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New York treats 3 for anthrax exposure

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NEW YORK

A police officer and two lab technicians involved in the NBC anthrax investigation have tested positive for the bacteria, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Sunday. Nevada officials said four people who may have come into contact with a contaminated letter at a Microsoft office tested negative, while results weren't known for two others.

In Washington, meanwhile, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said he considered the anthrax cases in New York, Nevada and Florida to be instances of bioterrorism. "It certainly is an act of terrorism to send anthrax through the mail," he said on Fox News Sunday.

And Attorney General John Ashcroft said it was premature "to decide whether there is a direct link" to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, but "we should consider this potential that it is linked."

The new New York cases brought to 12 the number of people around the nation who either have anthrax or been exposed to it.

That does not include an NBC employee who is taking antibiotics after displaying possible

symptoms of the disease.

The anthrax scare began Oct. 4 when it was confirmed that a Florida tabloid editor had contracted the inhaled form of the bacteria. His death a day later was the first resulting from the disease in the United States since 1976.

Seven other employees of American Media Inc. have tested positive for exposure and are being treated with antibiotics. None have developed the disease. A second round of blood tests for more than 300 of the company's employees is expected this week.

News of the exposures has caused jitters around the world, with a number of false or pending cases reported over the weekend. Among them:

◆ In Hawaii, hazardous-materials teams were called to Lihue Airport after passengers on a flight from Los Angeles discovered a white powder on their luggage after they arrived. Tests were being conducted on the powder.

◆ In Uniontown, Pa., a 49-year-old woman was given Cipro, an antibiotic for anthrax, and was tested for exposure after receiving an envelope containing a powdery substance. She was later released from a hospital.

◆ In England, several hundred



FBI agent prepare to enter the American Media Inc. building on Saturday. Officials continue investigations of suspected anthrax attack.

AFO PHOTO

people were evacuated from Canterbury Cathedral after a worker said he saw a man dropping a white powder in one of the

chapels. Workers wearing chemical protection suits cleared up

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Officials ban vulgar T-shirts

By JASON McFARLEY

News Editor

The word "suck" kept John Furka and Brian Kahn shirtless in the rain Saturday during the Notre Dame-West Virginia football game.

Notre Dame Stadium ushers wouldn't allow the University sophomores into the facility Saturday afternoon before they turned inside out or removed T-shirts with language deemed inappropriate by security officials.

"I was a little annoyed about the situation, but we ended up just taking them off," Kahn said of the "Notre Dame football sucks" shirts.

The navy blue shirts featured gold writing on both sides. The front read "ND tailgating '01." On back was "Drinking because we suck."

They were among about 30 shirts Kahn's cousin printed last month.

Officials considered "suck" a vulgar term, according to Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of Stadium personnel.

"We have a policy that we don't allow vulgar material into the Stadium," Gagnon said. "Even without the policy, we wouldn't do it anyway."

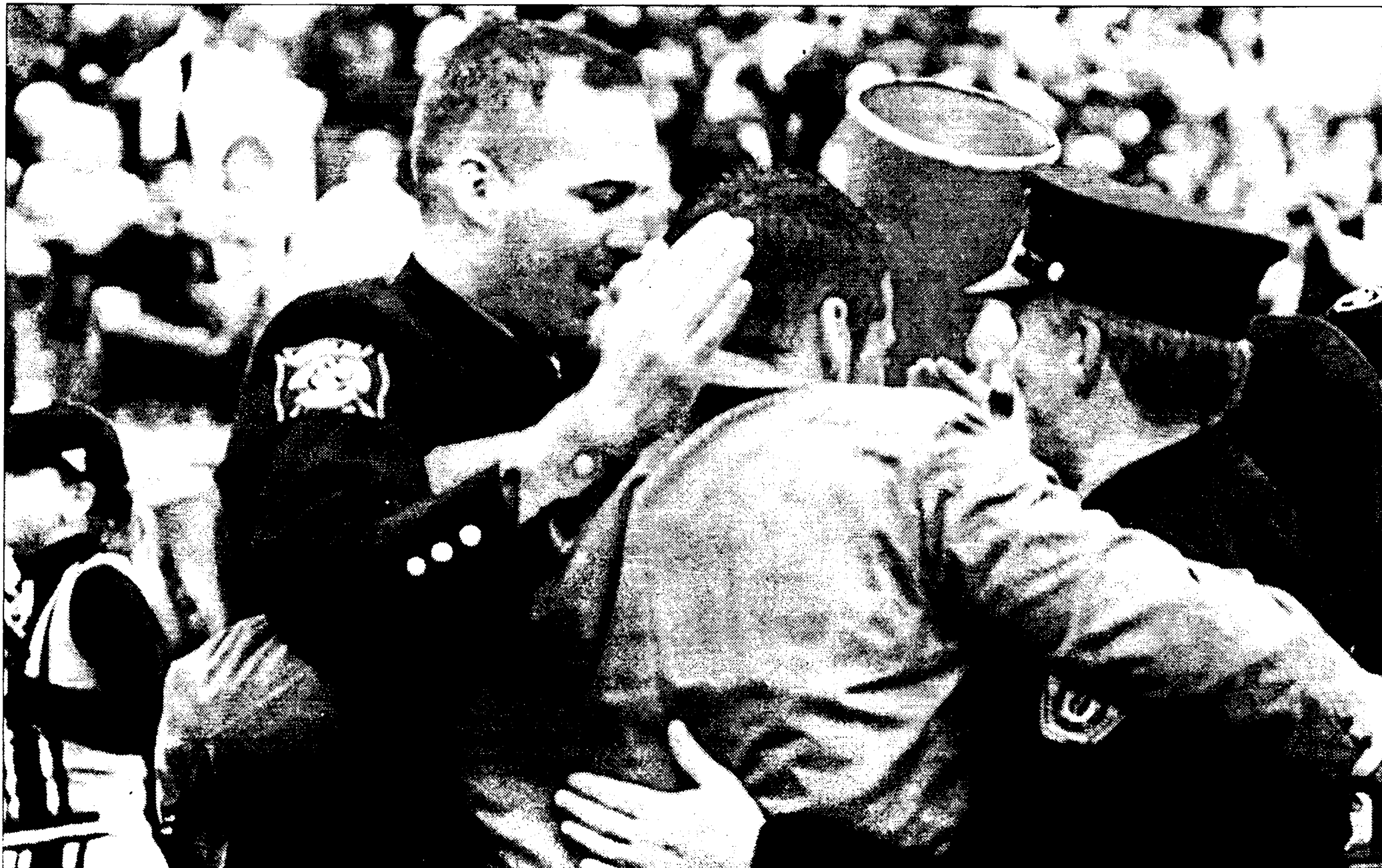
The University adopted the policy more than five years ago, when students printed and wore to the Stadium "F Michigan" T-shirts, Gagnon said. In the past, officials also barred a "Kans-Ass" shirt.

"We've had one or two people say it was a First Amendment issue," Gagnon said of past incidents of students wearing possibly insulting clothing. "We say it's a Stadium decorum issue. We try to create a family environment."

The shirts didn't threaten that family-oriented environment, the students said.

"I don't think ['suck'] is a bad word," Furka said. "It's not the best word, but there's words that we could've put on there that would have been a lot

GIVE THE BOYS A HAND



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Leprechuan Adam Urrea hugs New York fighter fighters at half time during Saturday's home football game against West Virginia.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The real challenge

The last time America was threatened, Franklin Delano Roosevelt told the nation, "All we have to fear is fear itself." A month after the unspeakable terrorist attacks, it is important for Americans to heed this message from 50 years ago. But it is not our military that needs to hear this; it is the ordinary American citizen that should listen.

Kevin Suhanic

Wire Editor

This weekend my family came up for the West Virginia game. They were actually somewhat apprehensive, especially after the new terrorist warnings from the FBI. "A big football game would be a nice target," I heard one tailgater say.

My mother also told me what a bad idea going abroad was next year. She felt, like many other relatives of mine, that being an American would automatically make me a target while living in a foreign country. I refuse to listen to her, but I must admit that it seems popular opinion is in agreement with both my mother and the tailgater.

And in reality, they are absolutely right. As we have heard so many times, our world is different after Sept. 11. We have very good reason to question our safety on a daily basis. It seems that we are not only at risk in large groups, but we may even be in danger when we open our mail now. The world can be a scary place for an American. But what is scarier is the fact that these attacks could destroy the very essence of what it means to be American.

I do not worry that terrorists will destroy our entire country, but it seems we may be letting them destroy American ideals. I know of Muslims who no longer wear their traditional ethnic clothing because they fear hate crimes from their neighbors. That is not American. It is imperative that we recognize this is what makes America so great: the fact that Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and atheists can practice their respective religions, and at the same time still be Americans.

People are now often afraid to disagree with politicians, fearing they will be deemed unpatriotic — that is not American. Those who disagree with America's stance are simply showing us why America is so great. We do have the right to speak our minds, unlike those in Afghanistan who can be beaten or killed for saying the wrong word.

We must not be afraid to gather for a common cause. When we all gather in Notre Dame Stadium to cheer on our favorite team, we are undoubtedly at risk. But it is a far greater risk to give up our right to assemble in fear of terrorists and their evil.

America is not great because we have the tallest buildings or the biggest military. There is no doubt that our armed forces will be victorious in the military struggle. However, at the same time, it is up to you and me to make sure that we win the ideological war. We must ensure that freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and freedoms of speech never perish from the earth.

As I explained to my mother this weekend: I may be killed just for being an American abroad, but that is preferable to living in fear of the world. Sept. 11 changed history, but we must not let this terror change what it means to be an American. We cannot let fear change us, and it starts with not changing our daily routines.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Lecture: "Washington Today: The inside View," Chris Matthews, 7:30 p.m., Carey Auditorium	◆ Lecture: "Does Religion Cause Violence," William Cavanaugh, 12:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center	◆ Lecture: "Health Boosts from Leisure: Early Retirement and Longevity," 3 p.m., O'Shaunessy Hall	◆ Lecture: "How do Reputations form? New and Seasoned Borrowers in International Capital Markets," Mike Tomz, 4:15 p.m., Hesburgh Center
◆ Altar Dedication: 6 to 8 p.m., Coleman Family Center for Campus Ministry	Concert: U.S. Air Force Band of Flight, 7:30 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's	◆ Event: Annual Women in Religion Luncheon, noon, McKenna Hall	

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Berkeley employs college sex offender registry

BERKELEY
Calif. Gov. Gray Davis has signed a bill that will force convicted sex offenders who enroll in or become employed by any California college to register with campus police.

Under the bill, authored by Assembly member Patricia Bates, failure to register will be considered a criminal offense. The measure was signed into law Monday and will go into effect October 2002.

California is the first state to enact such comprehensive legislation, which has been hailed by various law enforcement and victims' rights organizations, according to a statement from Bates' office.

"We had expected this bill to come forward," said University of California police Capt. Bill Cooper.

"It's good for the university."

Sex offenders living in UC-Berkeley housing are already required by law to register with campus police. But crimes committed on campus by noncampus residents are difficult to track, Cooper said.

This legislation will expand the

registration requirement for all sex offenders who enroll as students or are employed the college. The new law also includes anyone who works on the campus, such as construction workers, who are not employed by the school.

"Sex offense happens all over, but we have such a high concentration of people here," Cooper said.

According to UC police statistics, five cases of forced sexual assaults, which includes rape and attempted rape, were reported in the 2000 calendar year.

"People come to the University and have a higher sense of security, believing that the University will protect them," Cooper said. "Having the information [the bill provides] will benefit the students."



UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Vilsack reduces university budget

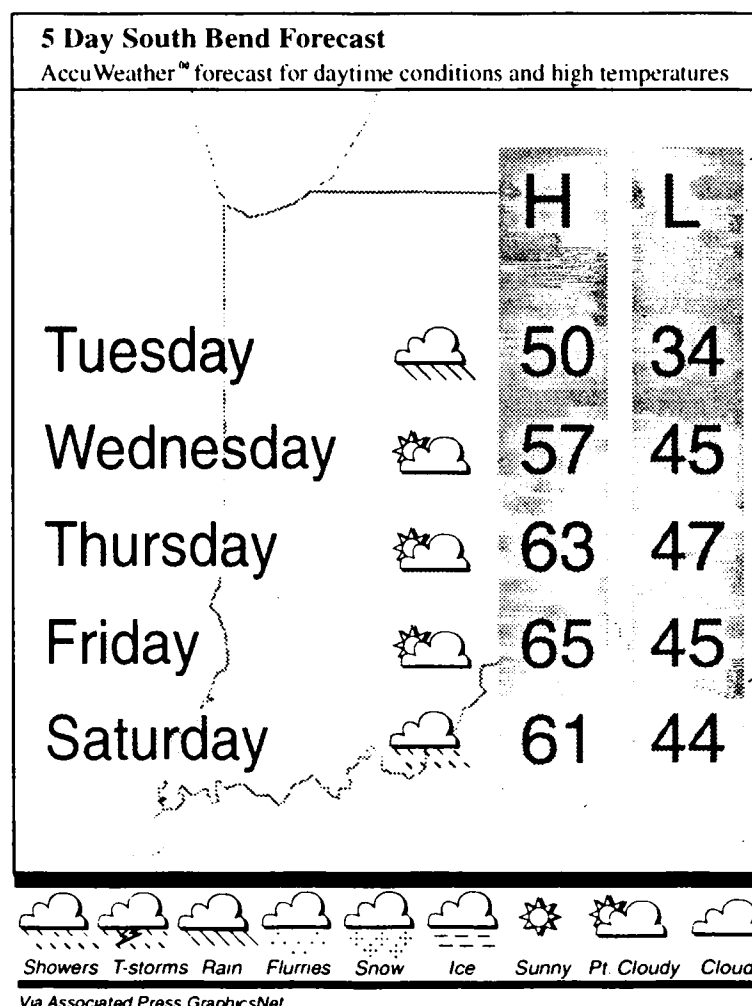
In a move University of Iowa officials call a "relief," Gov. Tom Vilsack ordered a statewide spending cut of \$200 million Thursday, which in effect reduced the university's 7 percent budget cut to 4.3 percent. Hours prior to Vilsack's announcement, state budget analysts reduced this year's state tax revenues by \$157.5 million, forcing Vilsack to implement an across-the-board cut in state spending. The decision will slash the University's original budget cuts from \$21.9 million to approximately \$13.5 million. The school still faces a difficult situation even though the newly proposed cut is a substantial decrease, said President Mary Sue Coleman. The University already slashed \$18.7 million from its budget this year because of a shortfall in state revenue. "I just heard the announcement, and every decrease is good for us, but it's still going to be a challenge," Coleman said. "I am not sure exactly how this is going to affect layoffs, but we are looking at all the options. I am grateful for this relief."

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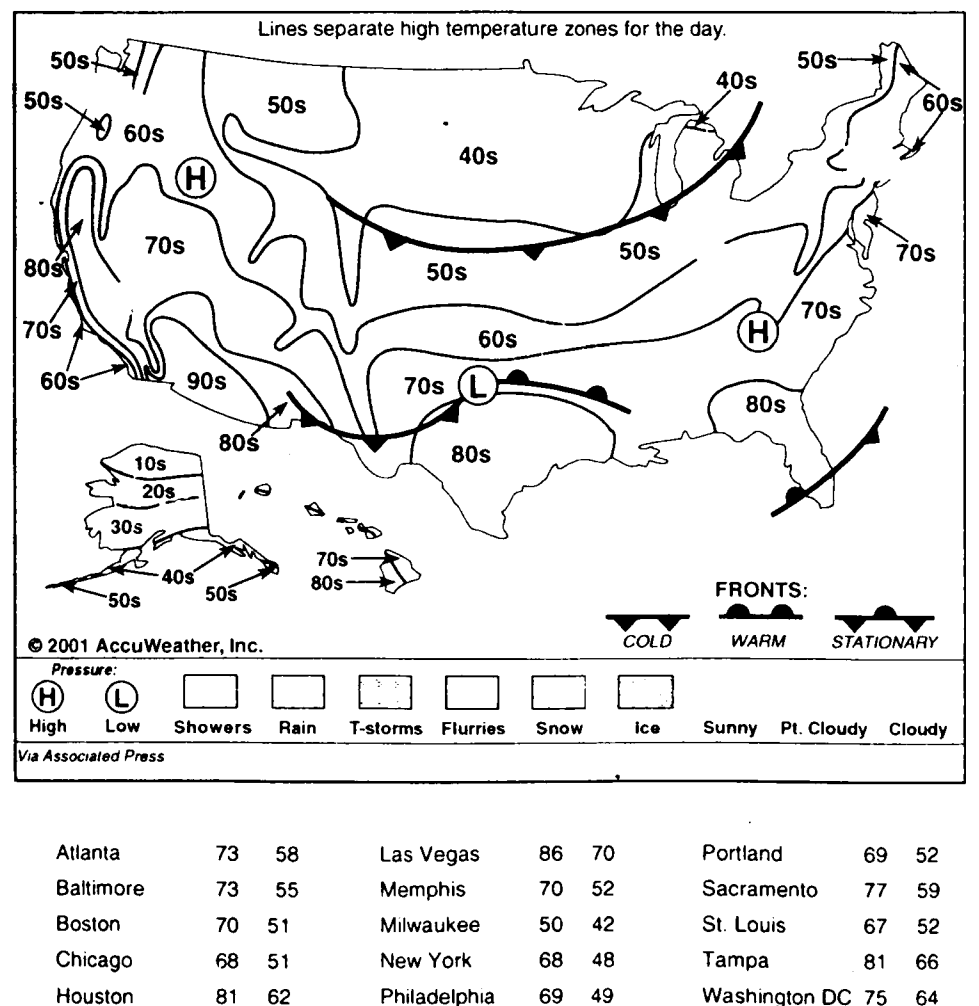
School discontinues candlelight vigil

No university-sponsored memorial ceremony to commemorate the second anniversary of the 1999 Aggie Bonfire collapse is planned, Texas A&M University officials said. "Having a ceremony was the right thing to do last year, but that doesn't mean it's the right thing to do now," said Vice President for Student Affairs Malon Southerland. A candlelight ceremony was held Nov. 18, 2000 at 2:42 a.m. on the Polo Fields to remember the 12 students killed in the collapse. Although no similar event is scheduled, Nov. 18 will not pass unnoticed, Southerland said. The four finalists in the Bonfire Memorial design competition will be unveiled and put on display, and other Bonfire-related events are in the works. "We'll always remember Nov. 18, and the best way to do that is through the permanent memorial," Southerland said. Student Body President Schuyler Houser students would prefer a more private and discrete remembrance this year. "We can't let the week come and go without recognizing what happened, but students don't want to have to relive it again."

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



CHILE

Comedian asks government to lift ban

♦ Senate addresses law banning divorce

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

As he wrapped up his performance at a Chilean campaign rally, the comedian had just one request for senatorial hopeful Enrique Krauss: "Please, sir, work for a divorce law so I can get married."

The comedian, known as El Indio, is separated from his first wife, but can't remarry because Chile is one of the few countries in the world that still bans divorce.

The candidate, according to the daily La Segunda, made no promises. That's no surprise. Over the past 90 years, repeated attempts to break the ban have foundered on the rocks of the Roman Catholic church and the conservative political establishment.

However, the issue may finally be coming up for a Senate vote.

After 12 failed attempts, the lower house of Congress passed the bill in 1997, but it languished there for four years — until last week, when a Senate committee took it up.

The government, which supports the bill, had recently proposed several changes in an attempt to make it more acceptable to the senators. The committee must file a report to the full Senate within 30 days.

Among the thousands of Chileans trapped in broken marriages, few are holding their breath. The Senate has set no date for voting, and when it finally happens, the outcome will hang on one or two votes, says Congresswoman Antonieta Saa.

If enacted, the Civil Marriage Law will make divorce a costly and protracted affair.

Couples will have to show a judge that they underwent counseling. Stringent rules will protect the rights of children, guarantee their schooling is paid for, and that alimony and child support are provided.

So far so good, say both supporters and opponents. But proponents of the right to divorce are unhappy with the clause requiring husband and wife to show that they have lived apart for four years — three if the divorce is uncontested.

"That's an eternity when things are not working out for a couple," said Saa.



Enrique Krauss, senatorial candidate, addresses the possibility of congress lifting the ban prohibiting divorce.

The intent, explained Justice Minister Jose Antonio Gomez is "to protect the families and give couples a time to reflect."

Some think the law makes things worse. "It's better being

the only Western country without a divorce law than the Western country with the worst divorce law," said Jimena Valdes, who runs a think tank specializing in women's stud-

CNN talk show host rolls into ND

Special to the Observer

Chris Matthews, host of "Hardball" on MSNBC and CNBC, will deliver this year's Jack Kelly and Gail Weiss Lecture on Journalism and Politics at the University of Notre Dame on today. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Carey Auditorium in the Hesburgh Library.

Matthews, who also is a nationally syndicated columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, will make a presentation titled "Washington Today: The Inside View." His talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Currently a visiting fellow at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics, Matthews is the author of three books, "Hardball," "Kennedy & Nixon," and the forthcoming "Now, Let Me Tell You What I Really Think." Before entering journalism, Matthews served as a speechwriter for President Carter and as a top aide to former House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr.

A graduate of Holy Cross, he did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. He has received numerous honorary doctoral degrees in recent years.

The lecture series, inaugurated last year by Tim Russert of NBC News, was created with an endowment gift from John A. Kelly, a member of the Notre Dame class of 1974, a prominent Washington lobbyist and former aide to Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and his wife, Gail E. Weiss, who recently completed over three decades of government service on Capitol Hill. At her retirement she was the Democratic staff director of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

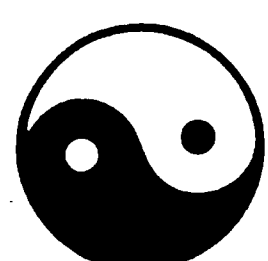
The couple has been actively involved with and supported Notre Dame for many years, with Kelly currently serving on the University's Advisory Council for Graduate Studies and Research.




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Anthrax

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the powder and took samples for analysis.

In New York, Giuliani said the officer and two technicians were exposed while working on the anthrax case involving Erin O'Connor, 38, the assistant to NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw. O'Connor is expected to recover from the infection.

O'Connor was exposed when she opened a letter, containing a brown granular substance, that was mailed to Brokaw from Trenton, N.J. It was postmarked Sept. 18, one week after terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Federal officials in New Jersey interviewed postal workers and watched surveillance videotapes Sunday as part of their efforts to trace the letter, but acknowledged it would be difficult. Postal Service officials believed it could have been mailed from one of 46 post offices, FBI Special Agent Sandra Carroll said.

"It's very complex and a very comprehensive investigation that's a lot like looking for a needle in a haystack," Carroll said Sunday.

At first, O'Connor thought she had thrown away the letter, but remembered it Friday while being interviewed, New York postal inspector Peter Nash said Sunday.

Investigators had initially focused on a second letter —

postmarked in St. Petersburg, Fla. — as the likely source of the anthrax.

Giuliani said the police officer had the bacteria in his nose, as did one lab technician. Another technician had a spore on her face. Both work for the city health department, which conducted the tests.

Exposure to the spores does not mean infection and the three are expected to be fine, Giuliani said. Their identities were not released.

In Nevada, where a letter sent to a Microsoft office in Reno con-

"It sounds like the other two may come back negative as well. That's obviously great news."

Matt Pilla
Microsoft spokesperson

exposed proved negative for the bacteria.

Results for two others were pending, with results of those nasal swab tests likely known Monday, said Washoe County health officer Barbara Hunt.

The six people tested included five Microsoft workers and a family member.

"We're obviously relieved to hear that four of the employees who were tested, their tests came back negative," Microsoft spokesman Matt Pilla said. "It sounds like the other two may come back negative as well. That's obviously great news."

State officials have sent the pornographic pictures to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta for further testing.

EGYPT

Mubarak criticizes Sharon

Associated Press

CAIRO

Israel is a dictatorship and Prime Minister Ariel Sharon knows only war and slaughter, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak reportedly said Sunday.

Mubarak spoke in a meeting with Arab editors and senior journalists. His comments were reported by a participant, Ibrahim Nafie, the editor of Al-Ahram newspaper and the chairman of Egypt's Press Syndicate.

Recalling his talks with British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Thursday, Mubarak told the editors: "My message was clear. We should not let Sharon kill and destroy, and

that's why you see that there are attacks against me in the Western press accusing me of dictatorship.

"The true dictatorship is in Israel, where the verdicts of the judiciary are not implemented and human rights do not exist," Mubarak said, according to Nafie.

A frequent mediator between Israel and the Palestinians, Mubarak has toughened his criticism of Israel's leadership in recent months as the Palestinian conflict deteriorated. On Sunday, he repeated an earlier criticism that the Israeli prime minister puts security before peace.

"Sharon doesn't know anything except war, killing and slaughter," he said.

Under Sharon, hopes of

reaching a solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have evaporated, Mubarak said.

He praised President Bush for his recent endorsement of a Palestinian state, but added this "should be translated into practical steps that include putting the peace process back on track."

The president has given prominence to his pursuit of a solution to the Palestinian question, apparently aiming to mute domestic criticism of his support for U.S. airstrikes on Afghanistan.

In an interview with Israel's state-run Channel 1 television, he said: "They have started in Afghanistan and if they manage to catch the terrorists there it will be a great achievement."

Shirts

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worse."

Ushers asked the men Saturday to remove the shirts twice, once during half-time and again during the fourth quarter, according to Kahn. Both times the men were in the student section of the stands.

Following the usher's second request, the men left the shirts off for the rest of the game, he said.

Stadium workers did not confront Kahn when he wore

the shirt to the Oct. 6 Notre Dame-Pittsburgh game, he said.

Furka said Saturday was the first time he wore the shirt to the Stadium.

Ushers typically ask fans before they are seated to remove or turn inside out shirts deemed unfit, Gagnon said. If visitors inside the venue don't follow the instruction, ushers usually repeat the request.

"We give people plenty of warnings," Gagnon said. "If people refused, they'd be removed from the Stadium, but that's not something we've had to do with a student."

He noted that he received from Stadium crew few reports this weekend about students wearing inappropriate shirts. No students complained to him about shirt-banning incidents this weekend, he said.

Saturday's incident wouldn't deter Furka and Kahn from sporting the shirts at future home games, the men said.

"I just think it's a funny shirt. I think it's good for a laugh," Furka said.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Colombia captures rogue fighters:

Soldiers on Sunday captured eight paramilitary fighters suspected of killing at least 24 peasants in a village in southwestern Colombia, the army said. The suspected members of the outlaw militia, known as the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, were caught in a raid in the province of Valle del Cauca, near where an Oct. 10 massacre of the peasants took place.

Indian mine rescue unlikely:

Hopes for the survival of 50 workers trapped since last week in an illegal mine in eastern India were fading Sunday. The mine caved in Wednesday. Some of the trapped workers could be heard shouting for help, but rescue officials feared any further rescue attempt may cause further damage.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Hurricane Karen weakens:

Hurricane Karen weakened to a tropical storm on Sunday and was expected to weaken further, forecasters said. Tropical Storm Karen was moving north at almost 12 mph and was expected to gradually increase in speed as the system approached Nova Scotia.

School bus crash kills three:

A school bus in Nebraska crashed while returning from a high school band competition, killing three people and injuring more than 30 Sunday. The school bus had veered off the road to avoid a swerving tour bus, students on board told police.

Minnesota leaders reach accord:

Leaders from the two largest state employees unions met Sunday to decide whether to endorse tentative contract deals reached with the state, which would end a two-week strike by about 23,000 government workers.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Wounded deer stir debate:

Sightings of a deer with an arrow in its side have inflamed some residents of Beverly Shores, a northwest Indiana town, who oppose deer hunting. The Town Council decided in March to allow residents to hunt deer on their own property in hopes of controlling the deer population. Now that hunting season has begun, a council meeting Monday night was expected to rekindle the debate over hunting within the town's borders, the Post-Tribune reported. One resident said she saw a wounded doe about 20 feet from her bay window.

AFGHANISTAN



Reuters Photo Archive

Osama bin Laden issues threats in videotaped broadcasts. Bin Laden issued more threats against Westerners Sunday, through a Kuwaiti spokesman. President Bush has been critical of news coverage of bin Laden.

Bin Laden issues terror threats

Associated Press

CAIRO

A Kuwaiti spokesman for Osama bin Laden issued a blistering televised threat early today to kill Westerners, whether in their home countries or in the Persian Gulf area. In the process, he directly linked the bin Laden terrorist network to the attacks in the United States on Sept. 11.

The spokesman, Suleiman Abu Gheith, an Islamic preacher from Kuwait, urged Muslims to continue to demonstrate against the American bombing of Afghanistan

and warned the United States that "the storms will not calm down, especially the storm of airplanes, until you see defeat in Afghanistan."

He ended his brief recorded message with a threat of more attacks on civilians and cities.

Continuing a series of television appearances this week, and speaking in defense of bin Laden, Abu Gheith warned "Muslims in the United States and in Britain, and children and others who are against the unjust American policy, not to travel by airplanes and not to live in high buildings or skyscrapers."

American television networks were extremely wary of showing the broadcast on Saturday night. In Washington, the White House quickly dismissed the tape as propaganda.

Abu Gheith, in his appearance on Al Jazeera, an Arabic-language satellite network, invoked divine support. "Greatness is for Allah, his prophets and the faithful," he said, "but the infidels do not know it."

The network, based in Qatar on the Persian Gulf, is a popular source of news through the Arabic-speaking world.

Its coverage of the effects of the American bombing of Afghanistan — it has been the only international television station with camera crews in Kabul — has been used by CNN, BBC and other major news organizations since the airstrikes began a week ago.

But the Bush administration has complained that Al Jazeera and other stations have acted irresponsibly by showing speeches from bin Laden and his associates, and it has suggested that the messages might contain coded instructions to terrorist cells.

FBI investigates driving school

Associated Press

DENVER

The FBI checked student records at a truck-driving school in Colorado, an employee said, as federal agents nationwide tried to prevent the use of trucks loaded with dangerous materials in terrorist attacks.

Agents visited the school in Henderson, northeast of Denver, for a few hours last week, checking for specific names, classroom instructor Jack Atencio said Saturday.

Time magazine reported in its Oct. 22 issue that a former employee of

Careers Worldwide told the FBI that 25 to 35 Arab men took the school's two-week truck-driving course over the past two years.

Time said its source was a state official, whom it did not identify. According to the source, the ex-employee told the FBI the trainees paid cash for the program and did not seek jobs when they finished. None spoke English, and all worked through the same interpreter, Time reported.

Atencio, who has taught students at the school for four years, denied the Time report. He said he teaches

at least part of every class at the school and remembers no such groups.

"I've seen nobody that would raise suspicion," Atencio said. "We do have people that come through here who are from foreign countries."

Atencio said it would be impossible to train someone who did not speak English.

Before attending the school, trainees must get a state permit, which requires them to pass a written test in English, he said. They then must go to the state to get the license.

Market Watch October 12

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U.S.-led warplanes attack capital sites

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
U.S.-led forces opened a second week of air strikes Sunday with an assault on the capital's communications system and more of the ruling Taliban's military assets.

U.S. warplanes have destroyed nearly all of the targets originally assigned to them, including militant training camps and weapons storage areas, the captain of the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier said Sunday.

"We're sort of in a cleanup mode right now," said the captain who cannot be identified under military rules for covering the operation.

Expanded ground operations are expected to play a more prominent role in the effort to root out Osama bin Laden and his terrorist network as the air campaign winds down.

Meanwhile, the Taliban sought again to negotiate an end to the bombing, saying they would give him to a third nation if the raids stop and the United States shows evidence he was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

President Bush immediately rejected the offer.

"There's nothing to negotiate," Bush told reporters at the White House. "They're harboring a terrorist. They need to turn him over."

On the eighth day of the raids, U.S. jets destroyed Kabul's Chinese-built international telephone exchange, severing one of the last means of communication with the outside world. Residents also said the capital's historic Mogul-style Balahisar Fort, built in the early 20th century, was in ruins. The report could not be confirmed because security kept outsiders from the area.

Other targets included the cities of Mazar-e-Sharif, Kandahar, Jalalabad and Herat, according to the Taliban Information Ministry. Explosions were heard in the evening well north of Kabul, the capital, in the direction of the front lines between opposition and Taliban fighters.

And the U.S. Air Force was trying to gather more intelligence to check out

the Taliban claim that an American missile had killed nearly 200 civilians Thursday in the village of Karam, Pentagon officials said Sunday.

The claim, if true, would make it the deadliest single mistake in the campaign by U.S. and British warplanes.

On Saturday, a Pentagon official acknowledged that a 2,000-pound satellite-guided bomb missed a helicopter at Kabul airport and slammed into a civilian area. As many as four people were killed, according to witnesses and Taliban officials.

The Pentagon has been regularly assessing damage from the raids by using satellite photos and information gathered from spy plane overflights. But officials declined to say exactly

what was being used to study the reported missile strike in Karam, which is about 80 miles east of Kabul in an area where bin

Laden is believed to train fighters for his Al-Qaida network.

Relaxing a ban that kept foreign reporters out of areas of Afghanistan that it controls, the Taliban took 15 journalists to the village Sunday to see fresh graves scattered about. Villagers said more bodies were buried in the mountains, carried there by residents as they fled after the bombs and it was not possible to independently confirm the number dead.

The Air Force alone flew some 400 sorties in the first week of the operation, including those for refueling, humanitarian food drops and bombing raids, officials said. Navy pilots carried out hundreds more sorties.

The Pentagon also said Sunday that a humanitarian food drop Saturday was nearly doubled to make up for operations canceled Thursday night for still unexplained reasons. Some 69,000 packets of food were dropped for hungry Afghans, many of whom had fled their homes to avoid the bombings.

Bush launched the attacks Oct. 7 after the Taliban militia repeatedly rejected demands to hand over bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in which some 6,000 people are believed to have died.

HAITI

Peace talks collapse

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Talks collapsed between Haiti's governing and opposition parties Sunday, a day after they started, the latest in a string of failed attempts to end the country's 16-month political standoff.

Yet again the sides could not agree on which elections to conduct to resolve the conflict that emerged after President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's party swept last year's elections. The opposition claims Aristide's Lavalas Family party won by fraud, and has called for all new elections.

Millions of dollars in foreign aid have been put on hold until the crisis is resolved.

The talks began Saturday

under pressure from Luigi Einaudi, assistant secretary-general of the Organization of American States, who came to Haiti to revive negotiations that broke off in July.

"We did not obtain a concrete result that will permit the signature of an initial agreement," Einaudi told reporters Sunday before leaving Haiti.

OAS officials have traveled to Haiti at least 15 times to try to resolve the standoff between the Lavalas Family Party and the 15-party Convergence opposition alliance.

On Saturday, Lavalas and Convergence tentatively agreed to hold parliamentary elections for the 83-seat lower house and two-thirds of the 27-seat upper house in November 2002.

But Aristide's party refused to

shorten the terms of mayors, aldermen and local assembly members. For the new elections, the party insisted the incumbents be allowed to stay in office until results are official.

Lavalas spokesman Sen. Yvon Neptune said the terms are "nonnegotiable." The opposition refused those conditions.

"We cannot accept the unacceptable," said opposition legal adviser Osner Fevry. "Last year's so-called elections were an electoral coup d'etat."

Aristide's party won 80 percent of local and legislative seats in the May 2000 elections. Aristide won his second, non-consecutive term as president in November elections boycotted by the major opposition parties.

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NIGERIA

Muslim mob ignites violent protest

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KANO
Fires smoldered in burned cars and ruined buildings in the northern city of Kano on Sunday, a day after Muslim-Christian clashes left at least 13 people dead and religious tensions high. The fighting Saturday was apparently ignited by clashes

between police and an armed mob Friday following a protest by Muslims against the U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan.

Hundreds of soldiers patrolled Kano, located 500 miles north of the commercial capital Lagos, restoring an uneasy calm Sunday. Burning tires and garbage littered a four-lane road in Kano and firefighters battled to put out fires in several build-

ings.

Witnesses said three churches and a mosque were partially burned Saturday, but government officials said only one church and one mosque were damaged.

Police said they had confirmed 13 deaths in Saturday's violence, including five rioters shot by police. There were unconfirmed reports of hundreds dead but by

Sunday no bodies were visible on the streets. Hospitals refused to admit journalists and gave no casualty figures.

Kano's state government, anxious to play down the violence, dismissed the reports.

"To say hundreds is an exaggeration," said government spokesman Ibrahim Gwagwarwa.

Some Muslims vowed more protests against the U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan.

"As long as George Bush continues to drop bombs on Afghanistan, then we Muslims in Nigeria will protest," said Bilyaminu Muhammad, a 38-year-old who hurriedly dismantled his roadside barbecue chicken stand Friday in anticipation of violence.

Yet most residents expressed dismay at the fighting, saying they feared relations between Christian and Muslims in the largest city in northern Nigeria had been seriously damaged.

"I just pray for the fighting to stop," said Tony Sojay, an employee at St. George's Anglican Church who saw a mob stab a man to death outside his church.

Government officials and some residents blamed the fighting on thugs, not religious tensions. They said people began looting stores and homes immediately

after Friday's anti-U.S. protests. Police made more than 100 arrests.

"It is unemployed youths, both Muslim and Christian, who are causing all the trouble," said Abdul Kadir, a university student.

But witnesses told of groups of Christian and Muslim rioters yelling religious slogans as they attacked and chased bystanders believed to be of another faith. Some Muslim rioters carried posters of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

On Sunday, bin Laden posters could still be seen pinned up on walls and buildings around the city. Some taxis also bore stickers of bin Laden's face.

Government officials often deny the religious basis of fighting to avoid fueling further violence in Nigeria, which is divided between a largely Muslim north and Christian south.

The violence is just the latest in a cycle of bloodletting since a dozen northern states, including Kano, began introducing Islamic law, or Shariah, last year. Islamic courts in these states have ordered the hands of thieves amputated and several women and girls have been publicly flogged for alleged sexual indiscretions.

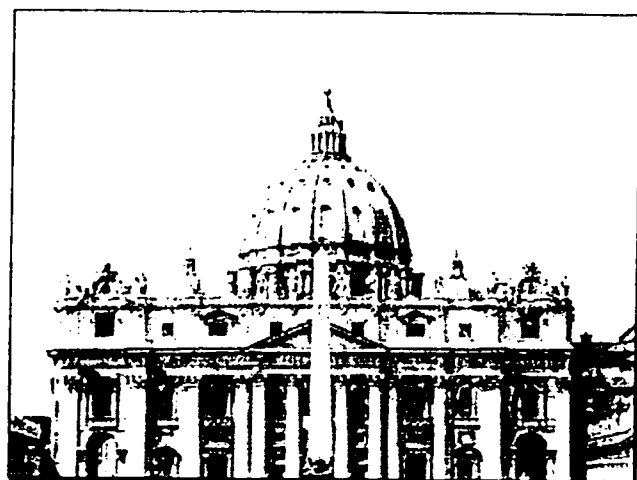
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INDIA

Prime Minister calls for end to terrorism

Associated Press

AGRA

Calling terrorism an enemy of humanity, India's Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee called Sunday for a global campaign to rid the world of the scourge.

"Everyone accepts that terrorism is the enemy of humanity. We have to finish off terrorism by attacking not just its symbols but also its roots," Vajpayee told a crowd of nearly 50,000 members of his Bhartiya

Janata Party's youth wing in Agra, home of the Taj Mahal.

He noted that India had found scant sympathy internationally for its decade-long fight against fighting terrorist activity in Jammu-Kashmir, India's only predominantly Muslim state.

"But since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 on New York and Washington, the world had taken notice of the immense danger posed by terrorist groups," Vajpayee said.

India and neighbor Pakistan have fought two of its three wars over the Himalayan region of Kashmir, and more than a dozen militant Muslim groups are fighting India for a separate Jammu-Kashmir state or its merger with Pakistan.

Earlier this month, 40 people were killed in a suicide bombing outside the state legislature in Srinagar, the state's capital.

A Pakistan-based terrorist group, Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed — then denied — responsibility for the bombing.

In a telephone call to Vajpayee last week, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf condemned the terrorist attack in Srinagar and the killing of innocent civilians.

"Now even the rulers in Pakistan have started accepting that killing of people in Jammu-Kashmir is terrorism," Vajpayee said.

India accuses Pakistan of training, arming and financing the militant groups. Pakistan denies the charge, describing the militants as freedom fighters whom Islamabad supports morally and diplomatically.

Vajpayee said his government is determined not to let tension build up in the country in the aftermath of U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan to root out terror suspect Osama bin Laden.

"Some people are trying to foment trouble in India taking advantage of events in Afghanistan," he said. "We have to fight the propaganda war. We have to acknowledge that terrorism has no religion."

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Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Indian prime minister

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OutreachND deserves recognition

Notre Dame will never be a family so long as injustice divides us. Many injustices tear at the fabric of our community, but one of the most hurtful is the University's discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

At our University, gay, lesbian and bisexual students operate on the fringes of acceptance. In good times, they are welcomed by the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, Campus Ministries, student government and their fellow students. However, they also face discrimination, harassment and must live knowing that their own activities could be censored at any time. This is because despite more than 20 years of unofficial existence, the University still refuses to recognize the student-run gay, lesbian and bisexual group, OutreachND, and refuses to include sexual orientation in our non-discrimination clause.

Even if you have been here several years, you should be just as outraged as the first time you heard about this injustice.

I believe the administration's primary reason for not granting the group club status is that they believe that in the future one or more members of OutreachND may advocate views that contradict the teachings of the Church. Unfortunately the administration is making a terrible mistake since the acts of individual group members do not repre-

sent the views of their organization, unless the group's leadership claims they do. For instance, I advocate radical political views (many of which conflict with those of the Church) that are different from those of most members of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) or Pax Christi. Holding either of these groups responsible for my views would not be fair. As organizations, OutreachND, the PSA and Pax Christi do not condone anyone violating the Church's teachings and that is how they should be judged.

Secondly, the administration may believe that it offers sufficient services to gay, lesbian and bisexual students and thus that there is no need for a student-run club. The fact that OutreachND has existed for over 20 years shows the truth that Notre Dame is far from providing adequate support for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. In fact, many of its gay, lesbian and bisexual programs rely upon OutreachND members to organize events, though the University refuses to share the credit.

Thirdly, I suspect that the primary unstated reason for not recognizing OutreachND is that the decision would be unpopular with conservative donors. In this case, the University is again mistaken, as it loses more donations in the end with its current approach. Campus gay rights activism will continue to make

national news stories, embarrassing the University, until OutreachND is recognized.

On campus, students and faculty are overwhelmingly in support of recognition. The campus gay rights movements in the springs of 1995 and 1997, and 1998/1999 were particularly strong. For most of our community, it is obvious that discrimination is wrong and we show no sign of changing our minds.

If the administration wants to act to heal this divide in the Notre Dame family, it does not have to spend millions of dollars on a new initiative or tread into uncharted territory. It simply needs to take a small step and join more than 30 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States by recognizing a student-run gay, lesbian and bisexual group.

Unfortunately, for reasons that continue to baffle most students, the University will not take this action until it is confronted by an active student body demanding justice. If you disagree with the administration's decision, now is the time to come out and say so.

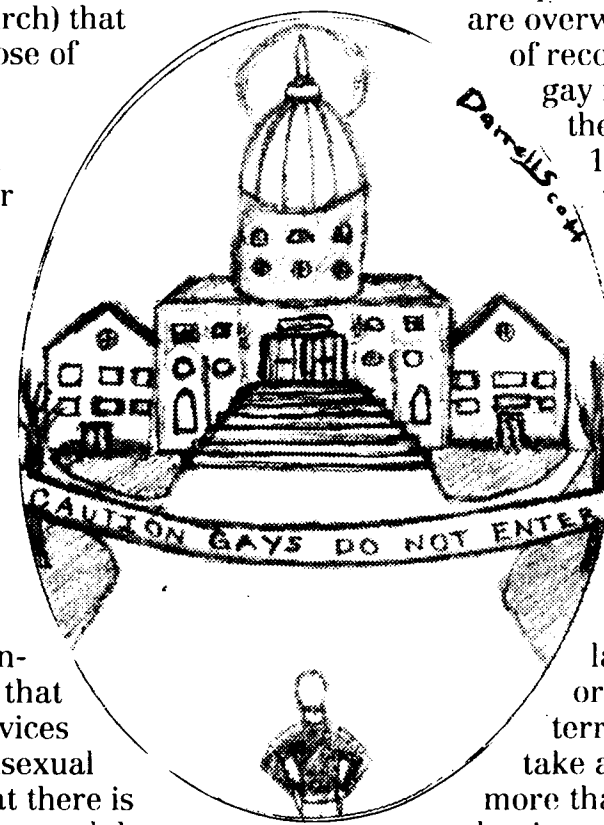
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Aaron Kreider

*Think,
Question,
Resist*



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Game attire should unite us

For many years, the students and alumni of the University have collaborated on the design of "The Shirt," a simple article of clothing which, when worn by the members of the student section, presents a unified block of support in the northwest corner of Notre Dame Stadium. I had the opportunity to observe the student section during the Michigan State game and the sea of navy blue was truly an impressive sight. We pay for The Shirt as a sign of support for our team, and we wear it proudly to assure the team that we stand behind them.

I am dismayed, therefore, with e-mails and voicemails I have received in recent weeks urging me to wear a different color to the game in support of a given cause. At Michigan State, I was asked to wear blue for Notre Dame solidarity, yellow for the cause of peace and red for the student money collection effort. This week, I was urged to wear white to promote the elimination of rape. I wholeheartedly support all of these causes — how do I choose one over the others? More importantly, how is the student body supposed to show its unified support for a sin-

gle cause if multiple options are presented? What are we, the "Primary Colors Student Section"?

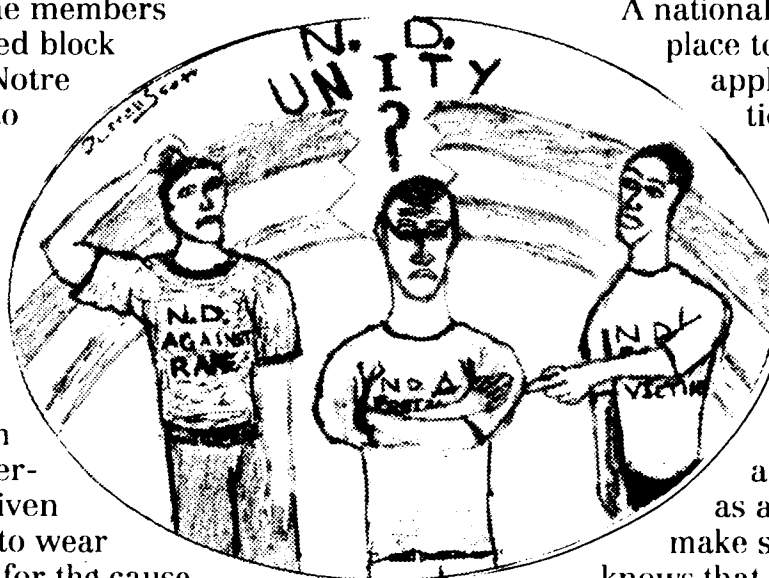
A nationally televised football game is a great place to make a public statement, and I applaud the organizers of these mobilization efforts for trying to capture a large audience. However, in advocating separate agendas we reduce the effectiveness of all of them and end up saying nothing. I suggest that those who wish to gain student support devise a more creative method of showing unity — perhaps ribbons, a chant at half-time, painted faces or colored hair — and leave The Shirt alone. At the football games, we unite as a student body behind our team. Let's make sure that the world (and our opponent) knows that.

Brendan P. Harris

senior

Alumni Hall

Oct. 15, 2001



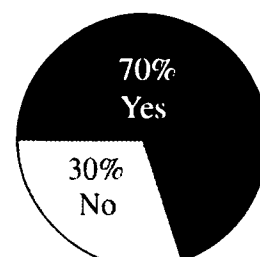
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"Who controls the past now, controls the future. Who controls the present now, controls the past."

George Orwell
writer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student requests business news

I would like to begin by saying that in my opinion The Observer is one of the better run college papers that I have come across. The layout works well and for the most part the articles are well written, and that is something that many schools cannot boast about their respective papers.

However, I think that a business section would be a fantastic addition because it would continue to broaden the scope of your audience and help make the paper even more complete. The business world effects everyone because it shapes the economy and therefore deserves to be reported on in our newspaper. There is so much new information that develops everyday, so filling a column or page with interesting news would definitely not be a problem.

Furthermore, graduating seniors looking for jobs in such a tight market would greatly appreciate being able to keep up any new developments that might enable them to gain the competitive edge over graduates from other schools. Adding a business section can only add to the quality of the paper, and I hope that you honor the requests of the students searching for more complete knowledge about their environment.

Joe Wyss
sophomore
Stanford Hall
Oct. 5, 2001

Right to life not about abortion

Last week must have been Right to Life Week. Unfortunately, I got the impression that it was anything but. I believe it was Monday morning of last week when I was greeted by hundreds of white crosses sticking out of the ground on the Saint Mary's green.

At first, I wondered if perhaps they had something to do with the recent 6,000 innocent American civilian deaths, or maybe they were there to pay tribute to military heroes, since what I saw before me resembled a miniature version of Arlington Cemetery.

I could not have been further from the truth. These crosses were to signify the babies that are aborted each year in the United States. A banner explained the presence of these crosses with: America kills twice the population of Saint Mary's each year.

As a student presently calling Saint Mary's College my home, I was bothered and not a little shocked. The abortion issue is a highly debated, uncompromising issue. Yet no one ever speaks about the issue of Right to Lifers who bomb abortion clinics, killing people in the name of life, in the name of God. Why does it not occur to them that they are killing mothers, wives, aunties, daddies and brothers who may be the sole support for an entire family or for their aging parents?

Especially recently, it seems so simple for the average American Christian to point the finger at Muslims, calling their religion tainted, corrupted or even just plain all wrong. Are we choosing to forget the crusades, the selling of indulgences and some of the real reasons for traditions in the Catholic Church? Jesus was a simple man with straightforward messages. I feel like I often receive complicated mixed messages in this higher education environment, and even in the homilies of my small-town priests. Just last weekend, before the beginning of Right to Life week, I was at home with my parents for Church. The priest began talking about abortion with his story about a bumper sticker that said, "Choose Life. Your parents did." I found it interesting, that in this time of what should be national cohesion, a time of inner compassion and

strength, we could to talk about issues that further divide people and manage to act as if the world isn't changing around us. Yes, we all may not be directly affected, and no, I don't advocate constant worry and fear and morbidity.

On another note, I found it even more interesting that the priest seemed to think he could talk about the abortion issue as if he could ever on God's green earth fully experience it and all its implications and consequences.

Why is it then whenever people talk about the abomination of abortion, they never counter it with a "Well, I know I have two tests this week, but maybe we should go volunteer our time at the local women's shelter," or "Let's donate this month's paycheck to Birthright?" Rather than lamenting about what is done and gone, let us pour our energy into supporting those women who have chosen life, that need help, that need time, that need money. There is no progress in idle talk.

Put yourself in the place of a young Saint Mary's College woman, attempting to let go of her past, attempting to come to grips with decisions she has made or was forced to make by parents or advised to make by her doctor. Perhaps she was a rape victim, and on her way to class this is what stares every second. This is her home, too. She should be able to feel at home, feel safe and feel worthy.

Furthermore, in light of recent events, perhaps Right to Life week should've been celebrated in a different context. Perhaps the focus should have been on the heroism and undying hope of the New York volunteer workers determined to uncover and sustain the American right to life and freedom.

Natalie Hock
Regina South Hall
Oct. 12, 2001

Understanding the stained-glass, wafer wonders

Notre Dame is a Catholic institution. There's a crucifix in every classroom, weekly masses in every residence hall, there's even a portrait of the Last Supper in South Dining Hall. You can't even swing your arms without hitting someone with the letters CSC following his name (believe me, I've tried and I have the assault charges to prove it).

Amy Schill

Dazed and Amused

Most students here are Catholic but some are not. Before coming to Notre Dame, I had more experience with the latter than with the former. In fact, I didn't have much experience with believers of any sort in high school. I encountered many atheists, along with the trendiest of all the religious perspectives, the agnostics. Not only do these people not believe in God, but some of them don't even like football. When not sipping coffee or attending poetry slams, these people participate in their next favorite hobby — bashing Catholicism.

Well, like most of the people in this school, I am Catholic. My fellow Catholics here already know that our religion is where it's at but I would like to take a few moments to talk to the rest of you. I think most problems people have with Catholicism stems from misunderstandings. I'm writing to clear up some common misconceptions about the stained-glass wafer wonders. After reading this column you'll understand that 85 percent of the Notre Dame student body is not just Catholic, they're Catholicious.

Yum. O.K. First off, for some reason

people think Catholics worship statues. Not true. Catholics worship one thing and one thing only: Notre Dame football. Every Saturday afternoon during football season the Fighting Irish honor God by beating their opponent senseless (or trying to anyway) in full view of our Savior, Touchdown Jesus. We do have statues in churches to remind us of religious figures such as Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Knute Rockne, but these are merely symbols of what we are praying to, not the actual deity.

Next complaint. Many people think the Catholic Church is too strict and rigid. Let's get one thing straight. We're the Church of the new millennium, baby, and we're ready to get down with our repressed selves. From now on only 98 percent of all our desires will be suppressed and the constant feeling of guilt that plagues our souls with every miniscule sin will be relieved every fall Saturday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Think Catholics shy away from contact with other human beings? Well, no more. We will now go wild with sudden outbursts of hugging and affection

(before parietals of course). These acts of warm, human compassion will no longer be accompanied by the usual guilt of not having produced children (if done on Saturday between the hours

1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., times may vary due to holy days, bowl games (hey, maybe someday ...) etc.). Watch out kids, because we're here, we hate queers, get used to it!

Which brings me to my next point.

Catholics have the bad reputation of hating homosexuals. The truth is we hate only the really bad ones. You know, those flamboyant Birdcage types with their keen sense of fashion and desire to advertise in The Observer.

Conservative homosexuals with wives and children are fine. All homosexual tendencies should be suppressed except for during dorm parties, and the occasional butt-slapping and holding of hands during Notre Dame football games. All lesbians are bad.

It baffles me that all you pot-smoking hippie liberal bums think Catholics are too judgmental. My job as a Catholic is



not to condemn others. My job as a Catholic is to be morally superior to all of you hell-bound sinners. A good Catholic does not condemn the Boston College fan, but merely tries to set a good example and show the misguided football enthusiast that Notre Dame has the one true football team. Other football teams have their good points, but Notre Dame is the only team that possesses the fullness of truth. And the truth always lies somewhere in the middle, up the middle, on every play.

The Catholic Church believes that all humans (except liberals, those without firm wrists and women) are equal. If you think otherwise, maybe you're the judgmental one.

Finally, I think the most painfully false view of Catholicism is that it is not a religion at all, but merely a collection of meaningless chants and rituals. Nothing could be further from reality. I truly believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; cheer, cheer for old Notre Dame, wake up the echoes cheering her name ... Amen.

I hope that this little column has ended any derogatory thoughts some of you heretics have about the Catholic Church. If you still have doubts, I'll make it simple for you: we own a lot of art, our leader wears that cool hat, and the Vatican is one sweet piece of real estate. Case closed. Go Irish.

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Nannies, nobility
and new
languages in 30 days

Sylvie speaks French, Italian, Vietnamese and English fluently, which isn't too shabby considering she was born and raised in Albania. Diona and Julia burst into Russian for conversations that they don't want anyone else to understand, and Diona also knows Arabic, having spent the second half of her childhood in Egypt. Depending on which side of the family he's talking to, Carlos's rapid-fire cell phone conversations alternate between Spanish and Portuguese. And I often have to forgive Ting's confusion with my American slang since she only learned English after moving from Japan five years ago.

In our program of 60 students (all of whom spend their days speaking French), we have native speakers of Polish and Romanian, Chinese and Japanese. Born into multi-lingual families, many of these kids have had the advantage of learning several different mother tongues. Since many of them also have parents in the Foreign Service, they've lived everywhere from Senegal to Peru to the Ivory Coast, and they've picked up more than a few words and phrases on the way.

Not only am I amazed at my classmates' ability to switch between languages mid-sentence, I'm also jealous. Learning a language as a child is so much easier than struggling with a dictionary and Berlitz tapes as an adult. Judging by how effortlessly my friends pick up new languages, it seems that once you can speak two or three fluently, the fourth, fifth and sixth slide right in without a second thought.

My amazement of these language gurus (and my envy of their global addresses) makes me hope that I'll be able to raise my children to speak another language besides English.

While wandering around a chateau on a field trip, my friend Nakima and I schemed up a game-plan to ensure having tri-lingual children all while living in a nice shack like the one we were touring: marry into the old French nobility and get a Spanish or German-speaking nanny. Granted, it may not happen – we have yet to stumble upon a count in our favorite cafés – but exposing children to many languages is still an advantage that many European parents consider a necessity.

A bulletin board in our school's lobby is plastered with ads for English-speaking baby-sitters. Many parents want to expose their children to English at an early age, to give them a boost in their studies once they reach school-age and they recognize that contact with native speakers is the best way to do it. Some take this notion to an extreme, though.

A friend of mine applied for one such job and found herself stuck in a bizarre language experiment. According to his parent's rules, the two year-old boy she watches must speak English with her, French with his father, German with his mother and Spanish with the cook. Clearly an extreme case, but the boy will probably grow up with a great knack for language, despite some strange views on familial communication.

All these thoughts of brilliant, multi-lingual children are at the front of my mind this week due to the arrival of my niece Aisling, sure to be much more "internationally chic" than her aunt since she can already boast being born in London and not Flint, Michigan. Even though she'll probably be back in the States before her vocabulary is peppered with words like "mum" and "loo," I've already bought her a French book in the hopes that she'll pick up another language while she's still young.

The studies on how easily children learn languages are amazing, and considering how fresh their developing minds are, it's no wonder those little synapses can pick up so much. The baby next to Aisling in the nursery has parents of French and German origin, and the room sometimes sounds like a United Nations conference hall when all the different families are cooing over their little ones.

I envy those babies in a way, because they will absorb so easily the languages that I'm struggling to learn every day. The way the world seems to work, Aisling could grow up to speak more languages than I could ever hope to know and her mind will be all the richer for it. Like Louis Armstrong croons, "I hear babies cry / I watch them grow / They'll learn much more than I'll ever know."

And if all else fails, she could always hunt for a French duke as a fallback.



Laura Kelly

French
Connection

The opinions expressing in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Laura Kelly is a junior English and French major. She might not know Russian or Japanese, but after three years of high school Spanish, she can ask for "cervetas" and "el baño," which is all she really needs. She can be reached at lkelly@nd.edu. French Connection appears Mondays in Scene.

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Benedict and Smith organi

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

When the tragic events Sept. 11 occurred, relief efforts around the country mounted a massive campaign to help those in need in New York and Washington. Unfortunately, in the rush to get

food, blood and medical assistance to the victims of the attacks and their families, area charitable organizations and food banks found that their resources were dangerously low. When Professor Matthew Benedict, assistant to the chair of the department of English, saw

a news story that the Northern Indiana Food Bank was dangerously low in resources he decided to do something.

"I thought, it's time to do something to help the community here in South Bend," Benedict said.

Benedict decided to organize a literary event on campus to benefit the food bank. He and visiting professor Mike Smith, assistant director of creating writing in the department of English, will hold a joint reading of some of their works in the LaFortune Student Center ballroom Wednesday at 7 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items and personal care products to donate.

The food drive has personal sentiments to Benedict as well. Food banks and charitable organizations played an important role in the life of his older brother Bobby, who died a few years ago. Benedict feels that participating in the reading is a way of thanking people who helped Bobby as well as honoring his memory.

"I think it's important to think about him as not just what he was, but who he was, as my brother. And people like him are someone's brother, someone's son, someone's daughter. So, my trying to do something for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana is my thanks to the people around the country who helped him or tried to help him in the course of his life," Benedict said.

Benedict will be reading his short story "Olympic Moments," about

(among other things) dealing with fate. "Olympic Moments" has recently been picked up for publication this winter by the Vermont Literary Review, an annual literary review that is published by Castleton State College. The Vermont Literary Review publishes poetry from and about New England.

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Matthew Benedict
Reading and Food Drive Organizer

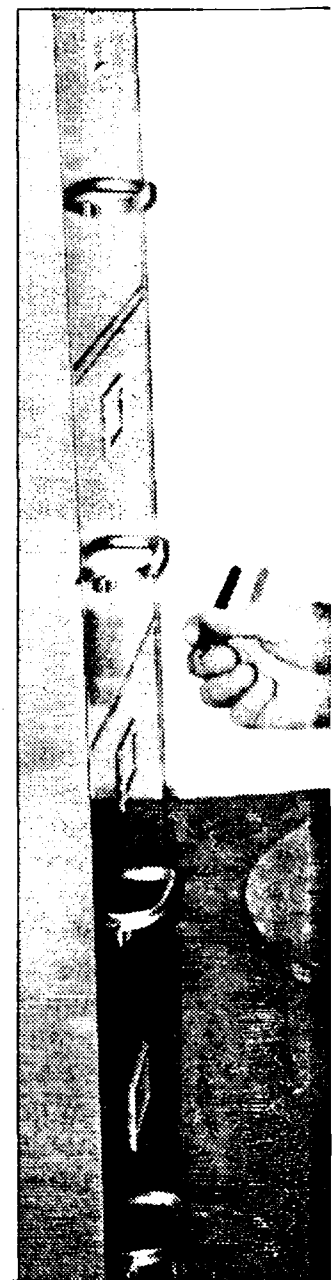
"Olympic Moments" is one of Benedict's newest works. He has three stories that will be published in the next eight months in two reviews and an online journal, his first foray into digital publishing. Previously, Benedict has published his writing in the Hamline Journal, The Byline,

Sgraffito and Potpourri. He is also a contributing editor to The Notre Dame Review.

Besides being a working writer, Benedict also teaches Fiction Writing at the University. Interestingly enough, Benedict was also a student at Notre Dame. Benedict was a member of the fifth graduate class of the Creative Writing Program. He received his M.A. in English from the University in 1994 and has been teaching classes since 1993.

Benedict helps organize the eight to 10 literary events that take place on campus each year. He feels that bringing students in contact with professional writers is an important aspect of becoming a writer.

"It's a way for students not to just read work, or even workshop it in classroom, but also to see working writers and interact with working writers [to] ask them questions: how they approach their craft, how they handle problems, [or] pub-



Professor Matthew Benedict organized a literary read

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Library hunger

Free reading to benefit the Food Bank of Northern Indiana

lishing," Benedict said.

Smith, who will read some of his original poetry, was invited by Benedict to share the spotlight. Smith will read seven poems both published and unpublished including: "Anagramic Ode to Emily Dickinson," which is an anagram in three of Emily Dickinson poems, No. 241, No. 441 and No. 475, rearranged to form a new poem. No letters are left out and none have been added left out none add. "Anagramic Ode to Emily Dickinson" was featured in the literary magazine Samizdat and The Possibility of Language, an anthology of work by people who have a connection to Notre Dame.

Smith will also read "Tips for a Traveler in the Land of Giants," which was published in Faultline, and "Lessons in Gravity."

Smith has been writing poetry for eight years since he was a senior at the University of North Carolina Greensborough. He received his master's degree from Hollins College and describes his style as eclectic.

"I'm sort of all over the place. About one out of nine of my poems is in some sort of recognizable form," Smith said.

The reading/food drive is co-sponsored by the Department of English

and the Creative Writing Program, which is a rising star in the world of academia. The 12 year-old program has had recent student James Ellis Tomas' first published short story printed in the New Yorker as well as alumni Michael Collins' novel The Keepers of Truth shortlisted for the 2000 Booker Prize, Europe and Canada's answer to the Pulitzer.

But Benedict says that Wednesday is not about the gaining notoriety for Notre Dame's Creative Writing Program but about community awareness.

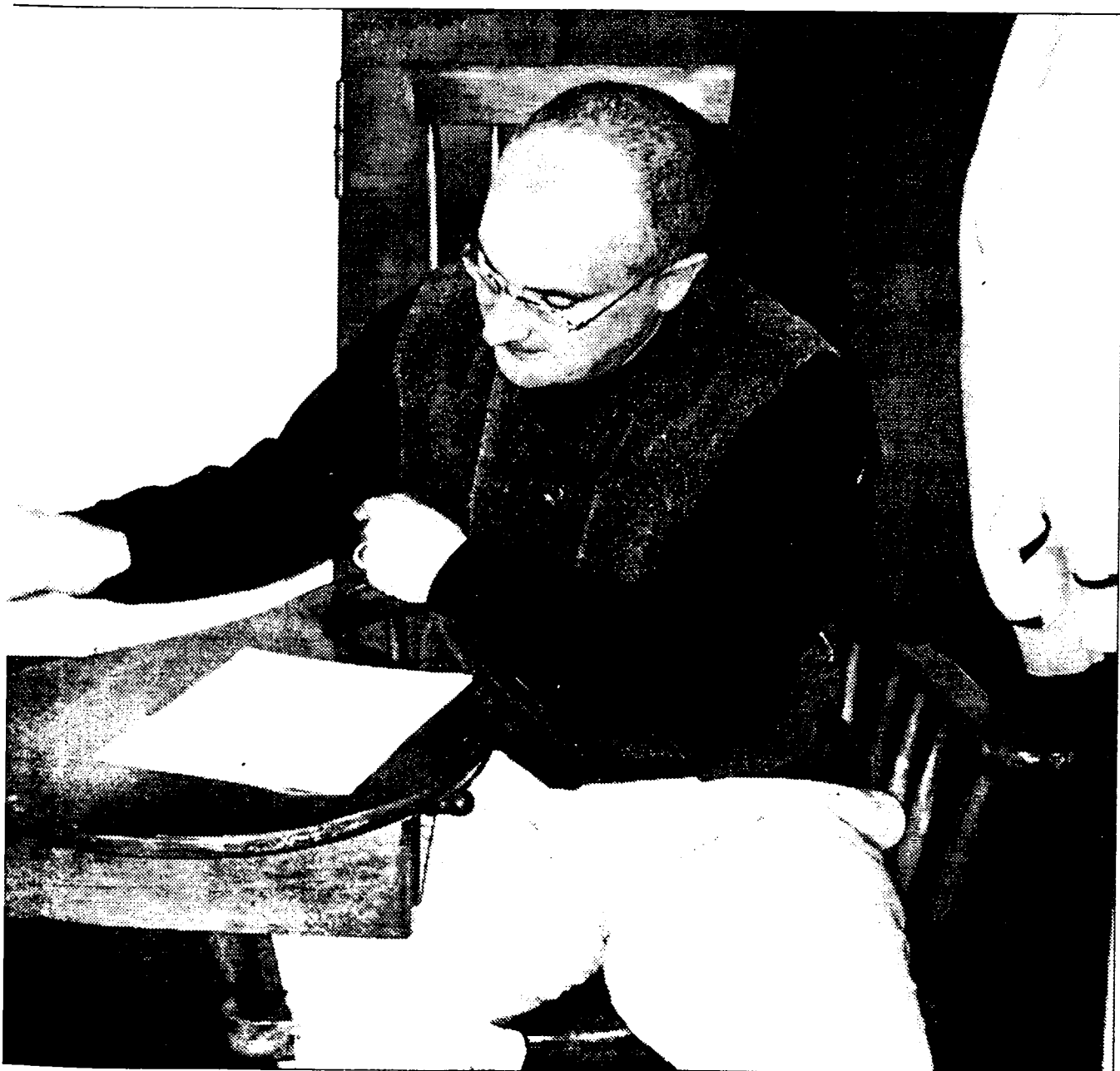
"I think events like this need to happen more on campus. There needs to be awareness that while we're [at Notre Dame] and we interact with each other, we also have to interact with the world around us. And South Bend has its needs and I think bringing the two together for an event like this able to show the community that we're not just

here as an isolated little entity ... that we actually do care and there are people that do care what happens and recognize that being a member of a community means going outside one's immediate community," Benedict said.

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Reading and Food Drive

- ◆ Professor Matthew Benedict and Mike Smith
- ◆ LaFortune Ballroom
- ◆ 7 p.m. Wednesday.
- ◆ Bring donations of non-perishable food items and personal care products.



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Benedict at his "writing desk." Benedict and visiting professor Mike Smith organizing and food drive for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana this Wednesday evening.

Excerpt of "Olympic Moments" by Matthew Benedict

A different mode of being absent.

— Maurice Blanchot, "Thomas the Obscure"

If another set of eyes were here, this is what they would see: a woman standing at a sink. She is staring out a small eight-over-eight paned window absentmindedly rinsing breakfast dishes. One cereal bowl, one spoon, one coffee mug. She is alone, and appears to be comfortably so. She is not wearing any jewelry, especially on her fingers, nor is there any in the small ceramic crock on the window sill, so it is difficult to know whether this is a permanent condition.

The kitchen is large, rustic. There is enough space for a full-sized dining room table. It is of the bench-seat variety, for a large family. Utilitarian. As is the décor throughout the rest of the house. More Andrew Wyeth than Martha Stewart. Authentic, lived-in, not re-creational.

Handmade sun-catchers hang against the window panes and there is a large spider plant with several spiderettes hovering above the woman's head. Mason jars with spider cuttings and bean sprouts line the countertop and she is not unattractive, the woman, much like the kitchen she is in. She is in her mid-thirties and trim. Not thin, more in an athletic way. Long red hair, tied in a single thick braid hanging between her shoulder blades like a jawbreaker. No make-up. She is wearing a heavy sweatshirt, khaki-style shorts, and scuffed hiking boots with coarse rag wool socks.

It's morning. It's also September, and there is that characteristic dampness in the air. A storm is approaching. These have been two of the few normal events this Cape Cod summer.

The woman seems to be rinsing the same few dishes over and over. It is this: a telegram lays on the table. It reads: "Arriving in Havana this afternoon. — Stop — Renting car at airport. — Stop — Should be there by three. — Stop — Love You. — Stop."

This is what is unusual — a telegram. There is telephone, cell-phone, fax, email, but a telegram? So Nineteenth Century. Go West, Young Woman! Go West!

Which makes the woman smile. She is west, from where the telegram was sent. Here, it is East Coast, New England. Olds New England, not an air-conditioned Great Middle West, where it is hot, beyond hot. Ludicrous. Like the telegram. A reminder of a life, a past, that one thousand miles and a time zone haven't been able to erase.

She must go back, mustn't she?

She will be asked to go back West with the man, Tim, who sent the telegram. She has not returned his emails, voice-mails, faxes. She likes it here, East, at the edge of America and the Atlantic.

And even though she has spent many years in the Great Middle West, she has always preferred East. To capture a sunrise, watch a day begin, not chase it to its end, weep for its demise.

Which is why she is here, East, on Cape Cod. Back to the beginning. Where it all began.

If Grace O'Malley were a superstitious person, she could have blamed it on pixies. Or, perhaps, nixies. Or, maybe, Tim. He was the reason why she was doubling up on the B-12. Maybe his final departure had made her, suddenly, clairvoyant. As we all are when they take their final leave.

No. That was the B-12.

Or yet, perhaps, it was the Tamoxifen. A lack of a period, like menopause, brings wisdom. Or at least moments of Claritin. For Andromeda, Cassiopeia, Helen of Troy, and the Pleiades. Olympic Moments. When the curvature of the universe becomes, for one brief transit, direct and finite.

Or maybe, it was, Shit! I've seen all this before. Why me? we ask. Why me? I never thought this would happen to me!

But it does. Oh boy, it does!

Excerpt of "Lessons in Gravity" by Mike Smith.

Mark the willow tree, suppliant,
for there's beauty in bending. There's grace
in the dance of a sinking stone,
the waterfall's constant sacrifice,
lover's collapse. Mark the drunk's
pirouette in a matronly bog.
The sky is falling, he says, and
no goose can tell him different.
The world's a geode, he says, each is
his own black hole. And that's the gag:
the spirit weighs the body down.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees tie series with 9-2 victory against A's

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif.

The New York Yankees calmly boarded a plane on Sunday night for another cross-country flight to another playoff showdown.

For any other baseball team, it would have been a thrilling journey to a game almost nobody thought would be played.

But these are the Yankees. There is no postseason territory over which they haven't soared before.

Bernie Williams drove in five runs as the Yankees tied their AL division series with the Oakland Athletics at two games each with a 9-2 victory.

Playing with poise and pride on the brink of postseason elimination, Williams and New York finished two days in Oakland with two wins — and afterward, nobody in a New York uniform would admit to even an ounce of surprise.

"We were all aware of the situation," Williams said. "There was no sense in rubbing it in. We knew we were down two games to one, and it was a must-win situation ... but you don't want to be pins and needles out there."

After the A's won the AL division series' first two games in New York, the three-time champions seemed doomed. Age, inconsistency and the energetic A's made the Yankees look like

relics of a passing era, mere shadows of their once-mighty selves.

But with two gutsy wins at the Coliseum — where Oakland had won 17 straight — the three-time World Series champs earned a trip back to Yankee Stadium for a deciding game Monday night. Roger Clemens will face Mark Mulder in a rematch of the opener.

"Surprised? I guess I can't be," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We've done a lot of things in the last six years that make me proud, and this certainly goes up there among the proudest (moments)."

The day was disastrous for the young A's, who lost their fourth straight home playoff game to the Yankees.

What's more, cleanup hitter Jermaine Dye broke his leg on a foul ball in the third inning and was lost for the rest of the postseason.

Dye will be in a cast for 8-to-12 weeks, Oakland trainer Larry Davis said. Though the A's professed the same professional indifference as the Yankees, it was clear which team was under the most pressure.

"I don't think our spirits are down at all," Jason Giambi said. "The biggest thing is we're going to Game 5. We have our big gun on the hill. As far as I'm concerned, we're starting fresh."

This isn't new territory for the two teams. Last year, the Athletics beat Clemens on the road in Game 4, sending their first-round series back to Oakland. The Yankees built a big lead and hung on for a 7-5 victory. After hanging on for a 1-0 win on Saturday night, New York had no problem evening the series on a balmy California afternoon. The Yankees were baffled by the A's starters in the series' first three games, but they chased Cory Lidle in the fourth inning.

Mariners 6, Indians 2

Nine outs away from having all those wins and records overshadowed by failure, the Seattle Mariners simply wouldn't let their special season end.

They didn't panic. Instead, they did whatever it took.

And won again.

Rookie Ichiro Suzuki provided the key hit and the Mariners staved off an early postseason exit rallying for a win over the Cleveland Indians to force a decisive Game 5 back in Seattle.

"It was down to nine outs," outfielder Mike Cameron said. "There was no tension. It was just a matter of swinging the bats, and waiting for that one break."

Take a deep breath, Seattle.

Just when it looked like the Mariners would tie the 1906

Chicago Cubs again, Suzuki delivered a go-ahead RBI single and baseball's best team this season got the biggest of its 118 wins.

Suzuki's hit highlighted a three-run, seventh-inning rally as Seattle, which won 116 games during the regular season, avoided the same fate as the '06 Cubs — the team whose wins record the Mariners matched. Chicago did not win a World Series title that year.

The Mariners came back against Bartolo Colon (1-1), who shut them out for eight innings in Game 1 and blanked them for the first six Sunday after a 2-hour, 20-minute rain delay.

"We battled back from adversity all season," Mariners manager Lou Piniella said. "We weren't going to lose because of the pressure. We were going to lose because the other team outplayed us."

Suzuki went 3-for-5 and Edgar Martinez hit a two-run homer in the ninth for the Mariners, who were blown out 17-2 and played

possibly their worst game all season in Game 3 on Saturday.

"We got our butts kicked," second baseman Bret Boone said. "But remember, I said this team is ready."

Freddy Garcia (1-1) pitched 6 1-3 innings for the win.

Jamie Moyer, who beat the Indians in Game 2 and went 2-0 against them in the regular season, will start Game 5 for the Mariners on Monday at Safeco Field against Chuck Finley.

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Mike Cameron
Mariners outfielder

"I'm elated about getting to pitch in a fifth game," said Finley, who waited 15 years to make his first postseason start in Game 2 and gave up a pair of two-run homers in the first. "I started think-

ing about that after Game 2. I had the feeling we might be back in Seattle anyway."

Before Game 4, a relaxed Piniella was confident his team would go home to play another day.

"We have to take that long ride back to Seattle," Piniella said. "So we may as well make Cleveland take the same plane ride."

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OK, it's on.

Mr. Smitham, Mr. Ludemann and Mr. Delgado, for the record I simply stated facts last week.

And then you had to go being babies.

I did beat Mark at MarioKart.

And just because you all are jealous of my skill, you have to insult my state.

Babies. Babies. Babies.

GO MAINE!

Kerry - remember, they hired me for my looks!

Lauren - there are some things roommates just shouldn't share.

Hey Nubby - Why are your shoes bigger than your head?

Volleyball

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the game," Brown said. "When it got to a point when I realized that Janie was going to end up in the front row I immediately thought, 'What are we going to do? Who's going to go where and what are we going to do to get out of the rally.'"

As pleased as Brown was with her team's poise under pressure against a Scarlet Knights team that came into the Joyce Center as the only other undefeated team in Big East play, she was disappointed in the defensive breakdown at the end of the game.

"We talked before this match about how we need to be able to close a match and a game out," Brown said. "It was disappointing that we didn't do that in the way it should have been done."

Big East Preseason player of the year Kristy Kreher led the Irish with 17 kills and five blocks. Kreher committed only two hitting errors to finish with a .577 hitting percentage on the day.

"She's getting really good swings," Brown said.

Fletcher was consistent for the Irish before her late-match heroics. The sophomore finished with 14 kills and posted a .478 hitting percentage. She added three blocks.

"She's been very consistent in practice, very consistent in her hitting and her blocking," Brown said. "Early in the season, she wasn't blocking as well but now I think she's in a good rhythm and doing a really good job with it."

Notre Dame took a commanding 10-3 lead to open the first game of the match.



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Junior Janie Alderete tries to make a block during an Irish victory against Rutgers on Sunday. Alderete was substituted during the third game and guaranteed an Irish sweep.

Solid hitting and blocking by Kreher and Fletcher helped the Irish build that lead to 20-10. Rutgers closed the game to 26-20, but could pull no closer as Alderete served an ace to give the Irish the game.

In game two, the teams played back and forth early. The score was knotted at 11 until a Kreher kill put the Irish up by one. Then, with Alderete serving, the Irish reeled off

four consecutive points to go up 16-11.

Rutgers came back within three points at 21-18. On a streak started by a long Rutgers serve and a Jessica Kinder serving ace, the Irish posted a three and a four-point run and sealed the game on a Fletcher kill.

Kinder, who had played skinder before this weekend, totaled three service aces

Sunday.

Bomhack led the way as Notre Dame swept Villanova (30-19, 30-20, 30-21) on Friday night. Bomhack had a season-high 12 kills and assisted on two of Notre Dame's nine blocks.

Malinda Goralski added 10 kills as the Irish posted a .322 hitting percentage. Jessica Kinder posted five service aces in the first match in which she

saw significant playing time this season.

"We're just trying to find a way to balance it so that we can use Jessica's serve and defense a little bit more," Brown said. "She responded very, very well both against Villanova and Rutgers."

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total. Facing the strongest competition and largest field they have seen thus far, the Irish crushed any doubt that they are a threat to take the NCAA title this season.

"This meet shows that we have little more depth than people believed or realized," Piane said. "Mario Bird had never run in a meet of that size or quality."

"When all five guys are scoring, put under that pressure, it takes a lot to perform well," said Watson. "Responding to that pressure is something that has characterized this team, and that will help us win down the road."

Conway and Shay have two weeks to get better before the Big East Championships. And Colorado has a few more weeks to worry about what the Irish can do when two more All-Americans are scoring for the team.

"Our confidence for winning nationals just went up," Shay said.

"One of the big things we took away from this weekend is that no team is invincible," Watson said. "Colorado didn't look great, Stanford and Villanova are all beatable. If we run everyone there is not reason we can't win [NCAA's]."

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tive on where they stand in comparison to their closest competitors.

"We didn't light world on fire, but we didn't hurt ourselves either," Connelly said. "Every kid said, alright, it's a good reality check. They know what they need to do."

Villanova was the only team ranked ahead of Notre Dame

going into Pre-Nationals that they did not end up finishing ahead of the Irish in the meet.

"It was a good experience for the team in general," said King. "This is where we realized that if we can put it together we can be a really good team ... We're gonna work hard and concentrate on doing everything we need to do to be the best."

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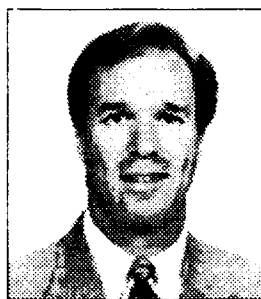
Dutchmen ice Irish with 7-4 weekend win

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writers

Just when things were looking up for the members of the Irish hockey team, they found themselves back at the bottom. Euphoria struck when Notre Dame forged a 3-2 lead against Union College in the third period thanks to Rob Globke's rare penalty shot goal. But it didn't last long as Notre Dame gave up three goals late in the third to give Union College the 7-4 win.

The Irish dropped their second straight game to open the season 0-2.

"We are going to have to



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battle through the adversity," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "[Union College] is a very hard working team that simply outplayed us."

The third period saw a close game turn into a goal-scoring festival as the Irish and the Dutchmen combined for seven goals.

Globke started the scoring when he received a nice pass that split two Union defenders. Globke had a clear shot at the goal, was hooked from behind but still managed to fake out Union's goalie Brandon Snee and stuff the puck in the left side for the Irish goal. Union quickly answered to even the game at 3. A Globke short-handed goal tied the game at 4 at the 9:44 mark.

From that point it was all Union. A defensive breakdown on the penalty kill gave for the opportunity to put the Dutchmen ahead. His goal at the 10:20 mark of the third put Union ahead 5-4. The

Dutchmen would add two goals late to round out the scoring.

Notre Dame played the first period Friday night in the same spirit as the third period of Thursday's game.

In that game the Irish started slow, but turned up the offensive pressure in the third period against the Dutchmen. In Friday's game the Irish out-shot the Dutchmen 10-4 in the first period with their first goal coming at 11:41.

Irish junior Jake Wiegand was sitting in the right corner of the Union zone when he centered a pass out in front of the Union goal. Tom Galvin

was able to deflect the pass past Union goalie Brandon Snee for the first Irish score of the night.

In the second period the ref's whistle came out. The teams combined for nine penalties, including a five-minute major by Notre Dame.

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Dave Poulin
Irish head coach

The tie only held for two minutes.

Notre Dame went on the power play after Union's Jason Kean was called for tripping.

The Irish responded with their first power play goal of the year. David Inman was able to flip the puck past Snee for the go-ahead goal 7:33 into the period. 50 seconds later Union came back to tie the game.

Connor Dunlop was sitting in the penalty box serving a five-minute major for holding, when the Skating Dutchmen's Doug Christiansen was able to fire the puck past an out of position Cey to tie the game at two. The rest of the second was penalty kill after penalty kill and the teams re-entered the locker room tied at two.

The Irish open up CCHA play next weekend at Ohio State in Columbus.

"We have got to go back to work," said Poulin. "We have six straight road games coming up, so we have our work cut out for us."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hope to breeze to top 5 finish

By JOE LINDSIEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team battled 30 mile-per-hour winds as they practiced for the tournament at Alvarado Golf Club in Lawrence, Kansas Sunday.

Today, with another windy day expected, the Irish will take on the weather as well as some imposing competition at the Marylinn Smith Sunflower Invitational, hosted by the University of Kansas.

After their last place finish in one of the most competitive fields they will see all year at last week's Shoot-out at the Legends tournament, the Irish are hoping for a higher place after three rounds of play at the par 72, 5800-yard Alvarado Golf Course.

"We can do a top five finish this week, just like we did at [the Notre Dame Invitational]," said Irish coach Debbie King, who believes the golfers are fairly confident.

"[Despite the wind] we had a good practice round Sunday," King said. "The wind was really blowing — I mean howling. That's going to make it tough [on Monday]."

Senior Kristin McMurtrie, junior Terri Taibl, sophomores Rebecca Rogers and Shannon Byrne, and freshman Karen Lotta will represent Notre Dame in Lawrence.

McMurtrie led the Irish last week, and Taibl and Rogers replace junior Lauren Fuchs and freshman Jeanne Murphy.

"Karen Lotta and Kristen McMurtrie have been pretty steady at finishing quite fine," King said.

Although the field will not be as competitive as last week, the Irish still expect a challenge, with Oklahoma, Iowa State, Kansas State, and Kansas competing.

The course itself though may be easier than previous courses the Irish have tackled.

"This course is a lot shorter than we've been playing all other tournaments," Lotta said. "If we putt well, our team can score really well."

With their season about to wind up, the Irish would really like to finish in the top five in Lawrence.

"We shot 309 last week, and we posted a score that was competitive with other teams when the field was really

strong," McMurtrie said. "We have a few changes in the line-up this week, but I think everyone's ready to play and everyone [is hitting] the ball real solid right now. And I definitely think we can post low scores, especially since our season is winding down."

Thanks to King, though, what was supposed to be their last tournament until February will now be the second to last.

"I called around some coaches and got the team into another tournament," King said.

Notre Dame will play at Texas A&M in mid-November.

The addition to their schedule seems to have reduced some of the pressure on the Irish golfers.

"Everyone's a little excited now because it's not the end of our season, we still have one more tournament," McMurtrie said. "Everyone wants a chance to play a little better both for themselves and for the

team, "especially girls that are in the line-up for the first time this fall, they are definitely excited to get a chance to prove themselves."

With a forecast of 16 mile-per-hour winds and showers

for today, chances are the Irish will have that additional opponent tomorrow.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles get stuck in the mud

By KATRINA KALASKY
Sports Writer

The bad weather that has plagued the Belles all season hit with a vengeance on Saturday and left Saint Mary's stuck in the mud.

The Hornets of Kalamazoo dominated with an 8-0 victory, as the unpleasant weather on Saturday played a major roll in the Belles' loss.

Freshman goalkeeper Martha Hottenstein described the field conditions as "a murky mess of mud."

"It was a frustrating game," said junior captain Lynn Taylor. "The field was full of mud and it was pouring rain. Our keeper was ankle deep in mud and

water for the whole game. Kalamazoo is a good team, but the final score did not reflect how we played Saturday afternoon."

Muddy weather wasn't the only explanation. The experienced Kalamazoo team was just too much for the inexperienced Belles to handle.

"We didn't come into to game mentally prepared," said Hottenstein. Kalamazoo's leading scorer, senior Lydia Raburn, scored three out of the eight goals for Kalamazoo.

The loss gives Saint Mary's an overall record of 5-8 for the season.

This is not the first time this season the Belles fell short to the Hornets — They lost earlier in the year, 9-1. Kalamazoo is

ranked No. 2 behind Albion in the MIAA conference.

The Belles only have four more games left this season before the playoffs. The next game is at home on Wednesday against fourth ranked Olivet College. This is the first match up between the Belles and the Comets this year. The first game was indefinitely postponed. "We're excited to finally play Olivet," Taylor said. "They're probably our biggest rivals in the conference."

Wednesday will be the last chance to catch the Belles at home before fall break. The game kicks off at 3 p.m.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Rowers take 3 races in Chicago

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame rowing team completed a successful weekend by winning three races at Saturday's Chicago Chase, while the novice eight won its race and the varsity eight was second at Sunday's Head of the Rock in Rockford, Ill.

On Saturday, the Irish won the varsity eight, the novice eight and the pairs race on the 2.75-mile course on the Chicago River. In the varsity eight race, Notre Dame claimed three of the first five spots, including finishing 1-2 as the shell of Kerri Murphy, Diane Price, Natalie Ladine, Ashlee Warren, Michelle Olsgard, Casey Buckstaff, Katherine Burnett, Jayme Szeft and Cassie Markstahler won in 16:12.90. The second eight of Danielle Protasewich, Kathleen Welsh, Melissa Alberding, Kati Sedun, Courtney Mercer, Erica Drennan, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Katie Besson and Kathryn Long was second in 16:42.20. The third varsity finished fifth, while the fourth eight was 10th.

In the pairs race, the duo of Szeft and Burnett was first in 19:32.50. Notre Dame's Dillhoff and Drennan were second in 19:47.40, followed by the pair of Warren, who won the pairs race at the 2000 Chicago Chase with partner Becky Luckett, and Ladine.

The novice eight team of Ann Mulligan, Beth Franzosa, Alice Bartek, Kristen Henkel, Meredith Thornburgh, Elizabeth Specht, Sedun, Kristen Mizzi and Caitlin Rackish also finished first in 17:27.90. A

team from Dublin High School was second, followed by Indiana in third.

In the open four race, Indiana took first place in 18:55.70, followed by Northwestern in 19:10.50. The Notre Dame boat of Alberding, Katie O'Hara, Mercer, Welsh and Long was third in 19:15.60, while the crew of Laura Aull, Maureen Carr, Meg Feely, Kolleen Myers and Markstahler were fourth in 19:17.40.

In Rockford, the novice eight crew of Mulligan, Franzosa, Bartek, Henkel, Thornburgh, Specht, Sedun, Mizzi and Rackish won its second race of the weekend.

The varsity eight crew of Murphy, Price, Ladine, Warren, Olsgard, Buckstaff, Burnett, Szeft and Markstahler placed second. Wisconsin was first, while Iowa was third and Wisconsin's B crew was fourth.

The crew of Protasewich, Welsh, Alberding, Sedun, Mercer, Drennan, Dillhoff, Besson and Long was seventh.

In the pairs race, Notre Dame claimed four of the top five positions, as Iowa won the race. The duo of Szeft and Burnett, fresh off its victory at the Chicago Chase, was second.

The team of Buckstaff and Olsgard was third, followed by the pair of Warren and Ladine and Murphy and Besson.

In the open four, Notre Dame was fifth and 12th.

The Irish are next in action on Saturday, Oct. 20, as selected crews compete at the Head of the Eagle in Indianapolis, Ind.



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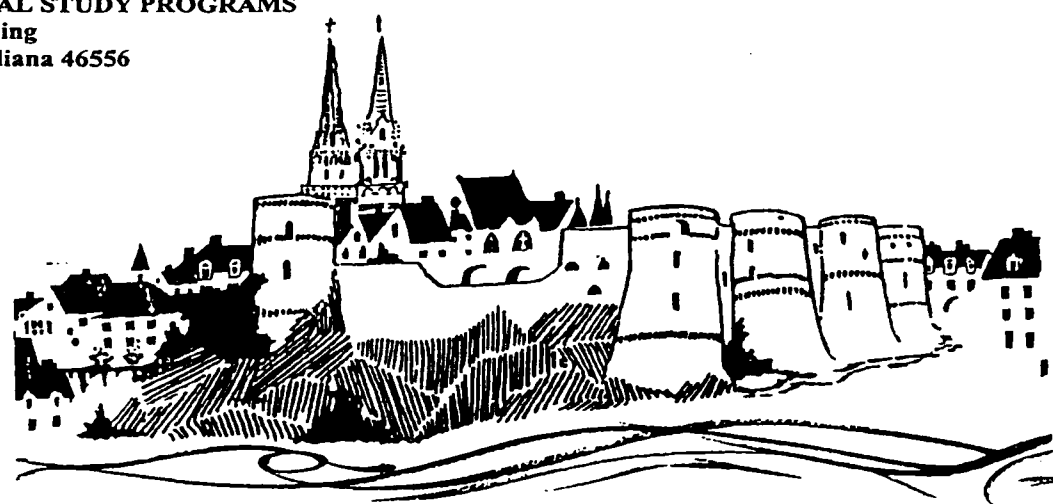
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL GOLD LEAGUE

BP defense halts Lyons

By PHIL KOESTERER
Sports Writer

All it takes is one big play to break the game wide-open and secure a victory. In Thursday night's 6-0 defeat of Lyons, Breen-Phillips got just such a play from defender Kelly Landers.

On the first play of the game, Landers intercepted Lyons quarterback Sarah Jenkins' pass, and returned it for a touchdown, giving BP a 6-0 lead that would

While Lander's play may have made the difference in the game, the Babes' defense was a dominant force, with defenders Molly Cummings and Tessa Sainz each contributing another interception.

"Our defense really stepped it up and controlled the ball in this game with the three interceptions," said BP coach Corey Timlin.

In the second half, Lyons could not put together a drive of any substantial length.

"We expected a tough game from them tonight, especially with the [rain]," said Lyons coach Jerry Fasoldt. "We knew that they had an athletic quarterback, so we set up the defense to key off of her and they did an excellent job."

Quarterback McFarland and the BP offense found it difficult to get into the endzone. The Babes offense was held scoreless, and forced to punt the ball frequently.

"For the playoffs, we need to brush up on a couple of things, [including] scoring," said BP captain Jenny Wahoske. "We've been all about knocking on the door, but not getting it in."

As BP improved to 3-1-1 on the year, Lyons saw any hopes of a playoff berth slip through its hands, falling to 2-4.

"We had to win tonight to get in [the playoffs]," Fasoldt said, "But we had a good season. We started off (0-2), and a lot of people wrote us off. The girls were great, coming back

and winning the next two games."

Badin 12. Pasquerilla East 0

In yet another rainy weather match-up, the Badin Bullfrogs moved a step closer to the playoffs and defeated the Pyros of Pasquerilla East.

"It was a really big game because we knew we had to win or tie to get in [to the playoffs]," said Badin coach Brett Gansen.

The Bullfrogs (3-2-1) started the game in full force with an eight-play scoring drive

on their first possession. Badin quarterback Erin Zachary completed a pass in the end-zone on the sixth play of the drive, but it was brought back after an illegal blocking call.

Two plays later, a Badin runner broke the plane of the goal line on a reverse to put six points on the board.

When PE quarterback Lindsay Terifay was intercepted deep in her own territory on the next drive, it set up another Badin touchdown, this time on a short pass from Zachary.

"That play was a turning point in the game because it gave [Badin] great field position, plus a lot of momentum after the first touchdown," said PE coach Josh Eckert.

The Pyros put together several strong drives, but could not seem to get the little things to go their way. Late in the first half on fourth down, Teri Fawcett threw an expertly-placed pass to receiver

Kathryn Lent in the end-zone, who caught the ball as she fell out of bounds. The referee ruled that Lent's foot was already out of bounds when she caught the pass.

PE drove again early in the second half, with Terifay passing and running the ball with equal effectiveness. The Pyros were stopped on fourth down again, however, when Terifay scrambled to the goal line and was forced out of bounds without breaking the plane of the goal line.

"Our offense struggled in the

red zone today due to the absence of [PE] offensive coordinator 'Grandpa' Jack Palma," said PE coach Jim Donnelly.

Just as PE was unable to make the big plays offensively, they could not match Badin's defensive output. Badin's second touchdown was set up by an interception. Late in the second half, Bullfrog defender Jen Craig intercepted Terifay to stop a potential PE scoring drive.

"The defense played really solidly tonight," said Gansen. "This is a team that has allowed only three touchdowns in six games."

PE moved to 2-3 on the year, making its game on Sunday crucial to keep its playoff hopes alive.

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An Off-Campus receiver attempts to snare a pass with a McGlinn defender on her heels. In Gold League action, BP defeated Lyons and Badin knocked off Pasquerilla East.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish offense explodes with 7 goals

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

What a difference a week of practice can make. The problem for the Notre Dame women's soccer team this season has not been creating scoring chances, but simply finishing them by finding the back of the net.

But that changed Friday when the Irish erupted to a 7-0 victory against the St. John's Red Storm at Alumni Field.

For the past week, Notre Dame women's soccer coach Randy Waldrum wanted his team to be more aggressive offensively by starting to take more shots on goal. Seven different Irish players scored while the Irish tandem of goalies Liz Wagner and Lauren Kent did not have to stop a single St. John's shot all game. Irish sophomore forward Amanda Guertin was named offensive player of the game after scoring a goal and registering two assists.

After scoring only three goals the previous weekend in a loss to Rutgers and a victory against Seton Hall, Notre Dame did not waste any time recapturing the scoring touch. Only 27 seconds into the game, sophomore forward Melissa Tancredi scored her third goal of the season off a crossing pass from Guertin.

Senior midfielder Mia Sarkesian and sophomore forward Amy

Warner also added goals in the first half giving the Irish a 3-0 lead heading into half time.

Irish dominance continued in the second half with three more goals by midfielders Randi Scheller, Ashley Drier and Kim Carpenter. Guertin added the finishing touches to the Irish victory with a goal of her own with only two minutes remaining in the game.

The seven goals for the Irish were the most goals they have scored all season. Not only did the Irish step it up offensively, they also controlled the field defensively. Defenders Vanessa Pruzinsky, Monica Gonzales and Candace Chapman began to eliminate the mental breakdowns that have plagued the Irish all season by communicating better with one another, allowing no shots on goal.

The win bodes well for the Irish, but Friday's contest brought bad tidings as well. Star freshman midfielder Mary Boland left the game against St. John's after breaking her ankle on a collision with a St. John's defender. Boland will be out at least four weeks and could be out for the remainder of the season.

With the victory on Friday, the Irish improved to 10-1-1 on the season.

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Irish forward Kelly Tulisiak tries to get away from a defender with the ball. The Irish scored seven goals Friday night in defeating St. John's.

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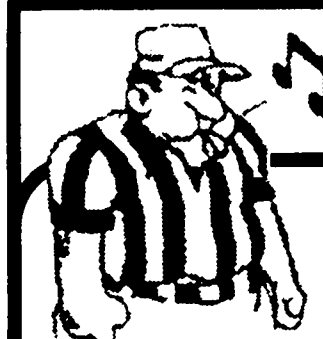
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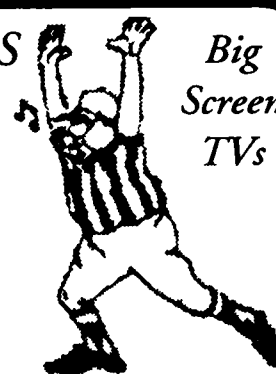
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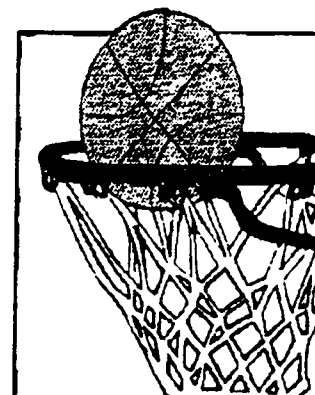
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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish defense records shutout

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Judging from the scorers for Notre Dame in its match on Sunday, it seemed like history was repeating itself.

Just like in Thursday's match against West Virginia, Devon Prescod struck first for the Irish and Erich Braun added a nail in the Hokies' coffin, as the Irish defeated Virginia Tech 2-0.

The win marked the third consecutive victory for the Irish, whose record improved to 4-2 in the Big East and 6-4 overall.

With the victory, the Irish move ahead of Big East foes Syracuse and Georgetown, which both lost their weekend games. The Irish are now right in the middle of the race for a spot in the Big East conference postseason tournament.

The Irish broke the scoreless tie with 10 minutes remaining in the first half, as Prescod took a lead pass from midfielder Filippo Chillemi and chipped a shot past Virginia Tech goalie Colin Kibler to give the Irish a one-goal advantage into halftime.

The goal was the third in two games for Prescod, who had only one goal in his collegiate career prior to the West Virginia game.

The Irish lead did not go uncontested, however, as the

Hokies had several shots deflected off the post. However, none of them managed to cross the goal line.

Late in the match, it appeared as though the single goal by Prescod would stand up. With just two seconds remaining in the match, however, Braun received a nice pass from Prescod and knocked in the finishing touch.

Braun leads the Irish in scoring, with eight goals on the season.

Irish freshman goalie Chris Sawyer racked up his second straight shutout, saving four shots.

Once again, the Irish defense held its opponent scoreless, marking the third shutout for Notre Dame.

In its six victories, the Irish defense has allowed only four goals while scoring 19 times. In its four losses, the defense has given up 11 goals.

Both the Irish and the Hokies recorded 11 shots on goal for the game.

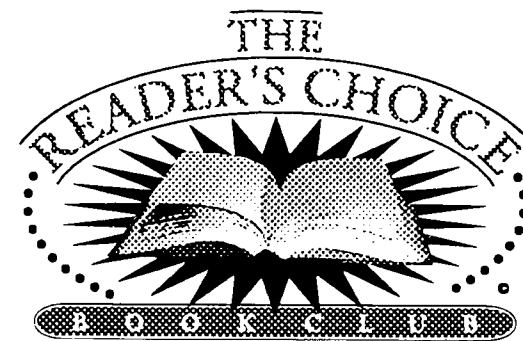
Next up for the Irish is in-state rival and nationally-ranked Indiana on Wednesday at 7 p.m. In their 20-game series with the Hoosiers, the Irish have only taken one victory, a 4-3 overtime win in South Bend on Sept. 13, 1987 and a tie the following year in Bloomington.

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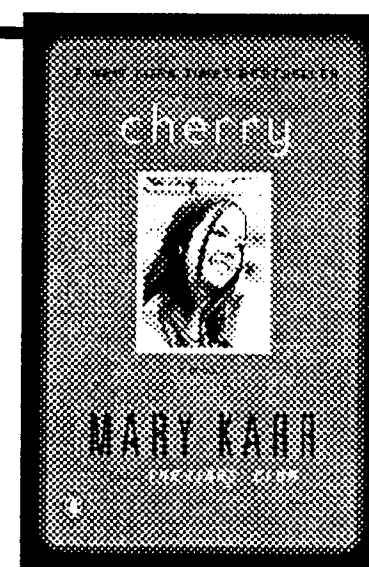
Irish sophomore Devon Prescod dribbles between two Georgetown defenders earlier this year. Prescod contributed a goal Sunday to lead Notre Dame to victory over Virginia Tech.



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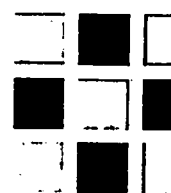


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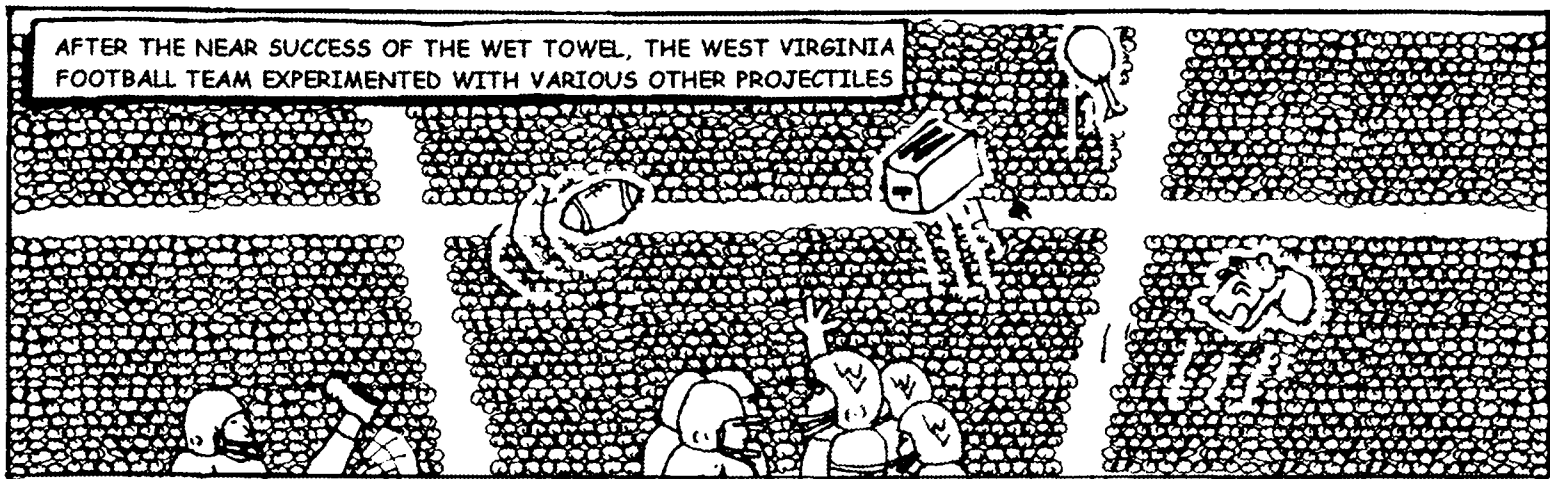
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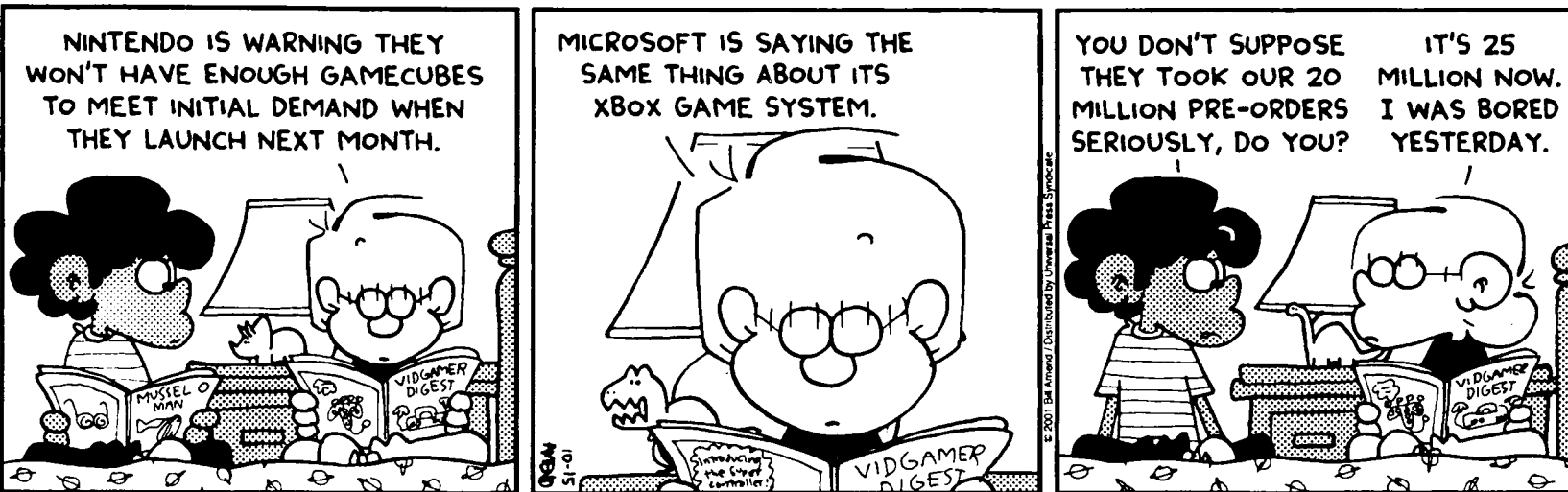
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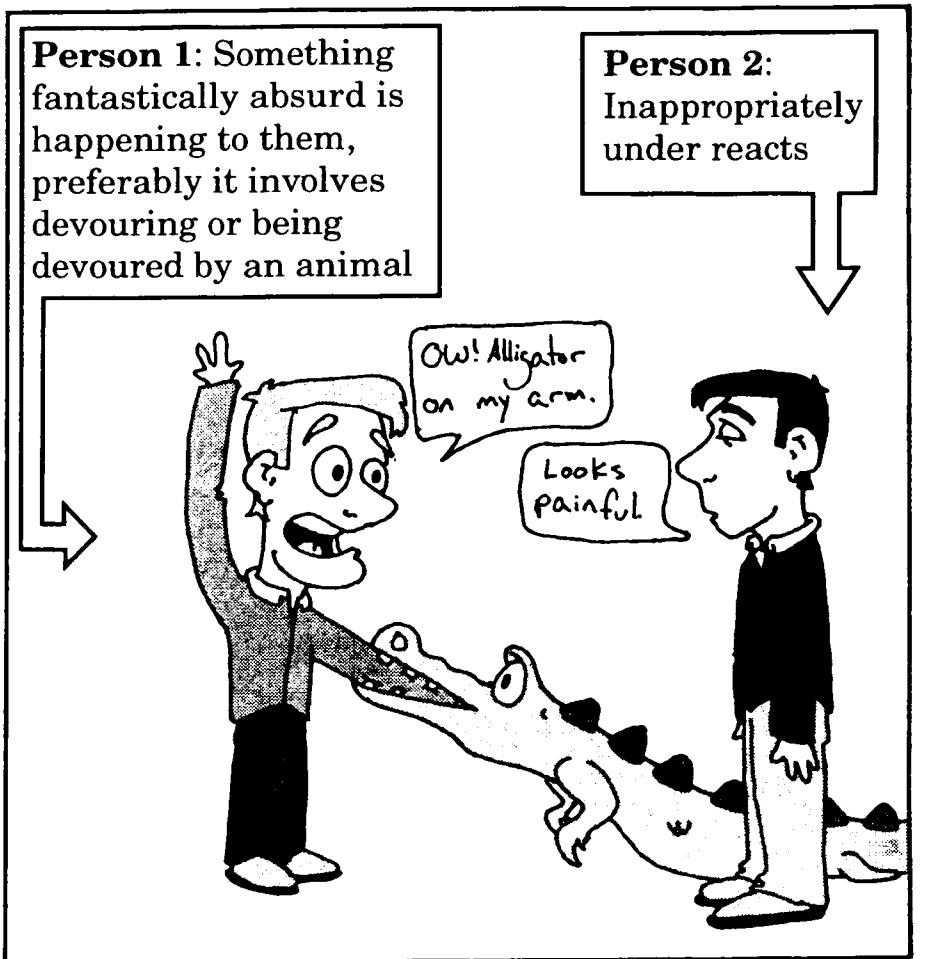
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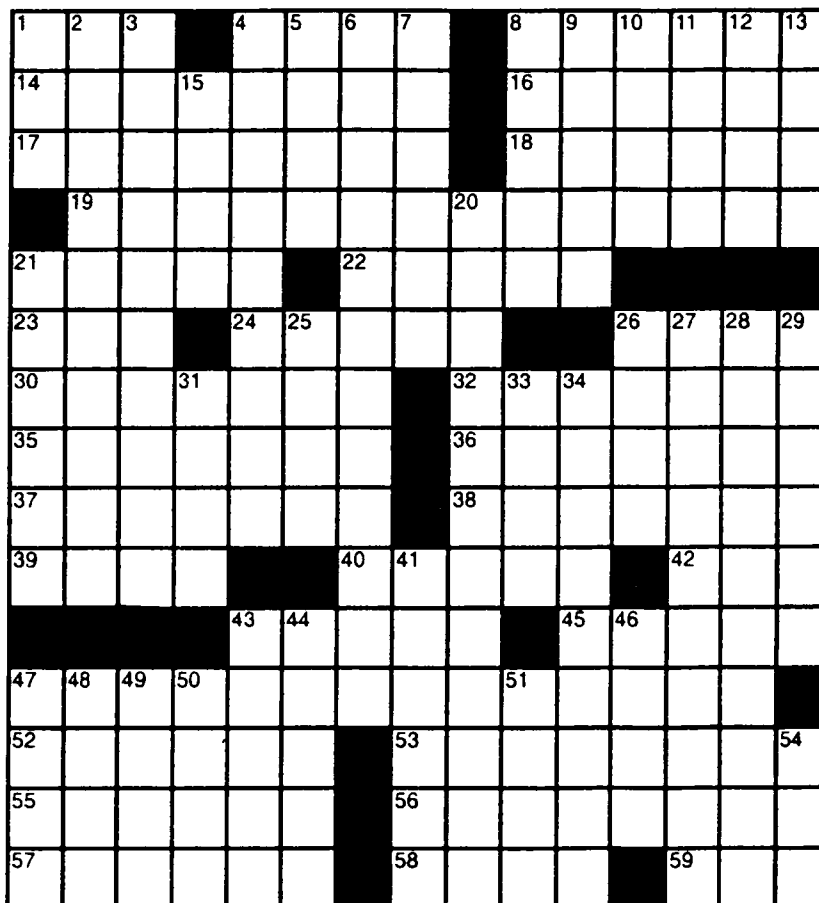
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SPORTS

Monday, October 15, 2001

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Unexpected raises expectations

◆ Irish finish in second place after Shay, Conway drop out of race

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

It was the unexpected that showed what could be expected from the Irish for the rest of the season. Expect stepping up, expect responding to pressure, and expect some serious depth.

In Saturday's Pre-National Meet at the Furman cross country course in Greenville, S.C., the No. 5 Irish took second place behind No. 1 Colorado despite losing two top runners to illness.

All-American seniors Ryan Shay and Pat Conway, who had not been feeling well since last weekend's Notre Dame Invitational, both started the race, but became so ill that neither was able to finish.

"After about three and a half miles, I just started to hyperventilate," Shay said.

"Conway started coughing violently prior to the meet," said head coach Joe Piane.

With Shay and Conway out of the race, that meant all five remaining runners would count in the scoring for the Irish. Senior Luke Watson lead the Irish with a fourth-place finish at in 24:17 while senior Marc Striowski finished second for the Irish, taking 12th overall in 24:25, and sophomore Todd Mobley finished 14th in 24:46.

Senior Sean Zanderson and sophomore Mario Bird responded to the pressure of losing top runners, stepping up to finish 51st and 91st, respectively, fighting for places that put the Irish 12 points away from third place Air Force.

"The pace dropped during the second mile and strung out," Watson said. "It wasn't until the fourth mile [I knew] Pat and Ryan were most likely going to drop out, and we needed every place we could get."

Notre Dame scored 172 points, behind first-place Colorado's 62 point team

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Senior Ryan Shay runs during the Catholic Invitational. Shay hyperventilated during Saturday's race and was unable to finish.

◆ Bee sting, cramp drop Irish to 11th place finish

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

The uncontrollable controlled the Irish during Saturday's race. Competing in Pre-Nationals at the Furman cross country course in Greenville, S.C., No. 24 Notre Dame took 11th place, scoring 385 points, despite individual struggles that kept the team from performing to capability.

Junior Jen Handley, consistently a top finisher for the Irish, got a cramp two miles into the race, freshman Christi Arnerich wasn't feeling well and junior Jen Fibuch was stung by a bee during the race.

"Jen was running really well, 'til she got a stitch," said head coach Tim Connelly. "There wasn't a whole lot she could do but hope it works itself out."

Freshman Lauren King, running in her second collegiate cross country race, took first for the Irish and 15th overall in the nationally competitive race, finishing the 6000 meter course in 21:20. Sophomore Megan Johnson stepped up to finish second for the Irish and 52nd overall in 22:13. Despite Handley's cramp, she finished third for the Irish and 65th overall.

"I thought [Lauren] ran well. I was a little worried about 6000 meters," Connelly said. "She didn't feel like she was on top of her game, but I was glad she got through it. The same with Megan, she got through it well."

Notre Dame's fourth and fifth scoring runners finished in 121st and 132nd place to give the Irish a team score of 385, just 13 points out of a berth in the top-10.

Despite the unusual situation on Saturday, the Irish come away from Pre-Nationals with a solid perspec-

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish sweep to bring home 2 Big East wins

◆ 5-foot-3 Aldrete leads Irish to win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

With the help of a 5-foot-3 middle blocker, the Notre Dame women's volleyball team

stopped a late game three rally to sweep Rutgers Sunday afternoon (30-22, 30-23, 33-31).

The match marked the second Big East win of the weekend for the Irish (12-3, 7-0 in the Big East) after they topped the Wildcats of Villanova on Friday evening.

With the Irish up 28-24 in

game three, Irish head coach Debbie Brown used up her final substitution to put in 5-foot-3 junior Janie Aldrete to serve. Mary Kiriakou recorded a kill on that point for the Scarlet Knights.

After a Kim Fletcher kill gave the Irish a 29-25 lead and game point, the Scarlet Knights reeled off five consec-

utive points to reach game point themselves with a 30-29 lead.

A kill by Fletcher and an ace serve from Marcie Bomhack put the Irish up 31-30 before another Kiriakou kill tied the game at 31. Then Fletcher took over.

Fletcher scored a kill to give the Irish a 32-31 lead. Then,

with Aldrete stationed at the middle blocker position, Fletcher served an ace to give Notre Dame a hard fought 33-31 victory.

"You figure with the score what it was, we definitely should have been able to score points and side out to finish

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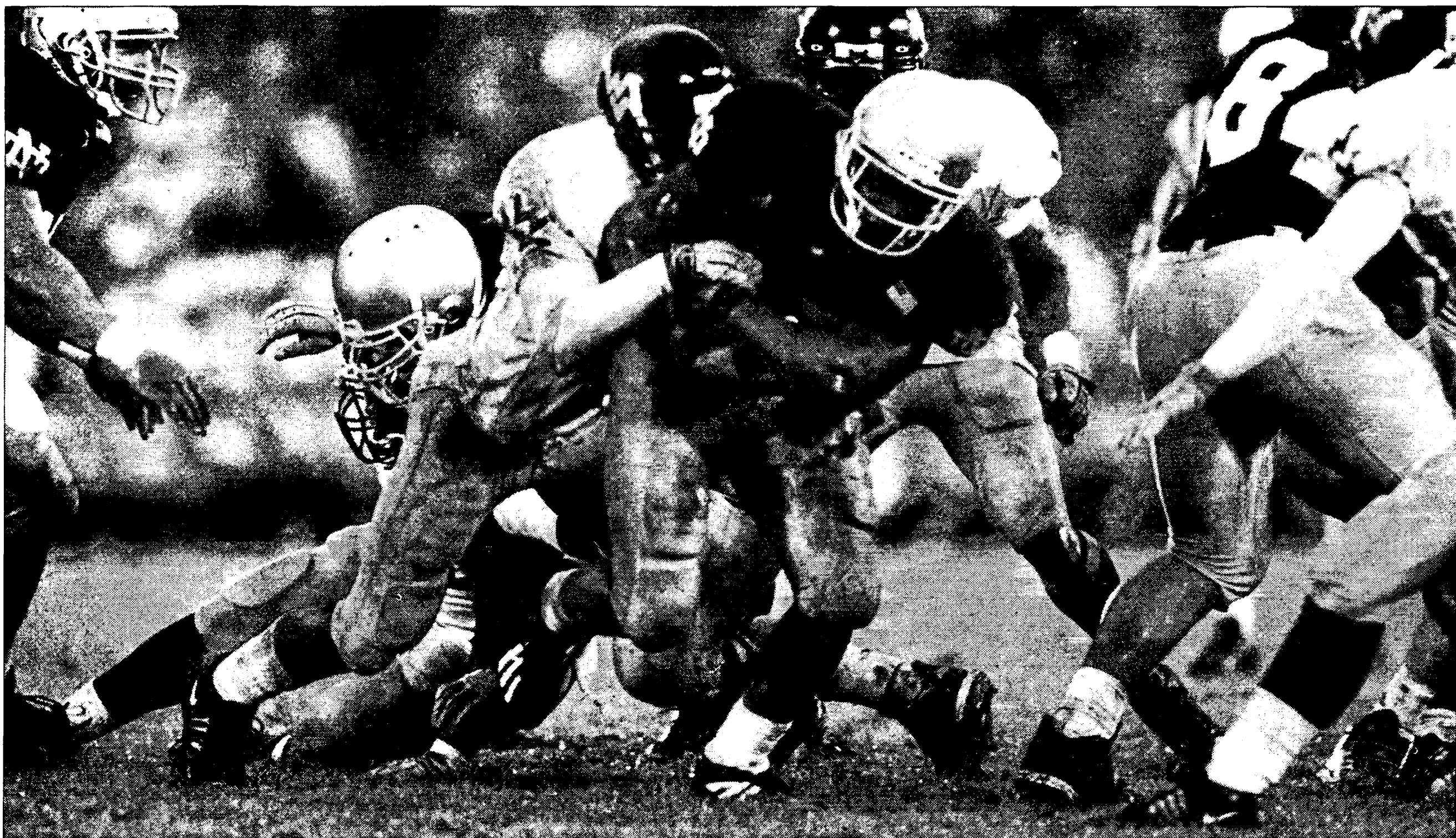
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Notre Dame 34, West Virginia



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Notre Dame junior tailback Julius Jones battles the mud and a West Virginia defender as he charges up the middle during Notre Dame's 34-24 win over West Virginia Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Irish improve to 2-3 on the season.

Rushing past West Virginia

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

If Justin Smith's fourth-quarter interception seemed familiar, it should have. Four years ago in the same stadium, then-Notre Dame senior Ty Goode, playing because starter Allen Rossum suffered a concussion on the third play of the game, intercepted a Marc Bulger pass in the endzone to seal the 21-14 victory over West Virginia.

In the fourth quarter Saturday with the Mountaineers driving for the go-ahead score, the fifth-year senior Smith, playing in nickel and dime defenses because of injuries to safeties Jerome Sapp and Ron Israel, picked off West Virginia's Brad Lewis and returned the ball to the Notre Dame 45 yard line, sealing Notre Dame's 34-24 win.

"I thought [the ball] looked like the sun. It was like a shiny day — I forgot all about the rain," Smith said. "You work so hard for five years. I'm just glad I had the opportunity to make it."

On the next play, Tony Fisher broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced 55 yards for the touchdown to put the game all but out of reach.

"That was huge," Irish linebacker Tyreo Harrison said. "It put the nail in the coffin. We knew it was time to put

Irish rely on dominant running attack to beat Mountaineers 34-24

that game away."

On the sloppy field in rainy conditions, passing proved nearly impossible for the two teams. Lewis finished 9-for-23 for 91 yards and the interception. Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday was 7-for-14 for only 70 yards.

"[The conditions] were helpful because we're a good running team," Holiday said. "We pass the ball, but not that much, so we were able to do what we do best — run the ball. It not only helped us but the defense. Their quarterback had a little trouble throwing the ball in the second half."

With the passing games neutralized by the rain, the difference between the two teams was the way the quarterbacks used their legs, not their arms. Holiday led the Irish in rushing with 130 yards on 19 carries.

In the end the Irish ground game proved too much for the Mountaineers. Notre Dame rushed for 345 yards as Fisher contributed 119 yards on 22 carries with a pair of touchdowns and Julius Jones gained 92 yards on 22 attempts with two touchdowns of his

own.

"We know we have to go out there and establish a strong running game," Fisher said. "That's Notre Dame football — running the ball. We've been able to run the ball the last couple of weeks and we're going to try to continue from here on out."

The Irish got on the board early in the game. After Holiday took an option keeper 27 yards, Jones ran off the left side for a 19-yard touchdown. The score came 1:15 into the game and was the quickest touchdown for the Irish since Allen Rossum returned an interception for a touchdown 18 seconds into a game against Hawaii in 1997.

"It wasn't particularly fancy but we came out of the chute well," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "We had the big touchdown run by Julius which I thought really helped our confidence."

West Virginia matched the score on its next possession after just four plays when running back Avon Cobourne broke through the line, slipped a tackle attempt from Israel and raced 60 yards for the score.

With the score tied in the second quarter, Notre Dame put together a 15-play drive capped off with a 1-yard touchdown run by Jones to pull ahead 17-10. The Irish didn't throw a pass during the drive, but converted a pair of fourth down plays.

West Virginia tied the game at 17 on its first possession of the second half with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Lewis to A.J. Nastasi.

After a Notre Dame punt on its next possession, West Virginia took the lead on another touchdown pass from Lewis, this time to wide receiver Tory Johnson.

"In the second half, we came out and laid an egg," Rogers stated. "We had six dead plays in a row."

Just as it appeared the Mountaineers had taken the momentum, Holiday broke free for 36 yards on another option keeper. At first, it appeared Holiday had gone all the way in for the score, but officials ruled him out of bounds at the 25. On the ensuing play, Fisher finished off the drive with the touchdown run to tie the score.

The Irish took the lead on Nicholas Setta's 42-yard field, his second on the day, and then put the game out of reach at 34-24 with Fisher's 55-yard touchdown run with 7:30 left to play.

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player of the game

Carlyle Holiday

The maturation of Notre Dame's sophomore quarterback continues as he rushed for the most yards of any Notre Dame quarterback since Tony Rice in 1989.

quote of the game

"We have to go out there and establish a strong running game because that's Notre Dame football — being able to run the ball."

Tony Fisher
Irish tailback

stat of the game

345 rushing yards

The Irish finally discovered their offensive identity. They ran the ball on 69 of their 83 offensive plays and averaged an impressive five yards a carry.

report card

- A-** **quarterbacks:** Holiday had the best running game by any Irish quarterback since Tony Rice. His passing still needs a little work but he shows great potential.
- A-** **running backs:** Jones and Fisher each had two touchdowns in Notre Dame's best rushing game of the year. Fisher's fumble was the only negative on the day for the backs.
- B** **receivers:** The receivers were solid in their few opportunities. Godsey, however, missed a sure touchdown catch.
- B** **offensive line:** 345 yards of rushing speaks for itself but the line still allowed two sacks. This young group is showing improvement every week.
- B** **defensive line:** The Irish used mostly nickel and dime packages on defense which limited the line's versatility. Nevertheless, the Irish needed to do a better job on Colburne.
- B-** **linebackers:** Boiman had a sack but Watson and Harrison combined for just 12 tackles. Once again the nickel and dime packages limited the chances for the linebackers.
- A** **defensive backs:** The weather helped slow down West Virginia's passing but an Irish secondary ravaged by injuries still had a great game. Israel's interception helped seal the Irish victory.
- A** **special teams:** Two made field goals, a punt inside the 5-yard line, a few good returns and an onside kick gave the Irish special teams a special day. Not even a thrown towel could hold them down.
- A** **coaching:** Davie showed some guts when he went for it on fourth down and made it four times. The onside kick fooled everyone in the Stadium.

3.44 **overall:** A really bad West Virginia football team helped an above-average Irish team look outstanding.

adding up the numbers

estimated number of empty gold seats on the east sideline in the first quarter — apparently rich people melt when it rains **128**

16 numbers of seconds elapsed on the first Irish touchdown drive

consecutive Irish running plays beginning on the third Irish touchdown drive and ending in the third quarter **25**

345 Irish rushing yards — the most since the 2000 Boston College game

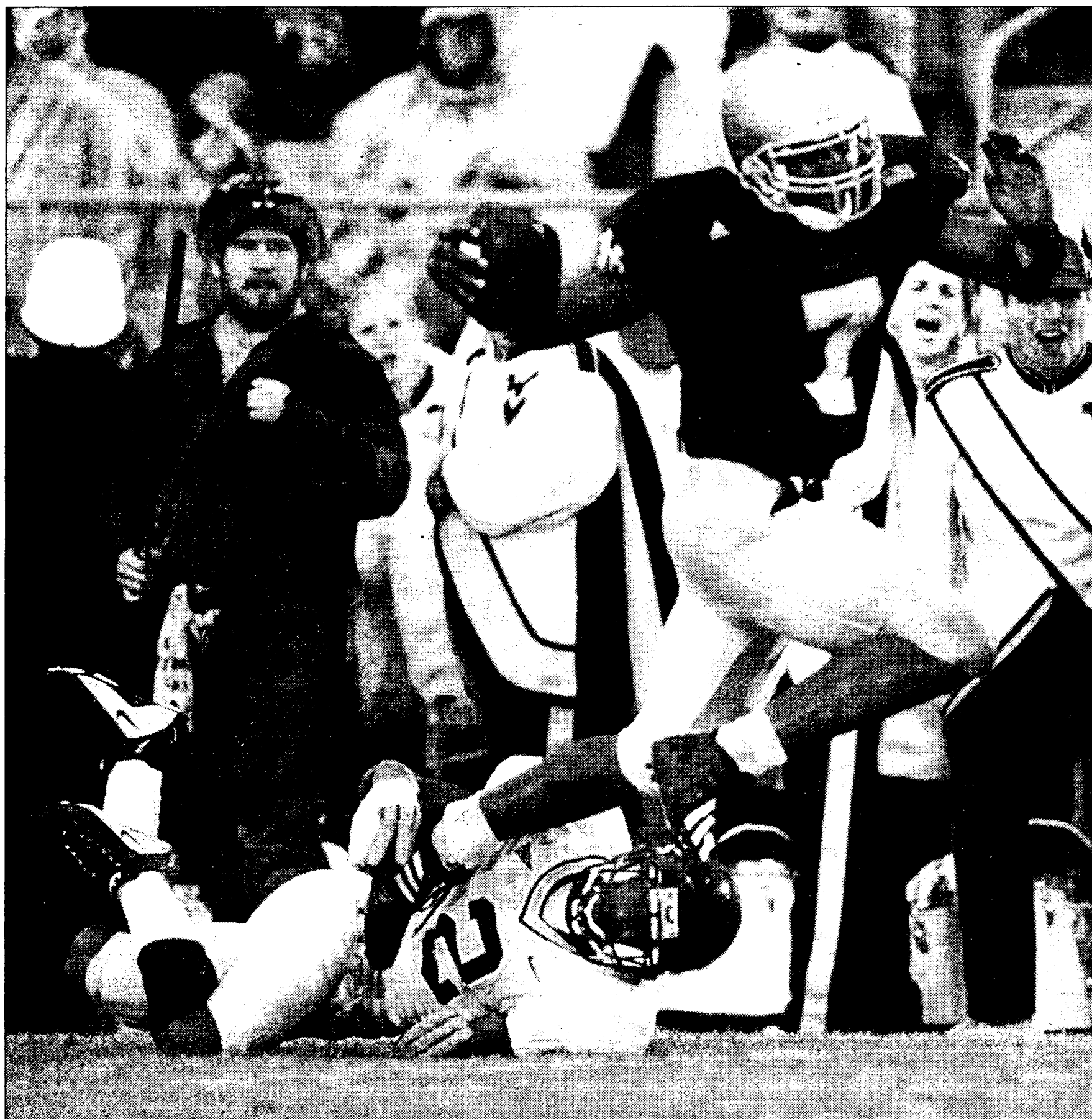
uniform number of Corey Mays, who frequently showed off his dance moves standing on the bench on the sideline **46**

4 number of times Davie went for it on fourth down — also the number of times the Irish converted on fourth down

number of fourth down conversions allowed by West Virginia before Saturday **0**

1 towels thrown by a West Virginia player in an attempt to block Nicholas Setta's field goal

INSIGHT



Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday hurdles a West Virginia defender on his way down the sideline. On the play, Holiday appeared to score, but officials ruled he stepped out of bounds on the 25-yard line.

Holiday gets Irish out of muddy rut

A heavy rainstorm like Saturday's can wash a quarterback right out of a game.

But while Mountaineer quarterback Brad Lewis struggled, Notre Dame's Carlyle Holiday thrived.

Neither quarterback had stellar passing numbers. Lewis was 9-23 for just 91 yards. Holiday's numbers weren't much better. He was only 7-14 for 70 yards.

But in the monsoon-like conditions, Holiday's legs made him the most important player on the Irish offense while Lewis was rendered ineffective.

"[The rain] was very helpful because we're a good running team," Holiday said. "We pass the ball but not that much so we were able to utilize what we do best ... Their quarterback had a little trouble throwing the football."

If this game was played again on a dry field in bright sunshine, the results may have been very different. If the Mountaineers' spread offense could have preyed on the depleted Irish secondary, Notre Dame might be 1-4 right now.

But in the cold muck, Holiday's ability to move the ball with his feet as well as his arm gave the Irish as distinct advantage.

He rushed for 130 yards on the day including 27 and 36-yard runs that set up two Irish touchdowns.

He averaged almost seven yards a carry.

And here is the most incredible part about Holiday's MVP performance: he is only a freshman eligibility-wise.

Notre Dame fans can look forward to four more years of Holiday presents like the one he handed out Saturday. As a freshman he is already the most important weapon on offense and he can only get better.

"It's not even close," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said when asked about Holiday's potential compared to his current production. "He is a guy who eventually will be able to do it all."

Saturday he tipped the scales solidly in Notre Dame's favor. Because he was just as much of a threat to keep the ball as pitch it or throw it, West Virginia's defense had to be spread itself a little bit thinner.

"I think he's opening up all of us," running back Tony Fisher said.

While Holiday's feet were keeping the Irish offense moving in the mud, his arm was still keeping the defense honest. Although he only completed seven passes, his progress as a passer is already visible. Holiday made several poor decisions against Nebraska and Texas A&M to force the ball into coverage for an interception. Saturday his decisions were much improved. His only interception was just as much intended receiver Gary Godsey's fault as it was Holiday's, according to Rogers.

"He's a sharp guy and he is going to be able to pick up things and as he progresses through his

career, he is going to get better and better," Rogers said. "I think you can see how he is developing and what kind of guy he can be. There were several times during the course of the game where he didn't let it go. That's all going to come as he progresses and gets smarter."

Perhaps the greatest concern with a freshman quarterback at the helm isn't whether or not he can run or pass but if he can lead. According to fifth-year senior and starting tackle Kurt Vollers, Holiday has no problems in the leadership department.

"He was a cool dude in there," Vollers said. "He was controlling that huddle."

The most intriguing part of Holiday's performance Saturday wasn't how good it was. But how looking back in two or three years, it might appear only average. With more time to develop as a quarterback and learn to read defenses, Holiday's passing numbers could skyrocket.

With a dry ball and a year of experience, Holiday could become just as deadly with his arm as he is with his legs.

"It's building and it's gonna keep building," he said about his confidence. "It's just gonna keep building."

Holiday's reality will keep building toward that incredible potential.

And the mud still won't be able to slow him down.

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Mike Connolly

Outside Looking In

Irish offense grinds out best ground performance

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish ran away with the game. Literally.

During Saturday's win against West Virginia, Notre Dame posted eight season-high rushing marks, totaling 345 yards and returning to the heart of Irish football.

"We just know we have to go out there and establish a strong running game because that's Notre Dame football, being able to run the ball," senior tailback Tony Fisher said.

Fisher rushed for 119 yards, joining quarterback Carlyle Holiday in topping the 100-yard rushing mark — the first time two Irish players have topped 100 yards in the same game since 1999.

Against West Virginia, Notre Dame ran the ball on 92 percent of their offensive plays. In their first three games this season, the Irish had a combined total of 269 rushing yards. Saturday, the Irish had 345 rushing yards.

After a stagnant start to the season, the Irish rushing game finally took off.

"Our offensive team is coming together every week," Fisher said. "... We've been able to run the ball the last couple of weeks and we're going to try to continue that from here on out."

Wet conditions put a damper on Notre Dame's passing game, forcing the run. The intensive rushing game culminated in a 15-play, 55-yard scoring drive in the second quarter that was kept entirely on the ground.

"To be quite honest, if our offense doesn't control the ball the way they controlled it today, if our offense doesn't have those long, time-consuming drives I'm not sure we can win the football game," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "... But the offense did do that."

During the drive, tailback Julius Jones rushed nine times for 32 yards. Fisher took the handoff three times for seven

yards, and Holiday kept three times for 16 yards, eating up seven minutes, 13 seconds.

"[The long drive] takes a lot out of us, it fatigues a bit, but we feel good when it happens," Holiday said. "We're controlling the clock the whole game and that's a big positive."

The first-half running game was unstoppable. The Irish kept possession of the ball for nearly 19 minutes, and made 46 running plays.

"That was telling me we were possessing the ball," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "One of those drives was a 15-play deal. We were kind of two, three yards and then all of the sudden we get a 15."

The Irish can find reasons for their success in more than just their running backs. The Holiday line and solid play by Holiday coupled with the good work of the Irish running backs solidified the Irish attack.

"It was the offensive line," Jones said. "The offensive line had a great day and I give them all the credit for our performance."

With the help of the offensive line, the Irish averaged a season high five yards per rush, four rushing touchdowns and 23 first downs.

"[The offensive line] was coming off the ball fast, they were hungry today," Holiday said. "They love running the ball and they came out [Saturday] and proved they could run the ball."

Holiday was the leading rusher for the Irish, finishing the game with 130 rushing yards, the most rushing yards an Irish quarterback has had since Tony Rice in 1989. Holiday also has the season-high for rushing yards for any Irish player this season.

"He's a sharp guy and he is going to be able to pick up things and as he progresses through his career he is going to get better and better," Rogers said.

With both Fisher and Holiday rushing for more than 100 yards, and the offensive



DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer

Notre Dame tailback Julius Jones jukes his way through the line of scrimmage during Notre Dame's 34-24 win. Jones scored two touchdowns and rushed 23 times for 92 yards.

line opening holes, the option worked.

"That's the way our offense is running right now," Fisher said. "We're the option. You know, the quarterback is keeping the ball. If Carlyle hands it, it's a carry for us, if

not it's a carry for him."

The Irish are finally running the kind of game Notre Dame is expected to run.

"We knew they were going to run it, everyone in the stadium knew they were going to run it, the staff knew they

were going to run it, our defense knew they were going to run it," Mountaineers head coach Rich Rodriguez said.

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AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Miami (48)	5-0	1,481
2	Oklahoma (11)	6-0	1,440
3	Nebraska (1)	7-0	1,382
4	Virginia Tech	6-0	1,279
5	Oregon	6-0	1,244
6	UCLA	5-0	1,239
7	Florida	5-1	1,067
8	Texas	5-1	1,018
9	Michigan	5-1	1,009
10	Fresno State	6-0	979
11	Tennessee	3-1	806
12	Washington	4-1	713
13	BYU	6-0	697
14	Maryland	6-0	690
15	Clemson	4-1	636
16	South Carolina	5-1	587
17	Georgia	4-1	669
18	BYU	6-0	599
19	Washington State	6-0	581
20	Auburn	5-1	568
21	Florida State	3-2	285
22	Northwestern	4-1	234
23	Georgia Tech	4-2	234
24	Purdue	4-1	222
25	Toledo	5-0	183

other leading vote getters: Illinois 105, Michigan State 83, Texas A&M 71, Stanford 70, Mississippi 30, Ohio State 28, NOTRE DAME 0

scoring summary & stats

scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Notre Dame	10	7	7	10	34
West Virginia	10	0	14	0	24
team statistics	ND		WVU		
first downs	23		15		
rushes-yards	69-345		37-179		
passing yards	70		91		
comp-att-int	7-14-1		9-23-1		
return yards	174		59		
punts-yards	4-141		6-255		
fumbles-lost	2-1		1-0		
penalties-yards	10-103		6-47		
time of possession	37:54		22:06		
individual statistics					
passing					
ND — Holiday 7-14-1					
WVU — Lewis 9-23-1					
rushing					
ND — Holiday 19-139, Fisher 22-129, Jones 23-92, Givens 1-3, Howard 1-2, Lopienski 1-1					
WVU — Cobourne 26-176, Smith 2-17, Lewis 8-11					
receiving					
ND — Hunter 3-37, Jones 2-14, Givens 1-10, Owens 1-9					
WVU — Johnson 2-26, Braxton 2-24, Brown 1-12, Nastasi 1-12					

leading tacklers

ND — Harrison 7, Weaver 7, Watson 5, Elam 5, Boiman 4
WVU — McIntyre 16, Hackett 13, Kayden 11, Sherrod 10, Davis 9, King 5, Lehnortt 5

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ND - 8:19 FG Setta 21-yd., 10-7	4 Virginia Tech	6-0	1,279
WVU - 3:54 FG Rauh 33-yd., 10-10	5 Oregon	6-0	1,244
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ND - 6:43 Jones 1-yd. run Setta kick, 17-10	7 Florida	5-1	1,067
3rd	8 Texas	5-1	1,018
WVU - 10:11 Nastasi 12-yd. pass from Lewis Rauh kick, 17-17	9 Michigan	4-1	1,009
WVU - 5:37 Johnson 8-yd. pass from Lewis Rauh kick, 17-24	10 Fresno State	6-0	979
ND - 4:11 Fisher 25-yd. run Setta kick, 24-24	11 Tennessee	3-1	806
4th	12 Washington	4-1	713
ND - 10:56 FG Setta 42-yd., 27-24	13 BYU	6-0	697
ND - 7:30 Fisher 55-yd. run Setta kick, 34-24	14 Maryland	6-0	690
	15 Clemson	4-1	636
	16 South Carolina	5-1	587
	17 Colorado	5-1	449
	18 Washington State	6-0	379
	19 Georgia	4-1	338
	20 Northwestern	4-1	320
	21 Auburn	5-1	300
	22 Florida State	3-2	297
	23 Toledo	5-0	249
	24 Purdue	4-1	227
	25 Georgia Tech	4-2	161

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Notre Dame's David Givens leaps and appears to grab the football during the second quarter. However, when Givens hit the ground, the ball popped out of his hands. RICO CASARES/The Observer

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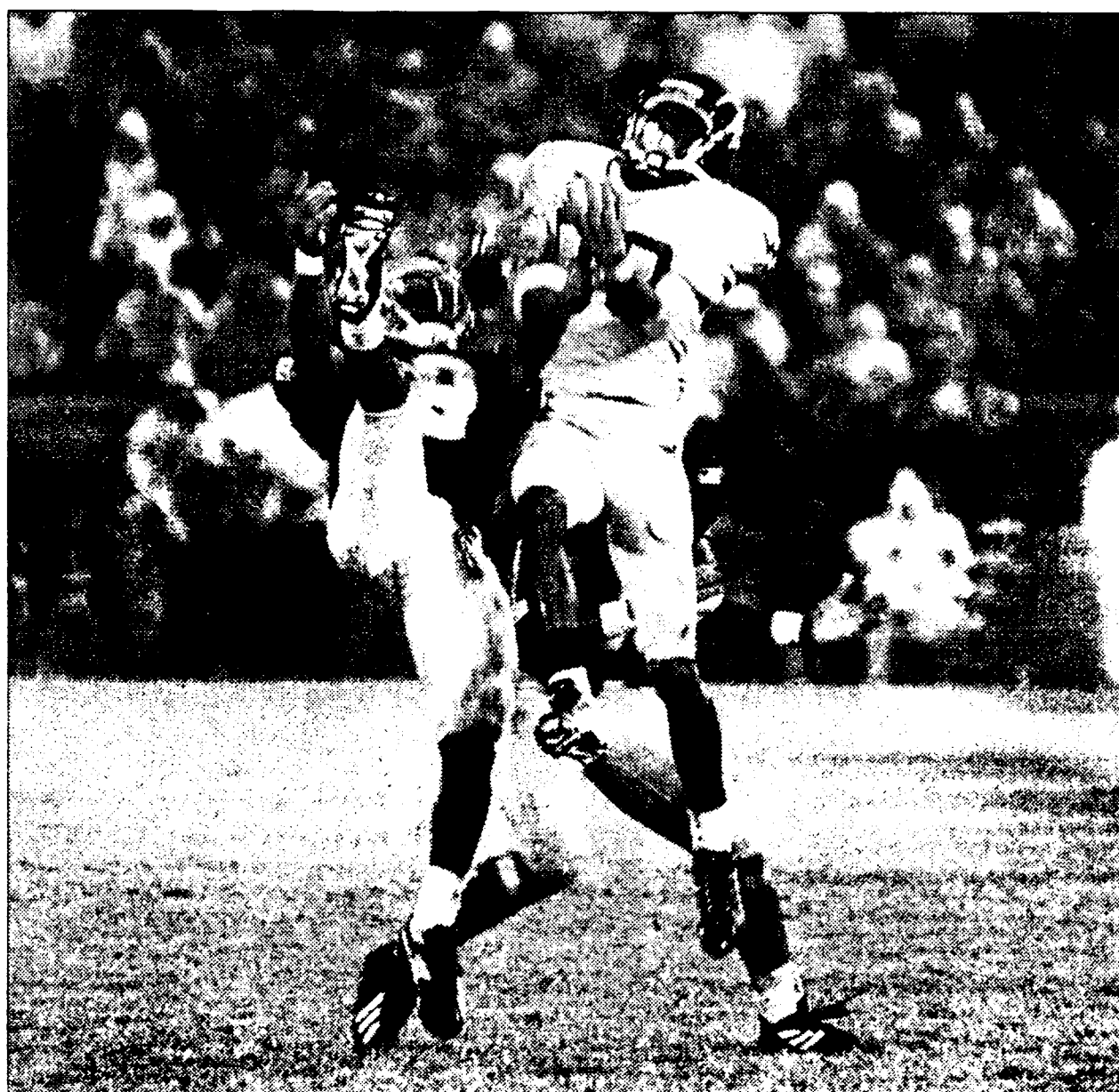
Even the sloppy weather conditions didn't slow Notre Dame's rushing game. The Irish rushed for 345 yards — the most since last year. Carlyle Holiday and Tony Fisher became the first Notre Dame duo to rush for over 100 yards in a game since 1999. And Notre Dame's 34 points were the most they had scored so far this season.



Notre Dame tailback Julius Jones barrels through the middle during Saturday's Irish victory. RICO CASARES/The Observer



Notre Dame defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard reaches out and tries to tackle West Virginia running back Avon Cobourne. DUFFY-MARIE ARNOULT/The Observer



Notre Dame safety Donald Dykes falls on his back after breaking up a pass during Saturday's game. RICO CASARES/The Observer