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ND in talks to hire ex-governor

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

The Notre Dame department of political science is currently in talks to add former governor of Indiana Joseph Kernan to its faculty.



Kernan

Kernan, a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame, has expressed interest in teaching a single-credit gubernatorial leadership class at the

University, political science professor John Roos said Wednesday.

"Ex-governor Kernan loves his alma mater and has an extraordinary knowledge in politics and government," Roos said. "He's dealt with billion dollar budgets, capital punishment crime cases [and] property taxes. He has a range of experience about politics that would be of use to students."

Kernan served as mayor of South Bend from 1987 to 1996. He was South Bend's longest-serving mayor when he resigned to become lieutenant governor under Frank O'Bannon in 1996. When O'Bannon suffered a massive

stroke in 2003, Kernan assumed command as Indiana's 48th governor.

Kernan — who resides in South Bend — left his post as governor on Jan. 10 after Republican Mitch Daniels defeated him in the 2004 gubernatorial election.

Roos said Kernan's class could be available as soon as spring 2006. The course would likely be small and focus on different dimensions of state politics, Roos said. Kernan would use his experience in politics to shape parts of the class around major issues he faced while serving in the public sector.

"Healthcare, budgets, wel-

fare, transportation, capital punishment," Roos said. "He would draw upon his experiences in the statehouse and take students through the actual Indiana budget, for example, to show the politics of putting a budget together."

In addition to teaching the course, Kernan would give talks periodically and serve as an advisor for students interested in public affairs.

"He loves South Bend, he loves Notre Dame," Roos said. "He loves to work with young people and he would be a terrific asset if we could get him."

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Basketball promotion criticized

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

In years past, students awoke in the wee hours of a cold October morning to line up outside the Joyce Center with one goal in mind — to leave with basketball season ticket booklets in hand just as the sun was coming up.

But this year, due largely to complaints about the system and low student attendance at games, organizers decided to alter their method of ticket distribution.

"I think they had a great idea with the whole 'get everyone out and pumped for the basketball season' thing, but I think maybe if they had advertised it a little bit earlier or made it a little more exciting it would have gone better," junior Brigid Bulfin said.

Bulfin was referring to "Late Night with the Legion," the event held Wednesday at the Joyce Center from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. where students obtained a redeemable ticket voucher to be exchanged for a ticket booklet — but only after picking up a bracelet upon entering the JACC and waiting for two hours to receive the voucher.

"It seemed somewhat unorganized as we tried to get into the JACC to get the bracelets," junior R.J. Kornhaas said. "Then there was a mad rush when people realized they could leave to get the vouchers at the end."

Bulfin, who is picking up her tickets today, said that

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Tours reveal beauty, character of campus

Student guides play crucial role in introducing the University to prospects and their families

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

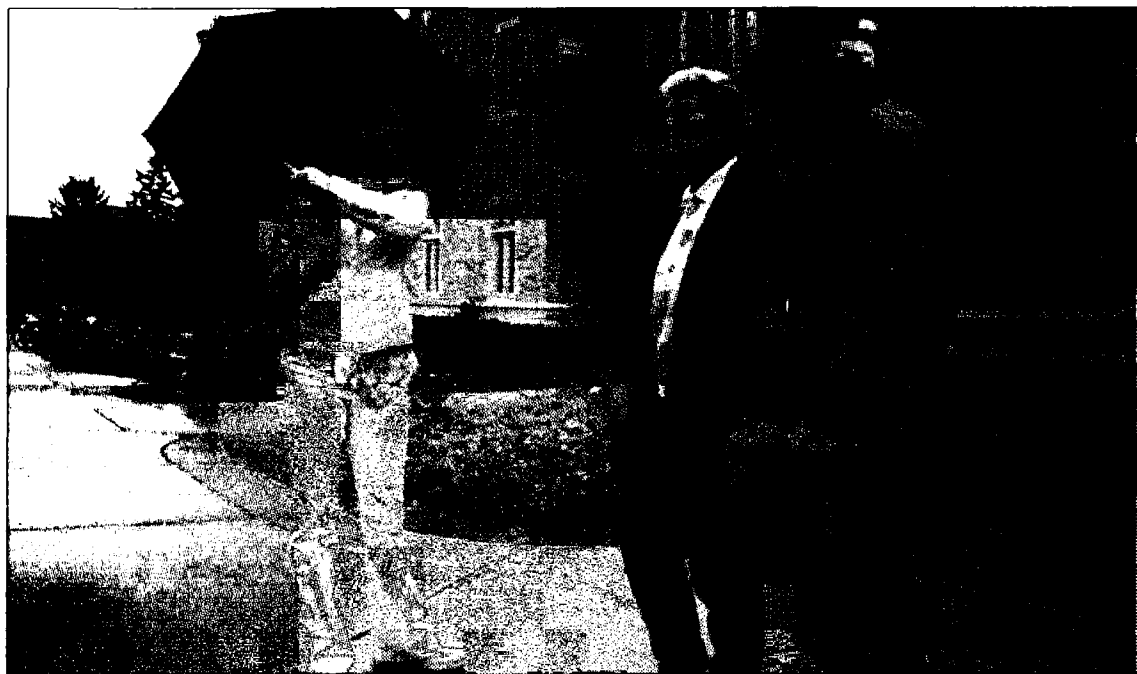
For some Notre Dame applicants, it's the storied tradition, vivacious dorm life or infectious school spirit that sparks their interest in the University — but for prospective student Kate Harris it was a campus tour that solidified her decision to apply.

"You could kind of tell [the tour] was focused on academics but it wasn't crazy focused — people had fun," she said.

Notre Dame students lead tours several times a week, leaving from the Main Building and embarking on a journey across one of the nation's most storied college campuses to show and describe to prospective students the character of the University.

Approximately 75 Notre Dame students work as tour guides for

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Student tour guide Katy Kemnetz, a junior, gives a campus tour on South Quad Wednesday. Approximately 75 Notre Dame students work as tour guides for the admissions office.

Forum assesses future of Big Easy

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Faculty experts in law, architecture and engineering united to share their views on the need to rebuild New Orleans and to discuss necessary details — regarding design, planning, land use and environmental law — in a forum at the Law School Thursday.

Law School Assistant Professor Amy Barrett noted that while most Americans think of New Orleans as a unique city, it has qualities that are even more important than the music and food for which it is famed.

New Orleans differs from

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Law School Assistant Professor Amy Barrett describes the unique contributions of New Orleans at a rebuilding forum Thursday.

Religious leadership weighs modern faith

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

American Muslim, Jewish and Christian leaders emphasized that both understanding the narrative that originates "the other" and rejecting unilateral action are crucial to success in the Middle East, in a panel discussion on interreligious leadership in the Holy Land Wednesday.

"When Faiths Unite" kept with the spirit of the academic forum of faith in the modern world and featured three leaders from the National Interreligious Leadership Initiative for Peace in the

Middle East.

The initiative — formed in 2003 — includes 38 American religious leaders who endorse the current "road map" solution to the Middle East conflict and encourage the current U.S. administration to engage in creative, consistent leadership.

Gerard Powers, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, served as discussion moderator and praised the speakers for their "real courage" in collaborating over the divisive conflict. He urged speakers to explain the conflict's relevance from their par-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Time for horror flicks

I never really need an excuse to watch horror movies. However, in the extremely unlikely event that you aren't exactly like me, get yourself together and realize that Halloween is here, and you must honor it by watching things die while eating popcorn.

Joe Piarulli

News
Production
Editor

I've sat through countless hours of horror movies, and since this is almost the season to be jolly and give presents, I've decided to lend my professional advice about what to watch on this candy-filled day of joy.

The modern classics: "The Exorcist" (still the best), "Alien" (makes me not want to go into outer space), "Hellraiser" (this one's gory), "The Shining" (Jack Nicholson's performance still outshines the competition), "A Nightmare on Elm Street" (Johnny Depp's first film role), "Friday the 13th" (there are now ten sequels), "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (this has three unpublished sequels, not including the recent remake), "Poltergeist", "Halloween", "The Evil Dead" ("Spiderman" director Sam Raimi's first feature), "Child's Play" (the first few films in this series make "Seed of Chucky" look even worse than it is), "Silence of the Lambs" (winner of five Academy Awards), "Misery" (based off Stephen King's novel), "The Thing" (starring Kurt Russell) and "Se7en."

The best horror movies you probably haven't seen: "Session 9" (as creepy as it is complicated), "The Exorcist III" (the little-known sequel that deserves more attention than it has ever received), "Apt Pupil" (based off a Stephen King short story), "The Hitcher" (the movie that helped end hitchhiking), "The Ugly" (made in England), "Ginger Snaps" (a Canadian werewolf film), "The Serpent and the Rainbow" (from famous horror director Wes Craven) and "Event Horizon."

Worth seeing if you haven't yet: "American Psycho" (amazingly, the book is even more disturbing than the movie), "They Live" (more of an action movie really), "Children of the Corn" (I always knew that little kids were up to something), "From Dusk Till Dawn" (Harvey Keitel, Quentin Tarantino, George Clooney and lots of vampires), "Cronos" (a Mexican vampire film), "Donnie Darko," "Candyman," "Joy Ride" and "Red Dragon."

The most bizarre movies you'll ever see: "Rabid Grannies" (yes, this is an actual movie — but good luck finding it somewhere), "The Last House on the Left" (just disturbing), "Battle Royale" (literally a massive battle to the death), "Luther the Geek", "Ghoulies", "Motel Hell" and "Bubba Ho-Tep" (Elvis Presley in a retirement home fighting a mummy).

Well, that should be enough for quite a few Halloweens. Some are good, some are bad and some are ugly, but hey — that's what Halloween is all about.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU THINK SHOULD HAVE A STATUE ON CAMPUS?



Kevin O'Boyle

senior
off-campus

"Bill Braschy."



David Balfanz

senior
off-campus

"Tyrone Willingham."



Maggie Manning

senior
off-campus

"Randy Waldrum."



Michael Angulo

freshman
Alumni

"Ron Talley."



James Miller-Marquez

sophomore
St. Ed's

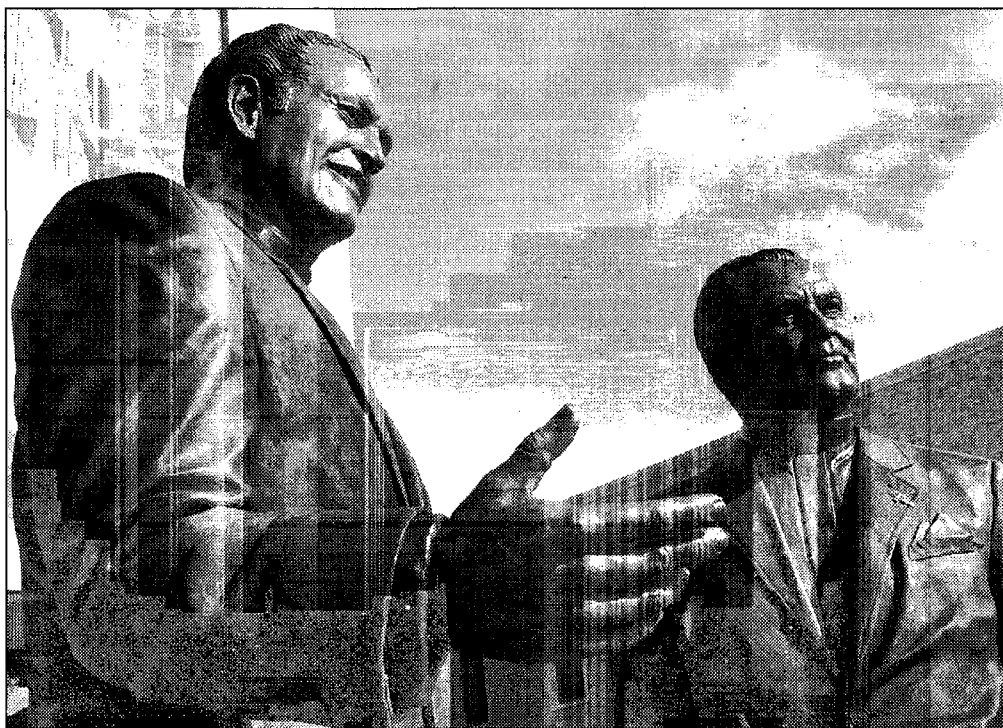
"Pat Donnelly."



Patrick Donnelly

junior
Keough

"Vladimir Lenin."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

A new statue on campus honors the leadership and friendship of Father Theodore Hesburgh and the late Father Edmund Joyce, president and executive vice president of the University, respectively, from 1952 to 1987. The statue was presented on behalf of the 50th reunion of the University's Class of 1953.

OFFBEAT

Man posing as cop shows woman his tattoos

BATESVILLE, Ark. — According to Independence County deputies, Steven Terrell's first mistake was telling Christine Gray that he was an undercover officer for the sheriff's department. Then he showed her his driver's license. Then he asked her for a date. Then he was arrested.

Deputies arrested Terrell on Wednesday night after Gray called dispatchers to ask whether police agencies had a Steven Terrell working for them. Gray said Terrell wore a jacket with a sheriff's badge on it and repeatedly

showed her his tattoos. He said he had left his badge at home, but showed the woman his license.

Genuine deputies traced Terrell to a Batesville home and found a jacket that matched the one Gray described. Terrell said he was trying to impress the woman.

Survey: Quarter of dogs are stressed out

LONDON — Man's best friend has certainly not been treated that way.

More than a quarter of all dogs in Britain are as stressed out as their over-worked owners, and a third

are prone to vomit or have diarrhoea as a result of neglect, a survey said on Thursday.

"Dogs are very sensitive to their owners' moods and pick up on when they are unhappy, unwell or under pressure," said Chris Price, business manager with Direct Line Pet Insurance.

The survey found 26 percent of more than 1,100 dog owners who were polled believed their furry friends are suffering from stress and 53 percent described their own lives as being stressful.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Mara Fox 5K Run will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Sign in will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Lyons Hall. Students are permitted to sign up the morning of the race. The registration fee is \$15 and includes a T-shirt. There will be free food and a raffle for various prizes. Proceeds go to the Mara Fox Scholarship Fund.

At 8 p.m. tonight, Notre Dame's Glee Club will present its annual Fall Concert at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 and can be purchased by calling the ticket office at (574) 631-2800.

The women's swimming and diving team will compete against UC Berkeley today at 5 p.m. in Rolf's Aquatic Center.

The film "The Untold Story of Emmet Louis Till," directed by Keith and Kevin Beauchamp, will be shown tonight at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, secretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, will present the 2005 Terrence Keeley Vatican Lecture at 8 p.m. Monday in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Ana Garcia Rodicio, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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

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Donors address need for blood

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Organizers of the three-day blood drive held at Notre Dame this week lauded the event and deemed it a success after approximately 170 students came out to donate.

For more than six hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, staff from the Central Blood Bank managed the drive held at Rolf's Sports Recreation Center. RecSports, Work Life and University Health Services collaborated with the South Bend Medical Foundation to organize the on-campus drive.

RecSports Assistant Director Jennifer Philips — who helped coordinate the event — said nearly 170 people donated blood. Philips said this first blood drive of the academic year was "quite successful" in comparison to last year.

During the 2004-05 school year, RecSports hosted three blood drives and a total of 300 people registered to donate blood.

Philips said this was the first year RecSports chose to hold a blood drive over the course of three days as opposed to the previous two-day precedent.

The time slots to donate blood Tuesday were only half-filled, but by Wednesday and Thursday, all time slots were filled and RecSports could no longer accept walk-in dona-



A Central Blood Bank staff member prepares to draw blood from a volunteer donor at the blood drive at Rolfs Thursday.

tions, Philips said. Instead, donors were required to schedule an appointment.

Sophomore John Trippi made an appointment to give blood on Thursday afternoon. Trippi said it was his "third or fourth time" donating blood, and that the experience was "quick and painless."

"They do a great job of making it convenient for students," he said. "It takes such little time out of your day. For someone who is healthy like me, it is something easy to do, and I would hope that if ever I needed blood, there would be others willing to give it."

Melissa Miara, a junior, agreed with Trippi.

"This is my third time giving blood," she said. "I gave at an on-campus drive last year as

well. I feel that it's a simple thing to do, but a very helpful one."

Philips said she often receives phone calls from people wondering when blood drives will be held. For the most part, staff and student response is usually quite positive, she said.

"I am very impressed by the willingness of people to donate," Philips said. "It is something that is easy to do, but provides others with a great service. We have been hosting blood drives for the past five or six years now, and we are sure to continue to do so in the future."

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Class teaches financial, legal savviness for jobs

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

For many, the realm of finance is an intimidating place that requires forms to fill out and math skills to survive, but with the help of one Saint Mary's professor, students can acquire an understanding of the legal and financial jargon of the real world.

"If I could, I would call my class 'Reality Bites,'" professor Susan Vance said.

"I want [my students] to know the different terminology that is used in health plans. I want them to know how to figure out which mutual fund is best for them."

Vance — a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and attorney — has been offering Legal and Financial Literacy to a majority of non-business majors for about four years. Students learn about employee benefit selection, consumer debt and credit card management investing, budgeting and how to prepare for taxes.

"The average college student upon graduating is not prepared to make intelligent choices about those options that are set forth the first day on the job," Vance said. "If we want women to be prepared for the world once they graduate, it's important that women understand their finances

and are able to make good decisions about that."

A 1997 study by the National Center for Women and Retirement Research said 33 percent of female investors avoided making decisions out of fear of making a mistake compared to 22 percent of male investors. Math anxiety is also more acute in women than in men, the study said.

Allison Nichols, a senior communication studies major, said she decided to enroll in the class because of its useful information and design for the non-business major.

"I would highly recommend the class," she said. "I think it should be made a general education requirement."

Vance said students or other professors recognize the value of the course and encourage others to enroll.

Vance will be spending much of her upcoming sabbatical this spring researching student interest in the course and learning for which financial topics students have the most interest.

"In general, the vast majority of colleges and universities don't offer courses like this," she said. "It says good things about Saint Mary's College that we're offering one."

"If I could, I would call my class 'Reality Bites.'"

Susan Vance
Saint Mary's professor

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Tours

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the admissions office. Tour guides must be at least a sophomore at the University and must go through a thorough application process. Before leading their first tour, student guides attend an information session and accompany a veteran on a campus tour.

The admissions office looks for students who can promote Notre Dame both through the actual tour and through example via their own achievements and involvement in University activities.

In order to give each prospect a

tour suitable to his or her needs, tour guides introduce themselves and share their own majors and activities so students can be matched with a guide whose interests closely reflect their own.

Senior Lee Regner has been giving tours for the admissions office since April 2004. Students interested in the Notre Dame marching band usually choose him as a tour guide to hear about his own experiences in the band.

Since the information sessions given prior to tours cover statistics and other specific application facts, Regner and he and other tour guides are free to take a more personal approach in their descriptions of Notre Dame.

"I try to keep my tours story-based as opposed to telling factu-

al type things," he said.

Regner said he often talks about dorm spirit, SYRs, watching football from the student section and classes.

All tours begin at the Main Building, proceed through LaFortune, head toward the library, to the Stadium, through the halls of DeBartolo, past Main Circle, into the South Dining Hall, by the Coleman-Morse Center and Bond Hall, and conclude at the Grotto.

Sophomore Kate Dugan is in her first year as a tour guide. On her tours, she said she is usually

asked questions about dorm life, the alcohol policy, the Catholic nature of Notre Dame and why she chose Notre Dame over other schools.

"People want to know what it's like to be a Notre Dame student," Dugan said.

Dugan averages one or two families per tour but said on football weekends her group can have nearly 30 people.

Admissions Coordinator Annette Edwards said her office rarely receives complaints about the tour guides.

"Generally, the tours are very thorough," Edwards said. "The

tour guides exemplify student life. They are diverse in the activities and majors they pursue."

Before tours begin, members of the admissions staff give information sessions to prospective students that describe the application process and answer questions about admission requirements and SAT scores.

Information sessions are held on weekdays at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and both sessions are followed by tours at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., respectively. On Saturdays, information sessions are held at 9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m., and are followed by tours at 10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., respectively.

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Deep Throat revealer, alum to give lecture

Special to the Observer

Attorney and author John D. O'Connor, the Notre Dame alumnus who revealed the identity of Watergate source "Deep Throat" earlier this year, will present a lecture titled "The Deeper Significance of Deep Throat" at 2 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Carey Auditorium of the University's Hesburgh Library.

Co-sponsored by the University's John W. Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy and the Notre Dame Alumni Association under the auspices of its Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series, the presentation is free and open to the public.

In an article for the July edi-

tion of Vanity Fair, O'Connor, a 1968 Notre Dame graduate, broke the news that former FBI official W. Mark Felt secretly helped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein investigate the misdeeds of President Nixon and his administration in the early 1970s.

O'Connor currently is working with the Felt family on a book with the tentative title "A G-Man's Life: The FBI, Being 'Deep Throat' and the Struggle for Honor in Washington," which will explain Felt's governmental service and involvement in the Watergate affair. The book, to be published by PublicAffairs Books, is scheduled for release next spring.

Physicist studies letters from Darwin, Einstein

Special to the Observer

A new paper in today's edition of the scientific journal "Nature" by Notre Dame physicist Albert-László Barabási offers a fascinating glimpse into the communication patterns of scientific giants Albert Einstein and Charles Darwin.

Barabási is a pioneer in networking as a unified scientific theory and the author of "Linked: The New Science of Networks." His earlier research led to significant findings on how networks are structured and how they operate. Of late, he has begun examining how people behave in networks.

In a paper published last May in Nature, Barabási revealed the results of his studies of e-mail usage. He found that e-mail usage is not uniform, but, rather, is marked by bursts of activity. This occurrence of very long periods of inactivity separated by bursts of intense activity follows a scaling law termed a "heavy tailed process" by physicists.

In the eras of Darwin and Einstein, letters were the main communication and Barabási sought to determine if their patterns of communication follow a different scaling law than that associated with today's instant-access e-mail. He chose to study the correspondence of Darwin and Einstein because the Einstein Archives in

Jerusalem and the Darwin Correspondence Project in Cambridge offer a detailed record of their respective correspondence, containing the sender, recipient and date of each letter.

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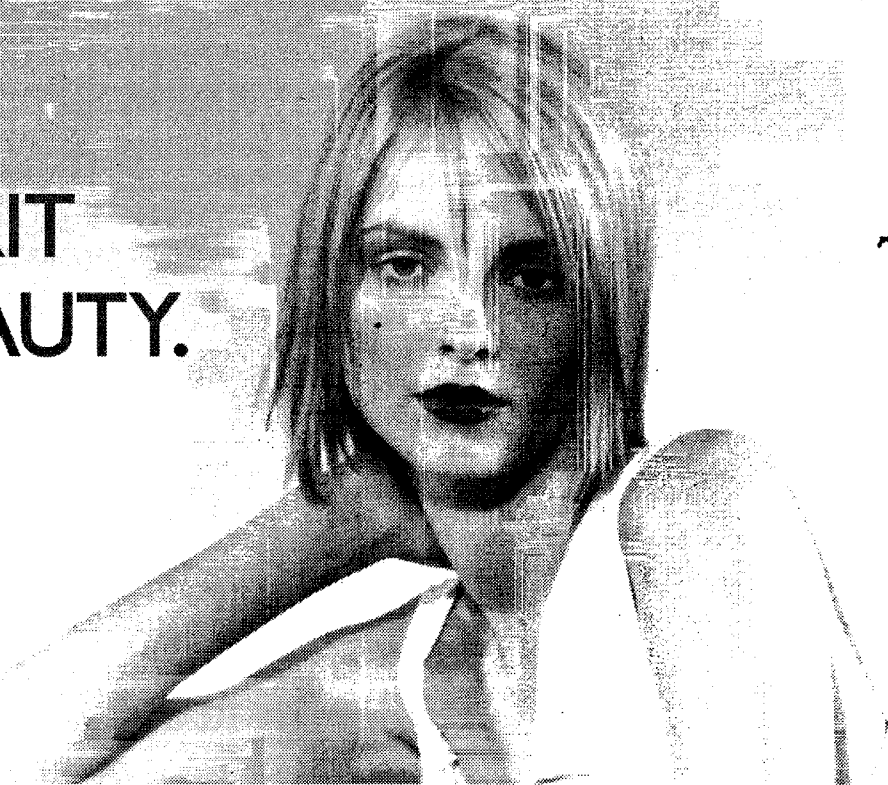


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Missile strike kills seven Palestinians

JERUSALEM — Israel killed seven Palestinians in a missile strike Thursday against Islamic Jihad, and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said he would not meet with the Palestinian leader until he cracks down on armed groups — a double-edged Israeli response to the latest suicide bombing.

Sharon threatened a "broad and relentless" offensive against Palestinian militants, including mass arrests and airstrikes, but security officials said Israel would stop short of a large-scale military operation.

Sharon's decision to shun Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas was the clearest signal yet that efforts to revive peacemaking after Israel's pullout from the Gaza Strip last month have run aground. Abbas has said he cannot and will not confront militants, fearing civil war, but it's unlikely progress can be made unless the two leaders meet.

Shiite-Sunni clashes leave 15 dead

BAGHDAD — Insurgents using roadside bombs and small arms fire killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded four, while clashes southeast of Baghdad between Shiite militiamen loyal to a radical cleric and Sunni militants left at least 15 people dead, officials said Thursday.

Five Iraqis died in other attacks.

U.S. aircraft, meanwhile, destroyed more militant safe houses near the Syrian border, and apparently killed a senior al-Qaida in Iraq figure who was using religious courts to try Iraqis who supported coalition forces, the military said.

The fighting between the Shiites and Sunnis occurred after cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Madhi Army militia raided a house in Nahrawan, 15 miles southeast of Baghdad, to free a fellow militiaman kidnapped by Sunni militants.

NATIONAL NEWS

EPA studies ways to cut pollution

WASHINGTON — Government studies released Thursday show a broad range of potential costs if the United States were to regulate carbon dioxide to curb global warming, from relatively cheap to expensive.

The Environmental Protection Agency said its analyses show the superiority of President Bush's plan for cutting air pollution from the nation's 600 coal-burning power plants.

But Bush's plan, which wouldn't regulate carbon dioxide at all, has been stalled in Congress since its introduction in 2002. Nonetheless, EPA compared it with current regulations as well as competing legislative proposals by Sens. Tom Carper, D-Del., and James Jeffords, I-Vt.

None of the proposals is expected to come up for consideration until next year at the earliest.

Wilma causes food and gas lines

MIAMI — Many Floridians struggled another day to find food, water and fuel after Hurricane Wilma on Thursday, with lines of people and cars forming around home improvement stores and gas stations.

President Bush arrived in Miami to visit the National Hurricane Center and boarded a helicopter to get his first look at the damage wrought by Wilma in Florida, where about 2 million homes and businesses were still without power.

Many gas stations that had fuel were without electricity, and others that had power ran out of supplies.

LOCAL NEWS

Obesity affects Indiana's economy

With nearly two thirds of Indiana residents obese or overweight, Gov. Mitch Daniels today said that the problem interferes not only with the physical health of individuals, it also impacts the economic health of the state.

High health-care costs here may dissuade businesses from moving to the state, he said at a press conference this afternoon.

"We have a long list of good reasons to come here. Many costs are lower than other states. But this is an exception," Daniels said.

Miers withdraws nomination

Bush defeated in his attempt to move the court to the right on pressing issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a striking defeat for President Bush, White House counsel Harriet Miers withdrew her nomination to the Supreme Court on Thursday after three weeks of brutal criticism from fellow conservatives. The Senate's top Republican predicted a replacement candidate within days.

Miers said she abandoned her quest for confirmation rather than give in to Senate demands for documents and information detailing her private advice to the president.

Senior lawmakers on the Senate Judiciary Committee said they had made no such request.

Instead, Republicans and Democrats said politics forced her to withdraw, particularly the demands of Republican conservatives who twice elected Bush and now seek to move the high court to the right on abortion and other issues.

"They had a litmus test and Harriet Miers failed that test," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

"In effect, she was denied due process by members of her own party," said Sen. John Warner, a Virginia Republican. And former GOP Sen. Dan Coats, whom the White House assigned to assist her win confirmation, said outside groups and pundits and "perhaps even some senators" had rushed to judgment.

Bush, beset by poor poll ratings, an unpopular war in Iraq, high energy prices and the possibility of indictments of White House officials, offered no hint about his thinking on a new nominee. He pledged to make an appointment in a "timely manner."

While White House aides had assembled a lengthy list of contenders prior to Bush's selection of Miers less than a month ago, most if not all of them were prominent conservative jurists who could be expected to trigger a sharp clash



White House counsel Harriet Miers walks to the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House compound, Thursday.

with Democrats. Other, less contentious contenders could come from outside what Bush calls the "judicial monastery," possibly a current or former senator who could easily win confirmation on a bipartisan vote.

Sen. John Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court judge, sidestepped when asked about his own availability, demurring without closing the door on an appointment. "If the president calls me, obviously I'll answer the phone or go see him if he invites me to come to the White House, but that hasn't happened and I doubt it will happen," he said.

Whatever the next choice, many Republicans seemed

eager to place Miers' nomination and the intra-party brawl it sparked behind them as quickly as possible. "Let's move on," said Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi. "In a month, who will remember the name Harriet Miers?"

Ironically for conservatives the withdrawal means an extended tenure for Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose vote has been decisive over the years on 5-4 rulings that upheld abortion rights, sustained affirmative action and limited the application of the death penalty.

Bush issued a statement saying the 60-year-old Miers would remain as White House counsel and praising "her extraordi-

nary legal experience, her character, and her conservative judicial philosophy."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist told reporters, "I expect a nominee quickly ... within days," and held out the possibility of confirmation hearings before Christmas.

The White House worked to depict the collapse of Miers' nomination as a simple matter of principle — upholding executive privilege.

However, in an interview two weeks ago, Republican Arlen Specter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, had said when asked about possible withdrawal: "I think that would be a sign of incredible weakness."

UNITED NATIONS

2,200 illicit payments made to Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A former French U.N. ambassador. A fire-brand British politician. The president of Italy's Lombardi region. Name-brand companies like DaimlerChrysler and Siemens AG.

Prominent politicians and more than 2,200 U.S. and foreign companies stand accused of colluding with Saddam Hussein's regime to bilk the U.N. oil-for-food program of \$1.8 billion.

In a scathing indictment of the program, investigators issued a 623-page final report Thursday

that meticulously detailed how the \$64 billion operation became a cash cow for Saddam and more than half the participating companies. The corruption came at the expense of regular Iraqis suffering under tough U.N. sanctions.

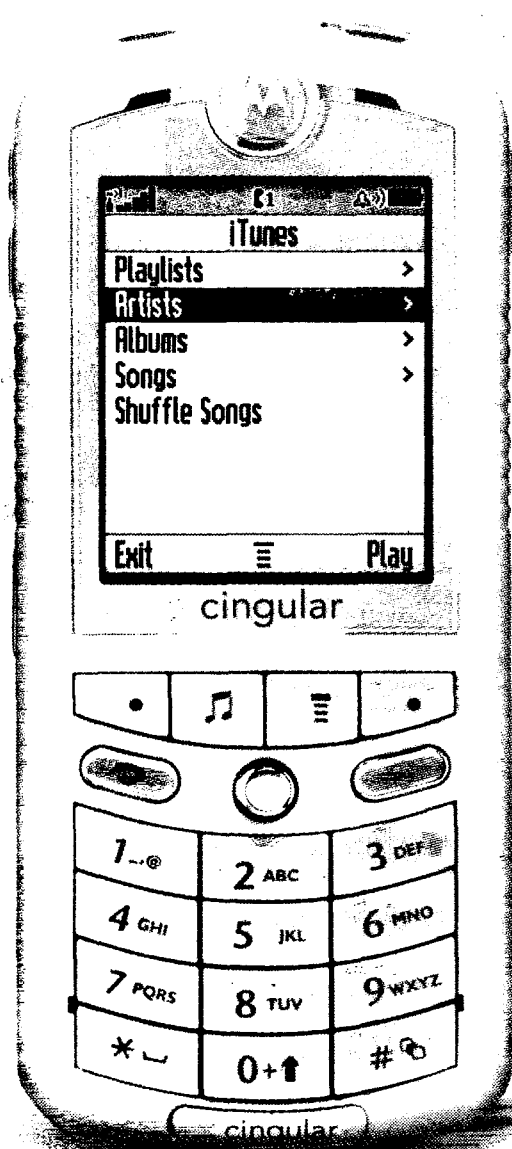
The report blamed shoddy U.N. management and the world's most powerful nations for allowing the scam to go on for years.

"The corruption of the program by Saddam would not nearly have been so pervasive if there had been diligent management by the United Nations and its agencies," said Paul Volcker, a former Federal Reserve

chairman who led the investigation.

Volcker and many nations said the report underscored the urgent need to reform the United Nations. Earlier reports in his investigation have already led to criminal inquiries and indictments in the United States, France, and Switzerland.

The investigators found that companies and individuals from 66 countries paid illegal kickbacks using a variety of methods, and those paying illegal oil surcharges came from, or were registered in, 40 countries.



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Dow Jones	10,229.95	-115.03	
Up: 872	Same: 123	Down: 2,405	Composite Volume: 2,414,333,620

AMEX	1,623.61	-7.48
NASDAQ	2,063.81	-36.24
NYSE	7,263.32	-71.45
S&P 500	1,178.90	-12.48
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	13,417.08	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	5,182.80	-45.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-2.01	-0.78	38.03
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.04	-0.26	24.85
SIRIUS SATELLITE (SIRI)	-6.98	-0.44	5.86
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.00	-0.23	22.84
SUN MICROSYS INC(SUNW)	-0.51	-0.02	3.90

Treasures			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.54	-0.26	47.70
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.72	-0.33	45.58
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.67	-0.30	44.30
3-MONTH BILL	-0.34	-0.13	37.92

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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.90		87.15

Exchange Rates			
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EURO			0.8237
POUND			0.5608
CANADIAN \$			1.1728

IN BRIEF

Stocks fall; durable goods orders slip

NEW YORK — Stocks tumbled Thursday, slicing 115 points from the Dow Jones industrials after a larger-than-expected drop in durable goods orders raised new questions about the economy and corporate profits.

Wall Street saw the Commerce Department's report on durable goods — big-ticket items designed to last at least three years — as another in a line of signs that consumer spending could dry up and further harm an already decelerating economy. Orders for durable goods fell 2.1 percent in September, far more than the 1.5 percent drop economists had forecast.

"We're starting to see some slowing in the economy," Dirk van Dijk, director of research at Zacks Investment Research Inc. "I don't think we're going into a recession, but (Federal Reserve Chairman-nominee Ben) Bernanke is going to have his hands full."

Investors also remained concerned that the Fed, in raising interest rates to quash inflation, will further slow economic growth and company earnings by making capital more expensive for companies looking to expand. The Fed next meets Nov. 1 and is widely expected to raise the nation's benchmark lending rate by a quarter percentage point to 4 percent.

Exxon Mobil profits break records

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. rewrote the corporate record books Thursday as the oil company's third-quarter earnings soared to almost \$10 billion and it became the first public company ever with quarterly sales topping \$100 billion. Anglo-Dutch competitor Royal Dutch Shell PLC wasn't far behind, posting a profit of \$9 billion for the quarter.

Those results led Democrats in Congress to demand a new windfall profits tax. "Big oil behemoths are making out like bandits, while the average American family is getting killed by high gas prices, and soon-to-be record heating oil prices," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said in a statement.

But Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said President Bush opposes such a move and is instead considering a wide range of proposals to help cushion consumers, including the creation of an emergency reserve of gasoline and other refined products.

Local phone companies merge

The Justice Department approves the joinings of SBC-AT&T and Verizon-MCI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's two biggest local phone companies received approval Thursday from antitrust regulators to buy the two largest long-distance carriers in multibillion-dollar mergers that would change the landscape of the telecommunications industry.

The Justice Department cleared the mergers of SBC Communications Inc. with AT&T and of Verizon Communications Inc. with MCI Inc. without any significant conditions, such as the asset sales that critics said were needed to ensure adequate competition.

The Federal Communications Commission still must sign off on the mergers, and that could come as early as Friday when the agency meets for its monthly public meeting.

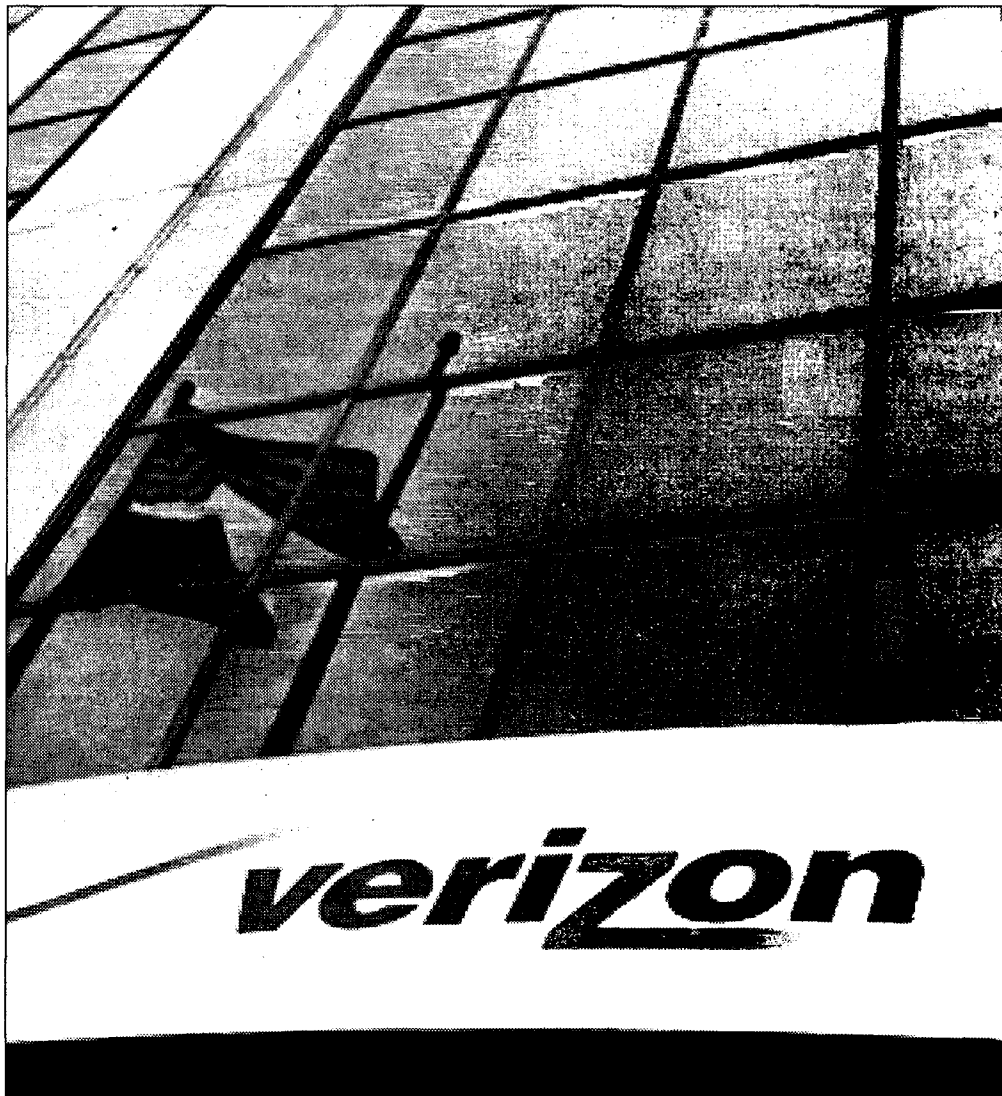
FCC Chairman Kevin Martin supports the mergers, but it's not clear if the two Democratic commissioners on the panel will go along. Because the commission is split between two Republicans and two Democrats, Martin would need the support of at least one Democrat for approval.

The SBC merger, valued at \$16 billion, won't be the end of the AT&T name. SBC, based in San Antonio, plans to change its corporate name to the iconic AT&T, company officials said.

New York-based Verizon will keep its corporate name after the \$8.5 billion merger with MCI.

Justice Department approval requires Verizon and SBC to lease to smaller competitors several hundred unused or "dark" lines that run to buildings serving mostly business customers. The leasing is required in 19 metropolitan areas where the companies, either SBC or Verizon, would be the only providers.

Without the condition, the mergers would have resulted in higher prices for certain customers in eight met-



The Verizon building on 42nd Street in New York is shown after mergers were approved for SBC-AT&T and Verizon-MCI Thursday.

ropolitan areas in Verizon's territory and 11 metropolitan regions in SBC's area, the department said.

AT&T and MCI dominate the market for business customers, and the mergers would enhance the base of business customers for Verizon and SBC. The deals would also expand their national and international presence.

Gene Kimmelman, senior policy director at Consumers Union, said the Justice Department decision will cut competition, leading to fewer choices for consumers and higher prices.

"This is an earth-shattering reversal of competition policy from the agency that 21 years ago broke up the

Bell monopoly and today is coddling the dominant Bell companies who seek to monopolize each of their regions," Kimmelman said.

Not so, says Verizon senior vice president and deputy general counsel John Thorne. The eight-month review by antitrust staff proves "that the transaction is pro-competitive and will not lessen competition in any market," said Thorne.

SBC senior executive vice president and general counsel James D. Ellis called it a "fair and impartial determination that ... the merger of SBC and AT&T will not harm competition."

Jeff Kagan, an independent telecom analyst in

Atlanta, said the mergers are indicative of an industry that is in the midst of massive change.

For the past 10 years, local phone companies have been engaged in a fierce battle with long-distance companies for customers, with the local carriers emerging largely victorious. Now, Kagan said, the merged phone giants will compete with cable companies — as cable offers phone and Internet services and the telephone companies offer video and Internet services.

"It's not going to be separate sectors," he said. "It's going to be single companies that sell all these services."

SWITZERLAND

Roche suspends Tamiflu shipments

Associated Press

GENEVA — Pharmaceutical company Roche Holding AG said Thursday it temporarily suspended shipments of Tamiflu to private sector recipients in the United States to ensure that enough of the antiviral drug that experts believe is most effective in treating bird flu will be available for the influenza season.

U.S. companies and large organizations apparently have been hoarding the drug amid the spread of bird flu and fears that the virus could mutate into a strain trans-

mittable among people. On Thursday, Russia announced a new outbreak of the deadly H5N1 virus among poultry.

"We've seen recently some very large purchases at the wholesale level, companies or large entities who are possibly hoarding Tamiflu right now," said Darien Wilson, spokeswoman at Roche's U.S. offices in Nutley, N.J.

The Swiss drug giant emphasized that the temporary suspension will not affect Washington's orders to build up a national stockpile of Tamiflu, the drug experts believe to be the best defense against a

possible flu pandemic.

"We have agreed orders with governments and we will fulfill them," said Alexander Klausner, a Swiss-based Roche spokesman. "It is important that this is seen separately from the pandemic offers."

He said Roche's U.S. management proceeded with the suspension because of the increased global demand for Tamiflu. Roche officials in Switzerland, Germany and Canada already had disclosed that they were limiting distribution to pharmacies because they didn't want individual people hoarding the drug.

Tickets

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obtaining a voucher was a long and confusing process that would have gone smoother if the actual ticket booklets had been distributed at "Late Night with the Legion."

"If people knew that they could get tickets instead of having to get the voucher I think more people would have come," Bulfin said.

Buying the \$60 ticket booklets Thursday at the JACC went smoothly as anticipated, said Josh Berlo, director of ticket operations.

"The voucher and subsequent purchase process went smoothly," Berlo said. "The system was successful, from a ticketing and operations standpoint it was efficient and expeditious."

Ticket vouchers could be redeemed beginning Thursday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. All vouchers can be redeemed for ticket booklets until 4 p.m. today.

"Lines were extremely short [Thursday], a five-minute wait at most," said Berlo.

"If you have the voucher you're going to be able to buy tickets so there isn't a rush to get over there," Kornhaas said. "I have all day tomorrow to go."

A total of 2,700 bracelets were initially available and "well over 1,000 booklets were picked up [Thursday]," said Berlo.

Though many students waited in the JACC for the full two hours Wednesday, the Notre Dame ticket office notified students by e-mail that there were still a "limited number of ticket vouchers" available. Tickets will be issued to Notre Dame students only beginning at 7 a.m. today at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center.

During "Late Night with the Legion," students watched walk-on tryouts and heard from varsity basketball players and head coach Mike Brey.

"I was expecting much more energy from the team," sophomore J.T. Platek said. "I was hoping for the team to put on a high-energy dunk display or be a little more vocal."

The free event was meant to excite fans about the upcoming basketball season while also giving students a chance to guarantee tickets.

"Without tying it to ticket distribution, it would have been a fun event to get pumped about the basketball season," Bulfin said.

Still, some students were frustrated with having to wait hours in order to obtain vouchers.

"For a campus that is so dependent on sports, I couldn't believe students were forced to choose between watching the World Series

and getting tickets," sophomore Eamonn Bahnson said. "Rather than improve the basketball arena or put a winning team on the court, the University and the basketball program decided the best way to increase student excitement was to make them stand in the cold and watch the team take lay-ups for two hours."

The timing of the event proved to be a problem for many students, who thought Wednesday night was not the best time as it conflicted with studying and other obligations.

"I thought that it was relatively calm and that they probably wanted a lot of energy," Bulfin said. "It was a Wednesday night so people weren't exactly excited about it."

Senior Joe McCarthy was unable to attend "Late Night with the Legion" and subsequently

will not hold season basketball tickets as he has the past three years.

"I think that they had a good idea going to sort of celebrate the beginning of the basketball season," McCarthy said. "For me personally, it didn't work out with my plans. I had a football game at 10:30 p.m."

Though McCarthy did not attend the event, he said he was not excited about the whole process when he heard about it.

"Most people don't have anything to do in the early morning ... but a Wednesday night, I just thought it was sort of overkill," he said.

But McCarthy was impressed with the speed at which ticket booklets could be purchased after a student obtained a voucher.

"It was actually a pretty smooth process this morning. I didn't get tickets, but I went with one of my friends and it was pretty quick," he said.

Student government is working on a ticket share program that will allow students to sell individual game tickets and alleviate the problem of season ticket holders only attending a few games, leaving many empty seats at home games.

"It seems like they encourage you to give your tickets to someone else

if you're not going to be at the game. They want to fill the student section for every game," said Kornhaas, who will be selling his tickets to a friend before he leaves to study in London for the spring semester.

"I know they're in a tough situation because the demand is higher than the number of tickets," said McCarthy, who plans on buying tickets to a few individual games now that he does not have season tickets. "I felt like they were trying to get people hyped up, but most people were just there to get tickets."

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ticular faiths and to offer insight into interreligious dialogue.

Ronald Young, a Protestant layman and national coordinator for the U.S. Interreligious Committee for Peace in the Middle East, said the conflict threatens the continued presence of Christians in the Holy Land — which reverberates

throughout the entire Christian world.

"Is it a surprise that Catholics here are angry if the water is cut off [in a Jerusalem Catholic church]?" he asked. "Or when a Lutheran Church is occupied by

Israel troops in response to a Palestinian attack, is it any surprise that Lutherans are angry about this?"

Young cited the written assertion by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops that no religion can approach the problem alone: "I think the fundamental question in this discussion is, 'Do we believe it?'"

Rabbi David Saperstein, director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, introduced the narrative theme and said the 3,000-year importance of the Holy Land forms the crux of the Jewish narrative.

"You can't have a discussion on issues without understanding the starting axioms and postulates in which people shape their world views, or people go by each other," he said.

The conflict is so divisive that many interreligious coalitions in Washington refuse outright to address two topics — abortion and Middle East conflict, he said.

Saperstein called for collaborative action, not simply discussion.

From talking, he said, "good things happen, not transformative things, because people are still locked into their world view ... but by doing together we can build more trust than talking together."

Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, president of the American Sufi Muslim Association, said that because nothing has been more divisive between the three religions, nothing pleads for more attention than an Arab-Israeli solution.

Rauf alluded to Jesus' commandments to love God and neighbor — as well as the unalienable rights stated in the Declaration of Independence — to emphasize the common ethics

and principles, what he called "small 'r' religion," of all three faiths.

Like Saperstein, he insisted on a dedicated plan for peace.

"As Father Hesburgh said over dinner, 'Waging peace is even more challenging than waging war.' ... Waging peace requires as much logistical planning as does waging war."

Rauf gave a lecture earlier Wednesday on his new book "What's Right with Islam: A New Vision for Muslims and the West."

All three speakers reaffirmed signs of positive change in the Middle East with the present generation.

"One thing we tend to forget is that every 30 to 35 years a whole new generation comes into power ... with a whole other worldview of how they should live," Rauf said.

"Our societies are constantly refiguring themselves."

Young said 20 years ago, both sides came to peace talks "grudgingly," while today reluctance has diminished.

Every Thursday night in Ramallah, Saperstein explained, Arab jazz musicians play with Israeli jazz musicians a club in front of a mixed crowd.

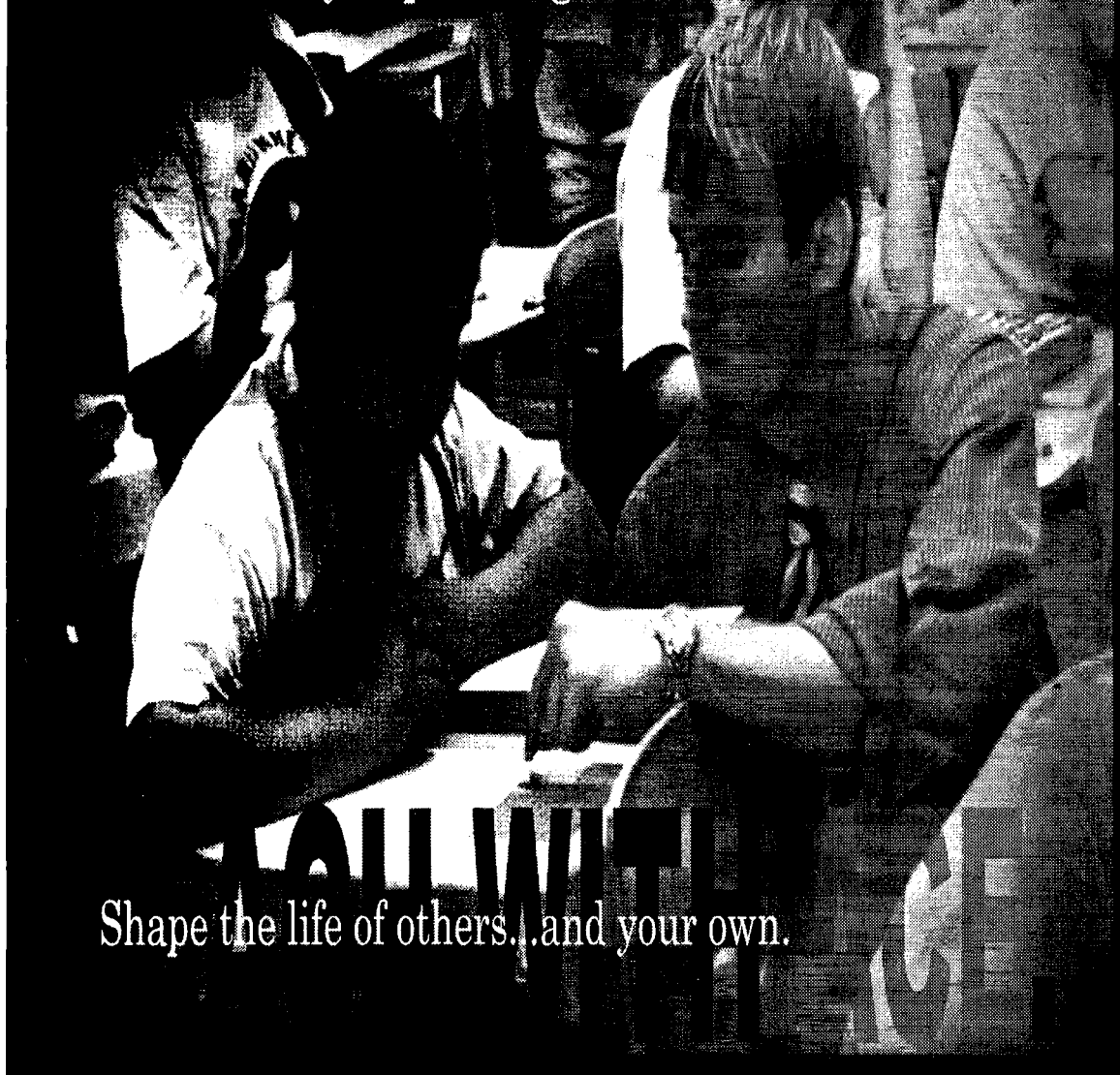
"It really gave you a sense of what peace could be like," he said.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, the Center for Social Concerns, the Theology Department and its Program on Catholic Social Tradition and the Office of Campus Ministry.

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Katrina

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other American cities in that its residents love it and would never entertain the notion of leaving, said Barrett, whose entire family is from the Big Easy.

"New Orleans' vision for what it means to be a city and its citizens' commitment to one another and to the place is unique in America," she said. "And it does offer America something."

Philip Bess, a professor and the Director of Graduate Studies at the School of Architecture, emphasized the cultural and practical needs for New Orleans to rebuild — despite its hazardous geographical location.

"The deeper reason why New Orleans will be rebuilt has to do with its strategic location," he said. "The port at New Orleans is as important as at any point in the United States because of its location on the Mississippi River. The U.S. needs a city right there. It's a terrible place for a city to be located but a place where a city needs to exist."

New Orleans must consider its natural environment as it moves ahead with rebuilding, Dean Michael Lykoudis of the School of Architecture said.

"We have to live in harmony with nature," he said. "So much of the paradigm today is to resist and conquer nature instead of behaving like sailors on boats, which is that their legs move a lot to accommodate

the changing seas."

One of most important issues in rebuilding New Orleans is maintaining a long-term ecological perspective, said associate law professor Alex Camacho, who also noted the challenge of ensuring that those people who were most affected by the hurricane also reap the benefits of rebuilding.

"For a long time, scientists predicted that anything greater than a fast-moving Category 3 hurricane could breach levee system," he said. "The tragedy is not that this hurricane happened but that we expected it to. It's amazing how many scientists predicted what would occur, yet the same inadequate system remained in place."

Professor Ahsan Kareem of the department of civil engineering and geological sciences agreed with Camacho.

"New Orleans to me was a beautiful machine that was left to rust," he said.

Even more complex than the engineering and building issues are the problems of New Orleans' displaced population, Kareem said.

"Unfortunately, the poor people always have to take the brunt of these issues," he said.

Associate law professor Nicole Garnett expressed the need for New Orleans to fundamentally rethink land use legislation.

"New Orleans needs to think about alternatives that allow the government to control rebuilding without producing sprawl," she said.

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Ticket event poorly executed

Students waited outside the Joyce Center for hours in the cold Wednesday for "Late Night with the Legion" in hopes of getting men's basketball tickets — fully prepared one year after tickets sold out at a torrid pace. But once inside, the eager students' excitement turned to disappointment as the first-ever "Late Night with the Legion" session unfolded. Energy waned quickly and the event did nothing to spike it.

"Late Night with the Legion" was an event that meant well — hyping up the men's basketball season is a perfectly good idea, but in this case it was poorly executed.

Students were forced to sit in the Joyce Center arena stands for two full hours in order to get their vouchers that enabled them to purchase tickets Thursday and today.

And why did they sit? Only to watch the men's basketball team run mundane practice drills, among other activities. Sure, there were vaguely entertaining contests, including a hamster ball race and a shootout between a student and Irish head coach Mike Brey, but nothing extraordinary. Nothing to make Irish fans truly enthusiastic about this year's basketball season.

And so there were students watching the World Series on pocket televisions in the Joyce Center. Others weren't even paying attention to the walk-on tryouts that took place because they were talking with their friends, totally disinterested. Then there were the students who couldn't afford to spend more than two hours on a Wednesday night trying to get basketball tickets because of tests, projects, group meetings and other academic obligations.

While the event itself was poorly executed, the overall process to get tickets was worse. So bad that two e-mails had to be sent to the student body so it could understand the process. A wristband

to get a voucher to get a ticket book. That's just one too many steps.

There has to be a better way to distribute tickets and generate enthusiasm for the basketball program. True, Notre Dame is a primarily football school. But that doesn't mean it can't have a successful ticket distribution system and at the same time generate enthusiasm for basketball. Since coming to Notre Dame, Brey has done a good job increasing student interest in the basketball program, but Wednesday night's event was a step back. If an event like "Late Night with the Legion" is going to happen, it needs to be exciting, something that students will deem worth their time. Notre Dame should look at what other schools such as Duke, Kansas and North Carolina do at "midnight madness"-type events as an example. Notre

Dame is not any of those schools, but can make use of their models to help generate excitement for its program.

As for tickets — although there were extra vouchers left from Wednesday — some sort of ticket exchange, whether it be on NDBay or through the selling of partial season tickets to students, needs to be implemented soon. This will be key in generating a loud, enthusiastic student section, as the more students that go to games, the more excited they will be.

The Observer Editorial

Understanding the death toll in Iraq

Americans have a morbid fascination of noting milestones each time an increment of measurement, regardless of size, is reached. As the year 2000 approached, some fought off computer meltdowns while others prepared for the second coming.

This week was no exception in milestone calculations when the number of American soldiers killed in Iraq surpassed 2,000 while the number of injured continued to climb beyond 17,000.

Anyone attending the next Notre Dame football game can easily visualize how much carnage those numbers represent. The American death toll of more than 2,000 in Iraq is the equivalent of five Notre Dame bands. Focus on the band's presence in the stadium corner and then imagine seating four more bands in the sections above.

The number of wounded American soldiers represents one-fifth of a capacity crowd at Notre Dame Stadium. To visualize the injured Americans recovering from attacks, simply look at the Notre Dame student section extending from midfield to the corner of the end zone. Extend that seating arrangement to the stadium tunnel, but be prepared to add two rows of seating per week to keep pace with mounting casualties.

An even more astounding visualization of the horrors of war is the image of Iraqi deaths since the invasion in 2003. With estimates of civilian deaths nearing 110,000 in Iraq, imagine Notre Dame stadium bulging in attendance for the University of Southern California game. Now add a second upper seating bowl equal to the stadium expansion of several

years ago. The total of those within this expanded stadium represents lives no longer walking this earth.

Our fascination with numbers does not necessarily begin with increments of thousands, hundreds or even tens. In early October, this writer's native state of Pennsylvania marked the second time in two months that it lost five National Guard soldiers in a single attack in Iraq. That most recent milestone happened to coincide with another, namely that Pennsylvania also surpassed a total of 100 deaths.

According to military officials, the five were killed near Ramadi while on a routine patrol providing security for the construction of a railroad bridge. An explosive device struck their Bradley Fighting Vehicle, which was then attacked by small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades, setting it ablaze. The description of the incident's detailed, coordinated effort gives every indication that American troops will continue to suffer losses in the foreseeable future.

The latest deaths increased to 104 the number of soldiers with ties to Pennsylvania who have died in support of the U.S. war in Iraq. More than 3,200 Pennsylvania guardsmen are deployed in Iraq, the highest per capita in the nation. Only California and Texas have suffered more casualties in the war in Iraq. All but five of the 104 Pennsylvania soldiers died after May 1, 2003, when President Bush announced the end of major combat in Iraq.

Our fascination with numbers does not necessarily limit itself to geographical regions. One of the first U.S. soldiers to die in Iraq, Jose Gutierrez, was an orphaned Guatemalan who at the time of his death was not even an American citizen. While some further set milestone measurements on ethnicity, others attempt to calculate the number of non-citizens currently in the active Armed Forces.

According to the Pew Hispanic Center, while Latinos are nearly 10 percent of actively enlisted forces, they are over-represented in the most dangerous assignments — infantry, gun crews and seamanship — and make up more than 17 percent of the front line forces. As of August, Defense Department statistics show a casualty rate of more than 13 percent for people of Hispanic background serving in Iraq. Ironically, more than 50 percent of the Hispanic population, nearly 18 million, live in the two states (Texas and California) with the highest overall number of deaths in Iraq. These states are historically large recruitment centers for the Armed Forces.

Hispanics have been attracted in part to military service in response to a July 2002 executive order signed by President Bush. It expedites naturalization for aliens and non-citizen nationals who serve in active-duty status during the administration's "war on terrorism." Rather than waiting for as much as four years, the order allows non-citizens to apply for citizenship immediately upon arrival at their first military base.

Defense numbers indicate that 35,000 non-citizens currently serve in the active Armed Forces, 15,000 of whom became eligible for expedited naturalization under the executive order. It is sobering to think that non-citizens in Iraq outnumber the total of all coalition forces other than Britain and represent about a quarter of the U.S. effort. Trying to visualize this distinction demands yet another upper expansion to the stadium.

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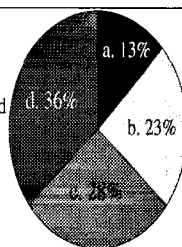
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty."

Mahatma Gandhi
religious leader

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The pre-eminence of life; a rejoinder

Letters Oct. 13, 14, and 25 by Professors Donald Kommers, Alexander Hahn and James McKenna defending Dean Mark Roche's encouragement to vote for pro-abortion presidential candidate Kerry are disappointing. They do make valuable points, as did Roche in last year's New York Times op-ed; the need to ease the financial pressure which makes pregnancy especially challenging for women who are poor is an example. (Indeed, much wonderful work aimed at relieving this problem is done by pro-life crisis pregnancy centers which provide support for pregnant women in need.) But there is too great a tendency by these four faculty members to rationalize Kerry's pro-abortion position and to fail to acknowledge the gravity of the harm which his abortion advocacy causes.

As Roche correctly pointed out, abortion is like slavery 150 years ago: it is the moral issue of our age. But would the dean have written of a candidate in 1850, "He's wrong about slavery, but good on other issues"? By what logic can we expect a candidate, unable to recognize the inherent evil of intentionally killing innocent unborn children, to make sound moral judgments about other issues? The dean correctly identified the evil of abortion, but then drew the wrong conclusion: That the best way to reduce the prevalence of abortion was to vote for the most strongly pro-abortion presidential candidate in our history.

Roche's op-ed was based on a fallacy: Erroneous statistics promoted by Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean and others implying that electing a Republican president would likely lead to a higher abortion rate, and the election of Kerry to a lower one. Two recent reports disprove this. The Alan Guttmacher Institute reports that abortion totals, rates and ratios have all declined since George W. Bush took office in January of 2001. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control also reports a decrease in abortions following President Bush's 2001 inauguration. And the abortion decline in the '90s was not due to pro-abortion President Bill Clinton; it occurred because of advances in ultrasound and the national debate over partial-birth abortion (both of which raised awareness about the victim of abortion), and because of efforts by pro-life volunteers at crisis pregnancy centers providing help to pregnant women.

What does the Democratic Party platform say about abortion? "We stand proudly for a woman's right to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade" — proud support for abortion on demand. And Kerry may have changed his position on a lot of issues, but never on abortion. As evidenced by his Senate voting record and his relentlessly unequivocal position during the campaign, he was the most pro-abortion presidential candidate ever. Roche excused his Party's and his candidate's support for legal abortion on demand: "The moral condemnation of abortion, however, need not lead to

the conclusion that criminal prosecution is the best way to limit the number of abortions."

The pro-life movement is not about pointing the finger of blame at those who have had abortions. It's about preventing deaths in the future. It's about clarity of teaching, and eschewing moral relativism and situation ethics when it comes to matters of life and death.

Biology shows that a unique, separate human life begins at conception, when sperm and egg unite. This first cell contains 46 chromosomes, 23 from the mother, 23 from the father. From conception onward, the unborn child develops continuously: Within three weeks, the baby's heart is beating; by six weeks, the baby's brain waves can be measured. The blood coursing through the baby's body is not the mother's, but the baby's, and can be a different blood type than the mother's. By 11 weeks the baby has fingerprints, all organs are present and all body systems are active.

"Criminal prosecution" of the mother is not the pro-life movement's goal. The woman is the second victim of abortion. Women and girls are often pressured into getting abortions — by circumstances, by the culture. Were it not for the societal stamp of approval which results from abortion's legality — and the social pressures and expectations which that brings — most women would not feel pressed to consider such a destructive act. For women who do resort to abortion, the emotional scars (not to mention the physical ones) sometimes last a lifetime. A much more positive, humane, compassionate solution for an unwanted child than abortion is adoption.

Would there be illegal abortions if the unborn child were protected by law? Some, no doubt, but many fewer abortions than now. There are approximately twice as many abortions in the U.S. today as there were prior to Roe v. Wade.

Professor Kommers says Roche was advocating the "art of the possible" regarding abortion. But his op-ed advocated an outcome that would have made it impossible to protect the child in the womb. Kerry famously promised during last year's campaign, "I will support only pro-choice judges to the Supreme Court. Some may call this a litmus test." He repeatedly pledged he would nominate only justices who support Roe v. Wade. His election would have made legal protection for unborn children impossible for a generation or more. Why? Until Roe v. Wade is reversed by the Court, those state legislatures to which Kommers referred are powerless to defend the child in the womb. State lawmakers, bound by Supreme Court rulings, cannot protect the 3,500 babies who are killed every day by elective abortion.

Professor McKenna, a favorite of some of my children — including a daughter currently in his class — emphasizes "the centrality of conscience rather than mere obedience to

public authority," which, he says, was also Dean Roche's point. But corresponding with our duty to follow our conscience is our obligation to educate it. That's where some of our institutions are falling short.

I did not describe Roche as a "proponent of abortion," or misrepresent his "values, beliefs and purpose," as McKenna said. I wrote not about the dean's motives, but about the consequences of his readiness to embrace a candidate who is, indeed, a "proponent of abortion." Roche himself wrote about the evil of abortion, but our principles must inform our actions. Our endorsements of candidates should reflect our priorities.

As for McKenna's asking why single out Roche, it's because we properly expect more from those in leadership; we look for a higher standard, especially when they act in the name of Notre Dame. As I said Oct. 12, my intent is not to be personally critical of Roche, about whom everything I hear is exemplary. This difference of perspective about emphasis and priority concerning a very serious issue is but a learning opportunity for us all.

My use Oct. 12 of words such as "mistaken" and "damaging" refer to Roche's understanding of the pro-life effort, and the effect of his op-ed on the pro-life cause, respectively. I did not say that what he wrote was "advocacy of abortion," as McKenna said. Rather, what he wrote showed a tolerance for abortion that is disturbing. Why cede the Democratic Party to those who promote abortion, rather than fighting for the soul of the Party and returning it to its life-affirming traditions of the recent past, a heritage of defending the "little guy" and protecting those at the margins of life?

Notre Dame is a Catholic university, but even if it were not, we here could clearly recognize abortion as the ultimate violation of the most fundamental human and civil right of a living human being — the right not to be killed. No reference to religion is necessary to understand that.

The key point which the dean's op-ed misses is that the law is a teacher. And in a system of government such as ours, it is each citizen's responsibility to work for just laws that protect the weak from those who would do them harm. We must have the willingness and courage to teach the college generation the truth about abortion; they need and deserve that from us, and their children's lives will depend on it. This is our duty as professors and parents — especially in a nation with government "by the people." We all are accountable.

Anthony J. Lauinger

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National Right to Life Committee

Notre Dame parent

Oct. 27

Exploring feminine spirituality

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Lance Gallop for his Oct. 25 column that sought to draw attention to the often un-recognized spiritual power of women.

You are right Lance, woman is created in the image of God just as man is, and this means she too is a spiritual being in whom the presence and wisdom of the Holy Spirit is manifested in a profound way.

I invite the members of the Notre Dame family who find some resonance with the notion than God is bigger than both male and female, I invite those who believe that men and women are both capable and called to share faith, to speak on the Word and to be instruments of the Holy Spirit in the world, I invite all of you to the "Spirit of Sophia."



This is a liturgical celebration held in Pasquerilla East every Monday evening at 10 p.m. It is a place for community, for prayer, for quiet, and for reflection.

Women from the Notre Dame community offer their wisdom on the Word through their homilies, as we all attempt to grow closer to the presence of the Holy Spirit within each of us. I invite all, men and women, those who have questions, who wonder, and who want to explore the power of spirituality, to join us in our liturgy.

This is not about feminizing the world, the Spirit of Sophia, of wisdom, is about coming to see the power of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives so that through us, she might begin to renew the face of our broken earth.

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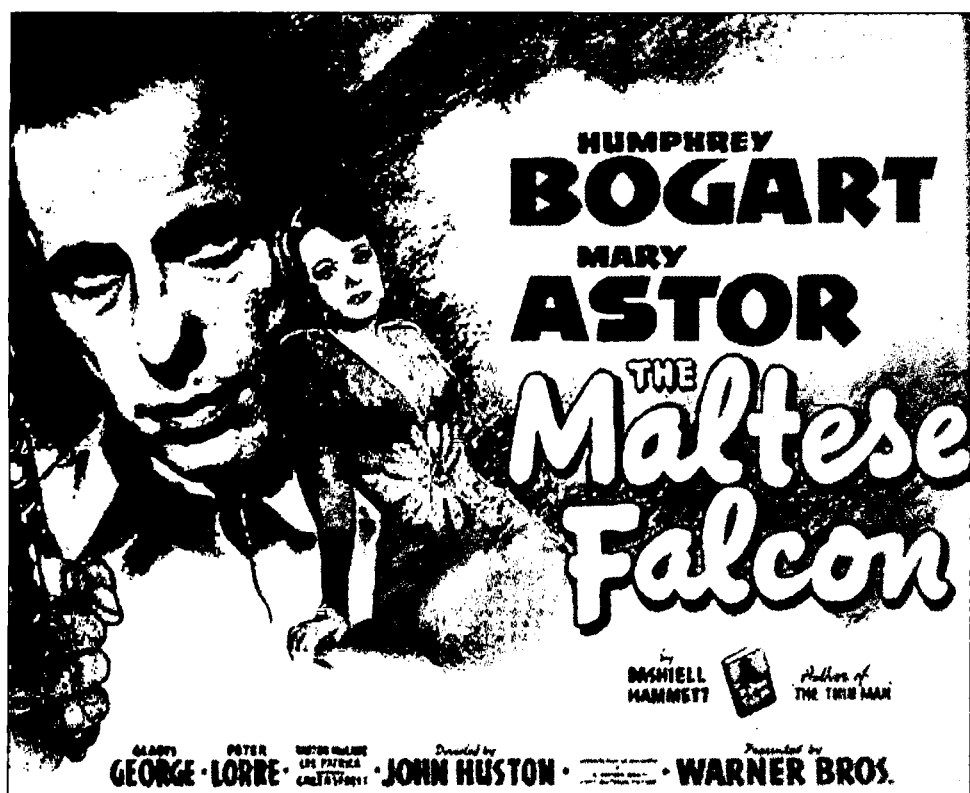
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EDITORIAL CARTOON



DPAC SPOTLIGHT

'The Maltese Falcon' offers a glimpse into film noir's history



'The Maltese Falcon,' based on the book by Dashiell Hammett and starring Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor, is playing Saturday at 3 p.m. in DPAC.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Between the no-nonsense detective sitting in his unadorned office, the watchful secretary, the untrustworthy femme fatale and the muddled mix of bad cops and even worse criminals, "The Maltese Falcon" begins many trends that became hallmarks of film noir and standard practices in generations of films that follow.

The film is based on the book by Dashiell Hammett, who is well-known as one of the pioneers of the hard-boiled style of crime writing. The movie manages Hammett's complex plot, with all its double- and triple- crosses, with a deft hand and has a cast that does such a good job with their characters that their performances are imitated to this day.

As one of the first and most famous of the hard-boiled detective films, it sets up tropes that have been seen in classic movies like "Chinatown" and "Blade Runner" and continues to be seen in current films like "The Man Who Wasn't There."

The film's screenplay was written by John Houston, and it also marks his directorial debut. The movie also began a partnership between Houston and star Humphrey Bogart that would continue with the classic films, "The Treasure of Sierra Madre" and "The African Queen." The film also casts Bogart with Peter Lorre and Sydney Greenstreet, both of whom would reappear with Bogart in the most classic of classic films, "Casablanca."

"The Maltese Falcon" balances an extraordinarily complicated and convoluted plot surrounding a group of criminals all attempting to acquire a supposedly priceless statue of a falcon. At the center is Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart), the archetypal hard-boiled detective who walks in the gray area between criminals and police on the streets of San Francisco.

Spade is first approached by Ruth Wonderly (Mary Astor), who asks him to help her locate her sister who has been seduced by a man named Floyd Thursby and decided to run away with him.

After Spade agrees to take the case, his partner, Miles Archer is killed while

tailoring Thursby. He soon learns that Thursby was killed almost immediately after Archer. Spade tries to find Wonderly, but loses her trail until her learns that she is staying in a hotel under the name Miss Leblanc and that her real name is Brigid O'Shaughnessy. She admits that her first story was false and that she and Thursby were partners.

Joel Cairo (Peter Lorre), a mysterious new customer, approaches Spade about helping him locate a statue of a black bird.

A larger power player, Mr. Gutman or "The Fat Man" (Sydney Greenstreet), comes into the game and ups the stakes. He is looking for the Maltese Falcon and will do whatever it takes in order to get it.

Spade must wade through the lies and motives of each of the three people seeking the falcon. Through a series of double-crosses, power plays and revelations the truth about each of the characters and the falcon itself emerges. The Maltese Falcon, thought to be incredibly valuable, is found to be utterly worthless. In spite of the revelation about the falcon's true nature, those who have been seeking it refuse to give up because they refuse to accept the truth.

The final resolution of the play reveals that Spade, while appearing to be a pawn for various unseemly characters to manipulate, has actually been controlling the action from the beginning.

The final lines of the film reveal a great deal about the plot and the nature of treasures that people are willing to do anything to get. A police sergeant says of the statue, "It's heavy. What is it?" To which Spade replies, with a nod to Shakespeare's "The Tempest," "The, uh, stuff that dreams are made of."

"The Maltese Falcon" is the stuff that dreams are made of, at least in the minds of most current and aspiring directors. The multiple lines of the plot are well-balanced by a great cast, great direction and fantastic cinematography.

The film will be screening at the DPAC on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema as part of the PAC Classic 100 Films.

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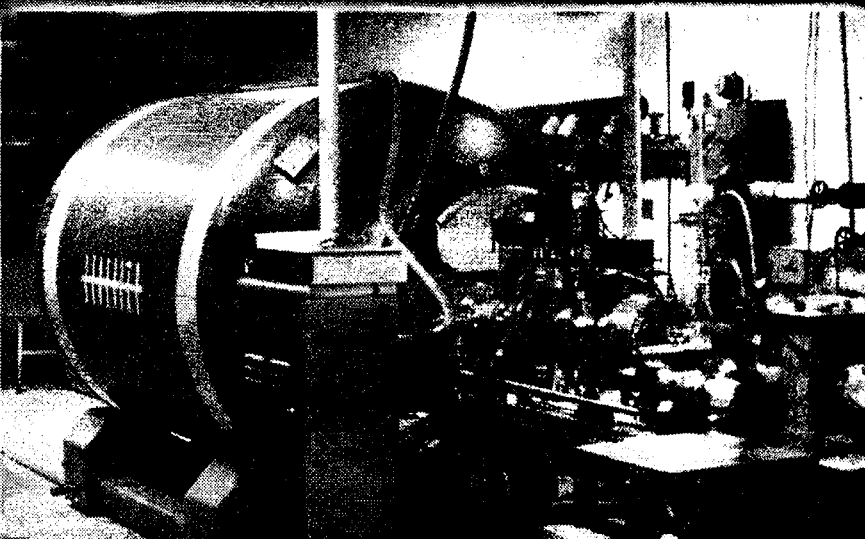
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For next week: What is the best T-shirt seen on campus?
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NFL

Former Irish star charged with DUI

Police allege Saints linebacker had open bottle of beer in his car

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — New Orleans Saints linebacker Courtney Watson was charged with drunken driving.

Police said the 25-year-old Watson was driving on Interstate 10 when he was pulled over early Wednesday for erratic driving. They said an open bottle of beer was found in the front cup holder of the car.

He was "combative" and failed a field sobriety test but refused a breathalyzer sample, their report said. Watson was released on \$1,000 bond pending arraignment Dec. 5.

Watson, the starting middle linebacker, was a second-round pick out of Notre Dame in 2004. He was among 11 players chosen for the American Football Coaches Association's "Good Works Team" in 2003 for outstanding community service.

Saints spokesman Greg Bensel said the team's security department was investigating. The Saints relocated to San Antonio after Hurricane Katrina.

SMC SWIMMING

Belles set for MIAA meet

Saint Mary's faces Hope and Olivet in its first meet under new coach

By BECKI DORNER
Sports Writer

Excitement is riding high as the Saint Mary's swimming team hopes to start out the season with a strong performance in its first meet versus Hope College and Olivet College at Olivet today.

New coach Lynn Kachmarik, also the Saint Mary's athletic director, will be leading the Belles this year, and she brings with her 30 years of coaching experience. Captain Katie Dingeman knows that with such a positive role

model, the Belles will have nowhere to go but up.

"She is passionate about Saint Mary's College and has worked very hard to build our athletics program since she has been here," she said. "We are lucky to have her as our coach this year."

Dingeman herself, as well as

"Our team is held together by ... constant support for one another."

Katie Dingeman
Belles captain

co-captain Kelly Nelis, will also look to lead their fellow teammates by example.

Both are the only seniors on the team, and

will undoubtedly be expected to provide leadership and mentoring for the younger swimmers. Dingeman swims freestyle and

Nelis swims butterfly and IM.

The meet today should be an early test for the captains and their Belle teammates. Olivet has consistently been a top competitor and Saint Mary's looks to come out strong if it intends to prove it can contend for the MIAA championship this season.

According to Dingeman, the Belles plan to start and finish this season as a team, even though many compete individually.

"Every swimmer is a key swimmer," Dingeman said. "Our team is held together by a passion for swimming and constant support for one another."

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Feauto and Otto will lead

Senior and junior duo set personal records in team's last meet

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Two weeks after several Belles set personal records in the Manchester College Invitational, Saint Mary's returns to action Saturday at 11 a.m. in Kalamazoo, Mich. in the MIAA Championships.

Senior Becky Feauto and junior Sara Otto hope to lead the Belles in the race, which accounts for two-thirds of the conference title.

Feauto said the team is hitting its stride at the right time.

"The three seniors — myself, Megan O'Neil and Jess Eaton — we all had [at least our] season [personal bests] at Manchester," she said. "We're right in line to peak as far as I can see."

Feauto broke the 20-minute mark in her final collegiate five-kilometer race at Manchester, and she hopes to further her success in the six-kilometer MIAA race.

"A 6-K, it is a different race, but I think you have to run it like it's a 5-K," she said. "You can't let it get to your head."

Belles head coach Jackie Bauters said she expects the momentum from Manchester to translate into good results, even though the race is 1,000 meters longer.

"I'm really excited. It's going to be really competitive within our packs," Bauters said. "I don't think it's so substantial a longer race endurance wise that it will affect [them] in a negative way."

Bauters said she expects Feauto and Otto, who have finished 1-2 for the Belles in all six 5-K races this year, to lead the Belles in the longer race this weekend.

"I think they probably will finish one-two," Bauters said.

"But I don't think the 3-4's will be too far behind."

Bauters said Feauto should have a mental edge this week as opposed to the past, as well.

"That 20-minute barrier, I know for me, was huge," she said. "Because once you break it, you're usually good to go. It's just doing it once [that is important]."

"Mentally, it makes them so much more confident in their abilities."

Otto also has a reason to be optimistic. She set a personal best at Manchester with a time of 20:03, good for No. 11 overall in the race.

Feauto said she expected Otto's momentum to carry over into this weekend.

The Belles enter the race in fifth place in the conference standings, and Feauto said that among their goals is to catch Kalamazoo, which enters the race in third.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Team looks to snap Purdue losing streak

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has gotten off to a hot start in 2005, but the Irish have not yet encountered a team like Purdue — or a swimmer like Giordano Poglioli.

The squad will face its biggest challenge of the season Saturday when it travels to West Lafayette to take on the Boilermakers, as Poglioli has dominated breast stroke races in collegiate swimming for the past three years. The Purdue senior swam in the prestigious World University Games this summer. Notre Dame head coach Tim Welsh could not find enough good things to say about the Purdue superstar.

"He is on the USA swimming national B team, which means he is top 15 in the world," Welsh said. "He is straight up very good."

But Purdue's talent extends

beyond Poglioli. A national power year in and year out, the Boilermakers are No. 15 in the country heading into Saturday's match.

"Purdue is a very good team," Welsh said. "In my time here [20 years], we have not beaten them. We know that we have a challenge ahead of us going down there on Saturday."

Notre Dame opened the 2005 season with two consecutive victories. On Oct. 7, the Irish hosted and finished first in the Dennis Starks Relays. And Oct. 21, the team defeated Texas A&M in its first head-to-head matchup of the season.

The early success gives the Irish a confidence boost heading into Saturday. "We're building on the direction that we've established and we are eager to keep it going," Welsh said.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

PE geared to upset rival PW

Just one win stands between Welsh Fam and a playoff berth

By JAY FITZPATRICK and JASON GALVAN
Sports Writers

As the season is dying down, one of the biggest rivalries in the women's dorms still has yet to be played, but the best Pasquerilla will be decided Sunday at 2 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

Coming into this game, Pasquerilla West is the clear favorite, as the Purple Weasels are guaranteed a playoff spot and are now just playing for position while Pasquerilla East failed to qualify for the postseason. Despite the fact that the Pyros cannot advance, they can still play spoiler to the rival Purple Weasels.

Pyro coach Patrick Rigney has been impressed with his team this year.

"We've played a lot better than I thought we would," he said. "This is our last game for the year and a big rivalry, and we have been pushing our team hard to defend against them and win."

But even though the Pyros have the will to win, they still have to overcome a tough opponent in the Purple Weasels. Coming off a scoreless tie against unbeaten, untied McGlinn, the

Purple Weasels are fired up to play this game.

If Pasquerilla East wants to have a chance at beating the Purple Weasels, it will have to be able to move the ball against their defense, since Pasquerilla West's offense has shown to be suspect at times.

The Purple Weasels also have to remember this game is important for their postseason ranking.

"We have had a good season, and we really want to end on a good note going into the playoffs," Pasquerilla West junior Annie Brusky said. "This is a big rivalry and we feel we are going to dominate ... Even though we are already in, we are telling ourselves that we need to win this game."

Welsh Fam vs. McGlinn

Win and they're in. It's as simple as that for the Welsh Family Whirlwinds as they square off with the unbeaten McGlinn Shamrocks Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

The Whirlwinds are seeking to rebound from a loss before fall break to Farley.

"We understand what we have to do, and we're making the necessary changes to beat McGlinn," Welsh Fam wide receiver Kelley Bushelle said.

The Whirlwinds will have a sizeable task ahead of them as they take on a Shamrock team that has yet to allow any offensive points all season. McGlinn

quarterback Becky Brown was quick to boast of her defense's accomplishment.

"Our defense has been strong all year," Brown said. "We haven't been scored upon all season and that stat says it all."

The Shamrocks bring a 4-0-1 record to the game that, with a win, will give them the second seed in the playoffs. McGlinn has already clinched a playoff berth and does not have a pressing need or sense of urgency to win this game. However, Brown believes her team — after a season of quality performances — is ready to take on the Whirlwinds in its finale.

"Our offense has really pulled together over the course of the year and our defense has been consistently strong," Brown said. "We're pretty excited and a ready to have a good showing at the game."

But defeating the Whirlwinds, who are playing for their playoff lives, will be no easy task.

"They're a good team, and they always play really well," Brown said. "It's going to be a really good game."

Despite the challenge ahead, the Whirlwinds are looking to step up against the Shamrocks and overcome any obstacle on their way to the playoffs. They know their path to the Stadium runs through McGlinn.

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ND CREW

Irish keep busy with two meets in two days

Squad to host Invite Saturday then travel to Elkhart Sunday

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will shake off some rust Saturday and compete in the Notre Dame Invitational at 1 p.m. — its first race since Oct. 9. It will then travel to Elkhart, Ind. Sunday for the Head of the Elk regatta.

Because the fall season of rowing is used mostly to prepare for the spring and the NCAA championships, the team was given fall break off, unlike most other varsity athletes at the University.

Despite their limited recent practices, head coach Martin Stone feels that his team is still in pretty good shape.

"We took fall break off; we were out of the boats for 10 days," Stone said. "We're just getting our rhythm back. When they left we were in a good place, and we hope to

get all the way back to that by Sunday."

Saturday, Michigan and Michigan State will come to town for the Notre Dame Invitational.

"Michigan and Michigan State are very good," Stone said. "Both had team bids to the NCAA last year, and both have shown very good speed this fall."

Sunday's Head of the Elk will include rowers from 19 different programs — both regional midwestern schools,

and a few of Notre Dame's Big East rivals, including West Virginia and recent conference additions Louisville and Cincinnati.

Despite the stiff competition, Stone has faith

in his team.

"I love the team," he said. "They're a great group who are working hard to go fast ... The kids love to race, and they've got great anticipation for this race."


The races this weekend will be fun, but then the team must continue to prepare for the upcoming spring season.

"I think both days will be some hard competitive racing," he said. "At the end of the weekend will we have a general idea of where we rank in the region and how we stack up against some of our Big East foes ... Fall gives you a rough idea of where you are, and then we don't race again until March, but the girls have done a good job this fall."

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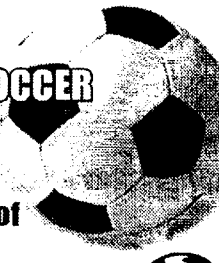
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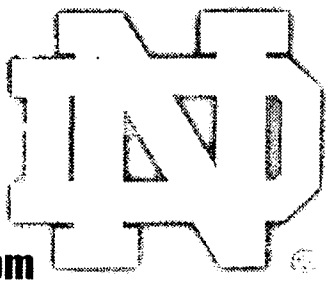
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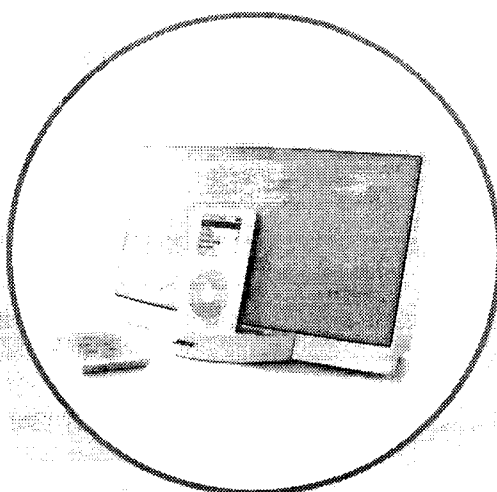
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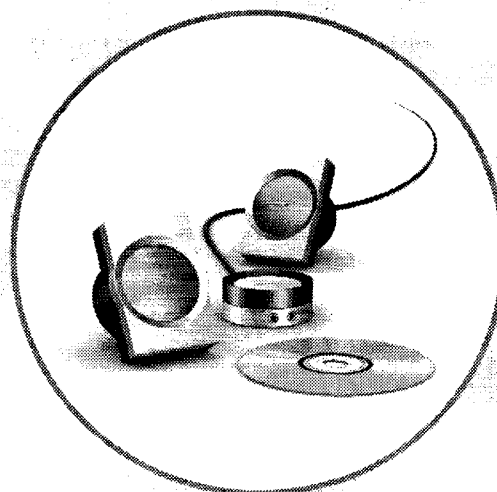
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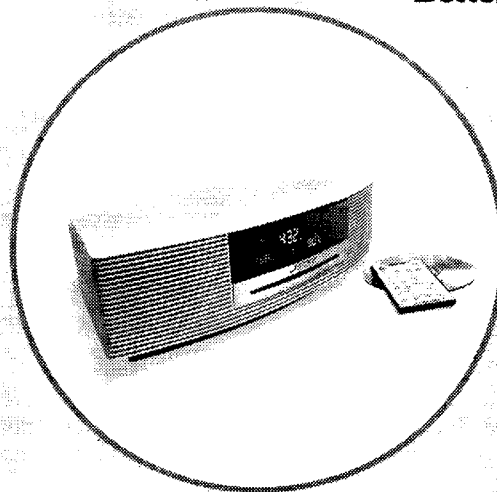
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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
NY Rangers	4-3	3	11
NY Islanders	5-4	2	10
Philadelphia	4-2	1	9
New Jersey	4-5	0	8
Pittsburgh	0-4	5	5

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Montreal	7-2	0	14
Ottawa	6-1	0	12
Buffalo	6-3	0	12
Toronto	5-2	2	12
Boston	4-5	2	10

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Carolina	6-2	1	13
Florida	6-4	0	12
Tampa Bay	5-3	2	12
Washington	4-6	0	8
Atlanta	3-6	0	6

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	9-1	0	18
Nashville	8-0	1	17
Chicago	3-6	0	6
St. Louis	2-5	2	6
Columbus	3-7	0	6

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Vancouver	8-1	1	17
Minnesota	5-4	1	11
Colorado	4-4	1	9
Calgary	4-6	1	9
Edmonton	3-6	1	7

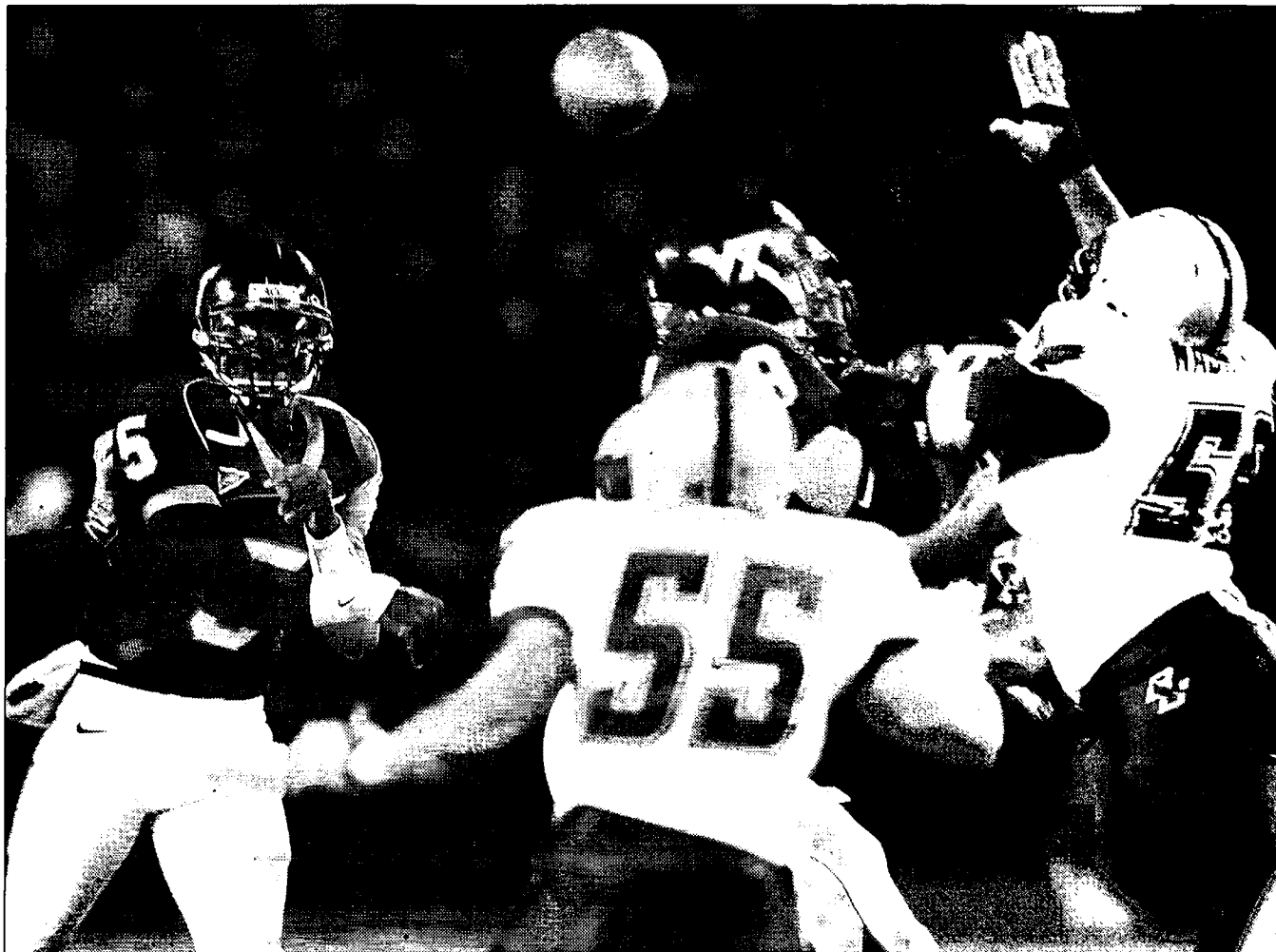
Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Los Angeles	7-3	0	14
Dallas	5-3	1	11
Anaheim	4-5	1	9
San Jose	4-5	1	9
Phoenix	4-6	1	9

Men's Cross Country Top 20

		points	
1	Arkansas (12)	476	1
2	Wisconsin (4)	459	2
3	Colorado	452	3
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5	NOTRE DAME	404	7
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7	Arizona	395	6
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10	UTEP	337	11
11	Iowa	307	14
12	Texas	293	9
13	Kansas	285	28
14	Dartmouth	264	22
15	Portland	252	16
16	William & Mary	250	15
17	Michigan	212	19
18	Virginia	211	29
19	Florida State	161	17
20	Alabama	156	-

NCAA FOOTBALL



Virginia Tech's Marcus Vick throws a pass during the fourth quarter of the Hokies' 30-10 win over Boston College in Blacksburg, Va., Thursday night. Vick threw for 280 yards and a touchdown with no turnovers.

Vick, Hokies defeat Boston College

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Marcus Vick got back to being efficient, throwing for 280 yards and a touchdown with no turnovers, and No. 3 Virginia Tech won its 11th consecutive game on a Thursday night, beating No. 13 Boston College 30-10.

Vick completed 22 of 28 passes a week after throwing three interceptions in a 28-9 victory at Maryland. Brandon Pace added three short field goals for the Hokies (8-0, 5-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have not lost a Thursday

night game since 1995.

The Eagles (6-2, 3-2) got them then, 20-14, but were dominated this time.

Boston College came in allowing just 78 rushing yards per game, fourth best in the country, and the Hokies got 212 using a backfield by committee. The Eagles were seventh in overall defense, allowing just 272 yards per game, and the Hokies rolled up 492 as the former Big East members renewed their rivalry in the ACC.

The Eagles, in their first season in the ACC, finished with only 184 yards, 59 after halftime.

The Hokies, stuck in third-place behind Texas and USC in the Bowl Championship Series standings, led 23-10 for most of the fourth quarter. Then Vince Hall returned an interception 13 yards for a touchdown with 3:16 left to punctuate the victory. Quinton Porter was in the grasp of defensive end Darryl Tapp when he threw the ball and Hall snatched it.

The play added a bit of Beamerball to the victory, but this one was more about efficiency on offense and defense, and the ability of Pace to keep the

points coming.

The Hokies now have nine days to prepare for a visit from No. 6 Miami on Nov. 5.

On a chilly night at sold-out Lane Stadium, the Hokies were held to field goals on their first two drives, and trailed at home for the first time all season. Porter made that happen when he hit Will Blackmon for a 29-yard TD early in the second quarter.

A field goal by William Troost in the third quarter got the Eagles within 20-10, but Pace answered that with a 31-yarder. He also hit from 26 and 32 yards.

IN BRIEF

World Series is lowest-rated in baseball history

NEW YORK — The Chicago White Sox's first world championship in 88 years was also the lowest-rated World Series ever.

Chicago's four-game sweep of the Houston Astros averaged an 11.1 national rating with a 19 share on Fox. That's down about 7 percent from the previous low, an 11.9 with a 20 share for the 2002 World Series between the Anaheim Angels and the San Francisco Giants.

While the 2002 World Series, which went seven games, rated higher overall, it was only averaging an 11.0 through four games.

This year was a drop of almost 30 percent from last year's series, in which the Boston Red Sox swept the St. Louis Cardinals for their first title in 86 years. That had a 15.8 rating with a 25 share.

Despite rating so low in comparison to other World Series, the four games of this series were each the highest rated prime-time network

programs on their respective nights. Flyers earn OT win over Panthers with late comeback

PHILADELPHIA — Peter Forsberg tied the game in the final minute of regulation and Joni Pitkanen scored early in overtime to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 5-4 win over the Florida Panthers on Thursday night.

Only 49 seconds away from their second straight loss, Forsberg instead picked a perfect time to score his first goal of the season. After missing a penalty shot that could have tied it minutes earlier, Forsberg knocked one past Roberto Luongo after the Flyers pulled goalie Roberto Esche.

Forsberg, the free-agent center that was the centerpiece of a major roster reshuffling, pumped his fists and was mobbed by his teammates.

The celebration resumed 1:13 into overtime when Pitkanen scored from the left side.

Nathan Horton, Olli Jokinen and Kristian Huselius each scored power-play goals for the Panthers.

NCAA proposes rewarding academic achievement

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA wants to reward academic achievement with money.

The committee on academic performance Thursday recommended establishing a \$10 million annual incentive fund that will pay schools with teams that consistently excel or demonstrate significant improvement in the classroom.

Details, such as standards and a timeline for when money would start being disbursed, have not yet been worked out. But the program's blueprint calls for schools to receive rewards of up to \$100,000.

"The board continues to be very interested in moving academic reform forward and making the incentives package specific," NCAA President Myles Brand said during a conference call Thursday.

The proposal is expected to be discussed again in January or April, when the NCAA's executive committee and board of directors next meet.

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NBA

New Jersey at New York
7:00 p.m., ESPN

NCAA FOOTBALL

Colorado State vs. New Mexico
8:00 p.m., ESPN2

PGA

Chrysler Championship: 2nd Round
3:00 p.m., USA

SMC SOCCER

Tri-State wants to trap Saint Mary's

Belles need to capture pair of games to finish season, complete goals

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Two games remain — two games in which to secure their place in the record books.

The Belles are just a pair of wins away from the never-before-reached plateau of 10 conference wins and a third-place finish at season's end. Despite a close 1-0 win over Adrian Wednesday, the team and its second-year coach feel they have the right stuff to accomplish the task.

"I think we understand what is expected, in terms of finishing out our last few games," Saint Mary's coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "It is just a matter of us mentally locking in on that."

The first of the remaining games begins at noon Saturday when the Belles travel to take on the Tri-State Thunder. The Thunder have struggled thus far, earning no wins in conference play and three wins overall. They have only managed to find the back of the net on eight occasions, while surrendering 72 goals.

But Tri-State has experienced a resurgence of sorts in their last few contests. The Thunder defeated non-conference opponent Anderson 3-0 and followed it up with a near win against Kalamazoo, falling 3-2.

Kalamazoo quickly got up 3-0, but Tri-State fought back with two unanswered goals. However, time ran out before the Thunder could complete the comeback.

But Kalamazoo is no pushover. The Belles lost to Kalamazoo 1-0 in an early season contest; a result that the Saint Mary's players felt should have turned out differently.

That game was not the only one that the Belles felt should have finished with a more favorable outcome.

In their last game the Belles avoided defeat with a narrow 1-0 margin of victory over a weak Adrian team. Mackenzie attributed the close final score to the fact that her team played down to its opponent's level.

"I hope that we bring a little

more energy than what we demonstrated [against Adrian]," Mackenzie said. "We have not played two games back to back with low energy. We were coming off of an emotional downer to Calvin game [a 1-0 loss], and we knew Adrian wasn't going to push us hard."

When the Belles and Thunder met for the first time this year, on Saint Mary's field, the Belles walked off with a 9-1 defeat in hand. But that has not led Mackenzie

and her team to underestimate their opponent.

They will continue to play the high-energy, nonstop style that they have produced solid results with all year. Mackenzie hopes to see her team be the

squad that challenged top-ranked Calvin and won eight conference games on Saturday.

"Hopefully the other Saint Mary's team shows up," she said.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish slate to end against Seton Hall

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a tough 3-0 loss at home on Wednesday, the Irish are prepared to bounce back and honor their seniors in the final regular-season game against Seton Hall Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Aside from being the final regular-season game, playing Seton Hall has important consequences for the postseason.

"They've won five games in a row so it's going to be an excellent test for us," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said.

The Irish are now 9-6-2 overall with a 5-4-1 record in Big East play. After winning the final two games of their weeklong fall break road trip, the Irish are coming off a heartbreaking loss to No. 5 Indiana.

"There's a lot of very sound performances — I thought there were some excellent performances," Clark said. "The lads stuck to their task, it was a pity because it was a great soccer night in South Bend with 2,500 people at the game — great atmosphere."

The team must rebound quickly to pick up a crucial win against Seton Hall to close out the regular season.

"[A win] will be good for seeding," Clark said. "It will also be important because if we can win that game and win a few games in the tournament ... It puts us in for an at-large bid to the NCAAs."

Seton Hall is 11-2-2 (5-2-2 Big



Irish forward Kurt Martin chases the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 loss to Indiana Wednesday.

East), with the third-best scoring offense in the country, averaging 3.08 goals per game.

The Pirates knocked Notre Dame out of the Big East tournament last year, advancing 8-7 on penalty kicks. Notre Dame won the regular-season matchup 1-0 in 2004.

Clark said the Irish have moved on from their loss on Wednesday.

"We were at practice today and everybody's great," Clark said. "I think it's one of these things that you have no choice ... you've got to move on whether it's success or failure."

Aside from the importance of the game, it's a chance for the team to honor its seniors.

"We always present flowers to the seniors on the last home game," Clark said. "We get a picture, we take a picture of all of them together with Mary Ann [Spence, the team's academic

advisor] that they get at the banquet."

The seniors have filled important leadership roles in a difficult rebuilding year for Notre Dame.

"The seniors have been superb," Clark said. "Some of them, like Benny Crouse, have played pretty much every minute ... then [keeper Justin Michaud] has been an absolute superb backup in every regard."

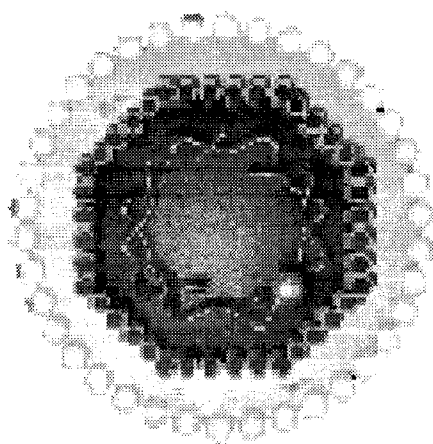
"Of course the ones who have played — Tony Megna, John Stephens — have been excellent."

For one senior, it was a disappointing season due to injury.

"The one I feel sorry for is Dale Rellas," Clark said. "Dale obviously was playing and then he kept picking up injuries, but he still stays very much involved and has been a very good captain."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's falls in 5th-place fight

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Watching Saint Mary's battle Albion in Thursday's regular season finale, the average fan may have thought the two teams were battling for a conference title.

In reality the teams were fighting for fifth place in the MIAA.

Despite a strong effort, the Belles fell to Albion in three grueling games: 30-27, 33-31 and 36-34.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek complimented Albion on the team's ability to play at the top of its game at a crucial point in the season.

"That was the best I've seen Albion play," Schroeder-Biek said.

Albion came out strong and dictated play throughout much of the first two games. Schroeder-Biek thought her team played well enough to compete, but couldn't reach to the next level to get the win.

"We were definitely chasing

them much of those first two games," she said. "We knew we could play better."

Service errors and difficulty with serve reception also added to the Belles' woes early in the match.

Albion carried the momentum into the third game and jumped out to a 13-2 lead. The Belles seemed destined for quick defeat in the third until Marisa Gross provided a much-needed spark off the bench. The sophomore entered and served the Belles to 10 straight points following the side out to knot the third game at 13 apiece.

"Marisa really sparked us again tonight. She really brought our team together out there," Schroeder-Biek said.

The teams battled point for point the rest of the way before Albion won the final two points to claim the marathon game.

Schroeder-Biek put the loss in perspective.

"It was just two teams fighting for fifth place," she said. "It took a lot of stamina and we played hard,

we just didn't get the result we wanted."

The loss snapped a five-game conference-losing streak for Albion and marked the second time this year that the Belles fell at the hands of the Britons. Saint Mary's lost a five-game decision to Albion on Oct. 8.

Kristen Playko led the Belles' offense with 16 kills and also added 15 digs. Shelly Bender had 10 kills and 11 digs. Anne Cusack led the defense with 21 digs and Michelle Turley led Saint Mary's in assists with 33.

The loss dropped Saint Mary's to No. 6 in the MIAA behind Albion. The Belles' 5-11 conference record matches their mark from last season when they finished No. 7.

The Belles will turn their attention to the MIAA tournament next week where they will most likely face Alma in a first-round match Tuesday.

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HOCKEY

Irish will match wits with Tigers



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Irish freshman goalie Jordan Pearce defends the net during the Blue-Gold game Oct. 8.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The CCHA season slate is a grueling and cutthroat marathon with the likes of perennial powerhouses Michigan, Michigan State and Ohio State contending for a title every year. But before the Irish must face these rivals, they have one more tune-up to get a feel for each other.

The Irish will host a two-game non-conference regular season series with the Princeton Tigers today and Saturday at the Joyce Center. The puck will drop at 7:35 p.m. and 7:05 p.m., respectively.

Notre Dame (0-2-0) last played Princeton in 2001 in New Jersey and came home with two wins, by margins of 2-1 and 4-2. The lifetime series between the two schools stands at a 9-2 Princeton edge.

The Irish are coming off a tough western expedition last weekend, where the icers faced No. 4 Colorado College and No. 9 Denver, losing 3-1 and 6-3.

Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson wants to see his team focus this weekend on its special teams game. The team gave up two shorthanded goals to defending national champion Denver, but went 2-for-8 on the power play, an excellent 25-percent conversion rate.

Jackson felt Denver picked apart the Irish penalty kill and has worked to fix the unit in practice. He hopes to see his team create a more successful flow on these man-down and man-advantage situations. Puck control and protection remains a

key tenant in Jackson's mind for dealing with the Tigers.

"Princeton is a real feisty team that is going to play a hard," he said. "They're a bit of a transition team, where they will force you into making turnovers. They'll trap you in the turnovers and then they'll be explosive coming back at you."

Luckily for Jackson, his team is starting to form to his preseason expectations.

The first-year coach has found a role model for the rest of the team in the line of freshman Erik Condra, sophomore Evan Rankin and junior Josh Sciba. Condra had three assists and Sciba scored in the 6-3 loss to Denver. The trifecta has run Jackson's system to perfection, and in his opinion has fared the best for it.

"The Sciba line has an identity to it," he said. "They skate, they pass, they're very tenacious, they read off of each other very well, and they execute the system real well."

Notes:

♦ The Irish took to the ice last weekend in Colorado wearing gold helmets for the first time since the 1975-76 season. The helmets are painted with the same gold metallic paint found on the helmets worn by the football team. Irish equipment manager Dave Gilbert worked out a deal with Bauer to produce the Golden Dome-tinted hardware. They will feature a white cage and an American flag on the back portion.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish have back-to-back meets against stiff competition

Notre Dame faces No. 10 California Bears at Rolfs today and Purdue Boilermakers in West Lafayette Saturday

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Following their season-opening victory in the Dennis Starks Relays, the Irish will be back in action this weekend with back-to-back meets.

The first begins tonight at 5 p.m. against California Berkeley in the Rolfs Aquatic Center. After having three weeks to reflect on the Stark Relays, the Irish will only have one night between their second and third meets as they leave immediately for Purdue for a Saturday meet with the Boilermakers.

But Notre Dame coach Carrie Nixon doesn't seem concerned with the close proximity of this weekend's meets.

"Our championship meets are three or four days long, so we try to do as many double

meets as we can," she said. "With Purdue being so close, it's not a far drive for us. It's not too hard in terms of physical exhaustion."

While the travel may not be difficult this weekend for the team, the competition likely will. California finished No. 9 at the NCAA championship last season, and it currently holds the world record in the 100-meter breast stroke.

"We're looking forward to racing them," Nixon said. "One of our team goals is to be a top-10 team, in order to do that you have to know what top ten teams are like. I think we have a good shot at winning if we can take advantage of some opportunities and swim our best."

"One of our top team goals is to be a top-10 team."

Carrie Nixon
Irish coach

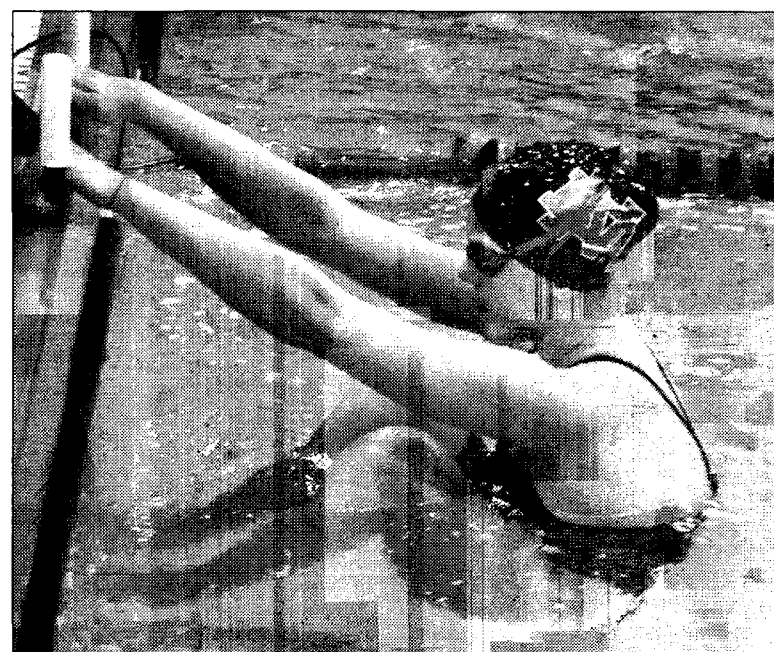
While Purdue doesn't possess the same talent level as California, the Irish will be just as excited for Saturday's meet.

"Obviously Purdue is a huge rival," Nixon said. "California is a nice bonus because they're coming out here to visit us, but Purdue is an annual thing, something the girls look forward to every year."

As for results this weekend, Nixon likes her team's chances.

"We match up very closely against California in the breaststroke events," she said. "And versus Purdue, we match up very well in the freestyle events."

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KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

An Irish swimmer prepares to start in the backstroke during the Dennis Starks Relays on Oct. 7.

Coach

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season. She was tabbed in April to replace women's swimming coach Bailey Weathers, who resigned in March.

Nixon, who is the first female Notre Dame graduate to come back as a coach, competed on four Big East Championship teams (and had a medical redshirt during a fifth) while earning All-American honors twice. Nixon joins Knute Rockne, track legend Alex Wilson and Elmer Layden, a member of the Four Horseman, as the only multiple-time All-Americans to coach at Notre Dame.

Nixon said she tries to avoid focusing on the company her All-American-turned-coach status gives her.

"I try not to think about it too much because it freaks me out a little bit," she said. "I mean, it puts me in the same category as Knute Rockne and that's kind of crazy, but I'm doing my best to live up to it."

Nixon's love of coaching began during her years at Notre Dame.

"Nixon missed the 2000-01 season with a shoulder injury. She credits that year as the time she first learned how to coach at the collegiate level.

"The year I was out, my senior year, while I had a shoulder injury, I was basically a coach," she said.

At 27 years of age, Nixon is only three seasons removed from her last year on the Irish roster.

After graduating and completing her fifth year on the swim team, she took a job as an assistant coach at Clemson. There she helped the Tiger men to their best season since 1952 and the women to their highest win total in 15 years.

After only one season, Weathers hired her as an assistant at Notre Dame. Working with some of her former teammates, Nixon saw the Irish win yet another Big East title.

In April, Weathers retired and, after an extensive search, Nixon said Athletic Director Kevin White decided to pro-

mote from within.

"There were a lot of interviews, but at the end of all of it the athletic department and I sat down and the conclusion we came to was that we needed to build it from the inside out," Nixon said.

Nixon said she's excited for the opportunity to continue the recent Irish success.

"It's exciting. I have a lot to give them," Nixon said. "It's an invaluable thing to be at Notre Dame. It's a special place and you understand that better as an insider rather than someone coming in."

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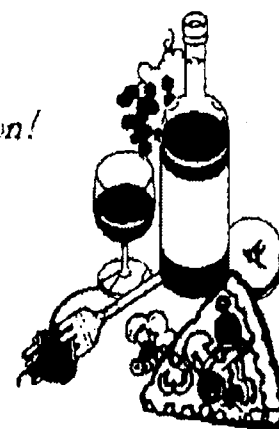
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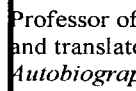


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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Notre Dame hopes to bomb Big East in Bronx

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After not venturing outside the state of Indiana during its first four meets this season, Notre Dame will travel to Van Cortlandt Park in The Bronx, New York this weekend for the Big East Championships.

The No. 5 Irish men, who the won the conference last year by one point over current No. 9 Georgetown, are looking to get a boost from their second-place fin-

ish at the Pre-National Meet in Terre Haute, Ind. Oct. 15.

"We know Georgetown is going to be out there and we know Providence is going to be out there," runner Patrick Smyth said. "We just have to get out there and run like we've been running and try to get as many people in the top 15 as we can."

Smyth said that although the Irish and Hoyas competed in separate races in Terre Haute, the Irish had a better time.

"We beat them at pre-[nation-

als]," Smyth said. "We were in different races, but if you scored [pre-nationals] as one meet we would have beaten them."

For the No. 4 women, this year's Big East Championships represent an opportunity to earn redemption after they were upset by Providence last year. The No. 16 Friars will once again provide stiff competition for the Irish.

Women's head coach Tim Connelly will send a familiar lineup to the course. All-Americans Stephanie Madia and Molly

Huddle will probably be the front runners, with Sunni Olding and freshman sensation Ramsey Kavan close behind.

As with previous meets, the fifth spot will be a question mark for the Irish. Jean Marinangeli was the fifth runner for Notre Dame at the pre-nationals, but she finished No. 76, 46 places behind Kavan.

The men will feature their veteran lineup for only the second time this season. The first time Kurt Benninger, Tim Moore, Kaleb Van Ort and Sean O'Donnell ran together this season — the pre-national meet — the Irish took second place.

The Big East Championships represent the point in the season when the Irish traditionally start

to look ahead to regionals and nationals. Moore believes with so many experienced runners, this year's Notre Dame men are ready to make a run beyond the Big East. The team finished a disappointing No. 11 at last year's NCAA Championships.

"We have high goals at nationals and we've learned from the disaster that was last year," Moore said. "This year we're a stronger team. We have basically the same top five back, although [Smyth's] been helping out a little bit. We also have the bitter taste of screwing up at nationals last year and we're a year stronger."

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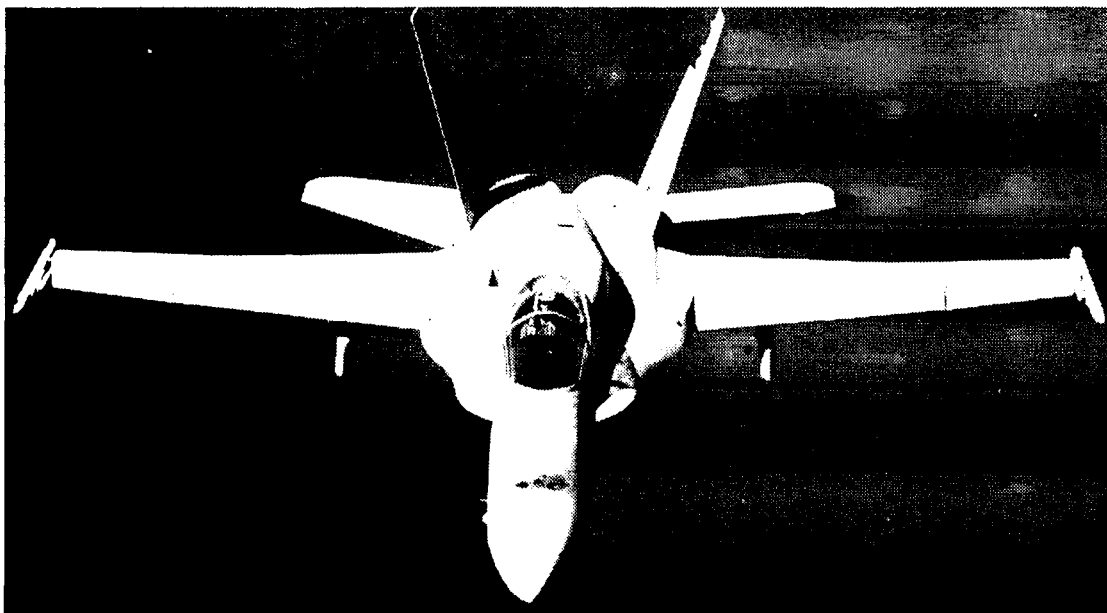
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Chase Anastasio and even starting cornerback Ambrose Wooden, Hord joined the multitude of contributors Saturday on a special teams unit that welcomes the second bye week.

"It's a great opportunity to get back to techniques and fundamentals, work on skills and less scheming and less 'this is the looks we're going to see this week,'" Polian said Thursday. "Let's go back to correcting footwork and working on blocking and running and tackling technique. Let's get back to basics."

As Weis mentioned Monday, Thursday's practice was dedicated as a "special teams day" to teach fundamentals to "both the first and second guys."

Twenty-five players on Notre Dame's roster have seen their first Division-I football action this season, and special teams has been their primary outlet as coaches take looks at younger talent.

Defensive lineman Casey Cullen and defensive backs Terrail Lambert and Ray Herring, to name a few, have seen significant action on special teams. And Hord, with the announcement that wide receiver Rhema McKnight will sit out the remainder of the season, could even crack the receiver rotation if it fits in the game plan, Weis said.

"D.J. has given us a reason to be out there," Weis said. "Offensively, he played a little bit

in that game. You might not even have noticed, but he was in there at the end of the game. But in that game plan, [Hord] got plenty of reps in practice last week with the possibility of him playing."

Landri resting, healthy

Defensive tackle Derek Landri hobbled into the locker room after injuring himself in the second half last Saturday. But he returned to the sidelines.

"He was ready to go," Weis said. "For a time I thought that he was done. Next thing you know, I turned around, he was out there, sitting there ready to go. We fortunately came out of this game with very few things, nothing that was really significant and that's a good thing. No surprises."

Hoyte is Lott quarter-finalist

Irish linebacker Brandon Hoyte was named a quarter-finalist for the second annual Lott Trophy on Thursday.

The award, which honors the Defensive IMPACT Player of the Year, is presented to a student-athlete by the IMPACT Foundation of The Pacific Club in Newport Beach, Ca.

The Lott Trophy, named after legendary defensive back Ronnie Lott, honors a football player's on- and off-field performance. Georgia All-American defensive end David Pollack won the trophy last season in its first year.

Hoyte (5-foot-11, 231 pounds) is Notre Dame's defensive captain, leads the team with 56 tackles (33 solo) and has a 3.35 GPA.

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well.

"It will be fun to look at some tape and then come up with a plan and be able to just get out and play again against a very, very good team."

Sunday's match against the Bearcats will be televised by ESPNU — the first match ever to be televised live from the Joyce Center.

While it could be easy to get pumped up for Louisville and forget about Sunday's match, Brown knows her team can't and won't do that. The Bearcats are a solid volleyball team. They lost to Louisville 30-26, 17-30, 26-30, 28-30 earlier this season.

With such a huge weekend ahead considering the Big East regular season race, Brown says her team will be more than ready.

"The team will be motivated

for sure," she said. "I don't think there's anything we need to do. There's going to be plenty of motivation. We know what's at stake. It's going to be great."

Sophomore outside hitter and CVU.com National Player of the Week Adrianna Stasiuk agrees with her coach.

"I think everyone's really excited," she said. "Everyone on the team is really into it."

Everyone's giving 100 percent."

"The energy level is really high. We're all really pumped."

This weekend the Irish will get the ultimate test.

"Oh yeah, for sure," Stasiuk said when asked if the Irish, despite sitting at 18-1 and 8-0 in the Big East, still have something to prove to the country and to the coaches who vote in the polls. "We definitely have something to prove. We always have something to prove no matter what."

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Morrissey's defense has handled that pressure better than a Kohler shower faucet, holding the opposition to 26 points and creating crucial turnovers that led to victories against O'Neill and Stanford.

Siegfried's defense, on the other hand, has been nothing short of dominant. The Ramblers allowed only one touchdown — an 18-yard pass in a week two loss to Carroll — in the regular season and in their last game pushed St. Ed's around for negative-10 yards of total offense.

"The strong point of our team has been our defense. We've only given up six points, so we've been pretty solid all year — it's a solid group of guys there," Siegfried co-captain Kyle Reis said. "I guess the only thing we've been working on is the timing of our offense."

Like Morrissey, the Ramblers favor a run-heavy offense that eats up clock, but touchdown dances have been few and far between for a team that scored only 29 points in four games. In fact, most of Siegfried's points have come courtesy of the long leg of kicker Pablo Nava.

"Having him is huge, especially with our offense not doing as well as hoped," said Martin of Nava, who kicked a 47-yard field goal against Stanford. "It's nice knowing that instead of just having to go for it on fourth-and-long from the 30, we can take three points."

Still, the outcome will likely come down to who wants it more.

"Obviously we want our season to not end at this point," Klein said.

Siegfried, however, has found some motivation in the death of a friend.

"Just this season our namesake Ray Siegfried passed away, and last game we dedicated the game to him," Rambler Ryan Reis said. "But really this whole season is dedicated to him and we'd like to win for him and the whole Siegfried family."

O'Neill vs. Zahm

The No. 8 seed Angry Mob of O'Neill (2-2) will try to become the first team to knock off undefeated, No. 1 seed Zahm (4-0) Sunday at Riehle Field in the first round of Men's Interhall playoffs.

Zahm running back Theo Ossei-Anto believes his team's unblemished record doesn't mean anything anymore.

"At practice on Monday, we said, 'OK, we finished 4-0, but that's the last time we're going to mention it,'" he said. "This is the playoffs and it's win or go home. Our record doesn't matter now."

"This week at practice we've

gone back to the basics and went over what we've done all year," he said.

Captain Pat Gourdy seconded Anto's remarks but was disappointed in his team's turnout.

"We've had a lot of trouble getting people to practice," he said.

Anto is the main running back and is always a threat to gain a lot of yardage. Against St. Ed's, he rushed for 175 yards. Quarterback Stan Wieland and receiver Jake Richardville lead the air assault.

"We are very versatile and can pass and run well," Anto said.

Both Gourdy and Anto said that the main ingredient to Zahm's success has been the defensive line, anchored by Bob McQuiston.

"If they're doing well, everyone does well," Anto said. "I play safety and it's always nice on a pass play to turn around and see that the quarterback has been sacked."

The victor will go on to play the winner of Siegfried and Morrissey.

Sorin vs. Keenan

Sorin captain Pete Lavorini is confident in his team's ability to upset Keenan this Sunday at 2 p.m. in the opening round of the Men's Interhall playoffs. So confident he stole a page out of legendary NFL quarterback Joe Namath's playbook by guaranteeing the upset of the defending champion Knights.

When asked if he could guarantee a victory, Lavorini responded affirmatively.

"Yeah, I think I will," he said. "I'll guarantee a win this weekend."

The Otters come into the post-season with a 2-2 record in the Blue league. The team's two losses came in a 10-0 defensive battle with Siegfried and a showdown with undefeated and top-ranked Zahm. The team started off the season with a close victory over St. Ed's, sneaking away with a 6-0 win off a 40-yard touchdown pass in the second half from quarterback Stu Mora. Mora's two favorite targets, Kevin Tooke and Chris Paley, will be expected to step up big for Sorin against the Knights.

The team's second win of the season was another shutout, as they defeated Fisher by a score of 7-0. With two shutouts and a total of 22 points given up all season, it is clear that Sorin builds its success from defense.

"Defense is our forte, we have brought the pain all year and we are ready for whatever Keenan throws at us," Lavorini said. The team will need that nasty defensive attitude if they hope to defeat Keenan as its offense has only been able to produce two touchdowns all season.

Keenan has also played solid defense throughout the year en

route to their 3-1 record, which earned them the No. 2 seed. The team's only loss came against the Big Red of Dillon in the season's second week.

Sorin will need to come out and play its best football this Sunday to upset the Knights and end their hopes of a repeat championship. As far as the Lavorini guarantee, Lyzinski spoke for his team by saying, "We'll see who guarantees what on Sunday afternoon."

Carroll vs. Dillon

Dillon will try to upend No. 3 Carroll at 2 p.m. Sunday at Riehle Fields, with Carroll playing as the home team due to its superior seeding over the No. 6 Big Red.

The Vermin went 3-1 in the regular season, losing their first game by two points to Zahm and winning the rest.

"We wanted to go 4-0, but we shook the loss to Zahm off and we're ready for a tough run to the championship," Carroll receiver Paul Tassari said. "Anytime you need to beat two big dorms from the Gold division it's going to be hard, but we think we can do it. We have a lot of momentum and have been practicing all week."

Tassari is integral to the team's air attack, with six touchdown catches on the season. Dillon's Gold League play means its record of 2-2, with wins against Keenan and Morrissey and losses to Alumni and Stanford, does not necessarily indicate it is a weaker team than Carroll, which plays in the Blue League of smaller dorms.

The Big Red earned their wins with a relentless clock-consuming rushing game.

"It's going to be a tough task to stop," Carroll coach John Tira said. "They're going to score their points and we'll score ours. Compliments to them and their season, but we think we can hold our own. We'll be more creative with our defensive schemes, running everything from a 3-5 to a 6-2."

The Vermin plan to keep Dillon's defense on its heels with a passing game that was successful in the regular season.

"We've had a few interceptions, but some bad tip plays also," Dillon captain and offensive guard Romeo Acosta said. "Overall, our secondary is as strong as any dorm's. We're going to focus on getting pressure on the quarterback and forcing bad throws." The target of that pressure will be quarterback and captain Kory Wilmot, who tossed touchdowns to six different receivers this season.

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Scorers

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help their seeding in the NCAA Tournament.

After Notre Dame's victory over Georgetown Sunday, Waldrum said his team is hoping to win the Big East tournament this year but only so much as it helps its chances to reach the College Cup.

"Our focus [is] on the NCAA Tournament," he said.

Waldrum's team lost the 2004 Big East final to Connecticut, 2-1, but went on to win its six

NCAA tournament games with solid defensive performances, giving up just 2 goals in those contests.

The Irish enter the conference tournament this year with more offensive firepower and a more diversified attack than last year.

Because of the addition of freshman forwards Kerri Hanks and Brittany Bock to the efficient tandem of Katie Thorlakson and Amanda Cinalli, Waldrum said he thinks his team will be tougher to stop in this year's conference tournament.

"I think they're all going to have huge impact offensively," he said about his four top-scor-

ing forwards. "Different teams are going to have different gameplans to play against not only Katie but also Hanks and Cinalli and Brittany."

Thorlakson and Hanks became the first 50-point scoring duo since 2000 during Notre Dame's win over Georgetown Sunday.

In the 2004 postseason, Thorlakson scored or assisted on 18 of Notre Dame's 22 goals en route to its second national championship.

Waldrum said he doesn't expect that kind of dominating performance from any of his players, only because the Irish have too many offensive

weapons to keep the others from finding the net.

"I don't know if any one of our weapons will have [a performance like Thorlakson's in 2004]," he said.

But he added a caveat.

"If Katie wants to score 18 of our next 22, I'm more than OK with that."

Though the diversified Irish offense and extra attention from opposing defenses may prevent her from putting up numbers like she did last year, Thorlakson said she is ready for another playoff run.

"I think I am [in as good shape] this year [as last year]," she said

after Sunday's 6-1 victory.

Waldrum said that Thorlakson and the Irish have practiced well leading up to the quarterfinal match.

"The intensity level of training has been very good," he said. "The focus of it has been very good."

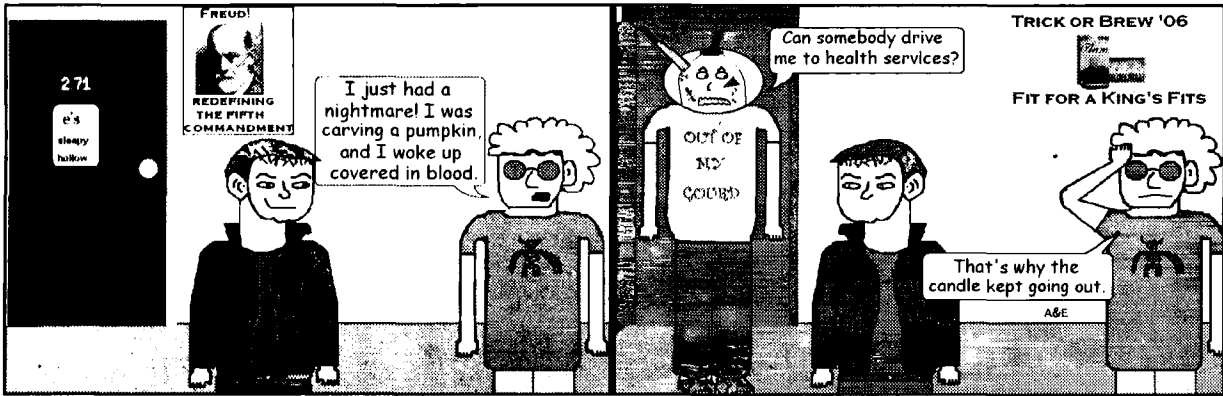
He said that bodes well for Sunday's game against Georgetown.

"As long as we're focused ... we're going to be in good shape," Waldrum said. "It's just a matter of executing the game plan."

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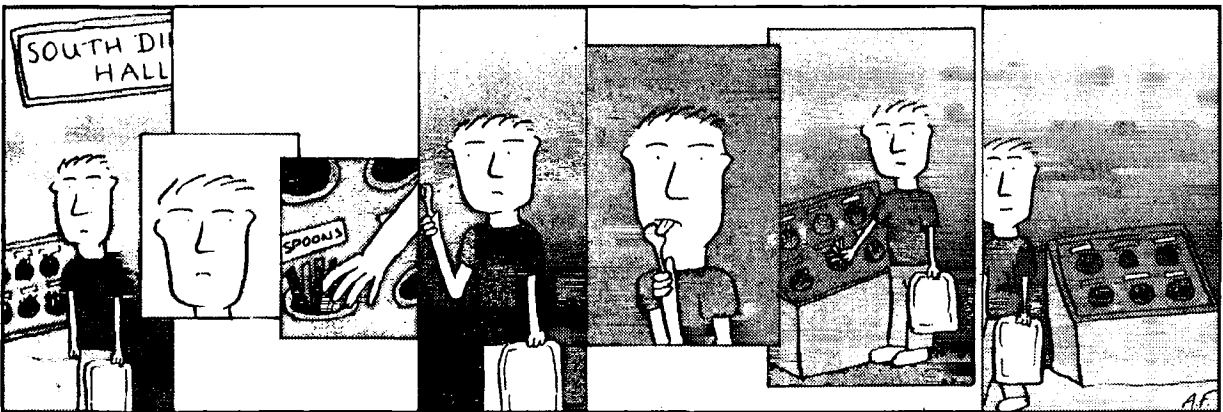
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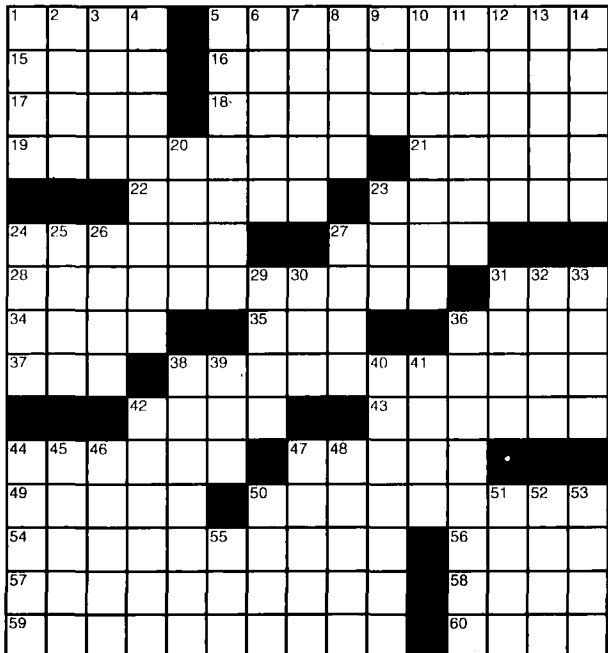
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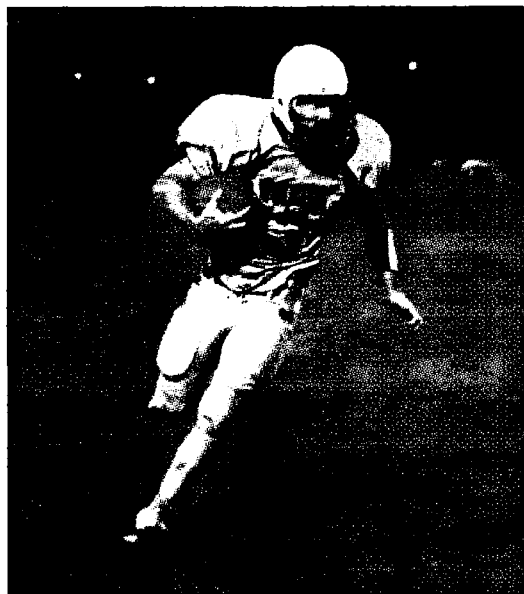
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MEN'S INTERHALL

The great eight



GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

An O'Neill player finds open field against Keenan earlier this year. O'Neill opens the playoffs against top-ranked Zahm.

Ramblers and Manorites will kick off playoff action

By JACK THORNTON, CHRIS HINE, DAN MURPHY and BEN VINCENT
Sports Writers

When Morrissey and Siegfried collide this Sunday in first round playoff action at Riehle South Field, spectators can anticipate a hard-nosed battle between two defensive powerhouses.

Both the Ramblers (3-1) and the Manorites (3-1) rode into the playoffs on their defenses, which made up for low-scoring offensive units.

"It takes us a while to score points because of the style we run, so after we score we put a lot of pressure on our defense to stop our opponents," said Manor captain Nick Klein, who leads the team in touchdowns.

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

A Rambler running back turns the corner in Siegfried's game against Carroll. Siegfried faces Morrissey Sunday.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Nixon is a rare grad as coach

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Twenty-six Notre Dame alumni have come back to coach Irish athletic squads in the school's history. 2002 graduate Carrie Nixon is the latest to return as she takes over as women's swimming coach this



Nixon

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame hosts rare top-10 showdown with Bearcats

One-loss Irish and undefeated Louisville will square off Saturday in the highest-profile match in JACC since 1996

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

So far this season, the Irish are living their motto — "Raising the bar."

No. 6 and undefeated Louisville comes to the Joyce Center this Saturday, and the Irish expect to win. The bar has been raised so high that the Irish

sit one spot behind the Cardinals in the American Volleyball Coaches Association polls.

For the first time since 1996, two Top 10 volleyball teams will face each other at the Joyce Center.

Saturday at 2 p.m., No. 7 Notre Dame (18-1, 8-0 Big East) takes on the Cardinals (20-0, 8-0 Big East). Then, the Irish — who will either be fresh off a season-

changing, perhaps season-defining victory or off a tough loss — will host Cincinnati (15-7, 6-2 Big East) Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

The Irish have won 11 straight and are tied for the highest-ever rating in school history. Their 18-1 start also matches the program's best 19-match start.

With the unblemished Cardinals coming to town, the Irish certainly aren't intimidat-

ed. They have already beaten three Top 15 teams this year, including then-No. 4 Florida, No. 8 USC and No. 11 Texas. Florida's lone loss is to Notre Dame. The Gators have remained at No. 4 since the upset. Still, the Irish know they are in for a dogfight.

"We know we're going to have to have a good gameplan against their offense and against their

star player who's just been playing very, very well," coach Debbie Brown said.

That star is 6-foot-3 outside hitter Lena Ustymenko.

"She's very, very good," Brown said. "I think that's going to be key for us. We're going to have to neutralize her for sure, but they have other weapons as

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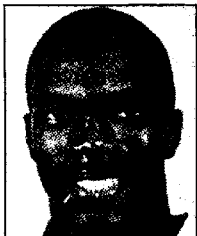
FOOTBALL

Special teams sees a variety of return men

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Following BYU's touchdown drive to open the second half last Saturday, the Cougars kicked off to D.J. Hord. Or was it to David Grimes?

Considering the number of players coach Charlie Weis and special teams coach



Hord

Brian Polian are rotating through special teams, it's no wonder the two players collided going for the ball.

"There were about three or four issues that happened during that game on special teams that I wasn't very happy with, but I thought it was a very average day by our special teams unit," Weis said.

Hord, on his first college kick-off return, scooped up the ball and ran three yards before being tackled. Along with Grimes, Justin Hoskins, Brandon Harris,

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish enter tournament streaking

Four forwards provide for a balanced attack against Georgetown

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

The Irish think they are peaking at the right time.

Since losing badly to Marquette on Sept. 30, Notre Dame has turned a corner and become one of the hottest teams in the country in time for the Big East Tournament.

"We've gotten in that groove — into that second gear — for the end of the season," Irish head coach Randy Waldrum said. "[The team is] playing with a lot of confidence and they're playing with focus."

With a 6-1 victory over Georgetown Sunday, the Irish extended their winning streak to seven. During the four-week tear, Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 32-1, posting six shutouts along the way.

The Irish hope to keep that winning streak alive in a quarterfinal matchup Sunday at 1 p.m. — again against the Hoyas on Alumni Field.

Waldrum said he is confident his team will continue its good play but knows there are dangers in facing a team twice in a week.

"You worry about overconfidence," he said.

Notre Dame only found out it would play Georgetown late Thursday night when the Hoyas defeated Syracuse, 1-0, in a tournament play-in game.

Before that game, Waldrum said he was not sure which team he would rather face.

"That's a question we've been kicking around all week," he said. "In some ways we would like [to face] Georgetown, ... but there are advantages in facing Syracuse."

The Irish think they can get past the Hoyas to advance in the conference tournament and

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Notre Dame will run Saturday in the Big East Championships in the Bronx.

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The Irish women face California at home and Purdue in West Lafayette this weekend.

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The Belles lost to Albion in three games in their regular-season finale.

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Notre Dame will host Princeton in a two-game set this weekend in the team's first home games.

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The Irish face Big East foe Seton Hall Saturday in the teams' final game of the regular season.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's will take on Tri-State Saturday in a pivotal late-season conference match.

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