he was not allowed to contact the Mexican consulate as called for under the Vienna Convention of Consular Relations, his backers argued.

"We firmly believe that timely assistance from the Mexican consulate would have meant the difference between life and death for Miguel Flores," attorney Richard Ellis said.

Roy Carper, who prosecuted Flores, countered: "There's no dispute that wasn't done. But Mr. Flores claimed to be a U.S. citizen, and that would knock out anything the Mexican government has to do about it."



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Address all issues of homosexuality

Father John Harvey's talk Thursday night in DeBartolo Hall was clear and concise in its explanation of church dogma in regards to "same-sex attractions." His talk failed to address, however, several key issues concerning homosexuality at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Harvey began his talk by saying "I could talk about the hostile environment but let's skip all that. Let's just get down to the teachings of the church."

By "skipping all that" in regards to the hostile environment toward homosexuali-

ty on these two campuses, Harvey missed a chance to make Notre Dame and Saint Mary's a welcoming place for homosexuals and live up to Notre Dame's "Spirit of Inclusion."

On campuses where "kill all the fags" can still be found scrawled on the bathroom walls, a dialogue must be opened concerning these negative attitudes. The University and College should bring more speakers to campus to continue the discussion of ministering to homosexuals in a Catholic environment.

Harvey was too quick to dismiss suicide concerns of homosexuals, violence against

homosexuals and intimidation of homosexuals as inconsequential in his talk. When audience members brought up their concern with higher rates of suicide among gays and lesbians, Harvey denied homosexuals that have higher suicide rates. Even if the suicide rates are not higher as Harvey claims, the suicide concerns of many homosexuals cannot be so casually dismissed.

When Notre Dame and Saint Mary's address all the church's teachings regarding love and respect for each other, in addition to the call for everyone outside of marriage to lead chaste lives, only then will the institutions adequately minister the homosexual members of their communities.

The Observer Editorial

Unpredictability of electoral results

This writer and every American pollster certainly had it right when we labeled the 2000 presidential race "too close to call." The surprise is not the closeness of the election but what exit polls revealed — some big surprises about why things turned out the way they did.

Two obvious surprises are evident. The first is that Tennessee did not back its native son, Al Gore, whose moderate stands on issues are not radically out of step with the state. Had those eleven electoral votes gone Gore's way, he would have had 271 votes, one more than needed, without the cliffhanger in Florida.

Tennessee's Republican Party is proud to have partnered with the gun lobby to deny the Democratic nominee the state. Many view Republican hostility towards President Clinton in both Arkansas and Tennessee as more tenacious than anyone's loyalty to college football teams like the Razorbacks or Volunteers.

The second surprise is the so-called "butterfly ballot" in Palm Beach County, Florida, which increased the size of the print so older voters could better see the candidate names. In an effort to fit all the presidential candidates near the top of the ballot, the names were listed on both sides of the punch hole instead of the usual listing on the left side. No state should permit their various counties to separately devise the layout of a ballot, thus setting the stage for the Palm Beach fiasco.

While the nation focuses on Florida's recounting of the popular votes, which will determine the electoral vote winner and ultimately the president, the voters themselves made statements on exit poll surveys which were contrary to what the polling tracked. Despite the concerted effort of the Gore campaign to focus the

campaign on policy issues and experience, voter choices were strongly influenced by perceptions of character and leadership ability.

No single issue dominated the presidential election in the way that honesty and leadership qualities seem to attract Bush support. Bush won the confidence of voters by significant margins. They considered "honesty and trustworthiness" as the defining qualities for the next president. In fact, more voters cited honesty as the factor most influencing their vote than named any single policy issue, which was a stunning blow to the vice president's strategy.

Overall, one-fourth of voters said honesty was the personal quality that mattered most to them. Bush captured more than three-fourths of those supporters. Bush also succeeded in securing two-thirds of votes cast by the 13 percent of Americans seeking a president who would demonstrate good judgment in a crisis. Among the 15 percent of voters who ranked "experience" as the quality that mattered most to them, the vice president was the stronger candidate.

Exit polls showed that overall, 18 percent of voters said the economy was foremost in their choice for president, 15 percent cited education, 14 percent cited social security, 13 percent named taxes and 12 percent named international affairs. Healthcare garnered 8 percent while Medicare funding for prescription drugs got 7 percent — two prominent issues for the Gore campaign — were ranked lowest among voters nationwide.

Remarkably, the Texas governor was the dominant choice among voters naming world issues as most important. Bush also led among those who listed taxes as their most important issues, but the vice president secured the votes of those ranking the economy, education and social security as key.

Bush and Gore received support from their traditional party bases, but split the vote among Independents, 45 percent to 44 percent, respectively. Even though Ralph Nader drew only 3 percent of the popular vote, two points less than pre-election polls predicted, his impact was

two percent in Florida, hurting Gore's candidacy.

At the national level, exit polls found 9 percent of liberals casting their votes for Nader, as well as 6 percent of Independents. Nader also had appeal among voters who believe Al Gore has been too conservative on the issues.

The results also clearly indicate that Nader gained support from younger voters, which clearly came at the expense of Gore. Among those 18 to 29, Gore edged out Bush, 48 percent to 46 percent, and 5 percent went to Nader. Notably, Gore's vote with this age group was five points lower than President Clinton received in 1996.

Bush decisively took the white males (60 percent), wealthy Americans (54 percent of those with incomes exceeding \$100,000) and married couples with children under the age of 18 (56 percent) in this week's election.

Gore was the preferred candidate among women (54 percent), senior citizens (51 percent), African-Americans (90 percent), Latinos (62 percent), Asians (55 percent), Jewish voters (79 percent) and Catholic voters (50 percent). Abortion rights proponents, 56 percent of the electorate were strong supporters of Gore.

The election is keeping the nation transfixed about which man will emerge as victor with only a handful of votes separating the two candidates. Absentee ballots have yet to arrive in Florida and recounts will continue. One court will definitely consider a challenge that has been filed. Regardless of who eventually wins the contest, the exit polls have shown that both campaigns' appeal to the electorate was not quite what we originally expected — sort of like the outcome of Florida.

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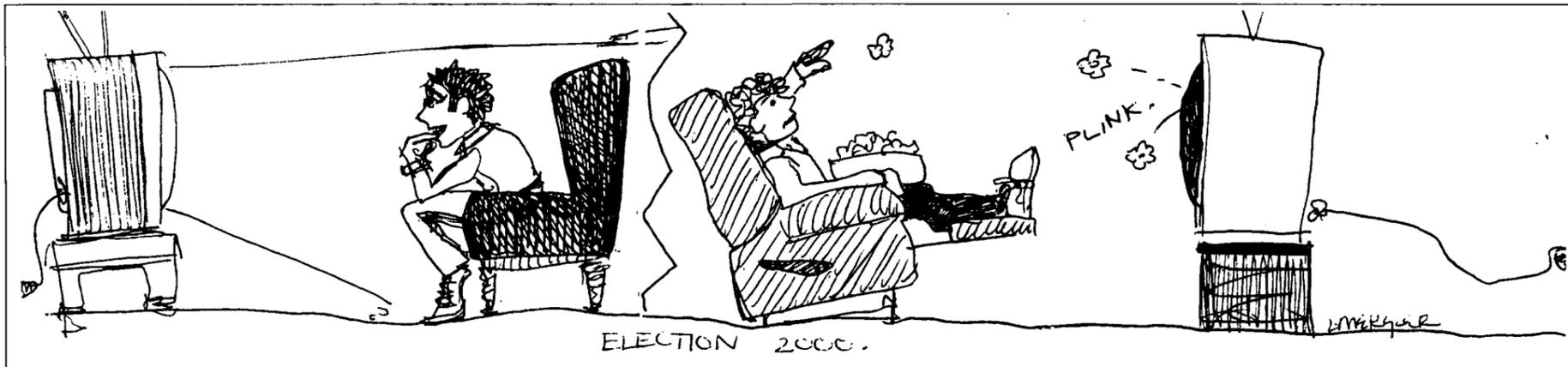


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"The more you encourage someone else's freedom of expression and the more different that someone else is from you, the more democratic the act."

Wynton Marsalis
musician

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Reacting to issues raised by the election

Electoral College should stay firmly in place

This letter is in response to the Nov. 7 editorial calling for the abolition of the electoral college. The editorial board points out that voters today have greater access to information about candidates and that the principle of equality requires a decision via popular vote.

The editorial is wrong. The chief reason why we should retain the electoral college is that it cuts down on fraud. For example, so long as Illinois Democrats know their state only gets 24 electoral votes no matter how high the turnout, they will lack the motive to pad their state's vote totals. In a popular vote though, padding in a few large states could make the difference. Admittedly, politicians will always have a motive to commit fraud when the contest in their state is close.

As for the idea that equality requires a popular vote, that value is outweighed by other considerations in our confederated republic. We have a system of checks and balances designed to see that the majority does not tyrannize the minority. The electoral college, like the Senate, dampens the power of states with large populations to impose their will on smaller states. This seems particularly appropriate in the 21st Century, when much of the populations of those large states are dependent upon federal entitlements (i.e., the elderly). Many people in the more urban states do not "vote" so much as they are "voted." (Witness Al Gore's ruthless attempts to scare the elderly this fall.) To dampen the electoral influence of these voters serves to ensure that the election will be decided by those voters who stand at arm's length from the federal government and who can therefore, like disinterested jurists, objectively evaluate the candidates. These voters are able to judge Mr. Gore and Mr. Bush based on the merits of the two men and not on the ability of each to put money in their pockets.

I will heartily embrace the abolition of the electoral college when we disenfranchise every voter who collects a check from the federal government each month.

Peter Zavodnyik
class of '92
November 9, 2000

Invitation of Lieberman compromised University's Catholic morality

The extremely close election results in Florida and around the nation demonstrate that this University should have taken a stronger stance and not allowed Senator Lieberman, a Pro-Choice candidate, to speak here. In a race that Lieberman predicted would be as close as "one extra vote per voting precinct," Notre Dame provided a one-sided forum for Lieberman's message and placed its imprimatur on the entire display. Not only did the seal of this Catholic University stand physically behind the senator as he spoke in Washington Hall, but now the specter of our Notre Dame president shaking hands with Lieberman before that seal continues to stand symbolically as implicit approval of Lieberman's policies.

Lieberman came here for political purposes — one of which (his record indicates and his running mate proudly declared) is the continued legalization of abortion. Consequently, Lieberman's presence at Notre Dame possibly served to influence undecided voters on this campus, in this community and around the nation. Undecided Catholic voters in Florida especially, looking for guidance in this election, may have been misled by Notre Dame's failure to speak out against Lieberman's policies. Indeed, CNN exit polls indicate that 50 percent of Catholic voters voted for Gore, while 47 percent voted for Bush. In a race in which the winner will directly affect the composition of the Supreme Court and have a say in the continued legalization of partial-birth abortion, Notre Dame failed to fulfill its responsibility of providing leadership to this nation's Catholic voters. How ironic that Lieberman's message was critical of those who "shrink from drawing bright lines and making moral judgments." For, simply allowing Lieberman to speak proved his point. This University "shrink[ed]" from drawing such

"bright lines" by ignoring the abortion issue while Lieberman was here. Notre Dame should have seized the opportunity to promote the sanctity of life and provide guidance for voters despite Lieberman's efforts to avoid the issue.

The current application for admission to Notre Dame asks prospective students, "for what cause would you choose to be an 'extremist for justice' as defined by Dr. [Martin Luther] King" in his Letter from the Birmingham Jail. Should any of the thousands of applicants hoping for admission discuss abortion, they might be disappointed upon acceptance as they realize that here too at Notre Dame, where one hopes to find passion about this issue, one is instead disappointed by passivity.

This is not to say that no contrary political candidate may speak at this school. Rather, Notre Dame must act with responsibility as a Catholic University as it promotes such academic discussions. Allow political speeches and debates of diverse viewpoints but do so in an academic manner presenting various sides of the issue. The close nature of the election and the rationale offered by political commentators that there are no "burning" issues dividing the nation, call to mind that single voice breaking the silence during Lieberman's Notre Dame speech — "What about abortion?" As so great a cause (Pro-Life movement) now relies upon so few votes (those in Florida), Notre Dame, like that single voice in the Lieberman's audience here, should have stood before the academic community and the nation to demand of Lieberman/Gore an answer to the question — "What about abortion?"

Kevin E. Barton
Law Student
November 9, 2000

Election presented voters with unwanted candidates

Nov. 7 was not the most important night of election 2000. It was March 7, when John McCain's defeat in the Republican primaries left the nation with two lackluster candidates.

Neither Bush nor Gore ever convinced the electorate. The polls drifted one way and the other and in the end the election was so close that the winner has no real mandate. It didn't have to be this way. McCain showed that he would win the support of independents and even Democrats and his fiery critique of the Clinton-Gore administration would have kept the race interesting. Election 2000 could have been a true decision.

McCain deserved the presidency because he best embodied the will of the people. During the McCain insurgency, polls that asked voters to choose between Gore, Bush and McCain found that each ran with 33 percent support. In some countries voters list the several candidates in order of preference and second preferences are added up until a candidate gets a majority. Under this system, polls suggest McCain would tie in the first place round, but sweep the second choice round because he is the second choice of most supporters of either Gore or Bush. Instead the primaries punished McCain as a freethinker and Election Day forgot him.

McCain's issues are the ones that should have mattered most in election 2000. Bush has fine ideas about education but that is not under the president's jurisdiction. Foreign policy, however, is eminently the president's business. The breakdown of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks exemplify the bankruptcy of what McCain called Clinton's "photo-op foreign policy," his haphazard, arbi-

trary, misguided "peacekeeping" that makes matters worse, without anything close to a vision worthy of America's greatness behind it. As a presidential candidate, McCain could have given Clinton's hegemony-on-the-cheap just the critique it

deserves. But he was out of the race. Maybe a dull election reassures the seniors or Wall Street fat cats who want gridlock. But the young are exasperated. My friends voted against. The ones who thought that Bush was too dumb to be president voted Gore. The ones who thought Gore's stiff-backed self-assurance is creepy voted Bush. Some (myself included) opted for Nader as a protest. Some stayed home. But nobody's heart was in it. The young sent their message in the primaries, with strong support for McCain. They were overruled by the inertia generation. From then on, the candidates talked over their heads to the graybeards about Social Security and Medicare.

I don't know whether we need to break the two-party system, or, if so, how to do so. I don't know whether proportional representation would help. I don't know how to give the young a voice in politics. But I do know who should have won the 2000 election: John McCain.



Nathanael Smith
Senior
O'Neill Hall
October 9, 2000

When I went to

Scene speaks with alumni to see just how the atmosphere and adm

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Scene Writer

When 147 students were cited at Finnigan's Irish Pub the Thursday before fall break, they faced a possible fine and community service. The University also stepped in and scheduled ResLife hearings where students might face additional community service and alcohol counseling.

For Fritz Hologrefe, Class of 1964, the stakes were much higher when he was caught in a bar as an undergrad.

"If you got caught in a raid, you were gone," he said.

Hologrefe went to a vastly different Notre Dame than the school under the Dome today. The rules were strict, stifling and unforgiving. At the then all-male school, dorm room visits from girls were forbidden, daily mass was practically mandatory and most of South Bend was taboo. The Fathers of the Holy Cross tried to make certain that their students weren't spending time in the pool halls and bars of the city.

"You'd sneak around if you could, but certain parts of town were off-limits," Hologrefe said.

"Probably 3/4 of the city of South Bend was off-limits. If you were caught, it didn't make a darn bit of difference when you were caught, you were out."

So when South Bend police raided Joer's Bar and Grill in South Bend, as a 19-year-old student, Hologrefe knew he was in trouble.

He first tried to hide from the cops in the women's bathroom, but it was already full of frightened underage patrons. Next he ventured to the basement where there was a special room for avoiding the officers. But again, he was too late. The backroom was stuffed with students.

So Hologrefe went back up to the bar and sat down between two older men — one in his mid-50s and one in his early 60s.

"I said 'Guys, listen to me and let's carry on a conversation. We are going to talk about how lousy a day we had at work,'" Hologrefe said.

So the Notre Dame undergrad and the two older, bluecollar workers began to complain and gripe about how awful their jobs were. They traded made-up stories about overbearing bosses, back

breaking labor and lunch breaks that were too short.

Soon the officers reached Hologrefe and the two men. They asked the man on Hologrefe's left for his ID.

"The cop came by and we're sitting here raising hell about work and they card this guy next to me — he's 55," Hologrefe said. "So the other guy says 'What are you carding us for? Me and this guy [Hologrefe] had a really bad day at work.'"

The embarrassed officer just walked away without carding Hologrefe. Thanks to some quick thinking, Hologrefe remained in school long enough to earn his degree and graduate in 1964.

Graduates from Notre Dame in the 50s and 60s remember the University being a much stricter school with rules like bed checks, morning checks and dress codes.

"Notre Dame was a whole lot different than it is today," said Tom Rohrer, Class of 1956. "We weren't allowed to wear shorts — except on the golf course. We weren't allowed to have bicycles and, of course, there were no girls."

Notre Dame wasn't just an all-male school before 1972; women were barely allowed on campus — and never into a student's dorm room.

"It was all you could do to get your mother in your room on a football weekend," Hologrefe said. "When I was here, you had four service academies in the country — Army, Navy, Air Force ... and Notre Dame. And in this place, the rules were probably tougher."

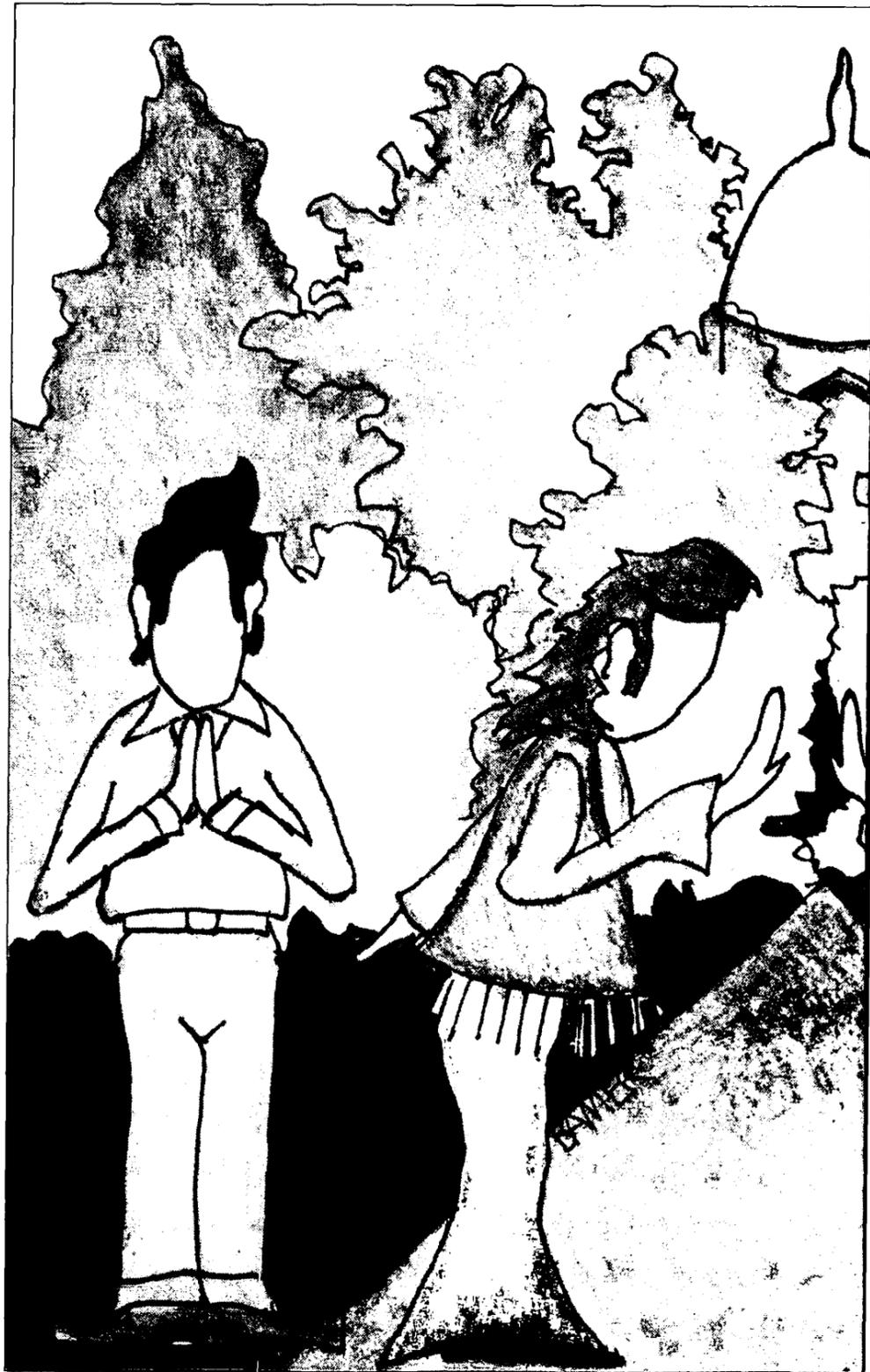
While alcohol was banned from campus, students still found a way to keep a little beer around and, like today, administrators usually turned a blind eye to the occasional on-campus alcohol violation.

Jim Haering, Class of 1955, said he and his fellow Howard Hall residents used to keep bottles of beer in the flush tanks of toilets to keep them cold. Little refrigerators didn't exist yet, so the cold water kept the beer at least a little bit cooler.

This method worked for several months without a problem until a notice was tacked to the bulletin boards by the

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Tom Rohrer
Class of 1956



rector asking students to stop putting beer bottles in the tanks. Apparently, the labels kept falling off the bottles and clogging up the plumbing.

A few weeks later, another notice appeared on the boards thanking the students for switching to canned beer and ending the label problem.

Another alum-nus relates a story from the 60s when several students rigged one of the soda fountains in the dorm to dispense beer rather than Coke. Although the keg was seized as soon as the rector discovered the alteration made to the machine, he did not investigate who was responsible for the keg. He sup-

posedly was too intrigued by the ingenuity shown by the students to prosecute anyone.

Despite stories of unpunished alcohol violations, Notre Dame administrators mostly kept a vigilant eye on students when they were on campus. Students were expected to be in bed at 11 p.m. on weeknights — no exceptions.

"Lights went out at 11," Rohrer said. "The electricity went out at 11."

Rectors came around to the rooms to make sure that everyone was in bed and, if a bed were empty, that student would be reported to the Prefect of Discipline."

When he lived in Howard Hall as a freshman, Rohrer's rector used to brag that he had thrown a famous football player out for missing bed check. Community

"If you weren't in the dormitory [at curfew], you were gone. You were grass — out of the University."

Fritz Hologrefe
Class of 1964

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Veselik takes on Rak in the finals

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Athletic Grubb excels on gridiron, soccer field

By LAUREN CONTI
Sports Writer

When the Whirlwinds of Welsh Family Hall hit the stadium turf on Sunday to face off against the Howard Ducks they will be boasting not only the veteran members of last year's championship squad, but also the star addition of former Irish soccer player Jen Grubb.

A fifth-year senior, Grubb played central defender for the Fighting Irish varsity soccer squad from 1996 to '99. Although she exhausted her soccer eligibility, she still had one semester left to earn her degree. She had taken the second semester of her junior year off to train with the Women's World Cup team.

Then, this fall, she returned to Notre Dame for an extra semester to graduate.

"I just wanted to complete my degree," said Grubb. "The training was a great opportunity, but I wanted to finish what I'd started."

Grubb turned to women's interhall football to fill the athletic void left by soccer.

"I think everyone was excited to have her," said Alison Tullis, co-captain of the Whirlwinds. "She's obviously been a great addition to the team."

"I'm just happy to be out here being competitive, doing something athletic," said Grubb.

The decision to play football wasn't just a random choice, however. While attending J.B. Conant High School in suburban Chicago, Grubb played place-kicker for her high school men's football team, a



PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS KEVIN DALUM, ERNESTO LACAYO & JOSE CUELLAR/The Observer

Welsh receiver Jen Grubb has completed the transformation from star defender on the Irish women's soccer team to star running back for the Whirlwinds. Welsh takes on Howard in the women's interhall championship Sunday.

unique role that granted her invaluable experience in the sport and helped prepare her for the interhall experience.

"I had always watched football growing up, and of course I was familiar with it because of being kicker," said Grubb. "Between soccer and that experience, I'm used to the way a practice is run."

The addition of Grubb to the

already-strong Welsh squad has heavy implications for rival teams, as illustrated by the Whirlwinds' undefeated record so far this season.

Welsh co-captain Maria Feilmeyer said, "I think having Jen just added to the talent we already have on the team. She's a really great team player, she doesn't try to draw attention to herself despite her

unique situation, and she just works as hard as anyone else does."

"I would say she brings a lot of intensity to the team," said Tullis. "And obviously a lot of athleticism."

Grubb couldn't have asked for a more successful season. The running back has been a part of an undefeated team that is now heavily favored to

win the championship game, a game about which she maintains her positive attitude.

"I think we're all excited," she said. "Anytime you're in a championship game its going to get your adrenaline going. You're ready to play; it's what you've been working for all season long. I feel like all the effort for the past couple of months is going to pay off."

Veselik looks to lead underdog Howard past Welsh

By SUSIE CARPENTER
Sports Writer

The ultimate prize of interhall football is winning the championship in Notre Dame Stadium. Fourteen teams began the season. This number narrowed to eight for first round playoff action, then to four in the semi-finals.

Welsh Family and Howard are the two teams left standing, both with the desire to win the championship on Sunday afternoon. As the returning champs, Welsh Family has been dominating women's interhall all season long. It entered the playoffs with an undefeated record and have not let up on its intensity on its drive to the finals with wins over Lyons and then Walsh last week.

Howard squeaked into the playoffs with a 3-3 record, but the Ducks performance in the post-season has proven them capable of beating any team, no matter the ranking.

Welsh and Howard faced each other in the regular season, with the Whirlwinds coming out with the victory 28-0. Despite the lopsided score, Welsh is not underestimating Howard.

"It's different to beat the same team twice," said Welsh coach Ben Perossa. "It's not a mistake that they are in the championship."

The Whirlwinds know full well about the power of the underdog. Last year, they defeated heavily favored PE in the finals after losing to the Pyros in the regular season. With this in mind, co-captain Alison Tullis said, "We are practicing hard and trying to be very prepared both mentally and physically."

Welsh looks strong both on offense and defense.

"A major strength for us is that our team is well-rounded," said co-captain Maria Feilmeyer. "There are many excellent athletes on our team on both sides of the ball."

Leading the offense is quarterback Katie Rak. Rak has been a key factor to the Whirlwind season. She has consistently found the open receiver in the end zone for big plays, and has tallied up the points each game to eliminate any chance of a comeback from their opponent.

Catching these touchdowns are the talented Welsh receivers, including Vanessa Lichon and Jen Grubb.

The defensive attack will be led by Maria Feilmeyer and Tullis. In its game against Lyons, Welsh's defense snagged multiple interceptions, keeping the Whirlwinds in the game after a slow offensive start. The defense looks to hold Howard, forcing them to go three and out, in order to give their

offense possession of the ball.

"The more opportunities we give them [the Whirlwind offense], there will be more opportunities to win," said Perossa. Welsh looks to the experience of its veteran players to calm any nerves and to bring it the championship.

The Whirlwinds' win last year has been a motivational force to back again this year. "This game is what we worked for as a team," said Welsh coach Mike Valle. "We are excited to give it one last effort and hopefully we'll come out on top."

The Ducks are looking to avenge their loss with the upset.

"Last meeting left everyone a little disappointed," said Howard co-captain and quarterback Jill Veselik. In addition to her ability to scramble, Veselik has been frustrating the opposition with her passing game, thanks to receivers Vanessa Nero and Elizabeth Klimeck.

"I have confidence that our offense can create plays," said Howard coach Paul Guzzetta. "Our receivers are very aggressive and talented in getting that football from Jill and making plays."

Similar to Welsh, Howard's defense has been effective at shutting down the opposition. The Ducks' defense forced pivotal turnovers that set up their offense for touchdowns in last week's game against Off-

Welsh Family Hall Whirlwinds

Welsh Family Hall Whirlwinds			Howard Ducks		
Mana Feilman	NG	Sr.	Jill Veselik	QB/LB	Jr.
Katie Rak	QB	Sr.	Katie Cawley	RB	So.
Alison Tullis	LB	Sr.	Maureen Doyle	RT	So.
Jennifer Grubb	RB	Sr.	Jenna Spanbauer	LT	Jr.
Katie Ball	LG	So.	Jeanne Trelease	C	Jr.
Bethany Barker	RB	So.	Beth Leliaert	LT	Sr.
Alex Callan	RB	So.	Elizabeth Klimek	SE	Fr.
Kris Kingsbury	LG/C	So.	Vanessa Nero	SE	Sr.
Vanessa Lichon	WR/CB	So.	Sally Hosey	FL	So.
Erin MacKenzie	CB	So.	Katie Nokes	FL	Fr.
Elizabeth Myers	DE	So.	Laurie Wild	RE	Sr.
Colleen O'Connor	LB	So.	Erin Shea	LE	So.
Karl Pederson	DE	So.	Jillian Harris	LB	So.
Courtney Selph	LB	So.	Jen Guinan	LOLB	Fr.
Jenny Yee	WR/S	So.	Becky Klein	FS	Sr.
Megan Markey	WR	Fr.	Emily Borg	DB	Sr.
Jamie McEldowney	WR	Fr.	Michelle Merio	DB	So.
Mary Murphy	C	Fr.	Christina Fujii	DB	Fr.
Emily Oess	S	Fr.	Katherine Karrat	DB	So.
Lucy Patranella	RG	Fr.	Porscha Radcliffe	DB	Fr.
Christina Quillen	DE/CB	Fr.	Andrea Blyth	DB	Fr.
Katie Sprintz	LG/RB	Fr.			

Campus. "Offense wins games, defense wins championships," said Guzzetta.

Howard co-captain Jeanne Trelease is proud to be a member of the first Howard Hall team to make it to the finals

and she hopes the team rides their momentum to the upset.

"We are going to look to stay focused on this game and as long as we play like we have been, I think we have a great chance at winning," she said.

Men's INTERHALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Dynasties collide as powerful Juggs take on Knights

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Keenan and Knott meet in Sunday's interhall football final at Notre Dame Stadium, it will be the first time the two powerhouse teams have ever played each other. And players from both teams feel it's about time.

"The two best teams from the two divisions finally get to play each other," Keenan junior Brian Kunitzer said.

"We're glad we get to come out and play a solid team," Knott junior Pat Virtue said.

Despite the impressive records of Knott and Keenan over the past three years — the two teams have only lost a combined seven games — both teams are approaching Sunday's game with a tremendous amount of respect for their opponent.

While Knott brings a 13-game winning streak into Sunday's final, it knows Keenan has a history of playing well in the Stadium.

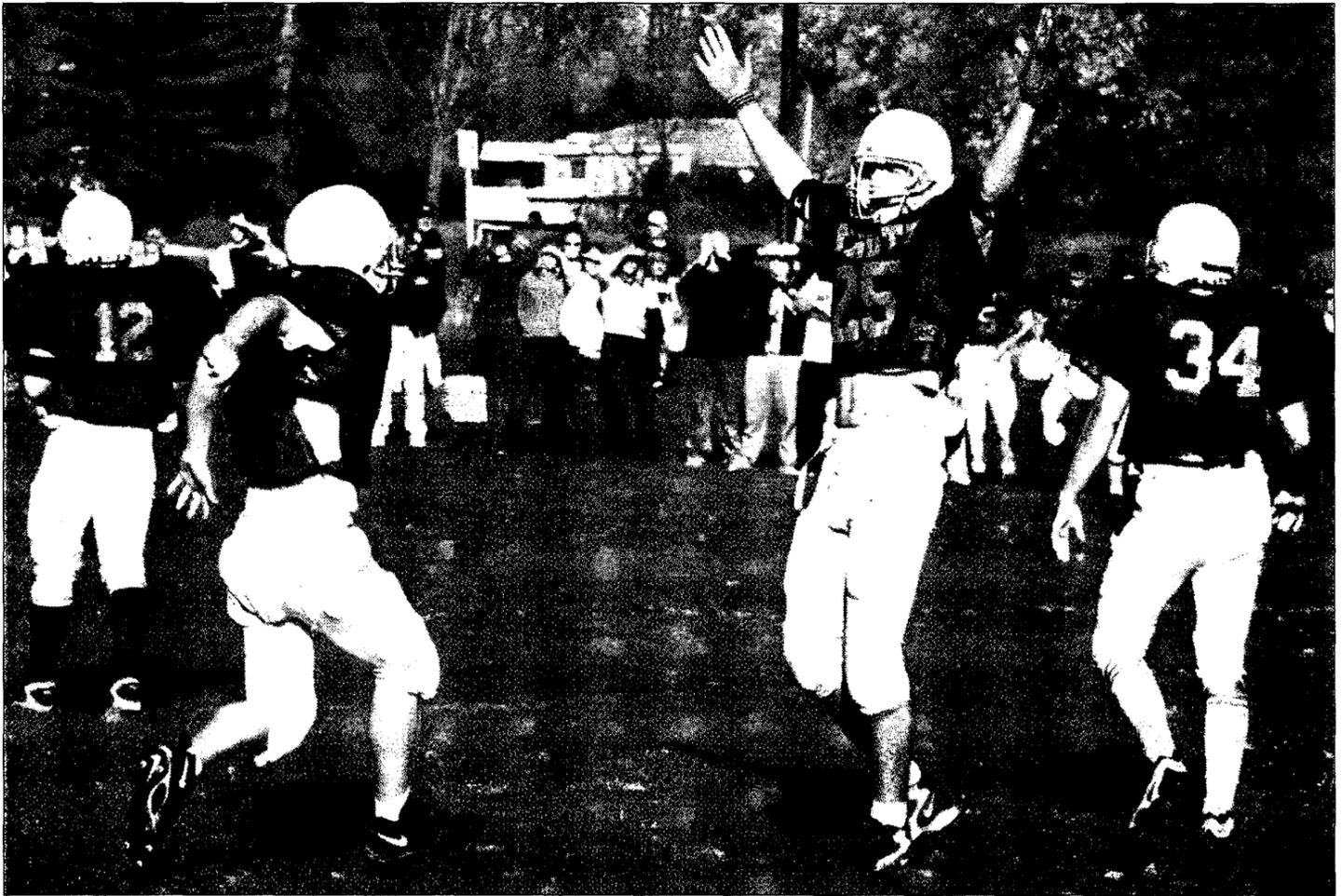
"Keenan is really a force," said Knott junior Brian Pawloski. "When I first came here, the team in the final always seemed to be Keenan."

"We're happy we get to play Keenan in the finals," Virtue said. "They're the most recent team to win back-to-back titles. I think it says a lot about us if we can beat them."

Since 1997, the Knights have compiled an astonishing 22-2-1 record and captured the 1997 and 1998 interhall football titles. The only blemish on Keenan's record was a loss last season to Sorin in the first round of last year's playoffs, but that doesn't take away from Keenan's impressive history.

"We're proud of our past, and that's something we want to build on," Keenan senior Herb Giorgio said.

But this season, Keenan has



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Knott wide receiver/defensive back Jonathan Smith celebrates after a key play earlier this season. Smith has been a key member of a dominant Knott secondary that has not allowed a touchdown all season.

had to struggle hard in every game, especially in the playoffs. In their quarterfinal game against Alumni, Keenan's Kevin Fallon blocked a field goal attempt in overtime to send the Knights to the semifinals. There, Keenan battled their way through double-overtime as the Knights knocked off Dillon and advanced to the final.

"This team is pretty different from the team that's been to the Stadium before," said Giorgio. "The first two teams I played on, talent wise, were outstand-

ing. This team has talent, but it relies on determination."

"I think the thing that's gotten us through the two overtime games so far has been our will to win — it's the strongest in my four years here," he said.

However, when Keenan faltered last season in first round of the playoff, Knott jumped into the spotlight. The Juggs battled their way through the playoffs to claim last year's championship and ever since then, they haven't looked back.

Knott carries a 13-game winning streak into Sunday's final

and relies heavily on a defense that hasn't given up a point all season.

"There's something to be said about a team that hasn't been scored upon,"

Keenan senior JJ Frigge said. "They're the defending champs, and they're going to be tough."

"We get a chance at Knott, and we're thrilled," Giorgio said. "We have a lot of respect for what they've accomplished the last few years, and they're going to force us to go out there and raise our level of play."

Sunday's game pits the

dynasty of the past with the powerhouse of the present. The gritty Knights want to show the upstarts that they still have the talent and determination that has characterized their interhall teams of the past.

But Knott is out to prove that they are the new dynasty in interhall football.

"I remember seeing Keenan players walking around with back-to-back patches on their varsity jackets and thinking, 'wow, that would be cool if we could do that'," Virtue said. "Now, here we are."

Gritty Keenan looks to break through Knott defense

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The last three interhall football championships have been won by either the Knott Hall Juggs or the Keenan Knights, so it could seem no more appropriate that these dorms should meet each other Sunday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium for the 2000 Interhall Football title.

Since they compete in different leagues during the regular season, Knott and Keenan have not faced each other at all in recent years. Anticipating this important first meeting, both squads are anxious to play.

Keenan enters the game coming off consecutive overtime wins against Alumni and Dillon. They may have their hands full again, facing a Jugg defense that has not allowed a point all season.

"You have to respect a team that's as strong on defense as Knott," said Keenan captain

Herb Giorgio. "I think our offense will have a good chance against them, though. We will need our offensive line to neutralize their big defensive front and allow our running game to get started early."

Keenan will look to sophomore quarterback Billy Ellsworth to lead them to the title. He realizes the task that lies before him in facing Knott's tough defense that has already stymied the potent offenses of Sorin and

Zahn in these playoffs. "I think it ought to be a very good game," he states. "Knott's secondary is one of the best in the league, but we have prepared well all week long for them. If we execute our game plan and establish the run, we should be right there."

One of the anchors of that Knott secondary is freshman cornerback Brian Schmutzler.

"Keenan doesn't throw the ball that much," he states. "So that ought to limit what we can do. It will probably come down to our defensive line against their running game, but I know those guys will step up when the game is on them."

While Knott is dominant on defense, their offense has been a question mark all year. "We'd like to open it up a little and help out our defense," said Knott captain/wide receiver Brian Pawloski.

"We can't leave it up to the defense to win it for us every time. Keenan is going to play tough. They have just won two tight games in which they hung in there until the end to get the win."

Knott captain/tailback Pat Virtue, who was injured in their last game against Sorin, should be healthy for Sunday's game.

Keenan will look to grind it out on the ground, and the Juggs will put it on their big defense to stop them.

In a style appropriate to Notre Dame Stadium, this game ought to be one won in the trenches, going strength against strength and grit against grit.

Knott Juggernauts		Keenan Knights	
2 Brian Schmutzler DB	Fr.	9 John Rossi	WR Jr.
4 Brian Pawloski WR	Jr.	12 J.J. Frigge	TE Sr.
5 Ben Gilfillan DB/QB	Fr.	32 Brian Kunitzer FB/LB	Jr.
7 Looe Baker TE	So.	4 Herb Giorgio	DE Sr.
8 Ed Foy LB	Sr.	13 Billy Ellsworth	QB So.
9 Terry McElroy DB	So.	27 Craig Murray	FB/LB Sr.
10 Mario Suarez QB	Sr.	22 D.J. Lipke	RB Fr.
12 Brandon Landas DB	Sr.	77 Ryan Crochet	OL/DL Fr.
15 Dan Zach LB	Sr.	25 Mark McNamee	RB/CB Fr.
16 Kevin Heffernan K	So.	59 Kevin Fallon	OL/DL So.
18 C.J. Murray DL	Sr.	76 Brent Morlock	OL/DL So.
20 Pat Virtue RB	Jr.	45 Tom Walsh	DL Fr.
23 Steve Curasco OL	Jr.	81 Steve Bymes	WR So.
25 Jonathan Smith WR/DB	So.	51 Eric Gobel	OL So.
30 Bart Bruckert OL	So.	28 Steve Ghermann	DL Sr.
32 Justin Mahlik RB	So.	92 John Scroggins	DL Jr.
34 Tom Weller LB	Sr.	3 Jim Yannakopoulos	DE Sr.
35 Pat Peters OL	Jr.	11 Andy Groebner	RB/SS/K So.
36 Jose Gonzalez DL	Sr.	20 Tom Corr	RB/CB Jr.
42 Roland Newrones OL	So.	79 Bob Bundy	DE Jr.
45 Lou Perry OL	Jr.	14 Matt Hotze	WR/CB So.
46 John Bisanz RB	Fr.	54 Dave Cantos	OL/LB So.
49 Kyle Trotter DL	So.	72 Brian Long	OL Fr.

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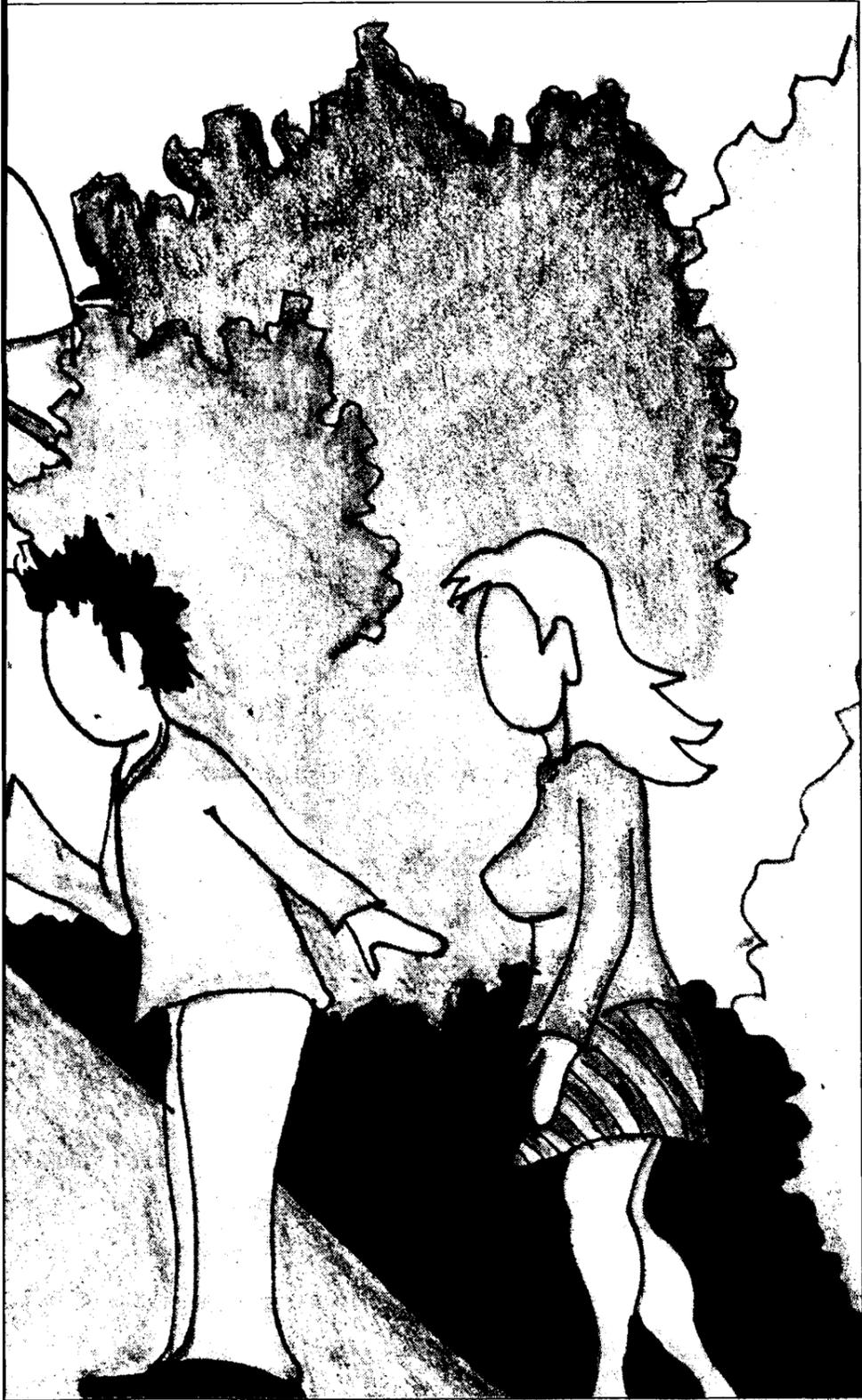
Knott suits up to defend title
against Keenan

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Notre Dame ...

Administration of on-campus debauchery has changed through the years



service, probation or counseling were hardly ever the punishment for breaking curfew. There was only one consequence for staying out late and it was not negotiable.

"If you weren't in the dormitory, you were gone," Hologrefe said. "You were grass — out of the University. First offense, you were toast for one semester; second offense you were out for life."

The administration kept a careful watch over students in the mornings as well. Three days a week, all students had to report to the dorm chapel at 7 a.m. fully dressed for morning check. As part of Rohrer's athletic scholarship, it was his job to check off the names of everyone in his dorm.

"Mass wasn't mandatory, but they encouraged you to go three times a week by being down there fully dressed," he said.

Rohrer said Notre Dame has become a much more secular University. When

he attended Notre Dame, he said mass attendance was better and the students kept more to the traditions of the Catholic church.

"Confessionals in Sacred Heart were lined along the wall, and on Sunday morning, the lines would be a mile long, with everyone going to confession," he said. Apparently there were still plenty of sins for Notre Dame students to commit before curfew.

The strict rules and curfews kept everyone in line and preserved the learning environment, according to Rohrer.

"There were no pranks," he said. "Everyone was there to study."

While the restrictions may have fostered a better academic environment, Hologrefe said the restrictions were overbearing and insulting.

"In a lot of respects it was demeaning. It was horrible back then," he said. "You're 22 years old and you have to be in by 12:30 on a Saturday

night. It was ridiculous."

Beginning in the mid- to late 60s, however, the rules and regulations that held students in check began to crumble. While it was once required that students wear a jacket and tie to dinner, when almost every student showed up for dinner one night wearing nothing but a jacket and tie, that rule was dropped. Bed checks, morning checks and travel restrictions fell by the wayside as well.

The Vietnam protests that filled campuses across the country did not bypass Notre Dame. In 1969, 10 students were expelled for protesting on-campus recruiting by Dow Chemical and the Central Intelligence Agency. The 10 students expelled were the leaders of a group of students who blocked access to the interview rooms by jamming the Main Building and refusing to leave.

The social unrest caused on campus by these and other protests left administrators more concerned with preserving general order on campus and less interested in regulating every aspect of student life.

When John Peloquin arrived as a freshman in 1971, he was a member of the last all-male class admitted to Notre Dame. But Notre Dame was a changed institution.

"I get the impression that things were much rougher and woolier and there was certainly more 'inappropriate behavior' in my day," Peloquin said.

In 1972, women were first admitted and although there were parietals, "I don't remember anyone getting the boot for violating them," Peloquin said. "I also don't remember what they were — as you might guess, I didn't pay them much attention."

Peloquin and the rest of the students at Notre Dame in the early 70s were more interested in one thing: beer. The more beer the better.

Once a year, a group of students would rent out the South Bend Armory and throw a massive drinking party. Buses would run from campus to the Armory to safely transport students,

and for a small fee, you got all the beer you could drink.

Inside the Armory, there would be several beer trucks dispensing 16 oz. cups of beer. Students could drink all they wanted. The trucks would always leave the Armory empty.

"Needless to say, it was a bacchanal of huge proportions. The trucks would be drunk dry almost as a matter of perverse pride," Peloquin said.

On-campus parties were also wild and crazy affairs. The architecture students would put on a Beaux Arts Ball every year in the old architecture building. Peloquin said he preferred the archie party even though the Ball featured less alcohol than the Armory parties. The Ball was always well decorated and humorous, he said.

While the early 70s were wild and crazy times, Peloquin admits some of the student parties weren't the safest things in the world.

"In retrospect, many of the situations I enjoyed were unlawful, abusive and dangerous — I would not want my son to do these things," he said.

Over time, the social protests died down and the administration regained some control over the social activities of the students. Today, the parties aren't as wild as they were in the 70s, but the rules aren't as restrictive as they were in the 50s or 60s. Today's campus is a bit too secular for Rohrer's tastes and the new rules are a little more than Peloquin would prefer.

But for all the complaints that Notre Dame students register while on campus as undergrads, most look back at their days under the Dome fondly.

"You were frustrated sometimes, and let's be honest, there is no worse place in the world to be than Indiana when it's 20 below, snowing and that wind is blowing like mad. You would love to be somewhere warm, but come on, why would you want to be anywhere else?" Hologrefe said. "Notre Dame is Notre Dame. There is nothing like it in the world. It's not Harvard. It's not Yale. It's Notre Dame people and there is nothing like it in the world."



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**John Peloquin
Class of 1975**

NBA

Mercer's 23 points leads Chicago past Orlando

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Playing their most spirited game of the season, the Chicago Bulls defeated Tracy McGrady — one of the free agents who spurned them — and the Orlando Magic 95-90 Thursday night for their first win of the season.

McGrady scored 21, only one below his average, but was just 9-of-19 from the line. He had two turnovers to go with his six rebounds and six assists. Bulls fans booed him every time he got the ball.

Chicago wined and dined McGrady during free agency this summer, taking him to Wrigley Field and introducing him to Sammy Sosa. But he signed with Orlando instead, and fans haven't forgiven him yet.

There was a loud chorus of boos as McGrady hit a 3-pointer with 11 seconds left to cut Chicago's lead to 93-90, but Ron Artest hit a pair of free throws and the Magic couldn't get any closer.

Ron Mercer, the Bulls' big pickup after McGrady, Grant Hill and Eddie Jones all dismissed them, had his best game in a Chicago uniform. He recorded season-highs with 23 points and 10 rebounds, and also had a steal and two blocked shots.

Michael Ruffin grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds and added 10 points. A.J. Guyton had 18, and Marcus Fizer added 14.

Michael Doleac and Pat

Garrity added a spark off the bench, scoring 15 and 14 points, respectively. Darrell Armstrong had 13.

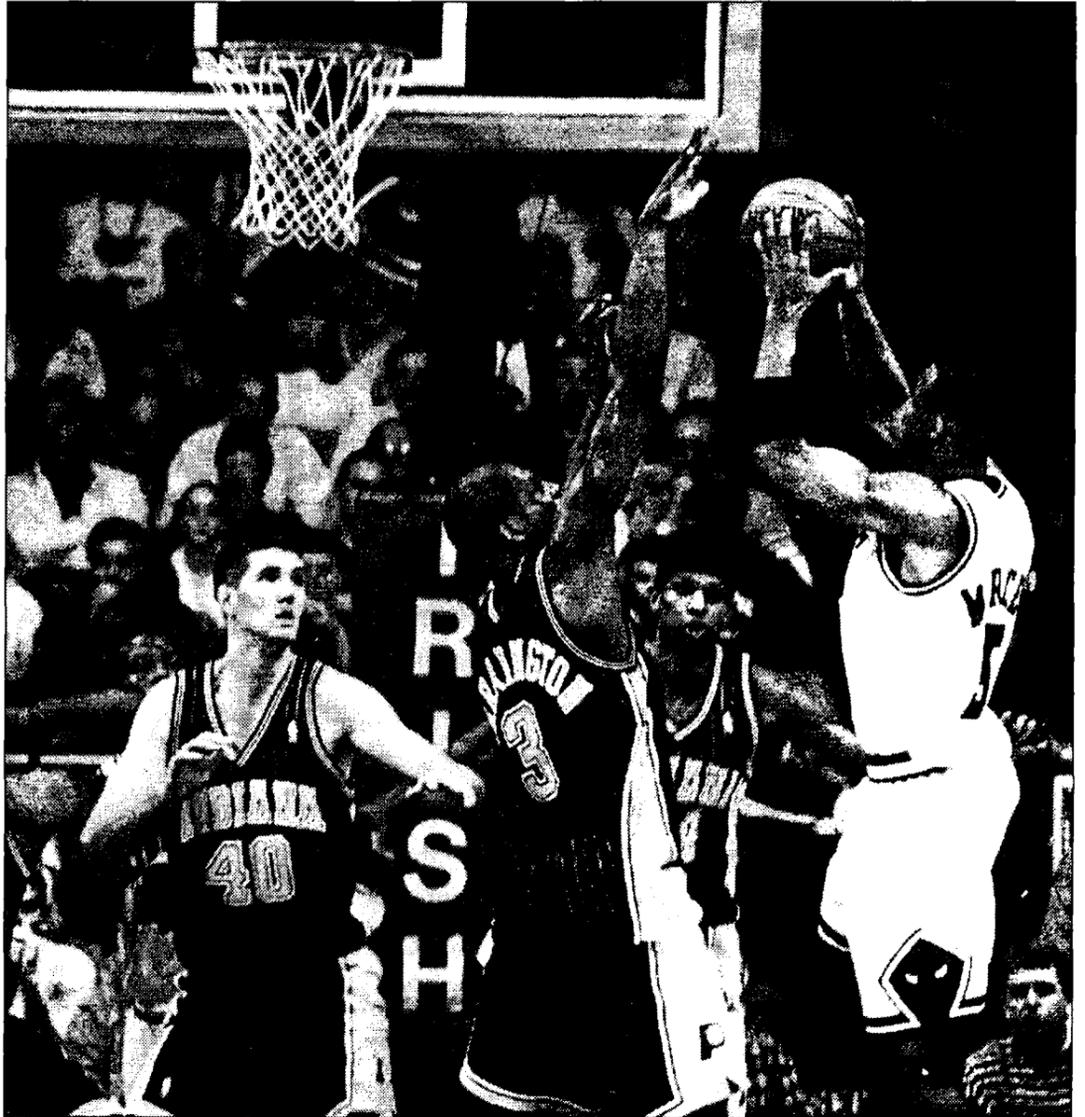
The Magic looked as if they were still worn out from Wednesday's loss to the Charlotte Hornets. The Bulls, meanwhile, showed the energy and enthusiasm they've lacked lately.

They hustled for the ball, pushed it upcourt and smothered McGrady, making him work hard for every shot. He missed his first five shots of the night and finished the first quarter just 1-of-6. His teammates weren't much better, as the Magic made just four baskets in the first 10 minutes of the first quarter.

Mercer's one-handed layup started a 17-4 run that gave Chicago a 19-point lead with 6:37 left in the third. But Chicago went cold, and Garrity and Armstrong got the Magic back in the game.

Garrity's 18-foot jumper started a 12-3 run that cut the Bulls lead to 68-56 with 3:56 left, and Armstrong's layup cut it to 70-62 with 1:05 left. Orlando got within 74-66 with 9:59 left on baskets from Garrity and Armstrong, but Guyton stopped the spurt with a 3-pointer.

The Bulls opened up an 81-72 lead with 6:44 left on Marcus Fizer's hook shot, but the Bulls went almost three minutes without a field goal. McGrady converted on a three-point play, Monty Williams hit a layup, and Doleac drilled a 17-foot jumper to bring the Magic within 82-79 with 4:23 left.



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Chicago guard Ron Mercer scores two points in an exhibition game against Indiana earlier this season at the Joyce Center. In the Bulls' win over the Magic last night, Mercer scored a career-high 23 points and added 10 rebounds.

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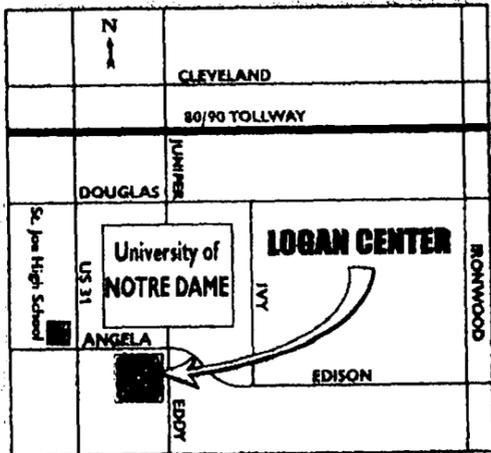
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Kansas sneaks past UCLA

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Roy Williams' 13th season as coach at Kansas got off to a good start, then came yet another question about what he did last summer.

The Jayhawks' Drew Gooden beats Matt Barnes to a rebound, one of 10 Gooden got in the win. No sooner had the Jayhawks (No. 6 USA Today/ESPN, No. 7 AP) beaten the UCLA Bruins (No. 19 USA Today/ESPN, No. 17 AP) 99-98 in the opener of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic on Thursday night than Williams faced another question about his decision to stay at Kansas rather than move to North Carolina, his alma mater where he worked for 10 seasons as an assistant to Dean Smith.

"This summer got too emotional," said Williams, who

announced his decision to remain at Kansas in front of media and fans at the football stadium. "It was my dream to coach at North Carolina but now it's over with. The kids are the reason I stayed."

Most of those kids came up big on the offensive end early as the Jayhawks led by as many as 16 points in the first half.

Kenny Gregory scored 24 points and Kirk Hinrich added 21 for Kansas, which shot 65 percent from the field in the first half but had to hold off the Bruins down the stretch with offensive rebounding and free-throw shooting.

"We were fortunate to win this one — our defense was not good," Williams said.

The Jayhawks will meet St. John's in the championship game Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

St. John's beat No. 12

Kentucky 62-61.

Gregory, Kansas' leading returning scorer at 12.8 points per game, had 15 as the Jayhawks built a 57-51 halftime lead. While Gregory's scoring was expected, that wasn't the case with sophomore point guard Kirk Hinrich.

Hinrich, who averaged 5.5 points last season with a high game of 12, had 13 points in the first half during which Kansas built a 24-8 lead over the opening seven minutes.

"We knew how good a 3-point shooting team they are so we knew it wasn't over," Hinrich said. "I'm surprised we didn't have a better defensive game."

UCLA, which missed eight of its first 10 shots from the field, started chipping away behind the 3-point shooting of sophomore Jason Kapono, the Bruins' leading returning scorer at 16.0

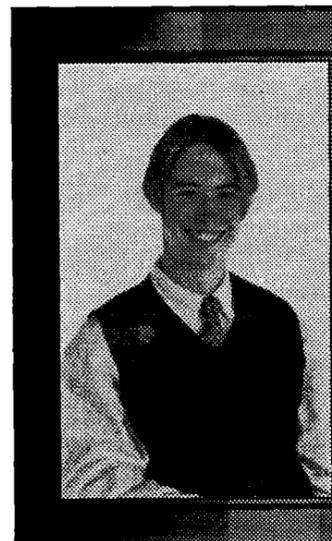


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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Selig finds problems in team disparity

◆ Commissioner addresses financial issues of baseball

Associated Press

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. The way this offseason is shaping up, baseball's disparity problem doesn't figure to lessen.

The sport's biggest spenders are the leading contenders for the biggest prizes on the free agent market, which would only increase the gap between the haves and the have-nots.

"We have some internal problems that have to be fixed," commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday. "This industry has not done a good job addressing its problems the last four decades and solving them. That is going to stop. We will address and solve our problems in one form or another."

Selig met with the general managers at their annual meeting and much of the talk centered on an increase in salaries and the growing chasm between the highest- and lowest-spending teams.

The average salary increased 13.8 percent this

year to \$1,789,556, according to the commissioner's office, up from \$1,572,329 last year.

The Yankees had baseball's highest payroll at \$113.4 million, not including bonuses, followed by Atlanta (\$95 million), Los Angeles (\$94.2 million), Boston (\$93.9 million) and the New York Mets (\$89.7 million).

The five lowest payrolls were Minnesota (\$15.8 million), Kansas City (\$24.5 million), Florida (\$25.9 million), Montreal (28 million) and Pittsburgh (\$31.9 million).

"For me to stand here today and say there are no internal problems would be an absurdity," Selig said. "I believe we can solve these problems and increase the popularity of the game to levels we can't even comprehend today."

Selig will release a plan to tackle the issue in the "very near future." He said baseball's renaissance the last few years could be threatened if more teams are left behind.

Since the 1994-95 strike, no team has advanced to the league championship series without a payroll in the top half.

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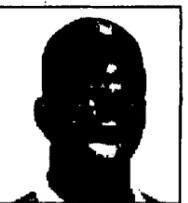
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Baker wins National League Manager of the Year award

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Dusty Baker won the National League Manager of the Year award for a record third time Thursday after leading the San Francisco Giants to the best record in the major leagues.

Baker received 30 of 32 first-place votes, one second and one third for 154 points in voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals was second with 59 points, getting one first, 16 seconds and six thirds.

Bobby Cox of Atlanta was third with 41 points, followed by Bobby Valentine of the New York Mets (16), John Boles of Florida (15), Buddy Bell of Colorado (2) and Felipe Alou of Montreal (1).

Baker also won the award in 1993 and 1997. In the American

League, La Russa is the only three-time recipient, winning with Chicago in 1983, and with Oakland in 1988 and 1992.

San Francisco went 97-65, finishing 11 games ahead of second-place Arizona, the largest margin among the six division winners. The Giants then lost 3-1 to the Mets in the first round of the playoffs.

"We're all young, and hopefully this is the start of a long good run for us," Baker said. "It takes a long time to build this sort of team. In my 33 years in baseball, I can name on one hand the teams I've seen like this."

After the playoff loss, Baker signed his fourth two-year contract with the Giants, a \$5.25 million deal that made him one of baseball's highest-paid managers.

"Hopefully, next year we will take it farther and better," Baker said. "This is something very positive to build on."

PGA

Woods warns he may leave tour

Associated Press

SOTOGRADE, Spain
Tiger Woods stood his ground Thursday in his criticism of the PGA Tour, saying his complaint is about getting control of his own marketing rights, not about more TV money.



Woods

He also refused to leave the PGA Tour if the issues aren't settled.

"We're just wanting to get our rights back, and not having these implied endorsements," Woods said. "There's a lot the public doesn't understand and doesn't know about."

Woods, whose impact on the game has been a driving force in the record level of prize money on the PGA Tour, said he would meet with commissioner Tim Finchem "when we can all sit down," but he did not set a time.

"It's not about getting a cut of the TV revenue," Woods said. "It's about doing what's right by the players. The players and the PGA Tour have been bucking heads on a lot of issues. The public has no idea, but we do it all the time."

Finchem arrived at Valderrama for meetings but was not expected to be at the golf course until Friday.

Woods, who is trying to become the first player in 50 years to win 10 times in one season, added: "I'm busy this week."

When asked if he would ever leave the Tour, Woods shrugged his shoulders, smiled and hummed ominously.

Ultimately, it could all lead to a power struggle between Woods and Finchem, and Woods' impact on the sport gives him a strong hand.

"He's such a powerful figure in the world of golf, you have to treat him with a bit of respect," said Chubby Chandler, the agent for European star Lee Westwood and Darren Clarke.

Along with being the No. 1 player in the world, Woods has become the biggest star in sports. When his five-year, \$100 million contract with Nike kicks in next year, his annual endorsements with 12 companies will be worth about \$54 million annually.

One of his strongest complaints is how other companies affiliated with the PGA Tour take advantage of his image.

Mark Steinberg, his agent at IMG, cited the season-opening Mercedes Championship in Hawaii, with a field limited to PGA Tour winners. It runs a congratulatory advertisement with tournament winners every week.

"Do they have to congratulate a guy nine times?" Steinberg said.

Woods said such "implied endorsements" have occurred after just about every tournament he has ever won. He said he saw a commercial during the Canadian Open that featured him, David Duval and Vijay Singh, even though the latter two did not play that week.

"I don't know if the Tour says, 'Go ahead and run it,' or if they just run with it," Woods said. "We'd like to get an answer, and we deserve that."

Woods did not say he deserves more of the TV money he is largely responsible for generating.

Shortly after Woods won The Masters, the Tour signed a four-year TV deal worth about \$500 million. Total prize money this year was more than \$160 million, nearly triple the level when Woods turned pro. The next contract, coming off Woods winning three straight majors, will be negotiated this spring.

Money has become the most sensitive issue because Woods told *World* magazine in his Nov. 10 issue, "In a perfect world, I would be" entitled to a share.

Steinberg said it was "highly doubtful" that would ever be the case.

"Would they be playing for that much money if Tiger was not the most recognized athlete in the world? That's not for us to say," he said. "There are too many issues involved to solve that one out. Money doesn't solve it all. It's what you can do on your own without people trying to limit you from doing that."

In negotiating the mammoth Nike deal, the sticking point in discussions that lasted over a year was getting back Woods' marketing rights, specifically with the Internet.

That appears to be the case again.

Tour regulations allow the use of player images in tournament-related advertisements, and Woods has agreed to those conditions as a Tour member.

But conflicts abound.

While Mercedes runs weekly ads to show who qualified for its winners-only tournament, Woods has a \$30 million deal with Buick. And last week, Woods won a fall bonus program sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Woods has a contract with American Express.

"Do you think it's fair that they can use his name like that because they're affiliated with the Tour? Is that fair?" Steinberg said. "It's about rights. It's not about equity and fairness."

This is not the first time Woods has led the charge on a divisive issue. He also refused to back down over intense public scrutiny when he, Duval and Mark O'Meara questioned the \$63 million in revenues the PGA of America made off the Ryder Cup.

Ultimately, the PGA gave each player \$200,000 to divide among their colleges and favorite charities.

Nor is this the first time players have argued with the PGA Tour about such issues as advertising rights, releases to play in international events and media fees for their special tournaments.

Nick Price said the implied endorsements have been going on as long as he has played the Tour.

"If he can take on the Tour, so be it," Price said. "I never felt I was strong enough to win. What Tiger has tried to do, a lot of guys have tried to do. Let's see what happens."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Disappointed Gwynn ready for other teams

Associated Press

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The San Diego Padres made a new contract offer to free agent Tony Gwynn for less than half of what he'd gotten if the team had picked up his \$6 million option for 2001.

"I'm disappointed in the offer, but it looks like that's what the Padres feel good about," agent John Boggs said Wednesday night.

Boggs can start entertaining offers from other teams starting Saturday. Gwynn, a member of the 3,000-hit club and an eight-time NL batting champion, is a free agent for the first time after playing 19 seasons for the Padres.

"It wouldn't be reaching many high goals by topping this offer," Boggs said.

Boggs and Padres general manager Kevin Towers refused to divulge figures.

However, baseball sources speaking on the condition of anonymity said the offer included a guaranteed \$1 million salary and another \$1.5 million in incentives.

Boggs would say only that if Gwynn reaches the incentives, he still wouldn't come close to the \$6 million he would have gotten had the Padres picked up his option.

"The perplexing issue is, if Tony is healthy, I would think they would want to compensate him," Boggs said.

Gwynn, 40, had surgery on his troublesome left knee June 27 and didn't return. He had just 127 at-bats in 36 games. The Padres, feeling that Gwynn won't be an everyday player anymore, notified him a few days after the

season that they were declining the \$6 million option, and would pay a \$2 million buyout instead.

The Padres made Gwynn an initial offer of \$1 million in base pay, contingent on him passing a medical exam, plus incentives. The day before he filed for free agency, Gwynn was cleared by the Padres' team doctor for all baseball activities.

"I've just got to do my due diligence," Gwynn said Wednesday. "They bought me out and made me a free agent, and I filed. Come Saturday, we can talk to other clubs."

The two sides disagree on how to credit the \$2 million buyout. The Padres say it will be part of any new deal Gwynn might agree to, but Boggs said the sides won't get anywhere if the Padres insist on counting it that way.

The buyout is due to Gwynn on Jan. 15.

"We had to look at the \$2 million buyout, whether they do or not," Towers said. "It's money paid in 2001, and then we structured the offer where there are guaranteed dollars with some incentives, which gives us some protection if he's not able to play. If he does play, he has a chance to earn some pretty good dollars."

Cleveland and Detroit have expressed interest in Gwynn, and Boggs said other teams have called, although he wouldn't elaborate.

"We're not going into this with no one interested in us," Boggs said. "There are teams out there that absolutely feel Tony can contribute, regardless of his playing time last year. If he's cleared medically to go and he can walk to the plate, teams are definitely interested in this ballplayer."

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mariners win rights to Suzuki

Associated Press

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla.

The Seattle Mariners agreed to pay more than \$13 million for the right to talk to a player few have seen play. Starting this week-

end, teams will bring out the real big money.

As baseball's general managers laid the groundwork for trades and signings at their annual meetings this week, the only major move came Thursday when the Mariners won the bidding rights to Japanese All-Star Ichiro Suzuki.

The winning bid of \$13,125,000 would be paid to Suzuki's Japanese team the Orix BlueWave only if the Mariners sign the outfielder to a contract by 9 p.m. EST on Dec. 9.

"There's always a risk with any player you sign be it an amateur, a professional free agent or a player from another professional league," Mariners GM Pat Gillick said. "Our people felt he was worth the risk. That's why we made the bid we did."

Suzuki, 27, hit .387 this season to win his seventh straight



Suzuki

Pacific League batting title. Suzuki is a career .353 hitter with 118 home runs and 529 RBIs in nine seasons in Japan.

Suzuki would be the first Japanese position player to make it in the majors.

"He can do everything except hit with power," said Gillick, who envisions Suzuki as a right fielder. "He is more of a contact, slash type hitter. He's a very good defensive outfielder with an above average arm. He has hit for a number of years in Japan. 'I'm confident he can do it in the U.S.'"

Suzuki is expected to sign with the Mariners because of their large Japanese population in Seattle and the presence of Kazuhiro Sasaki, who won the AL Rookie of the Year in his first season after leaving Japan.

"He enjoyed his stay in Seattle and I think that will help quite a bit in negotiations with Ichiro," said Gillick, who will begin talking with agent Tony Attanasio in the next few days.

The money Seattle agreed to pay for the rights to Suzuki will look like a bargain as soon as stars such as Alex Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez, Mike Hampton and Mike Mussina are free to negotiate financial terms with any team, starting Saturday.

"There is nothing magical about Saturday," said Mets GM

Steve Phillips, who is involved with all four top free agents. "It's a process not an event."

The Toronto Blue Jays started the offseason spending spree last month when they signed Carlos Delgado to a \$68 million, four-year contract deal.

Last week, Ramirez asked Cleveland for a \$200 million, 10-year contract an amount the Indians are unwilling to pay.

They countered Thursday with a seven-year offer worth more than \$119 million, according to a baseball management source speaking on the condition he not be identified.

"At some point over the weekend, we'll either continue the discussions or put them to bed and move forward," Hart said.

Most of the teams that are talking seriously with the big free agents are among baseball's biggest spenders.

The New York Yankees are believed to be the favorite for Ramirez. The Mets are the leading contender for Rodriguez. Cleveland and Boston are battling it out over Mussina, and Atlanta is targeting Hampton.

All those teams were in the top six in spending last season, demonstrating the growing disparity between the high- and low-revenue teams, according to commissioner.

Indians offer star outfielder \$119M

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Unwilling to meet Manny Ramirez's demand for \$200 million over 10 years, the Cleveland Indians offered the free agent outfielder a seven-year contract worth more than \$119 million.

The Indians faxed Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, a counterproposal on Thursday averaging about \$17 million, according to a baseball management source speaking on the condition he not be identified.

The source said the Indians counteroffer was for seven years and that the per-year value was slightly more than the \$17 million per season average the Toronto Blue Jays will pay first baseman Carlos Delgado beginning next season.

An Indians spokesman confirmed the counterproposal was sent to Moorad but refused to discuss its contents.

Last Friday, Moorad sent a complex proposal to Cleveland owner Larry Dolan that would be the richest in sports history and make Ramirez baseball's first \$20 million per year player.

For the past week, the Indians have been analyzing both Moorad's package and

their own economic situation. Cleveland general manager John Hart said he imagined the team would make a counter-proposal, and Thursday the Indians decided to see if Moorad was willing to come down in price.

Moorad rejected a \$75 million, five-year offer from the Indians in July. He has maintained throughout the negotiations that Ramirez, 28, wants to stay in Cleveland and he would seek a career contract for his client.

The Indians are the only team that can discuss salary with Ramirez through Friday. After that, Ramirez, who had 122 RBIs in just 118 games last season and 432 the past three years, is free to negotiate salary with any team.

Earlier this week, Moorad said there were six teams three in each league who expressed an interest in talking to him about Ramirez. He had already scheduled meetings at his Newport Beach, Calif., offices with two of those teams for early next week.

The three-time World Series champion New York Yankees are believed to have targeted Ramirez as their No. 1 free-agent signing this winter. Ramirez grew up in New York.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Strawberry gets 30 days in jail

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Darryl Strawberry was jailed for at least another week by a judge who warned him Thursday to resume his treatment for colon cancer or you are history.



Strawberry

Judge Florence Foster also told the New York Yankees slugger that he would get no more chances to end his repeated drug use, and his next violation would land him in prison.

If you can't make it on the outside, I'll find a place where you can get treatment on the inside, she warned.

Before a courtroom crowd that included former teammate Dwight Gooden, the judge ordered Strawberry to resume chemotherapy treatments he halted last month when he said he had lost the will to live.

You have got to get the therapy or you are history, Foster said.

Prosecutors wanted to send Strawberry to prison, but Foster refused.

She sentenced him to 30 days. With time served and other credit received under Hillsborough County jail rules, Strawberry could be free in about 10 days, although an exact date was not set at the hearing.

After he is freed, Strawberry will be outfitted with an electronic monitor that will alert his probation officer if he again leaves a drug treatment center.

Strawberry said he felt the impact of his first prolonged time behind bars and was ready to sober up.

I can't run from myself any

more, Strawberry said. I've got to take responsibility for myself in recovery.

Strawberry told Foster the time he's already spent in jail has taught him a lesson.

Less than a week ago, he told the judge he'd used drugs and stopped his chemotherapy because he wanted to die.

Strawberry is under two years' house arrest for 1999 charges of drug possession and soliciting a prostitute. His Oct. 26 arrest for breaking house arrest was the third time he'd violated his probation.

Assistant State Attorney Robin Fuson said he thought the sentence, which was recommended by Strawberry's probation officer, was too light. Fuson expects Strawberry to be in trouble again.

I hate to sound cynical, but I am, Fuson said. Very few people complete these sentences.

Strawberry's defense attorney argued that the 38-year-old couldn't get adequate care for cancer while in prison and needed to be returned to drug therapy to fight his addiction.

Jonathan LaPook, the doctor who first detected Strawberry's cancer and has orchestrated his treatments, said Strawberry's cancer is extremely fierce and the best hope for him is aggressive, new chemotherapy treatments that can only be provided at top cancer centers.

The doctor described Strawberry's drug addiction and cancer as intertwined diseases that need to be treated simultaneously. He has recommended that Strawberry seek treatment in Minnesota at the Mayo Clinic and at Hazelden Foundation, a drug treatment center there.

LaPook said Strawberry has no time to further delay his chemotherapy and said the slugger is down to one good shot in fighting the disease. He

said he didn't think Strawberry understood that when he quit chemotherapy last month.

Every bone in my body, every intuition tells me with Darryl we are in an emergency situation, LaPook said as he testified via telephone from New York.

LaPook said Strawberry also needed care for possible dehydration that can follow chemotherapy. Strawberry had one kidney removed this year after the cancer spread, and his remaining kidney could be harmed if dehydration isn't promptly treated.

Seated in the audience watching was Gooden, Strawberry's friend and teammate with the New York Mets and Yankees. Gooden, who himself had substance abuse problems, said he came to the hearing to offer support, even though the two haven't talked since spring training.

I just feel bad, Gooden said. I just feel terrible because that's someone who is basically like a family member going through a situation like this.

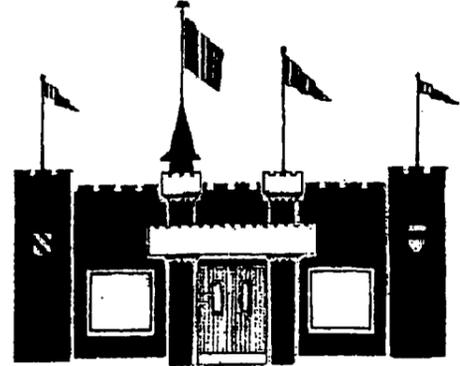
Tim Sweeney, an attorney for the treatment center, HealthCare Connections of Tampa, told Foster that Strawberry will be under 24-hour surveillance.

The center will turn Strawberry in if he leaves again. The electronic monitor produces computer records whenever the wearer strays outside set boundaries, and that becomes evidence to send an offender back to jail.

The judge also ordered Strawberry to undergo random drug tests three times a week and to attend the Narcotics Anonymous meetings at the center.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Irish men prepped for return trip to Nationals



DUFFY ARNOULT/The Observer

The Irish men's cross country team toes the line earlier this season at the National Catholic Invitational.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men's cross country team has put itself in strong position for a return trip to the NCAA Championships.

With a top-20 ranking, three meet titles and a 10th place finish at Pre-Nationals to their credit, the Irish just need to maintain at Saturday's NCAA District IV Championships.

"They've been ranked in the top 20 in the country since the rankings really got going in October," Irish coach Tim Connelly said. "You would expect them to be at Nationals."

While the top two finishers will win automatic spots at nationals, Notre Dame should be a shoo-in for an at-large berth even if it places fourth or fifth overall. Beating so many quality teams this season will likely impress the NCAA selection committee.

"The men have a lot more margin for error right now," Connelly said. "Because they have run well all year, they've got a bunch of at-large points."

Despite the breathing room, Notre Dame is aiming for a top-two finish so it can deter-

mine its own fate. "As a team, our goal is to get an automatic bid," junior Marc Striowski said. "We've beaten every team except for Wisconsin, so I think that it's pretty realistic. If we have just an average race, we shouldn't finish anything less than second."

Top opponents for Notre Dame will be Big 10 powerhouses Wisconsin, Michigan State and Indiana, along with regional foes Eastern Michigan and Butler.

"We've beaten Indiana and Eastern Michigan already twice," Striowski said, "and those are our main competition for second."

The Irish regrouped after finishing three points out of third place at the Big East Championships. They rested their legs a little bit, and turned their focus to Districts.

Top runner Luke Watson and Striowski, both juniors and All-Big East selections, will pace the team Saturday.

"Luke and I have to run up front," Striowski said. "Then Pat [Conway] and the freshman Todd Mobley have to be in the top 20. Our fifth, sixth and seventh guys have to run together, and hopefully, one of them will finish in the top 40."

Women ready to run at Districts

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The talent is there. The team is in shape.

The only thing the Irish lack is getting the whole team to run its best on the same day, hopefully this Saturday in the NCAA District IV meet in Ypsilanti, Mich.

"We haven't had a meet all year where we've had seven people step up and run as well as they can," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said, "which is what we need to do."

The Irish have a single senior running varsity, Chrissy Kuenster. The lack of experience may have been a factor in early-season struggles.

"They're fit. We've got girls with talent. The one thing it might be is a lack of confidence," Connelly said. "The one senior that we've got in the group is running very, very well. She's exceeded my expectations."

Different runners have stepped up all season long. Some days, it's been Kuenster, other times, Jen Handley or Rachel Endress have taken on the challenge. But never have all seven varsity runners hit the mark.

"We've all had a good race at some point in the season," sophomore Handley said, "but for some reason, all seven of us haven't been able to do it at the same meet. Hopefully this week we will."

Notre Dame faltered in the Big East Championships in late October, placing sixth overall in a loaded field. Saturday's field will also be top-heavy, led by No. 3 Wisconsin and top-25 teams Michigan and Marquette.

"I think we're just starting to realize that we're as good as the other teams that we've looked up to," Kuenster said. "In the race, we have to be ready to take the top spots individually, and not accept anything less."

About 30 teams will take the

line at Districts. The top two finishers earn automatic berths to the NCAA Championships. At-large schools are also selected based on their performance during the season. Since Notre Dame has not raced up to its practice potential, according to Connelly, it likely needs at least a top-three finish to make it to nationals.

"We've got to step it up immensely," Connelly said. "We're probably going to have to finish no worse than third."

The race will be 6,000-meters long, a kilometer up from the usual 5,000-meter distance.

"Mostly people are just excited," Handley said. "It could be our last race. People are just going to go to the line with as much intensity as they have left."

"I think we're just starting to realize that we're as good as the other teams that we've looked up to."

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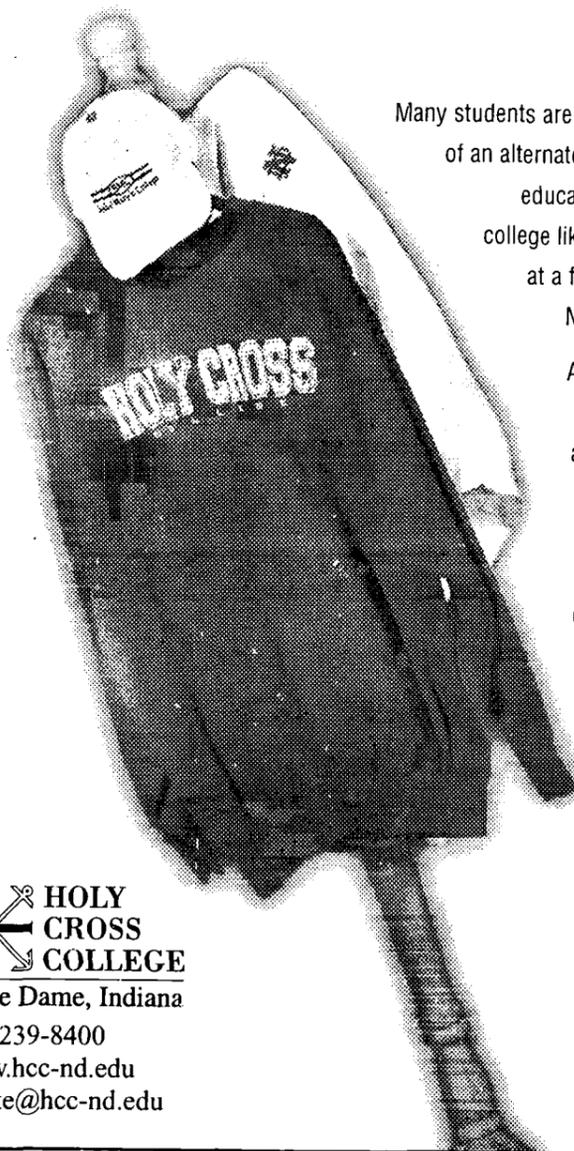
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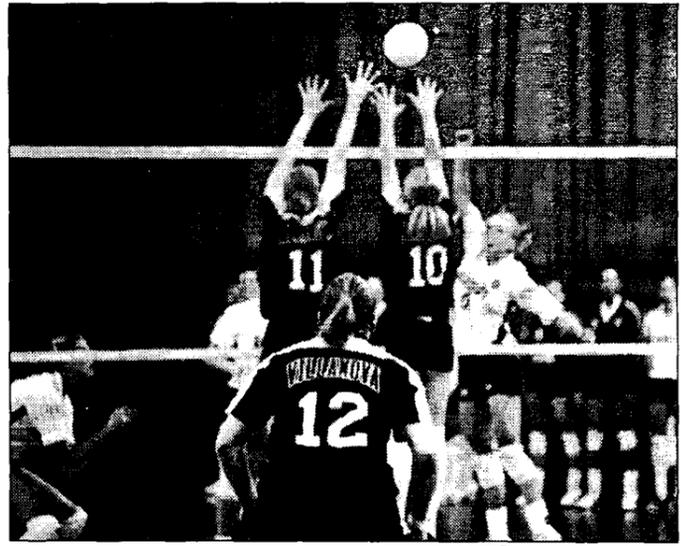
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VOLLEYBALL



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Villanova goes up for a block against Notre Dame in the Sept. 29 Irish win against the Wildcats.

Irish wrap up conference season

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
 Sports Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team ends its conference season this weekend as it travels to Syracuse.

"We are approaching this weekend with the mindset that we have one last job to do in our Big East season. We need to go in playing at our highest level in preparation to win not only the season championship, but also the tournament championship," said sophomore Keara Coughlin.

The Irish, 22-5 overall and 10-0 in the Big East, have secured the league title, but will look to remain undefeated in the Big East at 11-0 for the fifth time in six years. This will be the last chance that Syracuse has to get into the Big East Tournament.

"We can't allow ourselves to get in a slump in the middle of a game. We need to keep a competitive edge through three games to finish out the conference season," Coughlin said.

Syracuse, 23-9 overall and 6-4 in the conference, will look for its second win in history

against the Irish, the first being in 1981. Notre Dame has since won seven games against the Orangewomen. Dana Fiume will look to pose a threat to the Irish defense by adding to her season total of 501 kills.

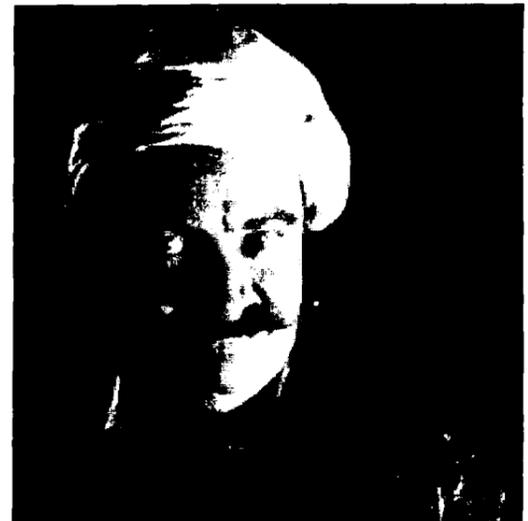
"Our blocking should be very good this weekend," said Coughlin. "All year we've been playing against very different types of competition and now that we're nearing the end of our season, all the aspects of our game should be better for it."

The Irish are coming off a victory in its last regular season match against St. Louis (15-5, 15-5, 15-10). Senior co-captain Christi Girton led the Irish with 15 kills and 11 digs while classmate Adrienne Shimmel set a career-high nine kills and five digs. Junior Kristy Kreher added 13 kills, six digs and four blocks.

"The St. Louis match was a lot of fun for the seniors. It was great for us as underclassmen to see the five of them go out on the court and play in a way that shows how valuable they are to the volleyball program," said Coughlin.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish face International All-stars in final exhibition

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame will be hard-pressed to match its 16-0 game-opening spurt against the California Midwest All-Stars Wednesday, but the Irish will try Sunday against the International Select All-Stars. "I'd like to see us start the same way," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said, "but maybe we'll never start off 16-0 again."

"Offensively I think we are pretty explosive."

Mike Brey head coach

The Irish were dynamic on offense, but Brey felt their defensive slides were unacceptable.

"Offensively, I think it shows we are pretty explosive," Brey said. "We're a work in progress defensively. I'd like to see us defend for close to 40 minutes."

Defense is the No. 1 priority across the bench for the blue and gold. While the dominant duo in the paint of Troy Murphy and Ryan Humphrey complement a potent perimeter attack by David Graves, Matt Carroll

and Martin Ingelsby, Notre Dame's scoring won't matter if the Irish let up on defense.

"We need to play better defense, and finish the game like we started the game," Humphrey said. "We started out very strong and then we hit a wall. I feel like we came out on fire. We have to play like that for 40 minutes."

Humphrey, a junior transfer from Oklahoma, made his first start for Notre Dame Wednesday. Several slam-dunks and powerful blocks by the power forward left the Joyce Center crowd in awe. Yet Humphrey believes he can, and will, play much better.

"It was good to be out there on the court, but I thought I could have played better," Humphrey said.

Perhaps Notre Dame didn't play up to its potential, but that may just be a sign of how good this team is.

A "sub-par" performance by the Irish was good enough to drum the California Midwest

All-Stars by 30, while a higher-ranked Kentucky squad had to rally to beat the All-Stars by 16. All-Stars coach Price Johnson rated Notre Dame its best competition yet, outdoing Kentucky, Arizona, Kansas and DePaul, among others.

The talents of Notre Dame's next opponent, the International Select All-Stars, remain somewhat of a mystery to the Irish, but Humphrey believes the Irish will determine their own fate.

"If we come out there, play our game and play like we're capable of playing," Humphrey said. "I think we have a good chance of winning."

Two former Notre Dame players grace the roster of the International Select team.

6-foot-10 forward Ken Barlow and 6-foot-5 guard Joe Price both played for the Irish from 1983-86. Barlow was a three-year starter, capturing the Irish his final two seasons and averaging more than 14 points per game. Price was a top reserve.

The presence of the former Irish stars wearing the opposite team's uniforms could make Sunday's matchup more engaging to fans. It will be the final exhibition game for Notre Dame.



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Recruits

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athletic director Edward "Moose" Krause. Krause averaged 12 points and 5.5 assists per game last year.

Katy Flecky of Lone Tree, Colo. is the highest-ranked member of the group, falling at No. 13 on Blue Star's list. The 6-foot-2 forward reminds McGraw a bit of Kelley Siemon.

"She's very similar to Kelly. She's a very strong rebounder. She's physical, aggressive. She can step back and hit the free-throw jumper," McGraw said.

The other forward entering next year's freshman class is the athletic 6-foot-1 Kelsey Wicks of Gillette,

Wyo. The versatile Wicks has played every position on the court for her high school team, and also excelled in golf and track, winning the state championship in the high jump last year with a leap of 5-feet, 6 inches.

The final member of the incoming class is shooting guard Allison Bustamante of Miami, Fla. Bustamante competed against Irish freshman point guard LeTania Severe during tournament and playoff games in high school.

"She's a great shooter," said Severe, who claims to have stopped her future teammate when guarding her in high school. Bustamante's shooting helped her score 40 points in her team's district-championship winning victory last spring.

Soccer

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round tilt against the Michigan Wolverines, Sunday at 1 p.m. Michigan advanced after nipping Miami of Ohio 4-3 in double overtime Wednesday night.

The Wolverines will enter play looking to exact revenge on an Irish team that beat them 3-0 in Ann Arbor just two weeks ago. Waldrum is happy to be playing a familiar opponent.

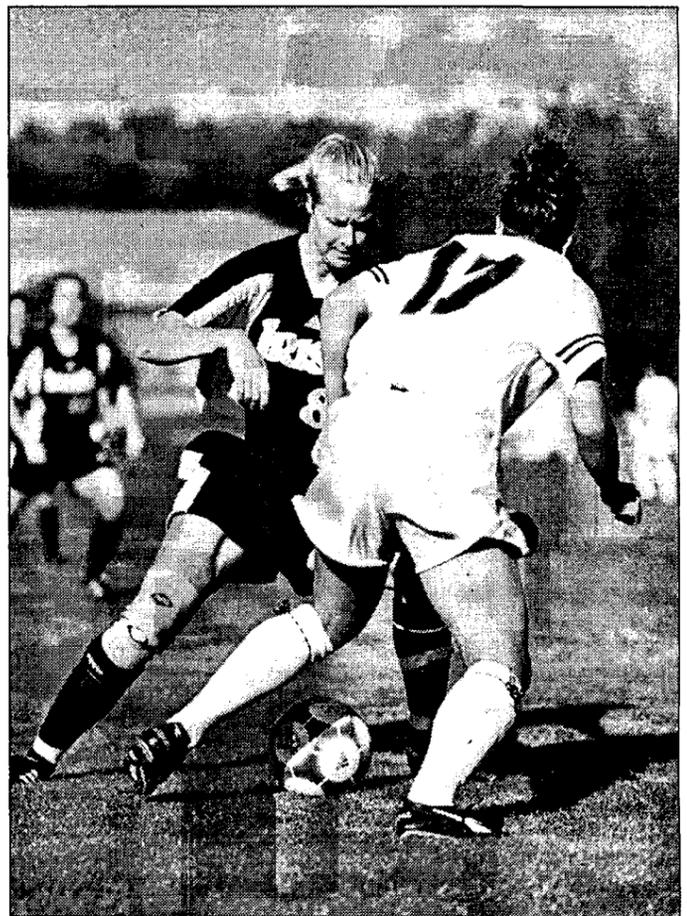
"Things aren't going to change much from the first time around," he said. "I think that's a good thing. We know what to expect."

Michigan boasts a strong offensive side led by sophomore forward Abby Crumpton, who missed the first game against Notre Dame due to injury.

Senior co-captain and player of the year candidate Anne Makinen will once again lead the Irish attack. Makinen's passes will be headed in the direction of sophomore Aly Lovelace as well as freshmen Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner.

Waldrum thinks his team's previous win over Michigan could affect the Wolverines in several ways.

"One on hand, they're thinking of how we hammered by them and now they have to go play in our place," he said. "On the other hand, they could come out more intense and



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Senior Anne Makinen tries to dribble past a Connecticut defender during Sunday's game. Makinen, the Big East Player of the Year, will be a key factor in the national tournament.

try to knock us off. It's all going to lie in the way they decide to approach the game."

Waldrum is determined not to let complacency become a factor in the post-season.

"We have to have the attitude that every game is the championship game," he said. "Certainly we have to stay focused and remind ourselves that you don't advance unless you win."

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Student managers play critical role in Irish athletics

By JOHN BACSIK
Sports Writer

It's 6 p.m. on a Friday night. While most students are busy making their night's plans or walking over to the pep-rally, more than 70 student managers work diligently inside the gates of the house that Rockne built.

Every Friday before a home football game, 54 sophomores, 21 juniors and three seniors gather in the stadium around 2 p.m. After working through the final football practice of the week, these managers take part in one of the richest traditions in college football — the painting of the helmets.

"The best thing about painting the helmets is the tradition and the mystique behind it," said equipment manager Mike Hormuth. "We're the only school in the nation that does this on a weekly basis, and not just anyone can be a part of it."

The common misconception about the student managers is that they are exactly what people have seen in the movie "Rudy" — all fun and no work. Unfortunately for these students, things are not as easy as just painting those helmets and going to a bar afterwards.

"This job takes more dedication than people might expect. We can work anywhere from 45-60 hours during a football week, and then we all have to balance school along with that," said personnel manager Chris Bacsik.

While the rest of his crew prepares things for Saturday's game, head manager senior Mike Ball travels off-campus with the team on Friday nights to help supervise things in their hotel accommodations. Ball chooses one junior manager each week to join him and the team at the hotel. This junior then leads the team into the Basilica on Saturday morning before the game, a responsibility that is appropriately dubbed the "coat and tie" tradition.

Student managers are responsible for the ordinary and the obscure. They set up the field before practices, chart the offensive and defensive plays for every game, and record the amount of time spent on the field for each player. They also make sure each

coach has their candy/gum of choice in their respective lockers, and they provide head coach Bob Davie with his supply of caffeine-free Diet Coke for every practice.

"The coaches expect just as much from the managers as they do from the players," said Ball. "I think our role in this organization is a very important one."

Just like the varsity athletes they work with, the student managers have a playbook of their own. The weekly assignments and responsibilities for each manager are posted online every week. While the juniors strictly work with the football team during the season, the sophomore managers are assigned to a variety of sports.

The managers make up a generous mix of males and females. Forty-six females, including 11 from Saint Mary's, are currently involved in the managers' organization.

"Everyone works together on a daily basis," said junior manager Erin West. "We're all working towards the same cause here."

The student managers are admittedly friends as well as working partners. This makes

their year-end task even more difficult. Come Nov. 22, the juniors will rank their peers to determine next year's three senior football managers. The sophomores face a similar situation in April, when they rank each other to decide who will obtain the 21 junior manager spots.

"There are many long hours and some bumps in the road when you're a manager," said women's basketball manager Gretchen Schumer. "Overall, though, we have so many doors opened to us, and we receive scholarships for our senior years, which makes everything worthwhile."

Student managers started working for Knute Rockne in the 1920s, and they have been an integral part of the football program ever since.

Junior manager Rob Mallory expressed his feelings on the experience as a whole. "This is something I feel privileged to be a part of. Not all the work we do is glamorous," he said, "but we love what we're doing. I wouldn't trade these experiences for anything in the world."



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Junior Brett Gansen applies a fresh coat of gold paint to a helmet earlier this year. In what may be one of the most famous college football traditions, managers often work into the early hours of the morning.

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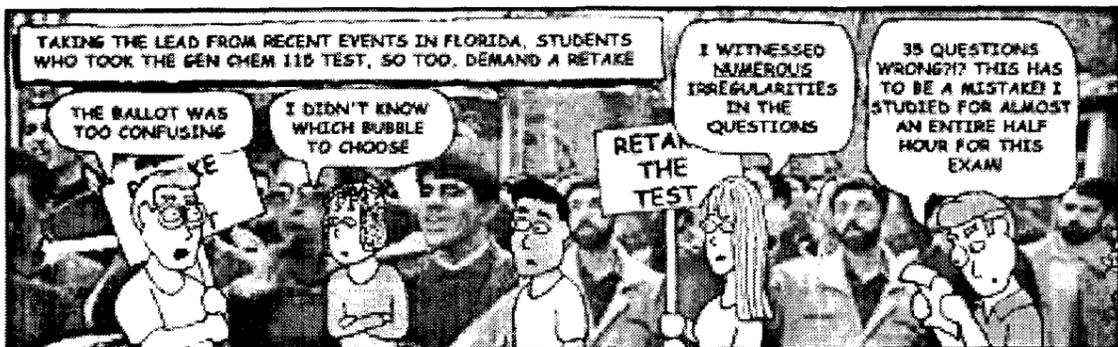
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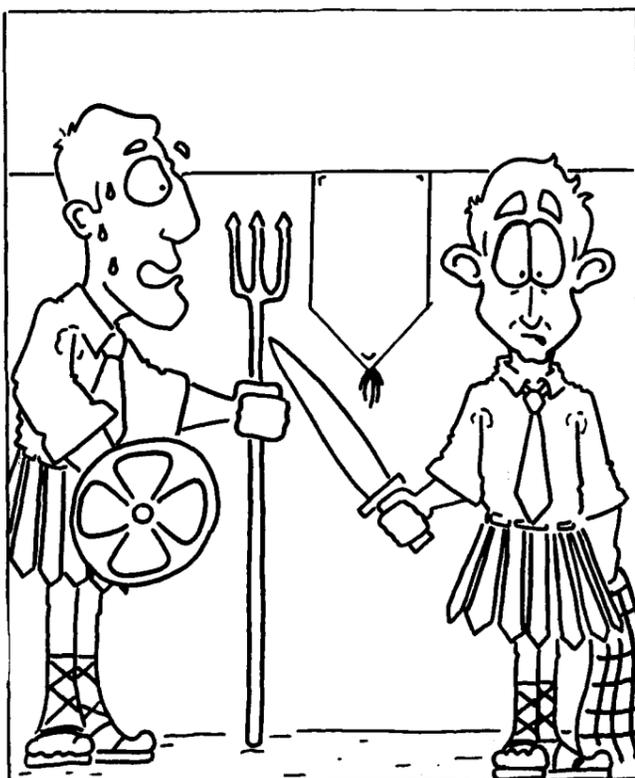
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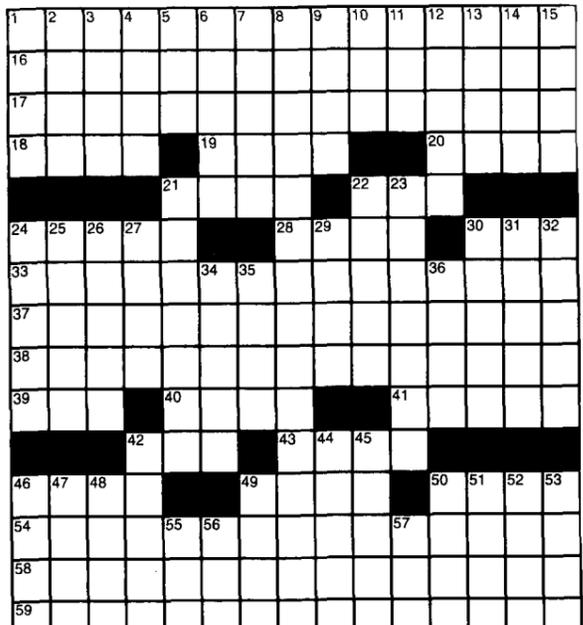


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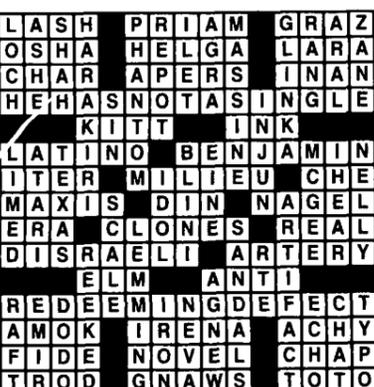


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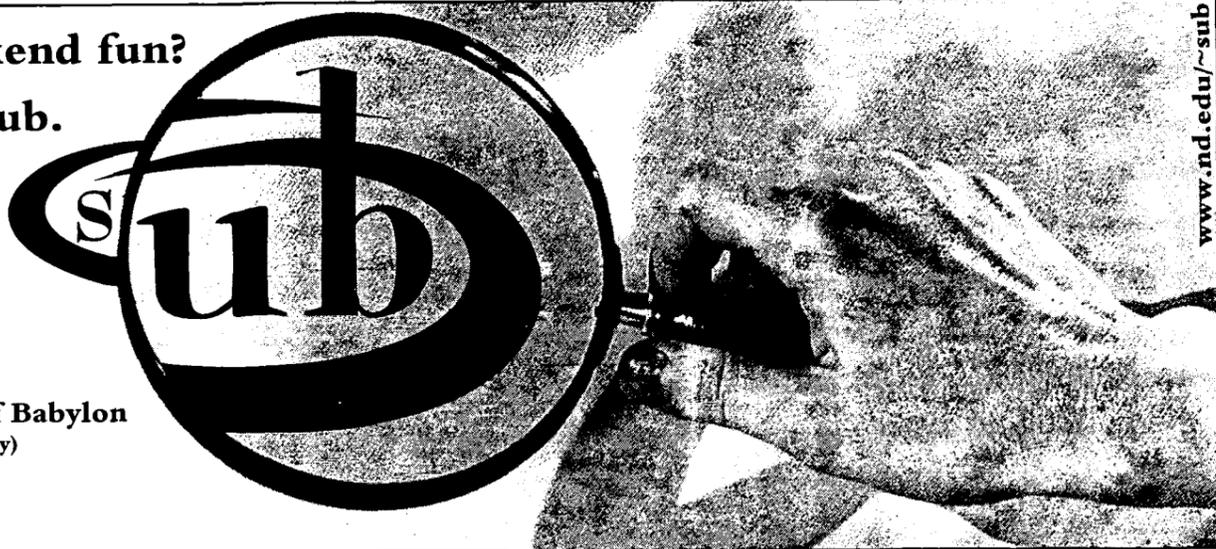
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Ready to shine

Top-seeded Irish anxious to start championship run

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

All season long Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum has not minced words in articulating his squad's lofty goals. After reaching the NCAA championship game last year before losing to North Carolina, Waldrum's mission this time around is clear — the Irish want to be national champions.

"We came so close last year," said Waldrum. "We were within 45 minutes of winning it all. This year, from the get go, our goal was not to just get back but to win it all."

In the sprint for this year's title, the Irish have the pole position, seeded first in the NCAA tournament bracket by virtue of their 20-0-1 regular season record. As the top seed, the Irish will play all games through the quarterfinals at home in the friendly confines of Alumni Field.

With the top 16 teams getting a free pass to round two, the Irish will begin their championship quest with a second



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Notre Dame midfielder Meotis Erikson dribbles past a Connecticut defender during Sunday's Big East final. The Irish begin their quest for the national title Sunday against Michigan.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw lands top recruits

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Following the departure of head men's basketball coach Matt Doherty after only one season, the importance of being able to guarantee continuity in the coaching staff during recruiting has become magnified at Notre Dame.

As a reward for the team's success — as well as providing a powerful recruiting tool — first-year athletic director Kevin White rewarded head women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw with a five-year contract that will keep McGraw at Notre Dame through the 2004-2005 season.

"Coach McGraw has indeed demonstrated that Notre Dame can be a consistent player at the elite level of women's basketball and this contract represents our mutual interest in advancing this respective level of achievement," White said Thursday in a prepared statement.

Although the contract was first announced Thursday, McGraw said she signed it quite a while ago. As a result, she was able to tell prospective members of the Class of 2005 that she indeed would be under contract as their coach for their entire career.

McGraw came out of the recruiting jungle with one of the most solid recruiting classes in the short history of Irish women's basketball. Four of the five recruits announced Wednesday afternoon are ranked among the top 100 high school seniors by Blue Star basketball, including two players with close ties to Notre Dame.

Jacqueline Batteast, a 6-foot forward who attends South Bend's Washington high school, is sure to quickly become a crowd favorite.

"I'm so excited about having a local player," said McGraw. "Our crowds have really increased already. Our season ticket sales are way up. We feel like that's going to help us even more."

Batteast already is a two-time Northern Indiana Conference most valuable player, averaging 21 points and 14 rebounds per game last year. She likely will start out at the power forward position, although her 3-point shooting skills make her a versatile addition to the Irish offense.

Point guard Jill Krause brings a familiar name to the Irish roster as the 5-foot-6 veteran of Notre Dame's summer basketball camp is the granddaughter of longtime

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HOCKEY

Irish look for revenge against No. 1 Eagles

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team hosts No. 1 Boston College Saturday. The Catholic school match-up is the second time the team will meet, after a 4-1 Eagles win in Boston earlier this season.

Boston College and Notre Dame have played once before this year, with the Eagles winning 4-1.

"We don't have any intimidation against Boston College. We are ready to play this game," sophomore defenseman Paul Harris said. "This is a big sports weekend, and the game is going to be a sellout, so we are excited."

The game could be an important momentum boost for the Irish. After getting swept by Michigan State two

weeks ago, Notre Dame fought back to a win and a tie on the road at Miami (Ohio).

The team has struggled defensively in the first month of the season. But a large part of that has been due to injuries. There have only been a couple of games where the Irish has played with six defensive skaters. Tonight, Notre Dame will only have five defensemen.

One of those will be senior left winger Jay Kopischke, who was moved to defense due to injuries. An added benefit of this is that it will give Notre Dame an offensive minded presence on defense, and every goal will count against the No. 1 team in the country.

"With Kopischke on defense, we will hopefully be able to get more offensive opportunities from the point,

and more break aways," senior Dan Carlson said.

The Irish have also worked hard on their special teams. This showed last weekend, with the power play giving Notre Dame two goals in their 5-1 pasting of Miami (Ohio). With the inexperience and injuries on defense, the power play production was a sigh of relief for Notre Dame.

"The power play has been struggling, but we have picked it up, and have had a lot more chances the past couple of games," said Carlson.

Boston College has the talent to back up their No. 1 ranking. They displayed this in a 4-1 beating of Notre Dame on Oct. 13 in Omaha, Neb. The Eagles held Notre Dame in check thanks to the solid goaltending of senior goalie Scott Clemmensen, who stopped 25 of 26 shots.

Krys Kolanos leads the team in goals with 10 while Brian Gionta has nine assists and 13 points for the Boston College offensive attack. Boston College brings a 9-2-0 record into tonight's game. However, the Eagles second loss came this past Tuesday when they lost 4-3 to Yale.

Despite their opponent's recognition, Notre Dame believes that they can play with the No. 1 team in the country. Offense, defense, and special teams have all been playing better for the Irish. With a little luck and some hard work, Notre Dame can pull this thing out. But they will need a solid effort from everyone on the team.

"We feel pretty good about this game," Carlson said. "We played well against them last time, and had some chances. We need everyone to step up and get the job done."

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Irish look to shoot down pesky Eagles



Jim Jones
offensive guard

"I remember vividly Chris Hovan picking up grass and running around. You don't like to see that on your home field."

"We've got our hands full. They're a high execution team, they don't make mistakes, they don't beat themselves."



Bob Davie
Irish head coach



Dan O'Leary
tight end

"It's going to be emotional."

"Notre Dame is 10-0 after weeks off, so it doesn't look like things are in our favor heading into South Bend."



Tom O'Brien
Eagle head coach

By **BRIAN BURKE**
Sports Writer

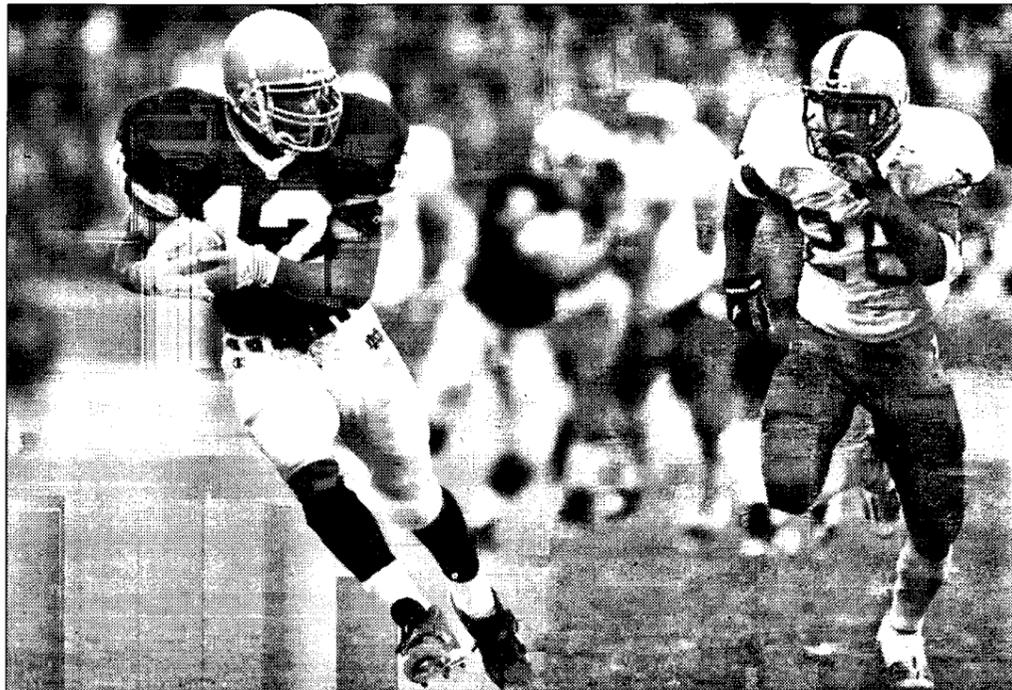
With a Bowl Championship Series bid now in sight, it is only fitting that Notre Dame faces a Boston College squad this Saturday that has developed a knack for spoiling Notre Dame seasons.

Most Eagle fans revel in the memory of David Gordon's 41-yard field goal that ruined Notre Dame's national title hopes in 1993. That game still sits on par with Doug Flutie's Hail Mary to beat Miami in 1984. On a much smaller scale, Boston College's 31-29 conquest of the Irish last season eliminated them from bowl contention and officially put the stamp on Notre Dame's season as a disaster.

Saturday's matchup between 6-2 Notre Dame and 6-3 Boston College falls somewhere in between. The Irish must win their next three games to earn a likely bid in the Fiesta or Sugar Bowl, which would be their first major bowl appearance since 1995. Boston College meanwhile seeks a seventh win that would probably ensure them a spot somewhere in the post season.

"This week it's going to be another battle," said head coach Bob Davie. "You look at Boston College, they're 6-3. They're a good team ... They're as good as anyone we've played on offense."

A primary objective on defense for Notre Dame will be to contain the heart and soul of the Eagle offense: sophomore tailback William Green. The leading rusher in the Big East, Green has averaged 111 yards on the ground per game this season, but will be running into the strength of the Irish defense



JOE STARK/The Observer

Junior running back Tony Fisher runs the ball during last year's 31-29 loss to the Eagles as Boston College defensive back Jonathan Ordway pursues.

in their front seven. Notre Dame has blitzed with more success this year than in 1999, and the Irish will look to the likes of Tony Driver or Ron Israel to slow the Eagle's talented sophomore back.

The bigger issue of late for Notre Dame has been pass defense. In the past three games the Irish have given up several big plays through the air that, at least in the last two, could have cost the team wins. The secondary, and especially the corners take on extra responsibility if Notre Dame brings more defenders up to stop Green.

"It's kind of embarrassing, first of all, to give up points and yards kind of in bushels the way we've done it," Davie remarked. "The Navy game

was different because we had busted assignments. The West Virginia game, I honestly thought we got tired. The Air Force game, I thought they made some great plays ... It's not that we're under-talented, it's not that we're snake bit, not that we're out of shape. We just got to go close to it and make some plays."

Offensively, quarterback Matt LoVecchio will have the luxury of a running game that should thrive against a Boston College defense which ranks 92nd nationally against the run. The true freshman is 4-0 as a starter and has thrown at least two touchdown passes in each of those contests. LoVecchio has displayed a good touch in throwing the deep ball, as well as the ability to scramble when

the play breaks down. Having said all that, if the Eagles are chasing Julius Jones all over the field, less will rest on the young quarterback's shoulders.

Both teams have talent in the backfield and at the receiver positions, giving this game the potential to see saw back and forth. A key for Notre Dame will be how much their pass coverage has improved during the bye week. If Brian St. Pierre can complete passes that open up the running game, Boston College has a chance to come out of South Bend with another season-making win. However if the Notre Dame defense is able to commit eight men to bottling up Green, the Irish offense should pave the way to a win, and one step closer to Tempe or New Orleans.



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♦ O'Leary leads Notre Dame toward BCS bid

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor



O'Leary

Dan O'Leary had just started playing football. He was a young teenager in the early 1990s, a 6-foot-3 180-pound tight end at St. Bernadette's school in Ohio. During those years, he formed many friendships, won a lot of games and created lifelong memories.

Including one of a tall, skinny teammate.

"He used to wear polo socks to practice," O'Leary said. "He just didn't fit in."

Fast forward to Nov. 20, 1999. Notre Dame Stadium. The two classmates were now rivals, O'Leary playing at home, the polo sock-wearing kid dressed in Boston College's white, maroon and gold away uniforms.

Chris Hovan. All-Ralph Lauren had transformed into Chris Hovan. All-American.

Hovan had also changed his football-self into a character from The Program. When O'Leary lined up and looked at the 6-foot-3 290-pound defensive end with the black and white painted face, he laughed.

"I'm just like 'nice face, you moron,'" O'Leary said. "It was funny."

The big kid from Ohio's humorous, outgoing personality has remained intact.

But since then, he also earned a degree in sociology and computer applications, been named captain at Notre Dame, and caught the attention of NFL scouts.

On Saturday, the fifth-year senior will raise his gold helmet to the student section for the final time, ending an unexpected career.

"I'm glad he's getting recognition as a senior," coach Bob Davie said. "He certainly deserves it."

Using his talents

Growing up around Irish-Catholics, O'Leary watched Notre Dame on television every Saturday. He dreamed of playing quarterback back. But there was a problem.

O'Leary's parents told their son to 'use his talents elsewhere' and described football as 'too rough of a sport.'

They finally obliged when all of O'Leary's friends started playing at St. Bernadette's.

"They're probably thanking their lucky stars now," O'Leary said, "[with me] saving them some money for college."

He had always envisioned attending the local public high school but when his athletic talents became obvious, O'Leary enrolled at St. Ignatius, a Jesuit school in Cleveland.

The team would arrive three hours early, watch film and attend mass together before playing in front of sell-out crowds. Every week.

O'Leary lettered three times, was captain as a senior and won four Division 1 state titles. In

position: *tight end*

year: *senior*

awards: *Parade prep All-America pick '95, rated No. 75 on Chicago Sun-Times list of top 100 in '95, rated one of top 50 players nationally by Street & Smith's and Athalon in '95, rated as the No. 4 prospect on best of Midwest team by Detroit Free-Press in '95*

notables: *has eight receptions and one touchdown on the season*

1993, when O'Leary was a sophomore, USA Today crowned St. Ignatius as its mythical national champion. He caught 46 passes in each of the next two seasons.

"I was like a Shannon Sharpe-type," O'Leary said. "I got the ball like every other play."

And that became a problem. O'Leary narrowed his choices to Notre Dame and Boston College, a school where the tight end routinely ranked high in receptions. His idol was Pete Mitchell, the Boston College tight end who scorched the Irish in the memorable 1993 game.

Lou Holtz visited in the fall of 1995 (O'Leary still has pictures of the visit in his home) and promised that O'Leary would be an integral part of the offense, that he would be a main target for quarterback Ron Powlus. On his official trip to campus in December, the Irish staff greeted O'Leary with a yellow sign honoring the great tight ends of the present and past including Pete Chryplewicz, Irv Smith, Oscar McBride, Derek Brown, Mark Bavaro, Tony Hunter, Ken MacAfee and Dave Casper.

Also included was "O'Leary 86."

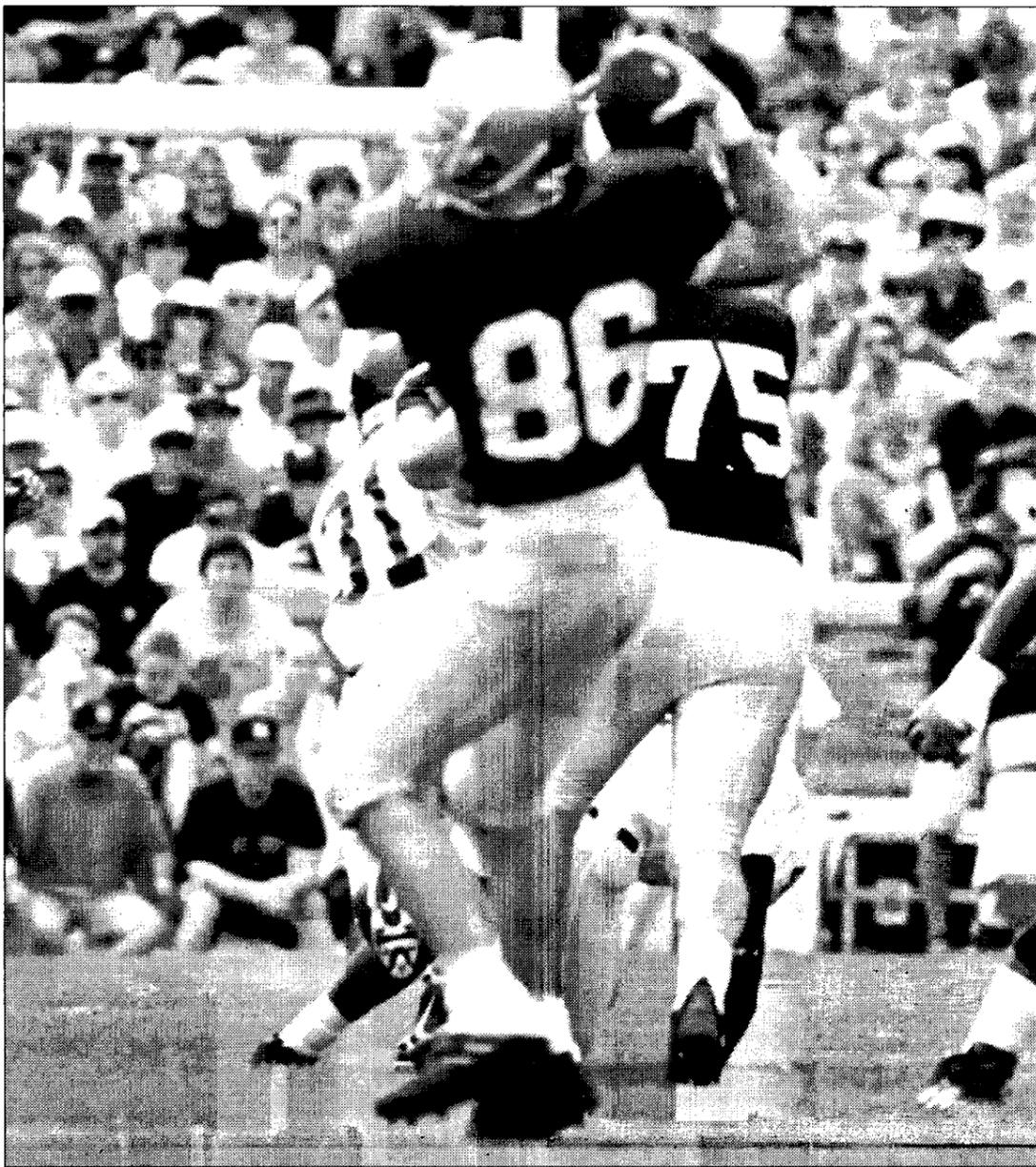
The recruiting hype did not immediately sell the senior tight end.

He waited awhile until he received advice from his parents, older sister Margie, friend Colm Carr and St. Ignatius strength and conditioning coach Marty Uinon.

"They convinced me that even though Notre Dame hasn't been throwing the ball to tight ends in the past, that I could turn that around and make a name for myself," O'Leary said. "That was one of the motivations that I came into Notre Dame with, just getting rid of that image that they don't throw to tight ends. I haven't completely done it so far ..."

Lowered expectations

One week earlier, the Irish improved to 3-0 with a 27-24 victory over No. 6 Texas. But here it



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Tight end Dan O'Leary catches a pass from quarterback Arnaz Battle in Notre Dame's 24-10 season opening win over Texas A&M.

was, on the afternoon of Sept. 27, 1996, when O'Leary suffered his first college defeat, a 29-16 decision to Ohio State. By the end of October, they were 4-2 and the laughingstock of college football after a 20-17 loss to Air Force.

Welcome to Notre Dame. "I was expecting to do the whole thing [win every game] all over again," O'Leary said.

Like most freshmen, O'Leary struggled. He lost games, played on the scout team and tried to find time to study.

Then in November, Holtz resigned.

"I thought he'd be here for the next 10 years," O'Leary said.

O'Leary turned to seniors Chryplewicz, Kevin Carretta, Marc Edwards and tight ends coach Bob Chmiel for advice. He did not see any action as a freshman but O'Leary became the starter the next year. In the second game, he caught a boot pass, ran upfield and lowered his shoulder into a Purdue linebacker.

He separated the shoulder and missed the next six games.

O'Leary never fully recovered that fall. And besides the physical pain, he also suffered emotional pain.

On Christmas Day, 1996, the 7-6 Irish were in Shreveport, La., preparing for the upcoming

Independence Bowl game against LSU. While the rest of his family celebrated, O'Leary participated in two-a-days.

"I just wanted to be home with all my friends," O'Leary said. "After the first two years, I wrote down as one of my goals that I wanted to play in a BCS bowl game before I leave."

Respected peer

Davie addressed the team on a July afternoon earlier this summer. A day before, the Irish voted on the captains for the 2000 season. And now Davie read the names: Jabari Holloway, Anthony Denman, Grant Irons.

And Dan O'Leary. "Right after that we had to run 20 110-yard sprints," O'Leary said. "I was running those things so fast that day. I wasn't winded at all. I was sky high."

Said Davie: "I was hoping it would be that way. He's the perfect combination of what a Notre Dame man is all about."

Five years ago, O'Leary vowed to change the Irish offense.

He has been unsuccessful, as the tight end has eight receptions this year and caught only 13 in 1999.

But he has reached the goal he wrote down before coming to South Bend: to become captain. He acts as a mentor to the under-

classmen, including freshman tight end Billy Palmer.

"During two-a-days I had a question and went to him," Palmer said. "Immediately right then, I knew he was the guy to go to. I have nothing but good things to say about him."

And O'Leary feels the same way about the 2000 Irish. Three more wins and one of his other goals will be met.

Yet his mind remains focused on this weekend, when friends — including former Boston College quarterback and St. Ignatius teammate Scott Mutryn — and family will see him play his last game in the Stadium.

As of Tuesday afternoon, O'Leary was not sure whether his parents would be attending this weekend. Margie is expecting her second child.

So if their daughter does not have the baby by Saturday, the O'Leary's will probably stay home as their son suits up in the Blue and Gold.

Regardless, another problem remains.

"I have to get a lot of tickets," O'Leary said. "I don't know if I'm going to be able to pull it off."

At least one friend will be unable to visit.

Hovan will be in Minnesota. The Vikings defensive end has a game on Sunday.

up close &
personal
WITH DAN O'LEARY

birthdate: *September 1, 1977*
hometown: *Westlake, Ohio*
major: *sociology and computer applications*
dimensions: *6-foot-3, 260 lbs.*
favorite food: *pasta*

greatest personal athletic moment: *Scoring a touchdown and making a diving catch for a key first down in the '99 USC game*
word to describe him on the field: *intense*

word to describe him off the field: *relaxed*
most impressive person he has met since attending Notre Dame: *Wayne Gretzky*
CD he plays the most: *Frank Sinatra*

Eagles look for win with Hasselbeck-less offense

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

In the college careers of the players that will step on the field at Notre Dame Stadium Saturday, there has not been a rivalry more heated than the Notre Dame-Boston College battle.

Even though Notre Dame holds an 8-3 series record and enjoys a No. 11 national ranking, while Boston College remains unranked and struggling with the loss of its star quarterback Tim Hasselbeck, Saturday's game promises to be close if history proves correct.

"We're going to once again just focus on our performance," Davie said. "I don't think motivation will be the issue this week. It's a big football game."

Two years ago, the Irish made a key defensive stand at the goal line on the final play of the game to hold on to a 31-26 win.

Last year, it was the Eagles' turn to soar. Despite an Irish fourth-quarter rally the Eagles hung on to 31-29 win as the seconds drained off the clock.

This year, a Bowl

Championship Series bid remains on the line for the Irish and the Eagles are hungry to tear down their over-achieving rival.

The Eagles come to Notre Dame Stadium with a 6-3 record and a new starting quarterback.

Veteran Hasselbeck sprained his knee in the second quarter of Boston College's 31-3 win over Temple, but the Eagles have an able replacement in backup Brian St. Pierre.

"[St. Pierre] throws the ball well. He's pretty mobile," Davie said. "We recruited him ... St. Pierre has come in games this year, nothing seems to have changed. Who knows what they'll do, but I don't see it changing very significantly."

St. Pierre took the majority of snaps during the preseason when Hasselbeck was sidelined because of surgery and has played in every contest during the last two seasons. The sophomore has completed 30 of 45 pass attempts for 369 yards and two touchdowns.

While St. Pierre looks to continue Hasselbeck's record as signal caller, the rest of the Eagles' offense is preparing to step up its play to take down the Irish.

Sophomore William Green leads the Eagles on the ground, rushing for 1,005 yards and scoring 13 touchdowns. Wide receiver Dedrick DeWalt has also made a mark for the offense with 32 receptions for 620 yards and seven touchdowns.

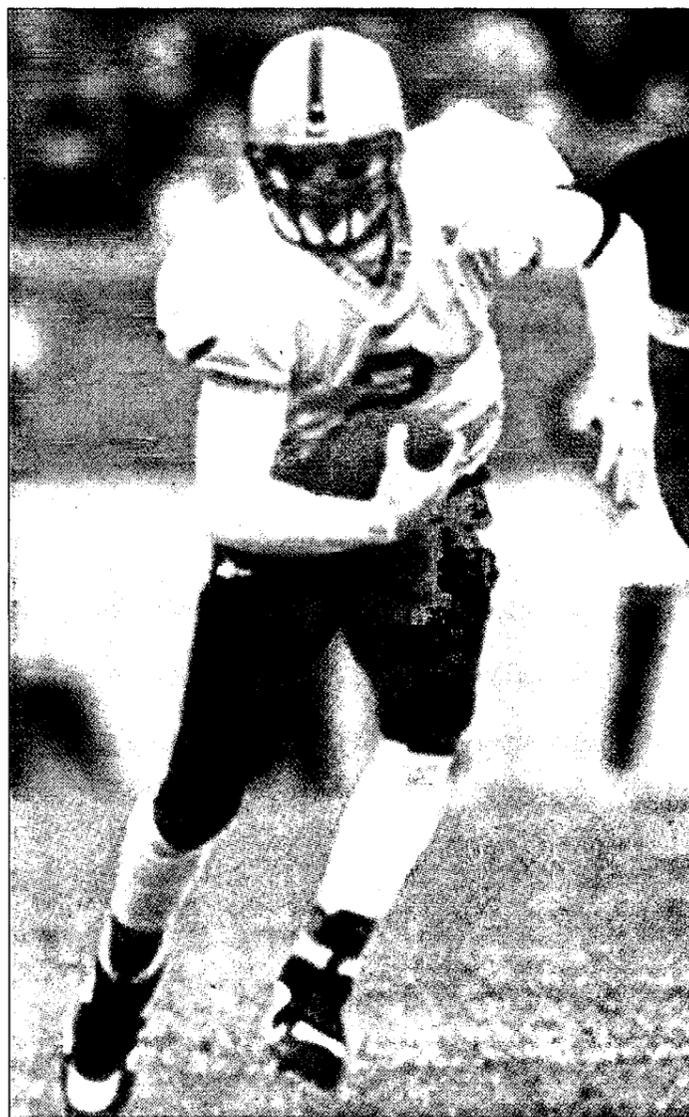
Those numbers concern Davie, whose defense has not performed at its peak of late.

"It's kind of embarrassing, first of all, to give up points and yards kind of in bushels the way we've done it," Davie said. "... We can't win if we keep doing that. It's a concern."

Boston College's defense finds its strength in free safety RaMon Johnson, who leads the team with 69 tackles. Heading the team with six sacks, defensive end Sean Guthrie will look to shut down quarterback Matt LoVecchio and the Irish offense.

Davie knows his team will have to perform at its peak to edge the Eagles and bolster its season record to 7-2.

"We've got our hands full," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "They're a high-execution team; they don't make mistakes; they don't beat themselves."



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Boston College quarterback Tim Hasselbeck carries the ball during last year's 31-29 victory over Notre Dame.

fast facts

ABOUT BOSTON COLLEGE

- ◆ Location: Chestnut Hill, Mass.
- ◆ Enrollment: 14,600
- ◆ Founded: 1863
- ◆ Colors: Maroon and Gold
- ◆ Nickname: Eagles
- ◆ Conference: Big East
- ◆ Boston College defeated Notre Dame to spoil a chance at an Irish national title in 1993.
- ◆ Boston College and Notre Dame are the only two Div.-I Catholic universities playing college football.



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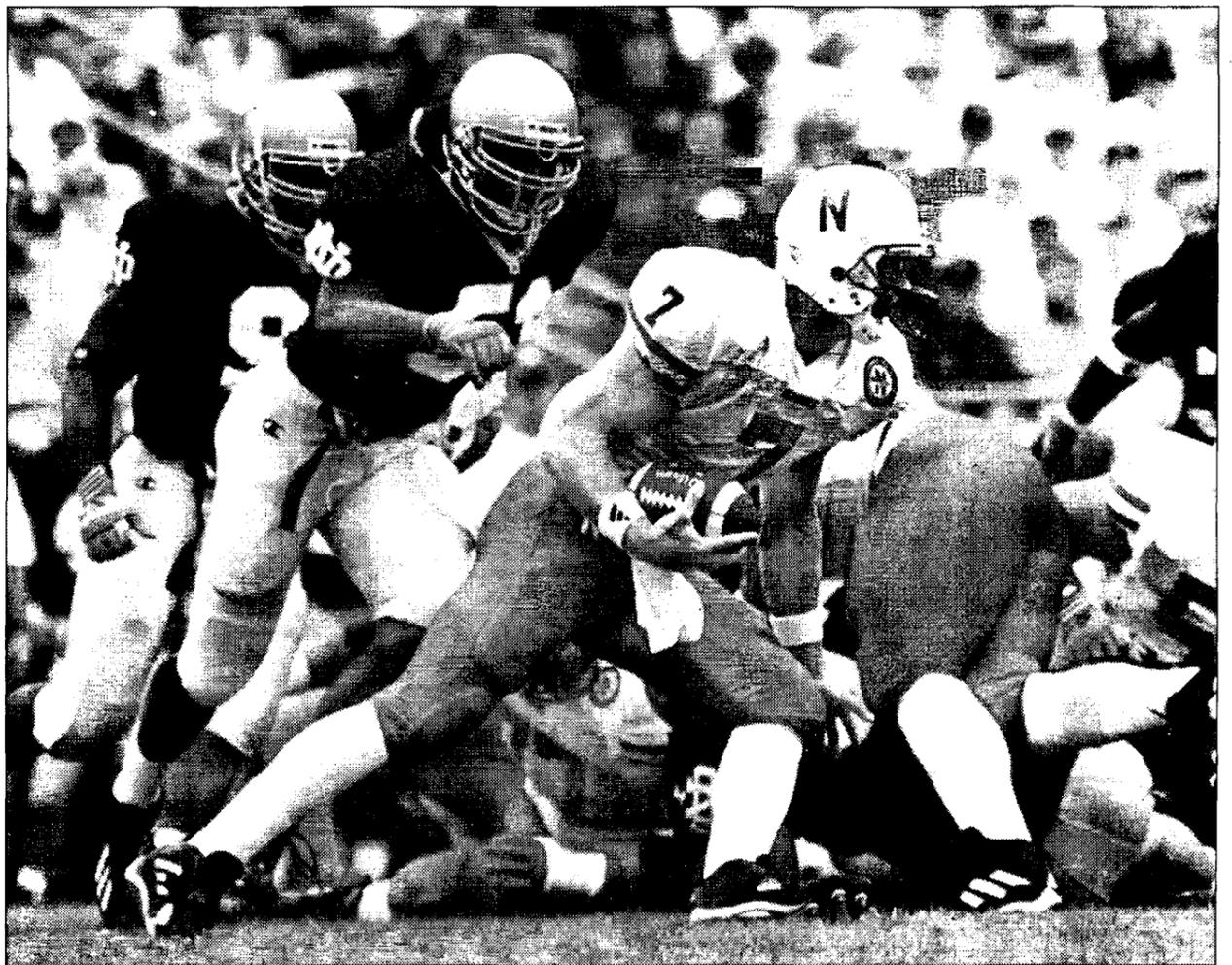
AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma	8-0	1,774
2	Miami (Fla.)	7-1	1,684
3	Florida State	9-1	1,633
4	Nebraska	8-1	1,512
5	Florida	8-1	1,499
6	Oregon	9-1	1,429
7	Washington	8-1	1,371
8	Virginia Tech	8-1	1,260
9	Purdue	7-2	1,196
10	Oregon State	8-1	1,127
11	NOTRE DAME	6-2	863
12	Northwestern	7-2	839
13	Ohio State	7-2	819
14	Georgia	6-2	727
15	Mississippi St.	6-2	707
16	Kansas State	8-2	673
17	Clemson	8-2	584
18	TCU	7-1	571
19	Texas	7-2	527
20	Michigan	6-3	426
21	South Carolina	7-2	353
22	Auburn	7-2	342
23	Texas A&M	7-2	328
24	Georgia Tech	6-2	220
25	Southern Miss	6-2	217

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Oklahoma	8-0	1,474
2	Miami (Fla.)	7-1	1,403
3	Florida State	9-1	1,352
4	Florida	8-1	1,272
5	Nebraska	8-1	1,265
6	Washington	8-1	1,139
7	Oregon	8-1	1,121
8	Virginia Tech	8-1	1,081
9	Purdue	7-2	935
10	Oregon State	8-1	886
11	Kansas State	8-2	807
12	NOTRE DAME	6-2	655
13	Georgia	6-2	634
14	Ohio State	7-2	604
15	Clemson	8-2	588
16	Mississippi St.	6-2	579
17	TCU	7-1	518
18	Northwestern	7-2	470
19	Texas	7-2	462
20	Colorado State	8-1	380
21	Michigan	6-3	312
22	Southern Miss	6-2	261
23	Auburn	7-2	252
24	Texas A&M	7-2	206
25	South Carolina	7-2	199

GAME OF THE WEEK



Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch protects the ball in the Cornhuskers Sept. 9. overtime win against the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium. Nebraska takes on Oklahoma

Huskers clash with Wildcats in BCS battle

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

On the surface, Saturday's game between the Huskers and the Wildcats doesn't look like much. A closer analysis of the infamous Bowl Championship Series poll reveals that this game is critical to the national championship race. Most observers assume that Oklahoma will play a team from Florida in the Orange Bowl for all the marbles. No. 3 Miami's grievance with No. 2 Florida State is legitimate, given the Hurricanes' 27-24 victory

last month. The problem will most likely work itself out when the Seminoles host No. 5 Florida over Thanksgiving weekend.

How quickly people have written off the Cornhuskers. With one loss to the No. 1 team in the country, Nebraska is far from elimination. Consider the following scenario: Nebraska beats Kansas State to claim the Big 12 North title. Nebraska then beats top-ranked Oklahoma in the Big 12 Championship. The Florida/Florida State loser will have two losses and drop from the national championship picture.

Who's left? Nebraska.

Coach Bill Snyder hoped that Kansas State's 40-30 win over Nebraska in 1998 signaled a power shift in the Big 12. Unfortunately, the Wildcat's penchant to lose late season games has prevented them from winning it all.

This year, Oklahoma's surprising dominance gave Kansas State a rare mid-season defeat after reaching No. 2 in the polls. Characteristically, the demoralized Wildcats subsequently dropped their following game to Texas A&M and eliminated themselves from the BCS picture.

Nebraska is now playing with nothing to lose. Michael Vick's ankle injury means that Tim Crouch is currently the best option quarterback in the country.

Should they beat Kansas State, they'll get Oklahoma under pressure at a neutral site.

The last time Nebraska played with nothing to lose was in last year's Fiesta Bowl, when they disfigured defending national champ Tennessee.

If Nebraska's defense continues to improve, look for this game to be a tune-up for a rematch with the Sooners.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

South Carolina at Florida: The remarkable Gamecock revival sits at 7-2, but trouble is in the air. South Carolina's SEC schedule was built for early season success, which they've enjoyed. Now, things get tougher.

The Gamecocks' defense cracked last week, allowing Tennessee to drive down the field for the game-winning score. After Florida this week, they'll play in-state rival Clemson.

Florida has struggled with teams that can run the football, and USC's Derek Watson comes into Saturday's contest with a 98 yards per game average. Coach Lou Holtz still loves a ground control, time of possession style offense that he employed at Notre Dame.

Florida also may be caught looking ahead to next week's annual Gators-Seminole showdown. As usual, the stakes are high. Coach Steve Spurrier continues his maddening quarterback rotation, and sensational freshman receiver Jabar Gaffney is beginning to turn heads.

Oklahoma at Texas A&M: So long as strength of schedule is a BCS factor, Oklahoma will hold its No. 1 ranking. The latest stop on the Boomer Sooner express is College Station, entertaining their fourth ranked team in five weeks. Consider that the Sooners defeated then No. 5 Texas, then No. 2 Kansas State, then No. 1 Nebraska, and now face current No. 24 Texas A&M. With apologies to the SEC, the Big 12 is this year's premier conference. Kyle Field is one of the most difficult road venues in college football. The 12th man mystique, the Corps Crazy Cadets, and coach R.C. Slocum's impressive 64-6-1 home record all add up to be what could be a thriller.

This game will hinge on the quarterbacks: junior college transfer turned Heisman frontrunner Josh Heupel and ex-minor leaguer Mark Farris. Given Oklahoma's confidence and lethal passing attack, the Aggies must play their best game of the season in order to win.

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Purdue at Michigan State
1 p.m., ABC channel 58

Washington at UCLA
4 p.m., ABC channel 58

Fresno State at TCU
3:30 p.m., FOXSPN

South Carolina at Florida
3:30 p.m., CBS channel 22

Nebraska at Kansas State
7 p.m., FOXSPN

the inside edge

records: 6-2
A.P. rank: 11
coaches' poll: 12

records: 6-3
A.P. rank: NR
coaches' poll: NR

Series Record
Notre Dame leads
8-3



quarterbacks: *The loss of Hasselbeck hurts the Eagles. LoVecchio has not put up great numbers but he's 4-0 as a starter.*

EVEN

running backs: *Washington (1,005 yards) and Green (563 yards) form a formidable duo. When healthy, Jones is among the nations' best.*



receivers: *DeWalt and Burke have combined for 55 receptions. Givens and Getherall give the Irish two potential gamebreakers.*



offensive line: *The Eagles start four seniors and pave the way for Washington and Green.*



defensive line: *Legree, Weaver, Roberts and company have played well since Irons was injured. BC's run defense has struggled all season.*



linebackers: *Denman (67), Boiman (50) and Harrison (43) rank first, second and fourth on the Irish in tackles.*

EVEN

secondary: *Notre Dame's unit could not contain Fleming and Thiessen but Driver and Williams are among the team's best players. Ramon Johnson leads the Eagles in tackles.*



special teams: *Credit the special teams for giving the Irish a shot at the BCS. DeWalt is a dangerous punt returner and Sutphin and McMyler are good kickers.*

EVEN

coaching: *Finally, Davie has given Irish fans a reason to "Remember November." O'Brien led the Eagles to a bowl game last year.*



intangibles: *Both teams are in contention for bowl games - the Irish can bring back some credibility with three straight wins.*



Overall

The Irish had trouble the last few weeks finishing off games. Unlike last year, they are healthy and have something (other than "pride") to play for. Three more victories will erase some of the memories from a disastrous 1999 season.

IRISH INSIGHT

Boston College fans among many who despise Notre Dame

Acronyms and athletics go together like stupid similes and sports writing.

There's the NBA, NFL, NHL, ACC, IOC, USBL, CBA, AHL, AAA, XFL...

And the BCS.

Since Glenn Earl's season-saving block against Air Force, conversation on campus has centered on Irish chances of qualifying for the Bowl Championship Series.

But even for educated and knowledgeable college football fans (roughly 0.237 percent of the population), figuring out the BCS possibilities is tougher than deciphering Daviespeak.

What's a little easier to do is mock Notre Dame.

Fifty-five Irish haters have taken their gripes with Rockne, Rudy and religion one step further, forming an Internet-based group termed NDS:

Notre Dame Sucks.

Log onto the website (www.geocities.com/Colosseum/4028/nds.html), type your name, address and reason for despising the Irish and you can join this exclusive (?) fraternity.

Members include:

◆ Cofounder Paul "Pack-Backer" Arfmann, who writes, "Despite what the media thinks, not everyone worships the Irish; in fact, the Irish make some of us want to puke."

◆ Paschal Dobbins, who writes, "ND is a media darling just like the unc tarholes (sic). One would get the impression that each is the greatest thing since Jesus."

◆ fab5 (Chad), who writes, "Their fans refuse to beleive (sic) that they suck. All of their players are cocky. And, Michigan rules."

◆ Rawlin Hunter, who writes "Notre dame represents arrogant, snotty, yankee hegemony, in its pureset (sic) form."

◆ HuskrAngel, who writes, "Rudy was the most pathetic movie I've ever seen in my life. If I see Notre Dame on TV once more I'm going to scream!"

◆ Brian, who writes, "I think that if they werent (sic) catholic they would be equivalent to North Eastern Montana community college for the poor and disabled."

◆ Ray Baylor Bear who writes, "They are viewed by some with god-like status. Never has the image and hype been so disparate with the reality. I HATE EM!"

Easy with the CAPS LOCK, Mr. Baylor Bear. Your point is very clear.

A suggestion for those who do not realize that there exist tens of thousands of Ray Baylor Bear-types:

Look around campus this weekend as the New England Jesuits invade the Bend.



Tim Casey

Assistant Sports Editor

Ask anyone clad in some mixture of brown, maroon and gold and whose B(A)C exceeds 0.10.

Bet the phrases "cocky", "arrogant", and "loved by the media" will come up when BC fans describe their Holy Cross rivals.

At least one person would disagree with the last word of the prior sentence.

"BC cares deeply about Notre Dame, but Notre Dame doesn't care about BC," said Boston College coach Tom O'Brien in the Sept. 1 edition of *The Boston Globe*. "Maybe they will if we beat them a few more times, but right now their rival is USC."

Prior to the 1990s, maybe "rivalry" was a stretch.

Sure, there was some controversy in 1983.

During the third year of the Faust regime, the 6-5 Irish beat the No. 13 Eagles 19-18 in the Liberty Bowl. Prior to that game, speculation arose about whether Notre Dame would even accept a bowl invitation following an unimpressive season.

Some BC players thought the real reason why the Irish considered bypassing the bowl was because they were afraid to lose to the "other" Division 1-A Catholic school.

But that was an isolated incident.

Nine years later, hatred for Notre Dame grew to a new high in Beantown. And thus began a rivalry, whether O'Brien or others want to admit it.

With his team ahead 37-0 in the third quarter, Lou Holtz called for a fake punt that resulted in a first down. Holtz rationalized the play by noting that he wanted to make sure Penn State (the next week's opponent) prepared for a fake.

When the Eagles returned in 1993 to play the No. 1 Irish, that one play remained etched in their minds.

"They really rubbed it in our face the year before," BC kicker David Gordon told *The Observer* last year. "It was a motivator. Even in the off-season, we were really preparing for them again."

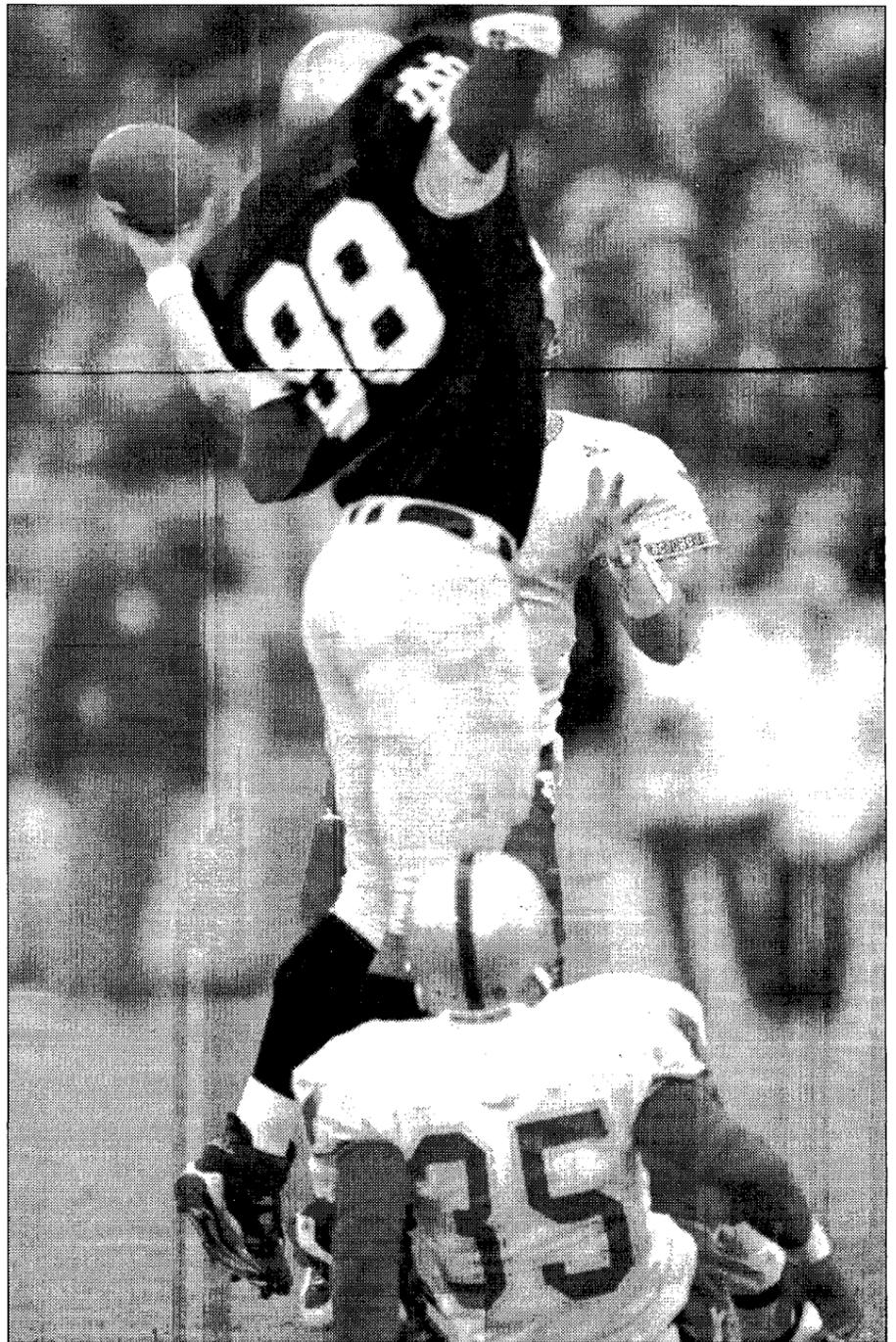
Every ND and BC fan over 13 years old knows the result.

Mentioning David Gordon to the Irish faithful is like saying Bucky Dent in front of members of Red Sox Nation.

"I don't think you can get any lower than we are now," said Irish defensive lineman Jim Flanigan after the 41-39 loss.

The next season, Notre Dame traveled to Chestnut Hill with Ron (Two Heismans) Powllus at quarterback and a No. 8 ranking. The Irish left the Hub with a 30-11 loss and several bruised egos.

Another memorable game occurred in 1998. Deke Cooper and the Irish defense stopped Mike Cloud four times in the closing seconds of a 31-26 win. The victory prompted a catchy nickname, stolen from a novel written by New England native and Red Sox fan, Stephen King: The



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Irish defensive end Tony Weaver leaps to block Eagle quarterback Tim Hasselbeck's pass in Notre Dame's 1999 31-29 loss to Boston College.

Stand.

Then last year, coach Bob Davie delivered the most unexpected pep rally scene in recent memory. (A close second: Brock "Let the Dogs Out" Williams' version of the Baha Men hit before this year's Stanford game.)

On the day prior to the Nov. 20 game, Davie looked over his right shoulder and pointed at a group of rowdy BC fans seated in the Joyce Center bleachers.

"That's another reason right there to kick Boston College's ass," Davie said.

Davie and the Irish needed at least one

more reason as the Eagles left with a 31-29 victory in their second visit to the expanded Stadium.

On Saturday, the Catholic War resumes for the ninth straight year.

A loss will shatter Notre Dame's BCS chances. But Irish fans will then have to come up with another interpretation of college football's favorite acronym:

Boston College Sucks.

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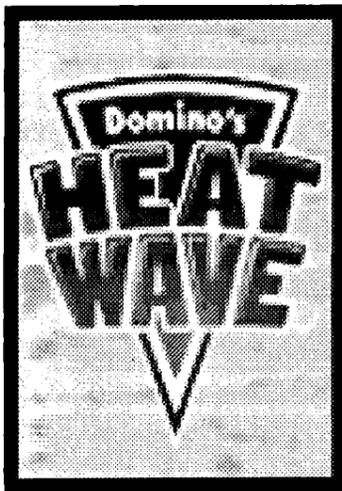


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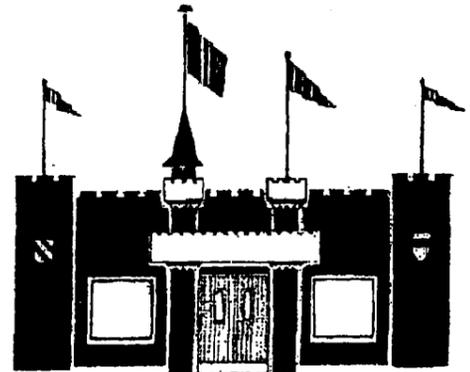
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