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Crime and Punishment

A six-part series on discipline at Notre Dame

Notre Dame rules, regulations stir discontent



Editor's Note: In order to offer an honest, candid portrayal of discipline at Notre Dame, The Observer granted anonymity to several sources who will appear in this series. The Observer felt it was essential to include these sources' perspectives in a fair, well-rounded report, but they would only speak on the condition of anonymity because they feared repercussions from the University.

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

There's dysfunction in the Notre Dame family. A buzzing undercurrent of frustration and confusion regarding the University's disciplinary procedures flows from student to student, puzzling administrators. Sometimes the resentment is

so strong it colors a student's entire Notre Dame experience.

"This isn't the Notre Dame that the alumni talk about," said a male senior who wished to remain anonymous. "I don't want to say it's absolutely terrible.

"But had I not gone abroad, done Bengal Bouts or met people at work, I would have said, 'I wish I went to another school.'"

Notre Dame's rules and regulations — explicitly outlined in *duLac*, the University's official handbook — are simultaneously contentious to some students and foreign to others, whose only experiences with discipline are second-hand stories spread by word of mouth.

"There's urban legends, or lore, that goes around campus," Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said.

There's also disillusionment, a sentiment shared by a surpris-

ingly large number of students that does not always trickle up to the Main Building, where administrators are quick to praise Notre Dame's residential community and the support — if also constraint — it provides undergraduates.

"I think that students, generally speaking, respect [the University's rules], and they understand them, and they choose to live on campus ... We're chock full. We don't have any space in the residence halls," Kirk said. "I think that students like campus life. They enjoy being on campus in the residence hall, in part because there's a sense of order and discipline."

Many students do support Notre Dame's unique residential system — a focal point in Admissions Office brochures and a campus tour must-men-

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University reduces seats for students

ND will allot 3,000 spots at final two pep rallies



Observer File Photo

Students attend a 2002 football pep rally in the Joyce Center. New ticketing rules allow for 3,000 student seats at today's event.

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Due to the recent decline in student attendance, today's football pep rally will guarantee designated seating for approximately 3,000 students — just half of was allotted for students at the last pep rally.

The new pep rally ticket distribution system, which debuted Nov. 4, allowed for a specific amount of student seats and required non-students to wait in line to obtain a ticket prior to the event. The number of available general seating tickets was calculated by subtracting the estimated number of students

from the 10,000 seats available in the Joyce Center for the rally.

Problems arose after the estimated number of students proved to be a gross overestimate of the actual student attendance. Consequently, some Irish fans were turned away despite sections left vacant by students who opted not to attend.

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said the decision made this week to minimize seating in student sections to 3,000 was based on attendance at the Tennessee pep rally, which garnered 2,400 students.

"While this [new] number

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Pangborn rector is one of a kind

First black female dorm leader refers to experience as 'history in the making'

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Kuukua Yomekpe answered two calls when she took the job as rector of Pangborn Hall — a call back into working ministry with college students, and a literal call from Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president of student affairs, urging her to complete a rector application.

Yompke had been working as an editor for Chase Manhattan and was "quite happy" with the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. nature of the job. On the recommendation of a friend who had attended

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Pangborn rector Kuukua Yomekpe, originally from Ghana, is the first black female to hold a rector position at the University.

Irish-Navy ties run deep

By KATIE STUHLREHER
News Writer

Saturday's home football game against the U.S. Naval Academy will continue one of the longest-running college football rivalries in the nation, one that began in 1927 and initiated a tradition that lives on via annual matchups.

But these two respected institutions share much more than a yearly football game.

One look around Notre Dame's campus will reveal its deep ties to the U.S. Navy. The Rockne Memorial bears the seal of the Naval Academy — along with that of West Point — to commemorate the great rivalries that exist-

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ed between the three powerhouses during the Knute Rockne era.

A pair of Navy-Notre Dame football tickets is buried in the cornerstone of the Rockne Memorial, and the campus power plant still uses two World War II era diesel generators from Navy submarines.

The rivalry dates back to 1913, when a fortunate opening in Army's schedule allowed the Irish

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INSIDE COLUMN

Advice you should ignore

We all have friends and relatives who give bad advice. I've been lucky enough to get some horrible advice over the past few years, and this is some of the worst of it.

"Always expect the worst case scenario, and then you won't ever be disappointed."

Sam Pandolfo

This is sort of like saying, "the glass was half full until you knocked it on the floor and stepped on it."

Advertising Executive

Despite the fact that this statement makes logical sense, this is probably the single most pessimistic quip I've ever come across, next to things I've heard from ex-girlfriends during the breakup process. If someone tells you this, they probably hate you.

"Set really easy goals in life so you always feel accomplished." This is a guaranteed recipe for deep, clinical depression. It's kind of like writing things you've already done on a to-do list — well, let's be honest, we all do that. But seriously, how can you ever accomplish anything if everything you want to do is easy?

"Let your life be a study in the path of least resistance." I actually went through a period, circa winter of freshman year, where this was pretty much my motto. I slept until four in the afternoon and the only class I went to was volleyball — sort of like Matt Leinart but without the added benefit of hanging out with Jessica Simpson. If you come away with anything from this article, let it be abhorrence for sloth.

"Never confuse your GPA with your self-worth." I actually agreed with this one until I realized that no one hires people with a 2.6 GPA. So for the person who told me this I ask one thing: What is someone worth when they are \$70,000 in debt, mowing grass for a living and living with their parents? While I don't fit this criteria exactly, I must admit that GPA and self-worth may indeed be correlated to some extent.

"Just be yourself and you can never make a bad impression." OK, I'm sorry but this just isn't true. I know plenty of people that would make the worst impression possible by being themselves. Call me overly critical, but if you genuinely want to spend afternoons sitting on the quad, drinking an adult beverage, while attaching a pornographic magazine to a fishing pole and harassing unsuspecting campus visitors when they try to pick it up and you simultaneously pull it away, laughing and yelling "Pervert!" you probably shouldn't tell that to — oh, I don't know — an interviewer. It's just bad politics.

If you've heard any of these before, I'm sorry to conjure up any bad feelings you may have. I had to find out that these are BS the hard way, so for anyone who's a stranger to these awful pieces of advice you are oh-so-very welcome.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT HAVE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH RESLIFE BEEN LIKE?



Christine Scacco

sophomore
McGlinn

"What's
ResLife?"



Mike Hopkinson

freshman
Zahm

"I hate ResLife. Wait, if they see this will they ResLife me again?"



JJ Lyphout

sophomore
Keough

"ResLife fined me \$400 for purchasing \$600 worth of Corona with this guy."



Matt Belton

sophomore
Keough

"ResLife fined me \$400 for purchasing \$600 worth of Corona with this guy."



Kevin Marvinac

freshman
Siegfried

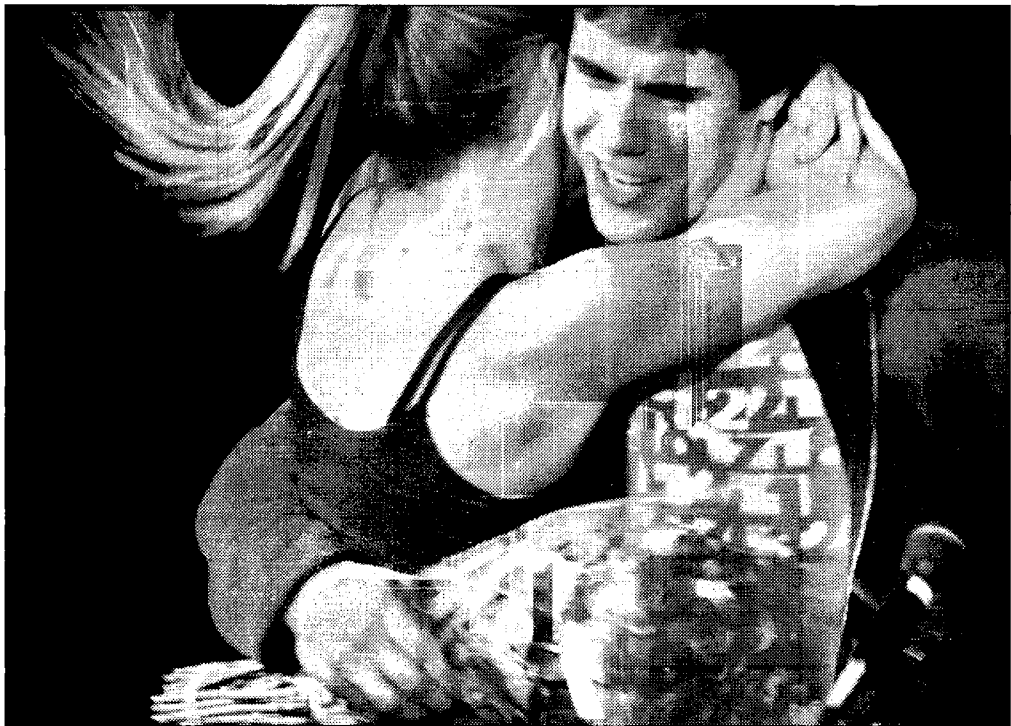
"None, I swear ... nope."



Robbie Bernardin

freshman
Siegfried

"None to speak of."



Sophomore Beth Jensen of Pasquerilla East embraces Irish quarterback Brady Quinn after the football standout announced her as the winner of this year's Miss ND pageant Thursday.

OFFBEAT

Polite robber hits 29th bank in four months

TORONTO — A Canadian bank robber, who politely presents a hold-up note on a recipe card, has hit 29 banks in four months, police said on Thursday.

The unidentified man is the main suspect behind two bank heists in Toronto on Wednesday and 27 other robberies in the region since August.

The suspect waits his turn in line and, once at the teller, quietly makes his intentions known on a recipe card. He has never shown a gun.

The clean-shaven robber, who looks around 30 years old, usually wears a base-

ball cap and sometimes sunglasses.

"[The police are] very confident something will happen shortly," said Toronto police spokeswoman Wendy Drummond.

"They're pulling out all the stops here," she said.

She said the new confidence stems from better views of the suspect on surveillance tapes of his latest robberies.

Jailed man wins school board election

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — The winner of a school board election didn't campaign, attend forums or even go to any school board meetings before the vote — because

he was in jail.

Randy Logan Hale won 831 votes in Tuesday's election, securing one of three open seats on the Romoland School District Board in a community about 70 miles north of San Diego.

"This is wild, he'll be glad," said his wife, Penny.

Hale, 40, was returned to prison in September for violating his parole on 1998 convictions for spousal abuse and drug possession, the California Institution for Men in Chino said, and is due to be released Feb. 15. He declared his candidacy in August.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Major Jason Frei will be the guest speaker at the Veteran's Day Recognition Ceremony will be held today at 4 p.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain between LaFortune Student Center and Hesburgh Library.

As part of the Saturday Scholar Series, professors R. Scott Appleby, Lawrence Cunningham and Father Richard McBrien will speak at the lecture "A Change at the Top: Pope Benedict XVI." The event will take place at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the Snite Museum of Art.

Patrick Toole, vice president of business transformation for IBM's Enterprise on Demand Transformation and Information, will deliver a talk in the Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series at 12:50 p.m. Monday in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium.

Quinlan Terry, a leading figure in the revival of classical architecture, will present the 2005 Richard H. Driehaus Prize lecture at 7 p.m. Monday in the Snite Museum of Art. The lecture, "Designing and Building a Sustainable Future," is free and open to the public.

An examination of the various aspects of literary art in the 1960s will be the focus of a two-day lecture series, "Artworlds of the Sixties," Monday and Tuesday in McKenna Hall beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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

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Campus anticipates traditional matchup

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

As a school deeply rooted in the values of tradition, Notre Dame's on-campus atmosphere this weekend will be one of excitement when the Irish take on Navy as part of the historical rivalry between the two teams, students said.

Not only do Notre Dame and the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy have the longest continuous intersectional rivalry in the country — a mark set at 79 games — but the Irish also hold the NCAA record for most consecutive wins against one opponent, with 41 wins in a row versus Navy.

Students said the streak is a main draw for the matchup.

"I just want to keep the streak alive," freshman Clare Heintz said.

Navy's last win in the series came in 1963, when Heisman Trophy winner Roger Staubach lifted the Midshipmen to victory 35-14 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Although Navy is unranked in all major polls, the Irish are not taking this game lightly — and neither are some students.

"I think that this will be a fun game to watch, as always," freshman Drew Tuckett said.

Some students said despite the storied rivalry of the two teams, fan energy will probably be lower than in the case of more

hyped-up games this season.

"The Notre Dame/Navy game brings a lot of tradition to campus, which always makes for a good match-up," freshman Katie McInerney said. "[But] nothing can possibly live up to the USC game as far as excitement goes."

Freshman Emily Perry said she "cannot wait" to cheer the Irish on to victory Saturday — even if her classmates don't share in her excitement.

"Other students are not quite as excited for this [weekend], as the Irish have already taken on all of their ranked opponents this season," she said.

Lackluster expectations will cause some students to skip the game altogether.

"I traded in my ticket and decided not to go because I don't think that this is even going to be close," freshman Jessica Billings said.

Despite the varied levels of anticipation, students also expressed respect for Navy team members as American military personnel.

"The thing that I love about the Navy game is that, no matter what happens [on the field], you know they are fighting for a good cause," junior Melissa Chandler said. "Even though we're playing [against] them on the field, we are always on their side."

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Speakers address eating disorders

Specialists, students gather to discuss nutrition and body image

By JACLYNNE MADDEN
News Writer

Eating Disorder Awareness Week came to a close Thursday after several students and faculty members participated in a fishbowl discussion entitled, "360°: Perspectives on Eating Disorders" at North Dining Hall.

Valerie Staples, the eating disorders specialist at the University Counseling Center, addressed the troubles students can encounter when deciding whether to confront a friend about their eating disorder.

"People get very good at hiding their disorder," Staples said.

"However, sometimes their behavior becomes so automatic that they are not even aware of what they are doing ... They need to hear that you are really worried about what is going on and that you are noticing a problem."

Sophomore speaker Erin Hankins said she helped her friends through their disorders even though she couldn't always relate to their experiences.

"I realized that the one thing

I could do for them was listen," she said. "It is really hard to help someone through this, but the best thing I know I can do is listen."

Steve Tortorello, a sophomore, addressed male issues and said eating disorders aren't limited to women.

"This is such a physically fit campus and so many people are varsity athletes," he said. "If you go to play shirts versus skins at the Rock, and five guys take their shirts off, three of them look like He-Man. If you are not physically fit, that can

be very intimidating and then a sort of mentality permeates that you should be in shape yourself."

Heather Rakoczy, Director of the Gender Relations Center, said just because someone may be bulimic or anorexic does not

mean they have the same characteristics for their disorder as someone else with the same problem.

"If we assume that every case of eating disorder is exactly the same, that every person experience and symptoms are the same, then the way we address their problems will be the same," she said. "Each particular story requires a particular

response and we need to take into careful consideration that what we hear in one case is not universal."

Junior Ali Wishon — organizer of the Awareness Week and who suffered from an eating disorder herself — said there is also a lingering problem of eating disorders being the popular punch line to jokes in our society.

"Every time I hear someone make a joke or continue to perpetuate the culture of unattainable beauty, it makes it difficult for me to stay in recovery," she said. "This is also something we need to be concerned about because it makes people who do have a disorder less likely to speak up and admit to their problem because they feel like they are going to be the butt of the joke."

Speakers hoped those in attendance would take away valuable information from the discussion.

"I hope that people leave the discussion having learned vital information about eating disorders, the contributing factors, how to help a friend, the specifics of the Notre Dame culture that make eating disorders so prevalent, and will continue the discussion in their dorms [and] with friends," Wishon said.

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Saint Mary's seniors to host 'Navy Dance'

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

The Sisters of the Holy Cross and the United States Navy have long had a close connection, so it was only natural for them to convince Saint Mary's to host a party for the midshipmen visiting the area for Saturday's traditional football game.

The relationship stems back to the Civil War, when the Sisters served as naval nurses. Two sisters living in the campus convent served in the Navy prior to joining the Order.

Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for mission, said the subject of a party was brought up two years ago when Notre Dame played the Naval Academy at home.

Sister Jean Louise Forkin and Patricia Heiberger — directors of the confirmation program for midshipmen at the Naval Academy — contacted Schultz and Assistant Director of Student Activities Francis Bruder to see if the administration and students approved the idea.

"This is not a frivolous thing," Schultz said. "This has been planned and communicated between the schools for a couple of years now."

The Navy drum and bugle corps, cheerleaders and glee club will arrive in South Bend today and make up the majority of midshipmen attending the dance.

Schultz said while many students from the Naval Academy will be in town for the game, not every midshipman is able to attend the historical matchup this weekend. Those allowed to travel were chosen based on their academic standing at the Academy.

Senior class president Lauren Condon said everyone was excited when the idea was first presented to the board. The board unanimously approved the event and eagerly anticipates the opportunity to host the approximately 200 midshipmen, senior Lynn Sikora said.

Senior Meghan Daley said although she can't go to the dance, she wishes she could, as she is "a big fan of men in uniform — for patriotic reasons of course."

Leeann Godfrey, Jackie Paunicka and Monica Beil planned the event, which will take place tonight from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. in the Saint Mary's Student Center Lounge.

Though the dance was initially for seniors only, Condon said the first 50 juniors to purchase a \$5 ticket to the event can attend.

Tickets are on sale today until 4 p.m. for \$3, with the cost increasing to \$5 when purchased at the door. Students are allowed to bring friends who do not attend Saint Mary's and dates as long as they too are juniors and seniors in college.

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to play their first big game against a national football giant. Notre Dame's impressive win led to an annual meeting between the two teams.

In 1926, Rockne's Irish dropped only one game in an unlikely loss to Carnegie Tech — but Rockne was not present at that game. Instead, he was in Chicago watching Navy win the national championship over Army and setting his sights on challenging the new heavyweight.

That spring, the Naval Academy invited Rockne to be the keynote speaker at its annual N Club dinner, thus melding the two schools' desires to play each other.

On Oct. 15, 1927, the Irish defeated the defending national champions and took home the Stadium Football Trophy made especially for the highly touted match. The trophy still proudly sits on display in the trophy case in the Rockne Memorial.

In 1930, Notre Dame invited Navy to be its opponent in the game marking the formal dedication of Notre Dame Stadium.

But with the outbreak of World War II, Notre Dame's football field was used for marching to military drills as often as it was for marching "onward to victory." In 1943, enrollment plummeted to the same levels experienced at the height of the Great Depression — a 20 percent decline since 1940.

The Naval Academy was unable to meet the rising demand for educated officers during the war and established one of the first Naval ROTC (NROTC) pro-

grams in the nation at Notre Dame in 1941.

Between 1942 and 1946, approximately 12,000 officers completed their training at Notre Dame and served overseas. Civilian students agreed to double-bunk in already cramped dorm rooms to make room for the influx of officer candidates.

The tradition of training naval officers has remained constant over the years at Notre Dame.

"Other than the Naval Academy, Notre Dame has commissioned more officers in the Navy than any other school," said Commander Jeff Morris, executive officer of NROTC. "That's a proud accomplishment and a long legacy of academic and professional achievement."

Junior NROTC student Victoria Danielsky said Notre Dame primes officers with campus values.

"Notre Dame has a history of excellence not only with academia and athletics, but of producing Naval Officers with high morals, discipline, intelligence and athleticism," she said.

Due to the needed help during war years and strong tradition of naval training at Notre Dame since, the Irish agreed to play Navy every year both teams desired to meet. Even though the current overall record favors Notre Dame, and the most recent Navy victory came in 1963, the traditional game remains one of the most anticipated of the season.

"Tradition is very strong at both schools and part of that tradition includes playing football against each other every year," Morris said. "That alone should be enough reason to continue the series."

Andrew Todd-Smith, former

Notre Dame student and aviation electrician mate E3 airman in the U.S. Navy, said the rivalry is rooted in respect.

"Lots of current football rivalries are all about screaming for blood and hating the other team," he said. "But Notre Dame and Navy are so classy that this can be a fun rivalry based on mutual respect."

Neither side is afraid of a little friendly competition, however.

When asked which team he would root for on Saturday, Todd-Smith said there was no question — "Irish blood is thicker than seawater."

"The long-standing military relationship between the Navy and Notre Dame as well as the long rivalry between the two football teams leads to a mutual respect between these two schools closely comparable to the respect we have for other service academies," said Naval Academy junior Austin Spina, who attended previous games in Notre Dame Stadium.

NROTC junior Patrick Maus went to Navy for the game last year.

"The fans at the Navy game are always great," he said. "I painted up for both games so far because the Notre Dame-Navy game is always big and our traditions go back so far."

Come Saturday, ties between the Naval Academy and Notre Dame will be as apparent as ever, as two Notre Dame alumni will fly Navy F/A 18F Super Hornets over Notre Dame Stadium prior to kickoff. Additionally, the Notre Dame and Naval Academy glee clubs will perform a joint concert after the game.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bombings kill 42 in Iraq restaurant

BAGHDAD — Bombers killed 42 people Thursday at a Baghdad restaurant favored by police and an army recruiting center to the north, while Iraqi troops along the Iranian border found 27 decomposing bodies, unidentified victims of the grisly violence plaguing the country.

In the deadliest bombing in Baghdad since Sept. 19, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a restaurant about 9:45 a.m., when officers usually stop in for breakfast. Police Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said 35 officers and civilians died and 25 were wounded.

Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed in an Internet posting that it staged the attack in retaliation for U.S. and Iraqi operations near the Syrian border. Earlier, it claimed responsibility for Wednesday night's deadly hotel bombings in neighboring Jordan, linking those blasts to the conflict in Iraq.

U.S., Europe agree on Iran issue

VIENNA — The United States and Europe have agreed on a compromise plan to accept expanded nuclear activities by Iran, but only if the enrichment process — a possible pathway to nuclear arms — is moved to Russia, senior officials and diplomats said Thursday.

If accepted by Iran, the proposal could end a tug-of-war over whether to refer the Islamic republic to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions.

The officials and diplomats, who demanded anonymity in exchange for discussing the strategy, said the plan would allow Iran to continue converting raw uranium into the gas that is spun by centrifuges into enriched uranium.

NATIONAL NEWS

Conflict arises over cameras in court

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices said Thursday that troubling memories of O.J. Simpson's televised murder trial hang over the present-day debate about cameras in courts.

Three justices — Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony M. Kennedy and Stephen Breyer — briefly debated the subject during an American Bar Association event on the importance of law in the United States and abroad.

Although Supreme Court justices have long opposed courtroom cameras, there's a fresh move in Congress to open up proceedings. The House voted Wednesday to give federal judges the power to let television court hearings. And Senate Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has introduced legislation that would require the Supreme Court to allow its sessions to be televised in most cases.

Hospital turns down doner organs

IRVINE — When Elodie Irvine was diagnosed with a deadly kidney and liver disease, doctors at UCI Medical Center told her she would have a new liver within six months — possibly a week.

But as months became years, Irvine watched, terrified and helpless, as 10 friends from her hospital-sponsored support group died without getting the transplants they needed.

After four years, Irvine's kidney specialist became suspicious and advised her to transfer to another hospital, where she got the desperately needed kidney and liver transplants within two months.

LOCAL NEWS

Congressman fights new time plan

SOUTH BEND — A northern Indiana congressman said it would be a mistake for St. Joseph County to be put on Central time and has asked the U.S. transportation secretary to reject the request.

U.S. Rep. Mark Souder of Fort Wayne said in a letter dated Monday to Norman Mineta that the social and economic interests of Elkhart and Kosciusko counties are directly tied to St. Joseph County.

In a move anticipating the DOT's Nov. 21 time zone hearing in South Bend, area businesses plan to endorse a single regional time zone.

JORDAN

Anger stirs after terror bombings

Thousands gather in the streets of Jordan to condemn militants behind hotel attacks

Associated Press

AMMAN — Sameeh Khreis has spent years demanding justice and more rights for jailed Islamic extremists. But on Thursday, he joined thousands who took to the streets across Jordan to condemn the militants behind Amman's triple hotel bombings that killed 59 people.

"This is disgusting. We will never tolerate such terrorism," Khreis said, marching with 2,000 others in Jordan's capital.

"Burn in hell, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi!" they shouted, denouncing the Jordanian-born leader of al-Qaida in Iraq. Al-Zarqawi's group claimed responsibility for the blasts but later, confronted with mounting protests, took the rare step of trying to justify the attacks on Arab civilians.

Honking vehicles, decorated with Jordanian flags and posters of King Abdullah II, cruised Amman's streets until late in the night. At the bombed Grand Hyatt Hotel, about 50 people, including Jordanian children holding tiny flags, placed candles on a makeshift sand memorial in the driveway.

Officials suspected Iraqi involvement in the attacks. Security forces snared a group of Iraqis for questioning and officials said one of the bombers spoke Iraqi-accented Arabic before he exploded his suicide belt in the Hyatt.

King Abdullah, a strong U.S. ally, vowed in a nationally televised address to "pursue those criminals and those behind them, and we will get to them wherever they are."

Two Americans were killed and four wounded in the bombings Wednesday evening at the Hyatt, the Radisson SAS and the Days Inn, State Department spokesman Noel Clay said.



A man mourns the death of a relative Thursday after he was killed in one of the hotel explosions in the Jordanian capital, Amman.

Two of the wounded were hospitalized.

Significantly, the victims also included some two dozen Palestinians with roots in the West Bank. Among them was the West Bank's intelligence chief, Maj. Gen. Bashir Nafeh, a diplomat and a prominent banker. Many Jordanians and Palestinians have supported the Iraqi insurgency, but the hotel bombings could tip Arab sentiment against al-Zarqawi.

In the West Bank village of Silet al-Thaher, members of the Akhras family mourned 13 of their relatives killed during a wedding party at the Radisson.

"Oh my God, oh my God. Is it possible that Arabs are killing Arabs, Muslims killing Muslims? For what did they do that?" screamed 35-year-old Najah Akhras, who lost two nieces in the attack. Similar thoughts were heard repeatedly throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, which appears to be expanding its operations outside of Iraq, said the bombings put the United States on notice that the "backyard camp for the Crusader army is now in the range of fire of the holy warriors."

But later Thursday, in an

apparent response to the protests, al-Zarqawi's group took the rare step of trying "to explain for Muslims part of the reason the holy warriors targeted these dens."

"Let all know that we have struck only after becoming confident that they are centers for launching war on Islam and supporting the Crusaders' presence in Iraq and the Arab peninsula and the presence of the Jews on the land of Palestine," al-Qaida in Iraq said in an Internet statement, the authenticity of which could not be immediately verified.

GOP leaders postpone budget vote

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders scuttled a vote Thursday on a \$51 billion budget-cut package in the face of a revolt by moderate lawmakers over cuts to Medicaid, food stamp and student loan programs.

The episode marked a setback for Republicans on Capitol Hill. They had hoped to use the budget debate to burnish their deficit-cutting credentials with the public and their core political supporters, many of whom are disappointed with their party's performance on spending.

The decision by GOP leaders came despite a big concession to moderates

Wednesday, when the leaders dropped provisions to open the Arctic National Refuge to oil and gas exploration, as well as a plan letting states lift a moratorium on oil drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

But moderates countered that the spending cuts in the House budget plan were a separate issue from Arctic drilling. The cuts were too severe, moderates argued, especially when compared with a significantly milder Senate budget plan that passed last week.

Democrats mounted a furious attack on the GOP budget plan for its cuts to social programs and pounded home the message that the overall GOP plan

would increase the deficit when coupled with a subsequent tax cut bill.

"The Republican Congress is about to slash more than \$50 billion from investments in our children's future in health care and education," said Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, chairman of the campaign arm for House Democrats. "And yet, because of Republican priorities, they are going to actually add \$20 billion to our budget deficit. ... Only in a Republican Congress."

Republican leaders said the postponement of the vote was simply a modest setback and that the budget effort would get back on track next week.

Rector

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Notre Dame, Yomekpe put in a partial application for a rector position.

"I had not really thought anything would come of it," she said. "When Sister Jean Lenz called my cell phone in February, I had totally forgotten about the application, but I agreed to send her my completed application and have a phone interview with her. I was sold once I came to campus for my second interview and the rest is history in the making."

It is history in the making, as she says, because Yomekpe is the first black female ever to hold the position of rector at Notre Dame.

"Sometimes self-imposed pressures make me question God's call to come to Notre Dame; at other times I see the value of this position and the potential it has to change the way people see women of color in positions of authority," Yomekpe said.

Originally from Ghana, West Africa, Yomekpe immigrated to the United States in 1996 after completing high school at an all-girls private Catholic boarding school.

"So technically, I guess I would be first generation African-American," Yomekpe said. "Most of my nuclear family are currently in Ohio and Texas but I still have quite a large number of my family members in Ghana, among whom is my maternal grandmother who raised my sister and I because both of my parents worked abroad."

Since taking her post as rector, Yomekpe has felt a constant need to excel in her position, similar to how women must have felt when they were first granted entry into Notre Dame in 1972, she said.

"I have felt a need to be the very best so that I can pave the way for other women of color to do this work," she said.

Yomekpe said she is challenged daily, particularly in trying to figure out how to support "my black students" by attending different cultural events, like African American Mass, while also serving as rector and attending different Pangborn events.

"These are the moments when the job is the most difficult ... am I black first or am I a rector first?" she said. "[This is a] relatively harmless question, but for a person of color having to choose can be a grueling process."

Yomekpe said it is important for everyone, especially for people of diverse backgrounds, to see that the administration means what it says and is serious about opening up Notre Dame to everyone — and her hiring is one way the University has proved it is serious.

"It is a rather significant step to have been invited to join the family here at Notre Dame, especially given how people felt after [former Irish football] Coach [Tyrone] Willingham was let go," she said, referring to his firing by Notre Dame on Nov. 30, 2004. "What better way to do it than through the residence halls, which are at the very core of the Notre Dame experience?"

The hiring of people of diverse backgrounds comes with the challenges of making sure all systems are in place to support the "diverse needs that come with this hiring," she said.

"I would love to see a better representation of God's creation on this campus," she said. "We

need to ensure that we are not just bringing in people of diverse backgrounds to make the campus look colorful/diverse but that rather, we are changing the way that we — as a campus — think, behave and process, in order to attract and retain these diverse people."

One factor that may have deterred other people of diverse backgrounds from applying for a rector position may have been that they didn't feel supported in the environment at Notre Dame, she said.

"Personally, I know that Notre Dame would never have been on my radar screen as a woman of color because of its general lack of diverse people. I wasn't white and I wasn't Irish and I didn't think there was a place for me here," she said. "I think the image that is projected is what attracts or repels people." The University has made the effort to open its doors to people of diverse backgrounds and to make people feel welcome, Yomekpe said.

"We just need to continue doing so — loving everyone the way Jesus did, the way God calls us to do," she said. "If we continue this way, then we can expect to have more people of diverse backgrounds wanting to

come and be a part of this Notre Dame family, because they truly feel at home here."

Yomekpe said while there is strength in the fact that numbers of diverse students at Notre Dame seem to be increasing,

one of the weaknesses of diversity efforts at Notre Dame is that all events seem to be happening at the same time, thus "forcing students to have to decide between learning, say, about Native American heritage or entrepreneurship."

Yomekpe hopes more dorms will begin to hold events in the residence halls to promote a casual atmosphere.

"Some students live right next door to a student of Indian or Filipino heritage but don't know their names until they see them perform at Asian Allure or Blak

Images. We need to put names and stories to the faces that live right across the hall from us," she said.

Yomekpe, the youngest rector at Notre Dame, said she often gets mistaken for a student.

"I think I'm starting to stand out as more and more people recognize that I am 'that new black rector' they've been hearing about," she said. Yomekpe said she did not know ahead of time, nor was she informed in her inter-

view that there had never been a black female rector before at Notre Dame. Such information, she said, would have only caused more stress.

"Coming in, I knew there were a limited number of staff, faculty and administrators of color but I never knew that I would be pioneering in this field of rector-

ship," she said.

Yomekpe said she asked questions about the student and administrator/faculty/staff of color representation and the recruitment efforts of the University.

Yomekpe said she made an effort to contact people within the University she knew were working directly with students of color, like Chandra Johnson, associate director of campus ministry and director of cross-cultural ministry, Bong Miquiabas, director of international student services, Lee David Moss of Student Affairs, and Iris Outlaw, director of multicultural student programs and services.

"I knew there was work to be done, but I felt there were resources, energy and effort behind doing this work," she said.

Yomekpe graduated from Ohio Dominican University in Columbus with a bachelor's degree in English. She then earned her Master's degree in English Literature with some Master's credits in Pastoral Counseling from the University of Dayton.

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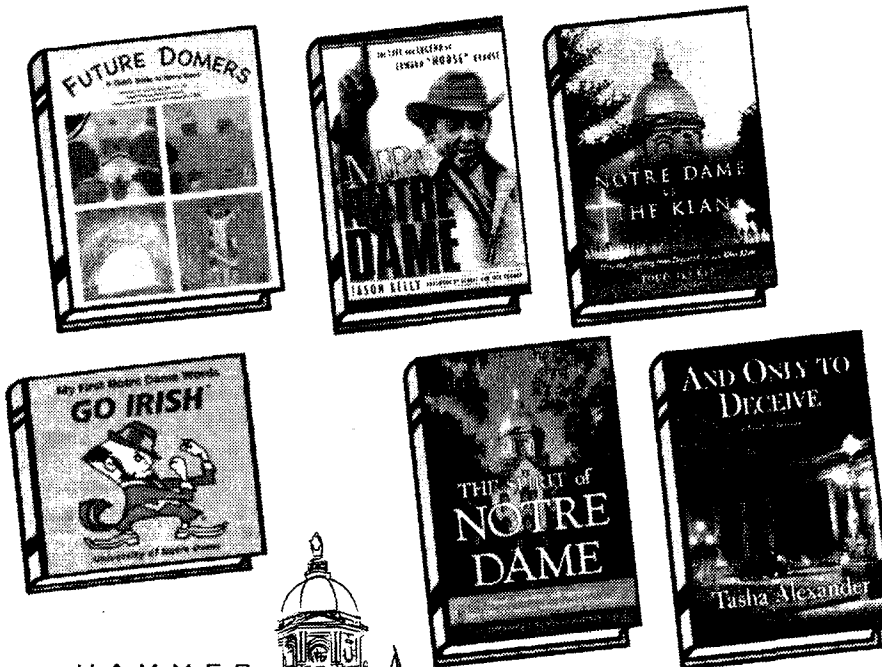
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IN BRIEF**Bernanke appointment fuels questions**

NEW YORK — Trying to fix something that isn't broken has its risks, and that's raising concerns about a possible shift at the Federal Reserve over how it tackles inflation.

Assuming the Senate confirms Ben Bernanke to replace Chairman Alan Greenspan, the central bank could for the first time in its history adopt a specific target for the inflation rate and then make adjustments to interest rates as a way of trying to keep it in that range.

But is that really necessary? It may be tough to see the need now, given that the Fed's current tactics have kept inflation remarkably tame despite soaring energy costs.

This topic has come under great debate in economics circles since Bernanke was tapped last month to succeed Greenspan, who is expected to leave the Fed on Jan. 31 after 18-plus years during which there were two stock-market collapses and economic recessions as well as numerous other financial crises.

While Greenspan has long pursued a low-inflation policy during his tenure, he has been against setting an actual "inflation target," whereby the Fed discloses its goal and its forecast for inflation. His view is that the Fed can control inflation without setting a specific rate that it must then chase, which he believes could hamper its flexibility to act in a time of need.

Medicare halves its payment errors

WASHINGTON — Medicare saved about \$9.5 billion this past fiscal year by cutting errors in half, officials said Thursday.

An error occurs when Medicare pays for a medically unnecessary service, a provider submits incorrect billings, or there is insufficient documentation to prove the service was necessary.

Mark McClellan, administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, credited computer data bases and the hiring of independent contractors to review claims. When the agency first began calculating error rates, it routinely reviewed about 6,000 claims for accuracy. That has risen to 160,000 claims.

In some cases, the errors are fraud. But in other areas, it can be an innocent mistake, McClellan said.

Yahoo no longer in AOL talks

Microsoft and Google are now top contenders; Google may combine with Comcast

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yahoo Inc. has pulled out of discussions over buying a stake in America Online Inc., leaving Microsoft Corp. and Google Inc. as the leading potential suitors.

The decision to abandon the talks came after Yahoo chief executive Terry Semel and chief finance officer Susan Decker met in late October with Time Warner executives in New York, said Yahoo spokeswoman Joanna Stevens.

Stevens said Yahoo had "politely passed" on proposed terms and "walked away from any interest in a deal."

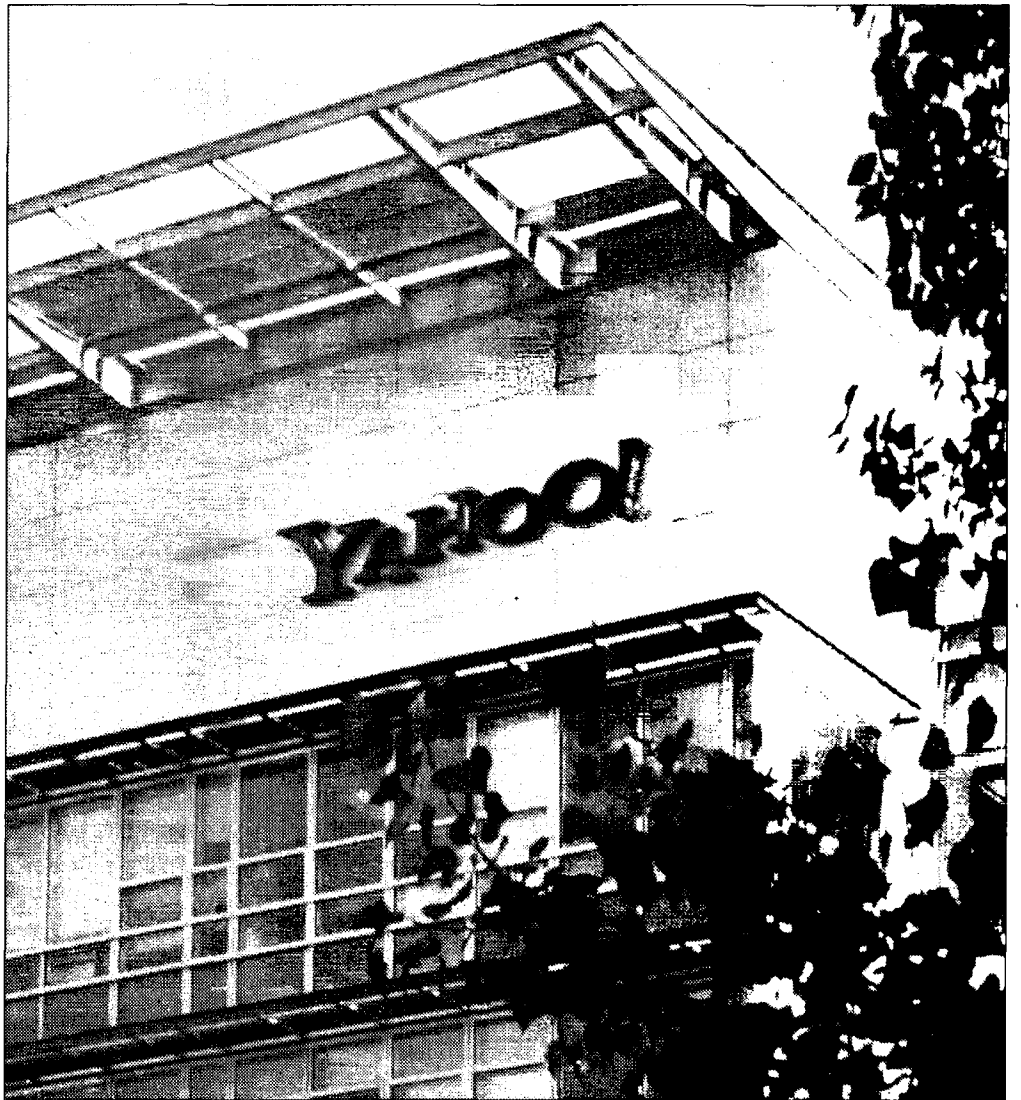
Two people close to the discussions said a key stumbling block was Time Warner Inc.'s insistence that it retain majority ownership in the AOL unit. They spoke on condition of anonymity because public discussions of any private negotiations were contrary to their companies' policies.

One of the people, familiar with Time Warner's position, said one arrangement under discussion had called for Yahoo to pay Time Warner in stock worth \$13 billion for an 80 percent stake in AOL's growing content business, which includes its Web sites and the news, music and other services featured on them.

Under that proposal, the person said, Time Warner would keep all of AOL's Internet access business, which is in decline as users abandon dial-up connections for higher-speed cable and DSL lines.

The Yahoo withdrawal, reported earlier on the Web site of The Wall Street Journal, leaves Microsoft and Google as the leading contenders, with Google possibly combining with Comcast Corp. in a bid.

The interest in AOL comes as the company



The Yahoo headquarters are shown after news surfaced Thursday that the company is no longer in contention in talks to partner with AOL.

transforms itself from a declining "walled garden" focused on providing dial-up access to a provider of free content that is tapping the recent boom in online advertising.

Late last year, the Dulles, Va.-based company abandoned its longtime strategy of exclusivity and began making its rich offerings — including concerts, news, sports and e-mail — available through AOL.com for free, a model Yahoo drove to become the Web's top brand.

The Web portal side of AOL's business is worth about \$11.3 billion, based largely on AOL's advertising potential, according to media analyst Michael

Nathanson at Sanford C. Bernstein.

A Google deal with AOL would give the Internet search leader a way to build a portal — and grow its advertising potential — while preserving an existing relationship with AOL. More than 10 percent of Google's revenues come from a partnership in which AOL uses Google's search results and the two companies share ad revenues.

A deal with AOL would be in Microsoft's interest as it could dampen competition from Google and create synergies. Microsoft's MSN online division and AOL share many businesses, including an online

portal, instant messaging services and dial-up access.

There would also be considerable overlap between AOL's and Yahoo's businesses.

Yahoo, based in Sunnyvale, Calif., is the leading Web destination, according to Nielsen/NetRatings and comScore Media Metrix, as more people head to the Internet for news, entertainment, communications and other services.

Yahoo shares rose 94 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$38.69 Thursday on the Nasdaq. Shares in New York-based Time Warner rose 5 cents to close at \$17.71 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Stocks rally after Treasury auction

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied Thursday after a record Treasury auction pushed bond yields lower, raising hopes that interest rates will follow and allaying fears that foreign investors would move away from U.S. debt.

Wall Street was also helped by lower oil prices and sheer momentum, as the Standard & Poor's 500 passed a price ceiling that usually triggers selling.

For the most part, however, the news that sent stocks soaring in late afternoon was nearly identical to the news that sent stocks sideways in the morning.

"We were scratching our heads," said Brian Williamson, an equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management, a Mellon subsidiary.

Falling oil prices, which were a downward force for stocks in the morning as energy stocks fell, helped send stocks higher in the afternoon, with retail stocks rising as worries about consumer spending were temporarily forgotten.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 93.89, or 0.89 percent, to 10,640.10. In late afternoon trading, the index was up more than 100 points.

Broader stock indicators were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 10.31, or 0.84 per-

cent, to 1,230.96, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 20.87, or 0.96 percent, to 2,196.68.

Bond prices rose sharply, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.56 percent from 4.65 percent late Wednesday. The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices were higher.

Thursday's auction of 10-year Treasury notes attracted a record level of indirect bids, which include foreign central banks. The auction came as a relief to investors who were worried after two auctions of shorter-term bond earlier this week failed to attract intense foreign demand.

Rallies

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grants an additional 600 to attend the rally, I do not believe we have any way of assuring that this will be a perfect number," she said. "We have no guarantee that this number will be large enough or that we will even have 3,000 students attend the rally."

Shappell said student government is working with administrators to discuss future changes in the 3,000-seat allotment.

"We taking a proactive role to meet with administrators to talk about the new system and make sure that students are a part of further decisions," she said. "We want to assure that all interested students are able to attend pep rallies. The key thing to communicate to students is that if we want the number to increase, we must prove that we can meet these attendance numbers."

Hall Presidents Council Co-chair Dan Zenker said students need to show administration officials that they are "excited about supporting their football team on a weekly basis" — in spite of the opponent or record.

"The Student Activities Office and student government have fought hard to preserve as many pep rally seats as possible for students," he said. "We need all students to uphold the Notre Dame spirit and attend these pep rallies to prove that student support and enthusiasm for our football team doesn't wane with time."

Shappell said student presence at the pep rallies is crucial to the event's success.

"The students are the life of the pep rally," she said. "They are the most energetic supporters of the team and are the most current members of the Notre Dame community. As roommates and classmates of the players, students should have a protected place at the pep rallies to support their friends."

The goal to accommodate all students is what initially drove Student Activities to set such a high estimate — 6,000 projected students — for the Tennessee pep rally, Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin said.

"A great deal of time was spent trying to settle on the

number of students we believed would attend," Coughlin said. "Although everyone recognized that in this new process some people would be turned away due to limited capacity, no one wanted it to be the students."

Coughlin said "historical data" — namely numbers from the Sept. 16 Michigan State pep rally earlier this year — were used to make the 6,000-student prediction, which Student Activities hoped would enable students who wanted to attend gain entrance.

"Ultimately, I am the one responsible for holding to the 6,000 number for student attendance," he said. "I regret this over-estimation, especially as it affected so many fans who had to be turned away even though there was room in the Joyce Center ... [but] the only real disappointment is that students did not attend the pep rally to support their team in the numbers we thought they would."

Coughlin said the Student Activities Office received "a great deal of feedback" because of the discrepancy between projected and actual student numbers and this newfound input is "a good thing when dealing with such a new process."

Zenker said the Student Activities Office, student government and the Hall Presidents Council are working with athletic administration officials to resolve this issue and arrive at a fair and practical solution.

"We intend to improve communication between all of these groups in an effort to represent students and fans who are eager to enjoy themselves at the pep rallies," he said.

Zenker, Shappell and Hall Presidents Council Athletics Co-Chair Justin Doyle met with Athletics and Facilities administrators Thursday to propose increased student input on the set number of students allowed into future pep rallies.

"We talked about continued student input and I believe that we will now be able to be a greater part of the conversation about future pep rally changes," Shappell said. "I cannot comment on what will happen next year; however, we are trying to work with the current system so every interested student has an opportunity to attend the last two pep rallies of this season."

Shappell said she hopes to start regularly communicating

with administrators to assure "direct student input" in future decisions.

"I am optimistic that we will be part of future conversations," she said. "We believe that student attendance is an essential part of pep rallies and would like to see the students' ability to attend protected."

Coughlin said it should not be that difficult to determine how many students will attend pep rallies.

"I have heard the statements that it depends on the time of year, the quality of the opponent, or the record of the team — I just don't buy into them," he said. "This is our team, playing on our campus, every game is a big game."

Shappell could not say what would happen if student government pushed for more tickets only to have students fail to fill the seats again, but said she and her constituents are collaborating with all parties involved to ensure any student who wants to attend future pep rallies has the ability to do so.

"I think there are a great number of people on this campus doing the best they can to make sure the pep rallies are safe for everyone in attendance, full to capacity, supportive of our team and provide a memorable and enjoyable experience for all," Coughlin said. "With time I believe we will have a safe and effective way for students, alumni, friends and fans to attend pep rallies that accomplish all of our goals."

Non-students who wish to obtain tickets for today's pep rally must line up at Gate 10 of the Joyce Center at 4:30 p.m. Shappell said the time change will solve last week's issue of fans having to make two trips to the Joyce Center — once to obtain a ticket and again to attend the event.

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Sherry returns to ND after 30-year absence

Special to The Observer

After more than 30 years away from Notre Dame, John Sherry found upon his return that, while some things have changed, the essence of the University remains very much the same as it was during his undergraduate days.

"Having been here as a student, Notre Dame has a special place in my heart," said Sherry, who left Northwestern University to come here as the Herrick Professor of Marketing and chair of the marketing department.

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John Sherry
chair
marketing department

"The actual physical plant is probably twice as big as it was when I was in school, but the atmosphere remains the same. I've talked to other alums on the faculty who have had similar experiences.

"I don't know how corny this sounds, but in walking around here, you feel really grounded. The presence that the place exerts on you is really palatable."

Sherry wasn't looking to leave Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, but when the opportunity arose at his alma mater, he grabbed it.

"I had accomplished a lot at Northwestern, my youngest son was heading off to college (the University of Iowa), and there was a need at Notre Dame," Sherry

said. "So, it seemed like the timing was right."

The hallmark of the Notre Dame marketing department is the role of marketing in society, and that, too, played into Sherry's decision to accept the University's offer.

"The marketing and society aspect here is a good fit for me as an anthropologist," Sherry said. "It seemed to me, I could make a contribution."

"In addition, there's the interrelation between marketing and morality, so it's interesting to be at a place where that kind of conversation goes on all the time."

As an anthropologist, Sherry studies consumer behavior from a slightly different perspective.

"My approach," he said, "is based on the direct perspectives of consumers or managers. I literally go into the marketplace with them in hopes of better understanding the moment-by-moment lived experience of people." Sherry is the editor of two books, "Contemporary Marketing and Consumer Behavior: An Anthropological Sourcebook" and "Servicescapes: The Concept of Place in Contemporary Markets," and the co-editor of two others, "Advances in Consumer Research" and "Time, Space and the Market: Retrospectives Rising."

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tion. And it's integral to administrators' vision of Notre Dame.

"You take the expression 'We are Notre Dame,' we take that pretty seriously," Kirk said. "We are together, one body, very much related to our mission as a Catholic university, we're one body in Christ, the whole idea that we are in this all together ... [The community] should be life-giving, allows students to succeed academically.

"That's the bottom line."

But for other students, the Notre Dame community has different connotations.

"I'd say it's a bunch of hot air," said a second male senior, who also wished to remain anonymous. "Had I known in advance what would happen ... I would have planned on moving off campus certainly after two years, maybe one and a half. You meet all your buddies by then anyway."

"This is a raid. Line up"

For the first senior, the seeds of discontent were planted his freshman year with the Jan. 24, 2003 bust of the Boat Club — then a Thursday night bar destination with an anything-goes reputation popular with underage Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students.

As a first-semester freshman, the senior went to Boat Club every other Thursday, nights he remembered as "not even to get wasted, but to get off campus" and unwind with his friends.

When Indiana State Excise and South Bend police officers entered the bar and started writing citations to more than 200 underage students — assisted by Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) officers armed with University directories — the senior's perceptions

of the University started to change.

"It leaves a bitter taste in your mouth," he said. "It's not because you care for our well-being, but because we're a source of revenue. You don't want to help us."

The senior's complaints stem not from the minor in a tavern and minor in possession of false identification citations issued to him by police, but from the disciplinary measures pursued by the University following the incident.

He, like dozens of his peers, faced fines and community service hours from both St. Joseph County and the Office of Residence Life and Housing as well as legal fees after Boat Club levied lawsuits against many of the cited students for damages the bar incurred.

"It's double jeopardy," he said. "You do that, [cite me] as a private citizen. Not as a Notre Dame student, but as an underage student at a bar."

The senior chose pretrial diversion for the citations and settled the lawsuit outside of court, but the legal conclusion of the incident didn't end its impact. The greater issue was how it changed his — and many others' — apprehended in the bar that night — attitudes toward the University.

"I wasn't out drinking and driving, wasn't chugging liquor in the dorms ... I was responsible," the senior said. "I handled it like an adult and felt like I was treated like a kid."

That treatment has a negative impact on the closeness of the

community, he said.

"I just feel that Notre Dame wants to foster brotherhood and community spirit [but it's] fostering a feeling of just taking care of yourself," he said. "If NDSP sees you helping a drunk kid back [to his dorm], they won't just cite him, they'll cite you for the alcohol on your breath. Everyone's just going to help themselves. We're living in a microscope."

The microscope, "the bigger fist coming down on people," became overwhelming for the senior.

"It made me want to go abroad. It made me want to get out from under the Dome and be treated like an adult in a foreign setting," he said.

And he did leave, exchanging the Notre Dame atmosphere he associated with hypocrisy and double jeopardy for the freedom of a yearlong abroad program junior year.

Now living off-campus, Boat Club nearly three years in the past, the senior said Notre Dame's situation for students is worsening in terms of both on- and off-campus enforcement.

"You love Notre Dame because of the football, you love [that] when you graduate there's great alumni, but not because every weekend you were having a good time," he said, remembering his initial disappointment with in-dorm social relations.

"When you're not 21 and you want to have a social life, it's hard to take risks. Playing Madden [video games], or parties in a crowded, sweaty dorm room with some girl puking ... gets played out after about four

weeks.

"Even in the dorm, they're very quick to make an example of students. You make an example, and everyone lives in fear."

Kirk said it is natural for students to disagree with the University's disciplinary approach — and that Notre Dame does not regret taking stances some students vehemently oppose.

"Nobody likes rules and regulations, necessarily ... I don't apologize for that. I don't think anyone in Student Affairs would," Kirk said, "[The rules are] good, appropriate, educational at their core ... The rules don't exist for any other purpose than to live together in community."

However, he drew a distinction between students who simply don't like the rules and students who have a logical, rational problem with their fairness.

"A reasoned argument as to why something might be overbearing — that would be appropriate," Kirk said.

"You lied to our face"

The second male senior was kicked out of his dorm along with his roommate at the end of their sophomore year after what he called a "few small pranks" escalated into a flurry of accusations and denials that left him feeling "cornered" by the University.

"We were caught red-handed, and we admitted to that," the senior said.

But when asked to account for more serious pranks — including causing water damage and egging a resident assistant's door — the two friends were confused.

"[Hall staff] brought up all this stuff we hadn't heard about ... and said, 'We know it's your buddies. Bring them down and fess up,'" the senior said. "At that time, I didn't know if my buddies had done it or not. My roommate and I took the stance, 'We're not going to give out names.'"

Five meetings later, the rector told the senior and his friend they had three options — move off-campus, move out of the dorm or take their case to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"But they're going to believe what I say at ResLife," the senior recalled his rector saying.

After the rector said the two friends could switch to the same

dorm, the senior and his friend decided to pursue that option.

He didn't anticipate the complicated process involved and especially not the e-mail he received from another dorm's rector the next day — "Your rector suggested you don't live with your roommate."

"Basically what it came down to is he [my rector] lied to us," the senior said. "He jumped all over us, asked if we called him a liar ... We're saying, of course not. But the whole time thinking, 'You lied to our face.'"

While neither he nor his friend were referred to the Office of Residence Life and Housing, the senior called the way the situation was handled "ridiculous."

"They always sort of talk about your brothers in the dorm — [then] to penalize me for not lying and saying my dormmates did something, I was kicked across campus," he said, adding the move did little to encourage his immersion in a new hall community.

"I didn't become a part of the new dorm at all. If anything, it encouraged me to go off-campus more and party more," the senior said. "I slept at least several nights a week at apartments."

It was probably a side effect unintended by the University, the senior said. But he didn't mind.

"I came here for reasons other than the community lifestyle or whatever they want to have in the dorms," he said.

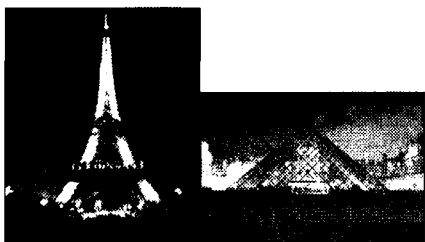
But for students like junior Sarah Ball, that community lifestyle is essential to the Notre Dame experience.

"I love my dorm — it's been like a sorority," said Ball, who lives in Breen-Phillips. "Everyone's so far away from their families, but they basically have a family to be with [here], with automatic friends."

This dorm family is just a part of the bigger Notre Dame family, Ball said.

While today's students may have conflicting views of the Notre Dame experience, one thing is certain — recent frustrations are merely examples of long-simmering tensions between the student body and the University administration regarding disciplinary procedures, as the second part of this series will examine.

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LIBERIA

Liberia to have Africa's first elected woman president

Former finance minister and Harvard graduate Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf poised to claim large-scale victory in election

Associated Press

MONROVIA — A former finance minister and Harvard graduate claimed victory Thursday in Liberia's presidential election, a win that, if certified, would make her the first elected female leader ever in Africa.

With 90.8 percent of votes counted, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf had received 59.1 percent and former international soccer star George Weah 40.9 percent, the National Elections Commission said.

"It's clear that the Liberian people have expressed confidence in me," Johnson-Sirleaf said. "They have elected me to lead the team that will bring this reform to the country and that will deliver development."

"We're going to have a government of inclusion. We're going to reach out to the people."

There was no immediate word from Weah's camp on whether he was conceding defeat in the vote — Liberia's first since the end of a 1989-2003 civil

war and subsequent formation of a transitional government.

Earlier, officials called for calm amid Weah's accusations that poll workers stuffed ballot boxes in Johnson-Sirleaf's favor, charges her campaign denied.

On Thursday, Weah met with Alan Doss, who heads the 15,000-strong U.N. peacekeeping mission in Liberia, and said

he would press his formal complaint with the Elections Commission.

"We are seeking the advice of the international community and all the people that are involved to see if everybody can arrest this situation," Weah said. "While we are preparing ourselves for the legal side, we are also asking our people to be very calm."

Weah's supporters include many former warlords, rebel leaders and young men who fought in Liberia's 14-year civil war that killed up to 200,000 people and plunged the country's 3 million residents into abject poverty.

While international observers who monitored the poll said preliminary findings indicated it was fair, Doss said the fraud allegations were being taken seriously.

"Any allegation of any fraud is serious and we don't want allegations of fraud to mar the election," he said.

Johnson-Sirleaf's campaign vigorously denied the charges.

"It's all lies," said Jemima Caulcrick, a top official of Johnson-Sirleaf's Unity Party. "They just don't want a woman to be president in Africa. But she shall be."

Max van den Berg, head of a 50-member European Union

observer mission, said the vote was "well-administered in a peaceful, transparent and orderly manner."

David Carroll, leading a 28-person team from the Atlanta-based Carter Center, said that while "minor irregularities" had

been noted, "none of our observers saw any serious problems."

Observers from the Economic Community of West African States, which played a key role brokering peace

in Liberia, also deemed the vote fair.

Across the country's bombed-out capital, large groups of excited Liberians stood on crumbling street corners, listening to results as they were announced on radio. Some argued with each other, shaking fingers and shouting.

The winner will have to govern a country left in ruins by war, its buildings smashed and nearly one-third of its people in relief camps.

Johnson-Sirleaf, 67, has a master's degree in public administration from Harvard University, and has held top regional jobs at the World Bank, the United Nations and within the Liberian government. Her supporters call her the "Iron Lady," borrowing the nickname of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

In elections in 1997, Johnson-Sirleaf ran second to warlord-

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"It's clear that the Liberian people have expressed confidence in me."

Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf
presidential candidate



AP
Liberian presidential candidate Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf leads ex-soccer star George Weah with more than 90 percent of votes counted.

turned-president Charles Taylor, who many claimed was voted into power by a fearful electorate. Taylor was forced from power two years ago and lives in exile in Nigeria.

Weah's ascent from Monrovia's slums to international soccer stardom had earned him much support in a dirt-poor country short on heroes. The 39-year-old is a high school dropout with no experience in government, but

that is seen as a plus by many in a country long-ruled by coup leaders and warlords.

Founded by freed American slaves in the mid-1800s, Liberia was once among Africa's most prosperous countries, rich in diamonds, ancient forests and rubber. Years of war ended in 2003 when Taylor was forced to step down as advancing rebels shelled the capital.

Elected women in high office are rare across Africa. Earlier this year, women were appointed deputy president of South Africa and prime minister of Mozambique. Liberia briefly had an unelected woman president, Ruth Perry, in the mid-1990s.

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House halts Alaska oil drilling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For a quarter-century, environmentalists have succeeded in blocking efforts to drill for oil in what they consider a pristine, cherished patch of tundra in an Alaska wildlife refuge.

But with sky-high fuel prices and a wider Republican majority in Congress, their long fight to keep oil companies out of the refuge looked to be in trouble. Then they got some help from an unexpected place: House Republicans angry over cuts to social programs.

House leaders put off plans Thursday to vote on the budget-cutting package because of opposition to issues unrelated to the Alaska refuge — deep cuts in Medicaid, food stamps and student loans. The leaders earlier were forced to jettison the Alaska drilling provision from the bill after a group of GOP moderates said they would not vote for the budget if ANWR were included.

Developing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), where geologists believe 10.4 billion barrels of oil rest beneath a coastal strip of tundra, has been a top energy priority for President Bush and Republican leaders in Congress for years. Bush first called for its development in his 2000 presidential campaign.

The House in various forms passed authorization to drill in the refuge five times, but each time the measure died in the Senate, where drilling supporters couldn't get the 60 votes needed to overcome a filibuster.

Over the years, protecting the refuge and its wildlife — caribou, polar bears, musk

oxen and tens of thousands of migratory birds — became a cause celebre for environmentalists and conservationists of all political stripes.

But the strategy this time was to push the ANWR measure through as part of the budget bill, which is not subject to a filibuster. A decade ago a Republican-led Congress used the same tactic to get a drilling provision to the White House, only to have it vetoed by President Clinton.

Last week, the Senate voted 51-48 to endorse a requirement for the Interior Department to begin oil lease sales in ANWR within two years. The House seemed on the same path.

Environmentalists already had launched an intense lobbying campaign both in the congressional districts of moderate Republicans and on Capitol Hill.

Although the House had passed ANWR legislation five times, the environmentalists believed their best chance to block it this time was not in the Senate, but in the House where GOP moderates — unhappy about some of the social program cuts in the bill — were viewed as ready to buck their leaders over ANWR.

The lobbying had its effect.

Rep. Dave Reichert, R-Wash., was among two dozen GOP moderates who on Thursday displayed pictures of scores of his constituents who had come to Washington to urge him not to approve ANWR drilling.

"You have to listen to the people you represent," he said.

Reichert, a former sheriff in Seattle, was among about a dozen GOP lawmakers who favored deficit reduction, but also told the House leaders

they would not vote for the bill if ANWR were included.

Democrats already were on record that they would unanimously oppose the budget cuts. So GOP moderates — those opposed to the entire bill and others opposed only to ANWR — had more leverage than they ever dreamed.

"Our voice is being listened to now more than it has in the past," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y., a moderate who has fought ANWR drilling measure in the past, but this time also opposed many of the social spending cuts.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., one of the House's most vocal opponents to ANWR oil development, cautioned, however, that it's too early to celebrate, especially since a final budget package — if one passes the House — will have to be meshed with the Senate bill that includes ANWR drilling.

"It would be a premature exaltation" to celebrate. "Today is just a temporary detour," said Markey, adding that he's certain the GOP leadership will put pressure on its moderates to change their mind about ANWR.

Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said Thursday he was disappointed that the House dropped the refuge language, but is not giving up the fight. "I'm not ever going to quit trying to get it done," he said when asked about opening the refuge to oil development.

"I think the bill ultimately will have ANWR in it," said Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., a staunch pro-drilling lawmaker who is chairman of the House Resources Committee that has jurisdiction over the issue.

Environmentalists were cautiously optimistic.

Eskimo whale hunters adopt new explosives

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Eskimo whale hunters are switching from 19th-century black powder to an explosive considered more humane.

During a traditional bowhead whale hunt, a hunter in a wooden-ribbed boat hurls a harpoon with a black-powder grenade attached to it. The grenade penetrates near the whale's blow hole and explodes, killing the animal.

The Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission began researching new weaponry after an international whaling agency two

decades ago ordered that more humane methods be developed for killing bowheads.

The answer was penthrate, a World War I-era explosive used in demolition that experts say kills more quickly, does not spoil the taste of the meat, and is safer for harpooners, too.

Eugene Brower, a Barrow whaling captain who is chairman of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission's weapons improvement program, has started training Alaska Natives to use the new grenade. He said captains from the villages of Kaktovik, Nuiqisit and Barrow have converted to penthrate for the spring and fall hunts.

"They love it," he said. "It's four times the strength of black powder. With black powder, the meat has a gas taste."

Penthrate kills by causing an explosion that shocks the whale's central nervous system. Black

powder, which was used by Yankee whalers in the 1800s, generally kills by causing bleeding.

Also, it sometimes takes multiple strikes with black powder to kill a whale, during which the hunters in their wooden boats are in danger from the thrashing bowhead, a species that can measure 50 feet or more and weigh up to 100 tons.

Researchers say that black powder generally takes 60 minutes to kill a bowhead whale, while penthrate takes only about 15 minutes.

The search for more humane weaponry led the Alaska commission to a Norwegian veterinarian who had produced a can non - f i r e d penthrate grenade for whalers in Japan and Norway.

The National Marine Fisheries Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Agency contributed funding for the necessary research and testing.

Patricia Forkham, president of Humane Society International, said her group maintains that no whaling is humane.

"But Alaska Natives have worked a long time toward a more humane and efficient hunt, and we've been supportive," she said. "If penthrate is working, that's good."

Alaska Natives have been allowed to hunt whales for subsistence since 1977 under an international agreement.

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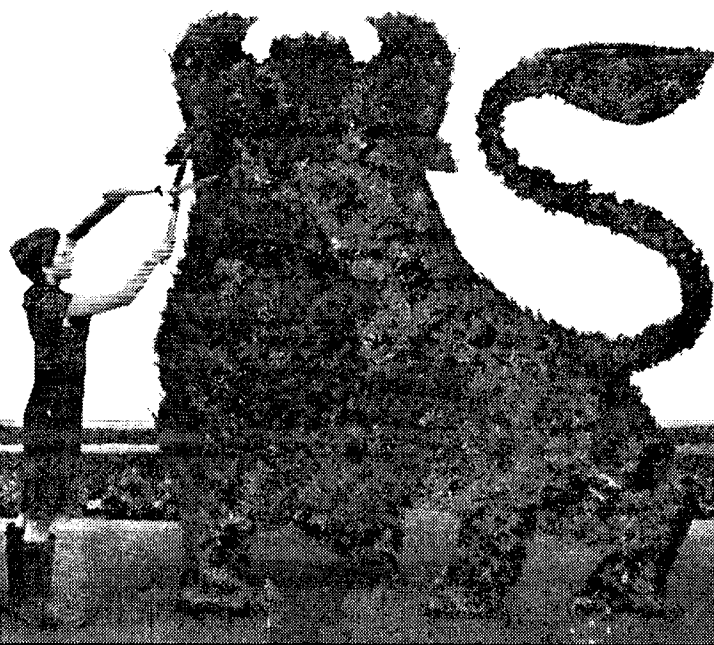
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Sleepy students suffer in school

Well-rested children remember lessons more easily, scientists say

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Staying up an hour or two past bedtime makes it far harder for kids to learn, say scientists who deprived youngsters of sleep and tested whether their teachers could tell the difference.

They could.

If parents want their children to thrive academically, "Getting them to sleep on time is as important as getting them to school on time," said psychologist Gahan Fallone, who conducted the research at Brown Medical School.

The study, unveiled Thursday at an American Medical Association science writers meeting, was conducted on healthy children who had no evidence of sleep- or learning-related disorders.

Difficulty paying attention was among the problems the sleepy youngsters faced — raising the question of whether sleep deprivation could prove even worse for people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD.

Fallone now is studying that question, and suspects that sleep problems "could hit children with ADHD as a double whammy."

Sleep experts have long warned that Americans of all ages don't get enough shut-eye. Sleep is important for health, bringing a range of benefits that, as Shakespeare put it, "knits up

the raveled sleeve of care." Not getting enough is linked to a host of problems, from car crashes as drivers doze off to crippled memory and inhibited creativity.

But exactly how much sleep correlates with school performance is hard to prove.

So Brown researchers set out to test whether teachers could detect problems with attention and learning when children stayed up late — even if the teachers had no idea how much sleep their students actually got.

They recruited 74 6- to 12-year-olds from Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts for the three-week study.

For one week, the youngsters went to bed and woke up at their usual times. They already were fairly good sleepers, getting nine to 9.5 hours of sleep a night.

Another week, they were assigned to spend no fewer than 10 hours in bed a night. And another week, they were kept up later than usual: First- and second-graders were in bed no more than eight hours and the older children no more than 6.5 hours.

In addition to parents' reports, the youngsters wore motion-detecting wrist monitors to ensure compliance.

Teachers weren't told how much the children slept or which week they stayed up late, but rated the students on a vari-

ety of performance measures each week.

The teachers reported significantly more academic problems during the week of sleep deprivation, the study, which will be published in the journal *Sleep* in December, concluded.

Students who got eight hours of sleep or less a night were more forgetful, had the most trouble learning new lessons, and had the most problems paying attention, reported Fallone, now at the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Springfield, Mo.

Sleep has long been a concern of educators.

Consider: Potter-Burns Elementary School in Pawtucket, R.I., sends notes to parents reminding them to make sure students get enough sleep prior to the school's yearly achievement testing. Principal John Haidemenos considers it important enough to include in the school's monthly newsletters, too.

"Definitely there is an impact on students' performance if they come to school tired," he said.

But the findings may change physician practice, said Dr. Regina Benjamin, a family physician in Bayou La Batre, Ala., who reviewed the data at the Thursday's AMA meeting.

"I don't ask about sleep" when evaluating academically struggling students, she noted. "I'm going to start."

Possible foie gras ban divides Chicago pols

Associated Press

CHICAGO — In the city once known as the world's slaughterhouse, restaurants, politicians and animal rights activists are worked up over a goose liver delicacy.

A proposed ban on foie gras has divided Chicago's fine restaurants and stirred a two-pronged debate: whether it is humane to force-feed geese and ducks to plump up their livers, and whether politicians should be telling diners what they can and cannot eat.

"Our laws are reflection of our culture, and in our culture it's not acceptable to torture small animals," said Alderman Joseph Moore, whose proposed ordinance would affect at least 19 restaurants in Chicago, by one count.

Chicago was once "hog butcher for the world," as the poet Carl Sandburg so famously put it. The vast Union Stock Yards were the setting for Upton Sinclair's muckraking novel "The Jungle," about conditions in turn-of-the-century meatpacking plants.

While that era is long gone, Chicago is still very much a city of carnivores, with its steakhouses and its Chicago-

style hot dogs with all the trimmings.

"I never thought this would happen in my lifetime. It feels so politically driven," said Rick Tramonto, the chef and owner of the four-star restaurant Tru. "We're the meatpacking part of the country. We're the Midwest. We're farming states. It's strange to me that this is happening."

"Pretty soon, you can't drink."

Richard M. Daley
Chicago mayor

A City Council committee approved the ordinance last month, and the full council could vote this month. But Mayor Richard M. Daley has made it clear he does not like the idea of banning certain foods, grumbling, "Pretty soon, you can't drink."

Rich and buttery, foie gras, pronounced fwah-GRAY and French for "fat liver," often is served sliced and pan-seared, frequently with fruit or atop greens or a cut of steak or veal.

To fatten the liver of waterfowl, a tube is inserted into their throats twice a day and partially cooked corn is pumped down the esophagus. Only three foie gras farms — two in New York and one in California — operate in the United States.



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EGYPT

Banned party makes inroads in parliament

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt's ruling party secured the most seats in the first stage of parliamentary balloting, but the banned Muslim Brotherhood made its mark as well, sending 42 candidates to run-off elections.

Run-offs will be needed for about 80 percent of the 164 seats, making it too soon to gauge the outcome of Wednesday's first stage of the three-part vote, seen as a test of President Hosni Mubarak's pledges of electoral reform.

According to official but incomplete results announced Thursday by the election committee, the ruling National Democratic Party won 24 seats and the Muslim Brotherhood took three. Final results were expected Friday.

The opposition said there were widespread irregularities at the polls, which were hailed by official state media as Egypt's freest balloting in decades.

"Thugs are in control, low turnout and outrageous forging incidents," complained a headline in al-Wafd newspaper, mouthpiece of the liberal party of the same name.

The state-owned Al-Ahram countered: "The most free parliament elections in 50 years." Al-Gomhuria, another government paper, proclaimed: "Egyptians chose democracy, not slogans."

On Wednesday, 1,635 candidates in eight provinces and 82 constituencies competed for 164 seats.

The large number of run-offs did not necessarily reflect the strength of the opposition, however, as many of the 1,300 independent run-off candidates are loyal to the ruling party.

Ruling party winners included Housing Minister Mohammed Ibrahim Suleiman, Finance Minister Youssef Boutros Ghali and other key party figures. The party will have 113 candidates in the run-off.

National Democratic Party candidate and former state security

officer Yehia Wahdan won the seat of Ayman Nour, the Al-Ghad party leader. Nour became the country's best-known opposition figure when he was detained on forgery charges earlier this year; he was the key challenger to Mubarak in September's presidential election.

Nour stole the seat from Wahdan five years ago, and the National Democratic Party led a tough campaign to oust him. During counting Wednesday night, Nour accused police of intimidating people not to vote for him and said his opponent's campaign bribed voters and stuffed ballot boxes.

The other three decided seats went to candidates supported by the Muslim Brotherhood, the Islamic movement that was given surprising government leeway to field 51 candidates in the first round and run a strong campaign.

"The group's performance was distinguished and good in all constituencies, but of course the violations that took place prevented us from winning more seats," said deputy Brotherhood leader Mohammed Habib.

He alleged that government authorities had expelled some candidates' representatives from polling stations and replaced some ballot boxes.

The Brotherhood has 15 seats in the outgoing 455 seat parliament and fielded 150 candidates overall.

The Opposition Front, an alliance of 10 political parties and movements, did not win any seats in the first round. Five of its 90 candidates are in run-offs.

The results revealed the weakness of traditional opposition parties, even after they united against Mubarak's party, which has been in power since 1979.

The Brotherhood did score a victory on the eve of the elections, when an administrative court ruled its controversial campaign slogan, "Islam is the solution," did not contradict Egypt's constitution — which specifies Islam as the state's religion.

UNITED NATIONS

Employees to be reinstated

Appeals body rules oil-for-food scandal did not violate staff rules

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — A U.N. appeals body ruled that the only employee to be fired over the Iraq oil-for-food scandal did not violate staff rules and should be reinstated with a public apology from Secretary-General Kofi Annan, according to documents disclosed Thursday.

The Joint Disciplinary Committee concluded that Joseph Stephanides was fired mostly because of the public scrutiny from an investigation that found the \$64 billion program was poorly managed and corrupt.

The ruling, obtained by The Associated Press, said the three-judge panel "sympathized with the applicant's argument that he was being made the 'sacrificial lamb' in this matter so as to give the impression to the world that concrete and decisive action was being taken."

The committee is an internal review body composed of U.N. staff where employees punished by the world body can file appeals.

Annan is not required to accept the ruling, but will face pressure to act upon it from within the U.N. system and staff who believe criticism over the oil-for-food scandal was largely a smear campaign by the United Nations' critics.

The ruling will be a new jolt to the secretary-general and the U.N. as they try to move on from the oil-for-food scandal and other problems —

including sex abuse by peacekeepers and claims of sexual harassment by the former U.N. refugee chief — that have made this year one of the worst chapters in the world body's 60-year history.

Stephanides, who was accused of divulging bidding information related to an oil-for-food contract to Britain, had argued he was acting under the instructions of a U.N. Security Council sanctions committee.

The 60-year-old Cypriot national had been scheduled to retire four months after Annan fired him.

"This recommendation enables me to have an honorable retirement which I really feel grateful for, nothing is more important than this," Stephanides told AP.

If Annan does not act on the decision by Monday, 30 days after the ruling was made, Stephanides can demand a copy and go directly to the next appeals body, the U.N. Administrative Tribunal. Its decisions are binding.

A senior U.N. official said a response was imminent even though Annan was on a trip to the Middle East. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the ruling was not yet public, said Annan's advisers were reconsidering whether the punishment was too severe.

The committee concluded that the order to dismiss Stephanides be rescinded, that he be paid any salary he missed and that he be allowed to retire. It also ruled that he

be paid the equivalent of two years net base salary — which he said was about \$98,000 — because of the damage to his rights, reputation and image.

Finally, Annan must write him a public apology.

Annan fired Stephanides on May 31, four months after the U.N.-backed probe of the program, led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, accused him of tainting the bidding process over a contract to inspect goods going into Iraq.

The committee said Stephanides favored Britain-based Lloyd's Register Inspection Ltd., enlisting Britain's help and sharing bid information over the contract in 1996. Lloyd's eventually won the contract. Stephanides claims that the process was politicized from the start.

The ruling agreed that Annan didn't give enough weight to the oil-for-food program's complexity and "highly politicized nature," by which the U.N. Security Council wanted to spread contracts among various member states.

On Stephanides' request, Volcker reopened his investigation into Stephanides over the summer. But Volcker's team reaffirmed its findings in a final report in late October.

The ruling swept aside the findings of both Volcker's \$35 million investigation and concurring opinions by the U.N. Office of Human Resources Management and Office of Legal Affairs.

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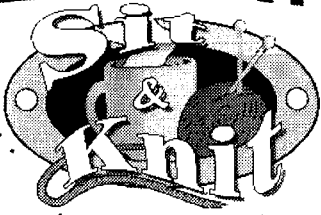
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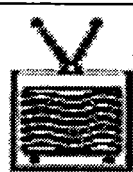
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PERU

Embassador recalled from Japan

South American nation faces diplomatic clash over former president

Associated Press

LIMA — Peru said Thursday it was withdrawing its ambassador from Japan to protest Tokyo's response to Peruvian attempts to extradite former President Alberto Fujimori, first from Tokyo and now from Chile.

The move came a day after Japanese diplomats visited Fujimori at the police training academy where he has been held since he was detained on an international arrest warrant after arriving in Santiago on Sunday.

The Peruvian Foreign Ministry, in a statement that was e-mailed to The Associated Press, said Lima was "terminating the functions of Peru's Ambassador to Japan Luis Macchiavello."

A ministry official told AP that the ambassador's withdrawal represented a strong protest but stopped short of breaking diplomatic relations over Japan's refusal to extradite Fujimori before his arrest in Chile. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the diplomatic action.

Fujimori, a son of Japanese immigrants, governed Peru from 1990-2000 before fleeing to Japan amid a corruption scandal. He faces nearly two dozen criminal charges, ranging from alleged corruption and abuse of power to sanctioning a paramilitary death squad.

Fujimori said before going to Chile that he planned to launch a political comeback in his home country, which is holding elections in April.

He is recognized by Japan as a

citizen and citing that fact, Tokyo had declined to extradite him to Peru, which has no extradition treaty with Japan.

Peru's Foreign Minister Oscar Maurtua said he had met Tuesday with the chief of Japan's diplomatic mission, Ambassador Hitohiro Ishida, and reiterated that Fujimori entered Chile last weekend using his Peruvian passport and that "Japan lacks authority to intervene in the extradition process that Peru is pursuing with Chilean authorities."

Maurtua said he also expressed "the Peruvian government's displeasure over the slowness and delay that

Japanese officials exhibited with respect to the requests for extradition that the Peruvian government formulated without obtaining a reply."

He noted that in comparison, Chilean officials acted quickly to detain Fujimori early Monday in Santiago, citing an 1932 extradition treaty between the South American neighbors.

Officials at Japan's Embassy in Lima said they had no immediate comment. In Tokyo, Japan's Foreign Ministry officials were not immediately available for comment early Friday.

Three Japanese Embassy officials met with Fujimori on Wednesday to assess his health and to check the conditions at the police training academy where he has been held since arriving in Chile on Sunday, Vice

Foreign Minister Yasuhisa Shiozaki said Thursday in Tokyo.

Shiozaki said Fujimori is "in good health and seemed satisfied with his treatment, including meals," but expressed concerns about the safety of his family, who accompanied him to Chile.

Meanwhile, Chilean President Ricardo Lagos said Thursday that Fujimori will have a fair

extradition trial, perhaps trying to dispel the growing signs of irritation in the Chilean government over Fujimori's arrival.

Lagos complained earlier that Japan did not alert Chile of the former ruler's trip and said Japan

must explain why it considers Fujimori to be a Japanese citizen.

In Lima, about 500 trade union workers marched to the Chilean Embassy on Thursday to demand Fujimori's speedy extradition. The protesters played drums and chanted "Yes, the killer can be booted out!" and "Do not forget, do not forgive!"

"Chile must hand over Fujimori," union leader Mario Huaman told The Associated Press as other protesters wearing Fujimori costumes danced in front of the embassy gates. Police guarded the embassy, but no violence or arrests were reported.

Residents of victims of repression under Fujimori also gathered in Chile to follow the extradition trial.

"Chile must hand over Fujimori."

Mario Huaman
union leader

FRANCE

Chirac addresses reasons for unrest

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac for the first time directly addressed the inequalities and discrimination that have fueled two weeks of rioting across France, saying Thursday that the country has "undeniable problems" in its poor neighborhoods.

Violence continued to slow under state-of-emergency measures and heavy policing, with far fewer skirmishes and fewer cars burned. Police, meanwhile, suspended eight officers, two of them suspected of beating a man detained during the riots.

"Things are calming," Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said on France-2 television. "But that doesn't mean it won't restart."

Chirac had kept largely silent about France's worst unrest since the 1968 uprising by students and workers, speaking publicly about the crisis only once in a brief address focused on security measures.

But on Thursday, he said that once order is restored, France will have to "draw the consequences of this crisis, and do so with a lot of courage and lucidity."

"There is a need to respond strongly and rapidly to the undeniable problems faced by many residents of underprivileged neighborhoods around our cities," he said at a news conference held with Spain's visiting prime minister.

"Whatever our origins, we are all the children of the Republic, and we can all expect the same rights," Chirac said.

But he also pointed a finger at parents, saying "too many minors" have joined the violence, some "pushed to the fore by their elders."

The unrest started among youths in Clichy-sous-Bois angry over the accidental electrocutions of two teenagers, but it rapidly grew into a nationwide wave of arson and nightly clashes between rioters armed with firebombs and police retaliating with tear gas.

The crisis has led to a collective soul-searching about France's failure to integrate its African and Muslim minorities. Anger about high unemployment and discrimination has fanned frustration among the French-born children of immigrants from former colonies.

One 20-year-old who grew up near Paris in Clichy-sous-Bois said he had stopped looking for a job and joined the rampage.

"Maybe I burnt cars. I know it's not very nice of me but, to be honest, I am happy that things heated up everywhere to let everybody

know that we are sick of it," said Ahmed Zbeul, hanging around a courthouse Thursday to support friends on trial for theft.

Sarkozy, the interior minister, said fear was the worst factor in the troubled areas, and vowed to dismantle gangs and bands of drug traffickers that he said make up a tiny minority but ruin life for everyone else.

"If we get rid of those poisoning the lives of others, we will have taken a first step," he told France-2.

The government has taken a tough stance on rioters, with Sarkozy saying previously that local authorities were instructed to deport foreigners convicted of involvement.

The anti-racism group SOS-Racisme said it filed a complaint over the order with the Council of State, France's highest administrative body.

"Whatever our origins, we are all the children of the Republic, and we can all expect the same rights."

Jacques Chirac
French President

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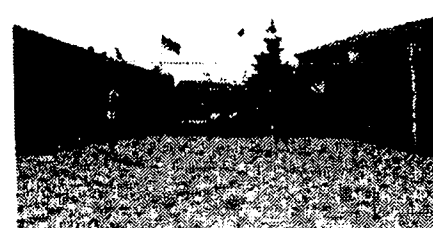
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Doubting duLac: ND crime and punishment

duLac.

Mention the coda of the University's formal name at a packed dining hall table and you'll inspire exaggerated eye-rolls, indifferent sighs and pained looks of disgust. But these jaded reactions to "duLac: A Guide to Student Life" mask a pervasive lack of student understanding about the policies described in Notre Dame's thick gospel of discipline.

Few students bother to read duLac in its entirety, relying instead on an abundance of rumors and urban legends to shape their perspectives of the University's disciplinary landscape. Nearly every Notre Dame undergraduate has heard about that guy who was kicked off campus just for drinking a beer in his dorm's hallway and about that girl whose rector twice caught her breaking parietals but let her off without so much as a warning. Stories like these — some true, some not — contribute to a climate of uncertainty and distrust, as students often struggle to reconcile the truth with the fiction, the apparent punishment with the crime.

Turning to each other for context, students busted for underage drinking at bars, parties and tailgates are quick to compare notes about hall staff and ResLife punishments. Chatter that cer-

tain dorms and bars have a reputation for lenience spreads rapidly, as does news that others are cracking down. What it all adds up to is a disciplinary picture that's drenched in student bitterness, but whose true form is lost in a fog of anger and complaints.

In publishing a six-part series focusing on discipline at Notre Dame, which begins today and continues through next Friday, The Observer hopes to bring some clarity to that picture. Drawing on interviews with the administrators who shape the University's rules; the police, rectors and R.A.s who enforce them; and the students who abide by and break them, the series hopes to push to the surface many of Notre Dame's festering disciplinary debates. Why are some offenses punished

more severely than others? Is having sex considered worse than drinking underage? Than cheating on a test? When is forcing offending students off-campus an appropriate punishment? Has it always been this way? Whose best interests are at heart?

Devoting straightforward attention to and encouraging candid discussion of these issues can only benefit the Notre Dame community. The Observer hopes this series can serve as a starting point.

The Observer Editorial

Pep rally system problematic

Notre Dame seems to have a penchant for tickets and the complicated distribution processes that go with them.

Student attendance at football games — both home and away — and men's basketball games is already tangled up in complicated ticketing schemes. Now the University has made the mistake of adding pep rallies to the mix.

The newest process requires the non-student public to have tickets to enter the Joyce Center for pep rallies. This decision grew out of Notre Dame's desire to avoid forcing fans to wait in long lines to see the pep rallies, only to turn them away at the packed-to-capacity JACC's door — an admirable sentiment.

But distributing tickets means the pep rally organizers need to save seats for students, which is where problems arise. How many seats should be allocated for students?

For the Tennessee pep rally last week, the Student Activities Office valiantly argued in favor of allocating the most seats possible for students and succeeded in convincing organizers to allow for 6,000 students. Unfortunately, only about 2,400 students attended, and sections of the JACC stood empty, leading organizers to cut student seats to 3,000 for tonight's Navy pep rally and for the Nov. 18 Syracuse pep rally, the last of the year.

While no estimate will be perfect, a reduction this severe increases the likelihood that students could be turned away from the Joyce Center — a situation that could turn ugly fast.

What's most puzzling, however, is that none of the organizers involved in setting the estimate of student seats seems to recognize that student attendance is bound to fluctuate due to various impossible-to-control factors — time of year, quality of opponent, the football team's performance and so on. Students are more apt to attend the first and last pep rallies of the year and the pep rally for the highest-ranked opponent of the season. The other pep rallies will most likely have lower attendance.

And if organizers choose to overlook those factors in favor of

aiming to keep student attendance at a certain number — say, 6,000 — they need to make changes to the pep rallies themselves.

For the public, a pep rally is a novel event. If a fan from out of town only has tickets to one football game per year, he or she will probably only see one pep rally. So this attendee probably won't mind waiting in line, then waiting inside the JACC, then seeing the hour-long pep rally at which the football team is only present for half an hour.

But students see things differently. Six pep rallies a year, for which dorms show up more than an hour early, become tiring. Students do not want to stand in the bleachers for an hour and a half, then wait another half an hour after the start of the pep rally to see what they're really there to see — the football team, the featured speakers and the band. Pep rallies are supposed to fire up the student body, and all the waiting around takes away from much of that goal.

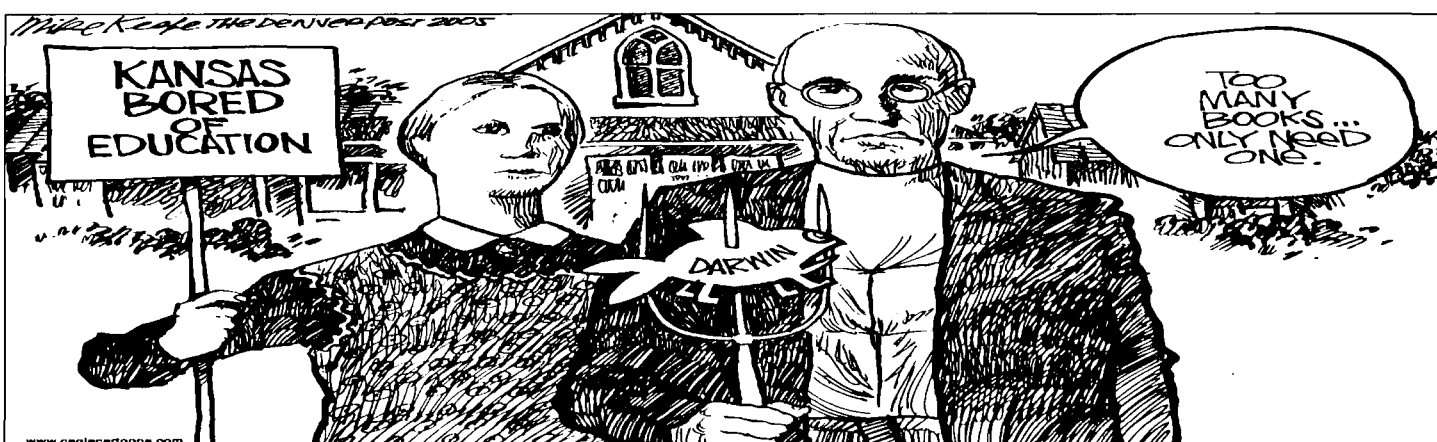
In previous decades, pep rallies were short and sweet — pack in the students, march out the band and the team, and less than an hour later, everybody went home excited for the football game. But the drawn-out pep rallies of today — especially the often painfully unfunny student speakers — do not accomplish that goal. If Notre Dame expects 6,000 students to attend every pep rally, it should trim down its pep rally programming to the core elements — band, coach, players, featured speakers — that have excited students for years.

The most prudent course of action on the part of the organizers would be to return to the ticket-less admission system. There should be a willingness to risk turning away people at the door rather than leave whole sections of the JACC empty — and the JACC would always be filled regardless of how many students arrived.

But if Notre Dame would like to stick with its tickets — as history has shown it is wont to do — then an effort needs to be made to tailor the pep rallies more to what students want to cheer for.

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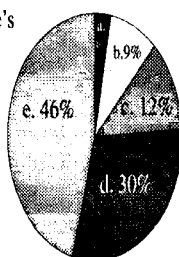
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Do not anticipate trouble, or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight."

Benjamin Franklin
author

Can soldiers be good in 'rotten' wars?

It is most befitting that the midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy clash with Notre Dame on the gridiron during this Veteran's Day weekend. Since it is a time of international conflict, the football festivities that salute this nation's warriors will be more poignant on campus. Nothing we civilians do can mean as much to the men and women serving in the military than to guarantee that our political leaders are fair in their administration and deployment of those who protect us. That thought should be with us during our celebrations.



Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Throughout the week the cable television stations have presented several classic war movies in honor of our veterans. In one of those black and white films, a single spoken line uttered by a World War II soldier has distinguished itself above the others and seems to ring true for every war. After men in his platoon commit an atrocity, a sergeant asks his captain, "How can you be a good soldier in a rotten war?"

All wars are "rotten" in every conceivable aspect. Mortal beings are asked to perform immortal tasks

beyond human limits, endure unimaginable conditions that under normal societal standards would not be acceptable for our pets and witness immoral brutality that most refuse to discuss when they return home. One cannot comprehend the affects of war on its military personnel and the affected civilian population until one has walked in a warrior's boots.

The personal nightmares of those who fight in every war come from differing conditions but are similar in their debilitating grip on our veterans. In the recent television miniseries, "Band of Brothers," the platoon leader faced his nightmare when he crossed the height of a Holland dike and quickly encountered an unarmed German soldier, alone and no older than sixteen. The American instinctively raised his rifle and shot the youth dead. Throughout the movie the American relived his nightmare, each time looking deeper into the eyes of the German youth.

Any modern day war veteran will tell you that the three smells of war are rotting flesh, fuel and burning rubber. Most veterans cannot free themselves from various reminders of war when they return home. As hard as it is to block their horrors from memory, the World War II veteran will remember the unprecedented number of dead comrades and civilians that mounted daily in that great struggle. Korean

War veterans will recall the massive armies supplied by the Chinese that overwhelmingly advanced as though their numbers would never diminish. The Vietnam War veteran will remember the cruel mutilations enacted upon his American brothers' bodies as a personal message of hate from the enemy.

This writer first wore an Air Force uniform as a Notre Dame freshman during the height of the Vietnam War's unpopularity. My family has a long line of veterans who have fought both at the front line and behind the lines as well as been captured by the enemy. Nobody knows better the need to prevent war than one who has been in uniform.

Today, too many who have never worn a uniform try to advance positions that foster conflict rather than prevent it. It is the duty of every American to question why we are engaged in conflict, to question where we are fighting and to question when the war will end. It is not harmful to those in uniform to ask the hard questions that will remove them from harm's way.

We owe it to those serving today to protect them by holding those in charge of our government to fair and truthful standards of deployment. Too many of the National Guard — those who are supposed to be part time, local servants — are serving full time on the front lines. As a result, some of these

part-timers have acted "rotten" with prisoners or war.

We owe it to those serving today to keep them acting as good soldiers by upholding the highest standards of freedom as their model. We cannot stand as the beacon of hope if we torture prisoners. We cannot be the model of democracy if we refuse to state our opposition to torture in legislative initiatives or give prisoners their day in court. We cannot continue to be the envy of the world if we have no moral authority to pass on to our troops.

Finally, we owe it to those serving today to honor the reasons why they have volunteered to serve. They enlisted to protect and be a symbol of our nation's greatest attributes. It is heartbreaking after their deaths to watch them honored as fallen heroes without knowing that the purpose of their missions are as lofty as their sacrifices. For if their missions have little purpose, if they have little sense and no exit strategies, the war in which they fight will be the most "rotten" of all.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame-Navy: More than football tradition

The midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy come to Notre Dame Saturday for the 79th consecutive meeting between the football teams of Navy and Notre Dame. Although Notre Dame has dominated the series for the last 41 years, the history and tradition of the two intertwined schools makes the game special.

During World War II, enrollment at Notre Dame fell drastically. Students left in droves to serve in the war. On campus, women began to fill the jobs once held by student males. Many of the male students remaining on campus were ineligible to serve due to medical deferments.

The Navy needed a place to train more men for war; and Notre Dame, financially strapped, needed assistance. Notre Dame offered Navy a place to train men. Thousands of young men came to Notre Dame for officer training in classrooms, drills on the quadrangle and mass meetings in the theater and dining hall.

A neighbor's father proudly proclaimed himself a Notre Dame alumnus when I was a student at Notre Dame. When he brought out his "yearbook," I couldn't believe the pictures of hundreds of blue uniformed men in formations behind the familiar buildings of Notre Dame. He had been an "officer candidate" at Notre Dame during World War II and not a Notre Dame student at all. But he was just as proud of his time at Notre Dame as any graduate.

Years later, at a Navy change of command, a three-star admiral was introduced as the new leader of an important and prestigious Navy command. He rose and introduced himself by saying, "I was a member of the 1963 Naval Academy football team: the last team to beat Notre Dame."

Thirty years after that athletic struggle, the admiral wasn't thinking about his own promotion and his own new job. First he wanted to remind us of a great game of triumph with his teammates. He brought us back to a great struggle and victory over almost insurmountable odds.

That game in 1963, which Navy won by a score of 35-14, marked one of the crowning achievements in Roger Staubach's Heisman Trophy winning season. That same year, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated and Martin Luther

King, Jr. gave his "I Have a Dream" speech. But some people still remember the Notre Dame vs. Navy game.

Long before the 1963 game, even before World War II, people recognized the unique relationship between Notre Dame and the service academies. In the 1927 Navy-Notre Dame game program, Rev. Mathew Walsh, president of Notre Dame, wrote:

"Notre Dame, Army, and Navy make an ideal group for a football triangle. Their students live on campus, they draw their student body from all parts of the country ... The outcome of our games with the Navy and with the Army is not so important as that the best feeling of sport and good-fellowship always prevail. We are indeed happy to have Navy on our schedule: we trust it will continue so long and so amiably as to become a part of our best loved traditions."

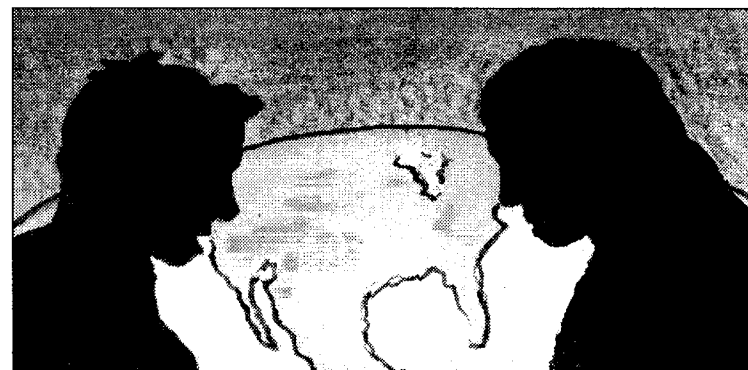
One might add to Father Walsh's comparison a few other things. Notre Dame and Navy football teams are known to pray together. Both teams are known for never giving up. They always fight hard, even when considered underdogs. This team reputation is a reflection of the spirit and culture evidenced every day on the campus of Notre Dame and at the Naval Academy. At these institutions, ethics, moral courage and character still matter. People have a way of conducting themselves with honor and distinction at the Naval Academy and at Notre Dame. At these schools, people learn how to conduct themselves in life — in a way some just call "classy."

At Notre Dame, above one door of Sacred Heart, one can find the words "God, Country, Notre Dame." At West Point and at the Naval Academy, one frequently hears words like "Duty, Honor, Country." The message is the same.

At both the Naval Academy and Notre Dame one finds deep commitment to our nation and to service. The culture of Notre Dame and Navy sets these places apart, making this football game worth playing and worth watching every year.

John Carey
alumnus
class of 1976
Nov. 10

Foster similarities



As someone who strongly believes in the importance of student discussion, I would like to point out a few things that tend to get ignored.

We are on a college campus. There are different opinions. People respond differently to everything. While it is beneficial to point out relevant issues, it is not beneficial to berate the individual people who decide to write in about these issues. A well-outlined and intelligent argument is far more convincing than is a "Joe is wrong because I firmly believe Joe is wrong" type response.

For the conservatives out there, consider the opportunity to learn about things such as The Vagina Monologues, pro-choice groups and religious criticism your opportunity to effectively arm yourself for life after college in the real world. You don't have to accept things you don't believe in, but understanding them will make you more effective in combating them.

For the liberals out there, don't consider every conservative statement an attack on our liberty. You have an important job — opening up this campus to new and possibly groundbreaking discussion on gender, politics and religion. Don't ruin your role by spending your time conservative-bashing.

We work on a system of checks and balances. Despite personal abhorrence for one side of the argument or the other, each side would cease to exist if the other did.

Just remember that what will make some people laugh will inevitably make others annoyed. Some like yellow, some like green. Some are Democrats, some are Republicans. Whatever you do you will inevitably annoy someone. We're not working for unanimity, but we are looking for common ground. Try to foster our similarities rather than ignore them and discuss our differences rather than having shouting matches across a wall.

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'Design for Living' brings British humor stateside

By LIZ BYRUM
Assistant Scene Editor

As students and staff enter the Philbin Studio Theatre this weekend, they will notice the atmosphere has been transformed to the look and feel of a 1930s nightclub. Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre has begun its first week of performances of Noel Coward's witty comedy, *Design for Living*.

This lively show made its debut in 1933 in Great Britain, and has remained a staple of British theatre because of its timeless themes of morality, marriage and the possibility of defying convention and refusing to conform to society.

Design for Living focuses around the lives of a trio of upper-class bohemians who also share an intensely close friendship. The two males, Otto, a painter, and Leo, a playwright, both adore their female counterpart, Gilda, an interior decorator. Through a series of failed attempts at conventional marriage, Gilda comes to the realization that she might not have to choose between the two most important men in her life after all. At the suggestion of Leo and Otto, the threesome goes on to create their own unique life design.

When choosing the play they will put into production, the Department of Film, Television and Theatre looks at many different aspects of the performance process. The department is always seeking input from students on potential production ideas, which the faculty then come together to discuss. The factors involved in the selection of *Design for Living* included which faculty member will direct, the number of students that can be involved with the production, the type of performance necessary and the level of training that can be incorporated into the process. The FTT production



In *Design for Living*, Gilda, played by Sarah Loveland, left, is being courted by two men, one of whom is Otto, played by Michael Girts. The play originally premiered in Britain and is making its way to the U.S.

of *Design for Living* is being directed by Siiri Scott, an Assistant Professional Specialist for the department.

Besides the three main roles in *Design for Living*, which are performed by Patrick Vassel (Leo), Michael Girts (Otto) and Sarah Loveland (Gilda), the play has at least 10 other cast members, including Luke Cieslewicz, who plays the part of Ernest. Cieslewicz's character appears significantly in both the first and final act of the

play, and, according to Vassel, makes a comical exit towards the end of the play. Apart from the actors involved, many other students play important production roles working

behind the scenes as crew members.

Girts, who is a first-year graduate student studying for his MBA, is a new arrival on the Notre Dame theatre scene.



Otto, left, played by Michael Girts, and Leo, played by Patrick Vassel, battle for the love of the same woman in *Design for Living*.

and other comedic productions in which he has performed, Girts highlighted the fact that the British often have a very different brand of humor than what most American audiences are used to.

"It is more wit than laugh-out-loud slap stick," Girts said. "You have to embrace the wit and trust your audience to be smart."

Vassel, a junior political science major, performed in his first FTT production two years ago, and has continued to be involved with the department since. He describes his character, Leo, as the most dramatic of the three main characters in *Design for Living*. As the first friend left behind in the play,

"Leo is also the one who does the most to get everyone back together again," Vassel said.

Sarah Loveland describes her character, Gilda, as "artistic and bold for her time." She is unconcerned with what people think, and stretches the limits of 1930s society. So far, the experience of working on *Design for Living* has been a positive one of Loveland.

"Siiri, our director, has been wonderful; really giving us freedom to try new things, and at the same time pushing us farther than we thought we could go," she said.

With a great compilation of people working on this successful play, as well as a close location, multiple shows and a reasonable ticket price, there is no reason why a Notre Dame student shouldn't make a visit to DPAC to see *Design for Living*.

"The less you know before you come, the better. If you can walk in with zero expectations, then you will have the most fun going on the ride," Girts said.

Show times for *Design for Living* can be found on the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts Web site, www.performingarts.nd.edu.

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Toyo Grill's unique menu serves up a fresh taste

By JESSICA STOLLER
Scene Critic

Sushi is not an expected find in a city 700 miles from the nearest ocean, but take a trip down Edison Road past Movies 14 and there lies Toyo Grill. The restaurant specializes in providing an enticing array of the raw delicacy and is located only minutes away from campus.

Upon arrival at the restaurant, it is apparent that parking space is limited in the busy shopping center where Toyo is located. After opening the first entry door, a lit, glass case showcasing the sushi options for the evening can be viewed. This can be intimidating for a first-time sushi explorer, but it

is very helpful to view some of the options before actually sitting down with a menu.

The first noticeable element in the dining area is the small, intimate atmosphere. The smaller size allows for conversations with friends without the bustle and background noise of a larger restaurant. However, if a large party plans to dine at Toyo Grill, arrangements ahead of time may be necessary. An LCD television screen is available for viewing at the front of the restaurant — Animal Planet seems to be the channel of choice. The atmosphere receives a rating of four out of five sporks.

Service at Toyo Grill can be a bit confusing from the start. There is no podium for a seating host or hostess, yet no sign

directs visitors to seat themselves. Luckily, a helpful waiter or waitress is available to seat any puzzled customers that may enter. The wait staff is helpful, and willing to make suggestions to anyone who has never before eaten sushi. Some appetizers arrived after the meal, which was also a bit confusing. However service was fairly prompt and attentive. The service at Toyo Grill receives four sporks.

Many options are available when dining at Toyo. While sushi is their main advertisement, selections from traditional Japanese and Korean fare are also available. A large selection of appetizers is offered, and these pre-meal attractions are a great way to begin when taking time to

decide on a main course or sushi option. Of the appetizers, personal recommendations include the deep-fried shrimp dumplings and the green onions wrapped in beef slices. The shrimp dumplings are served with a citrus-seasoned soy sauce that is the perfect accent to a rather mild-tasting dumpling. Green onions wrapped in beef slices provide an unexpected barbecue flavor that is sure to be an instant favorite.

Main course options range from different types of noodles to meat and vegetable combination dishes. The menu is diverse and contains enough choices for even the most sincere skeptics of non-western cuisine to find an enjoyable meal. If attempting sushi for

the first time, recommendations include the California maki or any other option recommended by the server. The sushi rolls were delicious. However, they were very difficult to eat for those who are inexperienced in the art of eating with chopsticks. The food receives a total of four out of five sporks.

Toyo Grill is an excellent place to dine for any casual occasion, and is a wonderful way to find some great food and to avoid long lines at larger restaurants on the weekends. Three and a half sporks is the composite rating for Toyo Grill, which is definitely worth a trip off-campus to try.

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Power Points

Katie Thorlakson, Amanda Cinalli and Kerri Hanks have helped Notre Dame score 46 goals in its last 10 games heading into this weekend's NCAA Tournament



Notre Dame vs. Valparaiso
7:30 p.m. Alumni Field

Repeating as champion not such an easy task

History is not on their side. Notre Dame will begin defense of its 2004 National Championship tonight when it hosts Valparaiso. If the Irish win back-to-back titles, they will be the first Notre Dame team to do so since men's fencing did it in the late 1970s, and only the second team since a guy named Leahy did it in 1946 and 1947.



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Think about that. For all of Notre Dame's storied athletic history, only two teams in the last 58 years have managed to win two consecutive championships — and for good reason. It's hard.

College programs are faced with the reality that players come and go every year. The experienced athletes on the field one year are the inexperienced law students in the classroom the next.

The window of success is narrow. Universities realistically have two years with a specific group of players before there is a turnover.

"By the time it seems like you really get everybody playing on the same page they graduate," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "That's why it's so vital to get the depth in your program

that we've been fortunate to have the last two or three years."

Consider the 2005 North Carolina basketball team. Sean May, Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants came in as freshmen and struggled. After two years of coaching and development they won a title in their junior year.

What happened next? The Tar Heels are not ranked in the pre-season polls after their top six players graduated or left for the NBA.

Twenty years ago it was easier for teams to win multiple titles in women's soccer. North Carolina won nine straight from 1986 through 1994. But women's soccer only became an NCAA championship sport in 1982 and many universities did not support it right away.

"I think the thing with Carolina is ... they really were the first team 20 years ago to put money into women's athletics, and particularly women's soccer," Waldrum said.

North Carolina — while still dominant — is not the only contender anymore because of the parity that now exists. The most a school can do now is build a program. These college dynasties no longer exist.

"Now you've got so many teams that can win it, and you're not going to see that kind of run again," Waldrum said.

But that doesn't mean the Irish do not at least have a shot at winning one more.

Freshman Kerri Hanks has 62 points (24 goals and 14 assists) and senior Katie Thorlakson has 60 points (16 goals and 28 assists) this season.

Fifth-year senior Candace Chapman has anchored a defense that has left goaltender Erika Bohn as a spectator for most of the season.

"I really haven't had to do that much in the games so I'm just trying to stay focused if I do have to make one big save," Bohn said.

And, perhaps most importantly, the Irish are peaking at the right time. Coming off a 5-0 Big East championship win over Connecticut, Notre Dame has won its previous 10 games, outscoring its opponents 46-1.

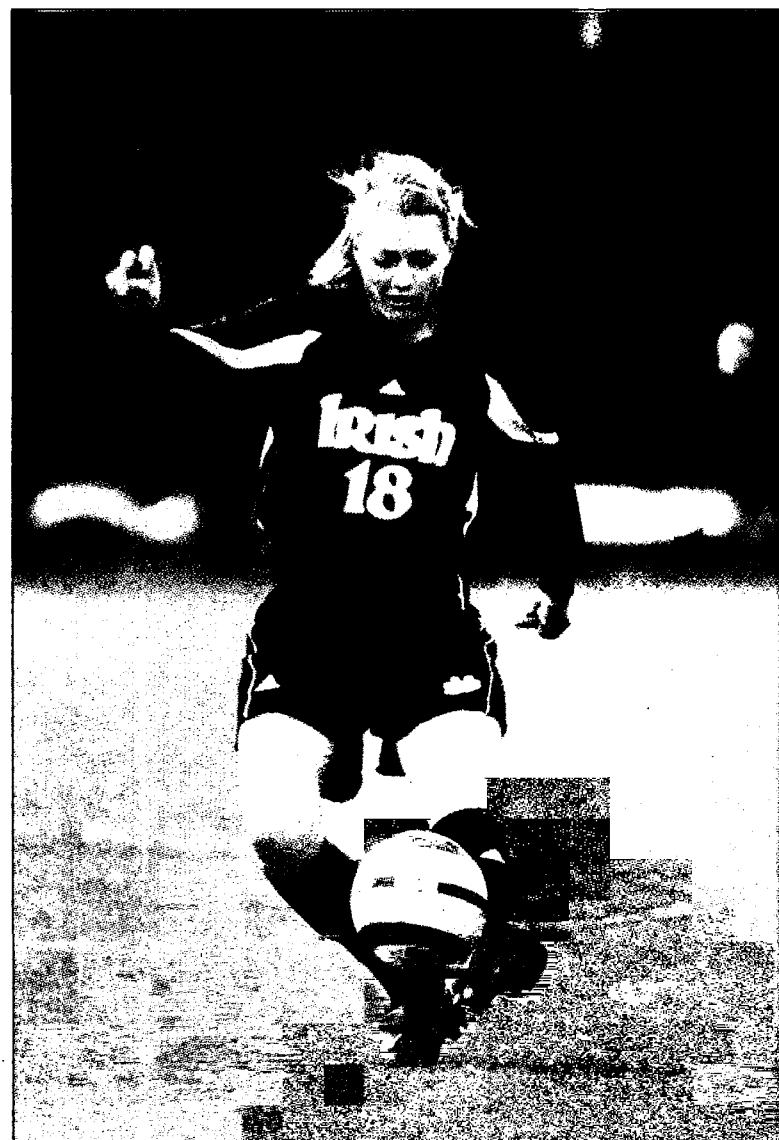
Not since a Sept. 30 loss at Marquette — a team the Irish beat 3-0 Nov. 4 in the Big East semifinals — have the Irish trailed in a game.

It will be difficult, but if there is a group to become the first women's soccer team to win consecutive championships that is not Michael Jordan's alma mater, this could be the one.

"We know what it's like to lose early ... and we know what it feels like to win," Bohn said. "So we want to get that feeling back again."

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Irish defender Christie Shaner dribbles during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over Connecticut in the Big East championship Nov. 6.

PORTLAND QUADRANT

SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

No. 2 Notre Dame (19-2-0)

The Irish won their 10th consecutive game in the Big East final over Connecticut.

Valparaiso (12-7-1)

The Crusaders set a school record with 12 victories this season.

Michigan State (11-5-5)

Michigan State lost in the Big Ten semifinals, but is unbeaten (2-0-2) after a loss this season.

Bowling Green (14-6-2)

Bowling Green is 1-7-1 all-time against Michigan State.

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Yale (13-3-1)

The Bulldogs won their first outright Ivy League title in school history.

Central Conn. State (17-3-0)

Central Connecticut State is making its fourth straight NCAA appearance.

Fairfield (10-6-3)

The Stags are unbeaten in their previous six matches.

No. 3 Duke (13-5-1)

The Blue Devils have allowed only 11 goals in 19 matches this season.

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No. 1 Portland (18-0-1)

The Pilots were ranked No. 1 in all four final regular season polls.

Iowa State (11-6-3)

The Cyclones' 6-3-1 conference record is the best in school history.

Nebraska (13-7-1)

Nebraska is making its 10th consecutive NCAA tournament appearance.

Creighton (12-5-3)

Creighton looks for its first-ever NCAA tournament win.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Arizona (9-7-3)

Arizona midfielder Mallory Miller is the PAC-10 player of the year.

Utah (14-6-1)

The Utes won the Mountain West conference championship.

Weber State (14-4-1)

The Wildcats have won 13 of their last 14 games entering the NCAA tournament.

No. 4 Brigham Young (15-2-3)

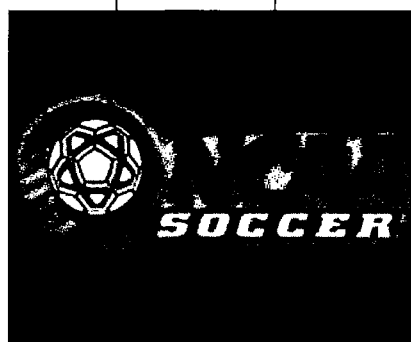
Ten Brigham Young players have scored five or more points this season.

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Forward thinking

Irish trio of Cinalli, Hanks and Thorlakson has opponents on the defensive

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

A year ago, Katie Thorlakson had the burden of producing most of the Irish offense. Amanda Cinalli was still learning the ropes as a freshman and Kerri Hanks was playing for the United States in international competition instead of leading the Irish with 24 goals in 21 games.

Even so, Notre Dame dominated in the NCAA tournament last season and beat UCLA, 2-1 in penalty kicks, in a thrilling championship match.

This year, the trio of forwards is in full swing together, devastating opponents with the highest-scoring offense in the country heading into the tournament. They have led the Irish on the team's current 10-game winning streak, outscoring opponents 46-1.

"I think right now we're peaking," Cinalli said. "I think we're doing real well right now. Everything's clicking and everyone's having a blast."

Cinalli is the lowest profiled of Notre Dame's top three forwards, but head coach Randy Waldrum says she makes an incomparable impact on the team.

"Amanda Cinalli, who a lot of people don't talk about, she's a great player. And she's one of those players who can hurt you, too," Waldrum said. "We've got a lot of those weapons if we can just get them clicking at the right time."

The other weapons Waldrum referenced are Thorlakson and Hanks.

That duo became just the fourth tandem of teammates to break 60 points each in a season Sunday during Notre Dame's 5-0 Big East Championship victory over No. 15 Connecticut.

"Me and Hanks, actually at the beginning of the year decided we wanted to shoot for 130 points by the end of the year," Thorlakson said.

With 24 goals and 14 assists, Hanks has 62 points, and Thorlakson's 16 goals and 28 assists give her 60 points. Hanks said the duo knows they are approaching the benchmark.

"Obviously we set that target and we want to reach it between us," Hanks said. "But what we've accomplished right now is unbelievable."

Reaching their goals

Cinalli, who has seven goals and 15 assists on the season, said she doesn't focus on individual statistical targets as much as team achievements.

"One of my goals is a team goal and it's to win another national championship," Cinalli said. "I guess you could say that every day I've been striving just to work really hard in practice and challenge my teammates, and they always challenge me."

Working for that team goal has produced one of the most prolific front lines in NCAA history for the Irish this year. In just 21 games, Notre Dame's

three top forwards have combined for 151 points (47G-57A), a clip of 7.4 points per game.

Thorlakson especially has used the diversity of the Irish attack to her advantage. She has combined with Cinalli, Hanks and her other teammates for a nation-leading 28 assists this year.

The trio has taken 231 shots in those games, making the combination the country's most feared offensive monster. Their shot total is nearly 140 more than all Irish opponents combined against Notre Dame in the 2005 season.

In fact, with 122 shots in her freshman season, Hanks has taken 30 more shots this year than all of Notre Dame's opponents have against the Irish defense.

Hanks credited Thorlakson and Cinalli with that prolific total.

"My teammates put me in the chances that I have to take the shots," Hanks said. "Sometimes the chances I get are just tap-ins. ... Most of all it's my teammates that help me get my chances."

Thorlakson said Notre Dame's overwhelming shot advantage is, in large part, a result of the defensive work of the Irish forwards.

"We have a pressure offense, so a lot of our attacks are actually when the defense is trying to get the ball out and when they're off-balance and that provides us with more opportunities to keep the ball in their end," she said.

Going for two

The Irish hope to maintain that decided shots-taken advantage in the NCAA Tournament when they meet Valparaiso in the first round of their title defense tonight at Alumni Field.

Cinalli said she knows there is added pressure when a team tries to repeat as national champions but said she has full faith in the Irish.

"I think our team has the composure and talent to withstand that pressure," she said. "We're totally confident that we'll make it all the way this year."

To make it all the way to the College Cup (soccer's version of the Final Four) in College Station, Tex., the Irish must take every opponent seriously and use their experience to beat teams who have not played as many big games.

Thorlakson and Cinalli each played in all six tournament games last year while Hanks competed for the United States in international competition.

Thorlakson, a member of the Canadian national team, said Hanks' participation on national teams gives her a competitive advantage over her defenders, despite her lack of NCAA playoff experience.

"She's just ... a natural goal scorer," the senior from British Columbia said. "She's been

playing international soccer for a long time. With that experience she's going to be a bit more mature on the ball."

Hanks said her international experience will help in the excited environment of tournament matches.

"I think it helps out a lot," she said. "International level and college level are two different types of things but it does help ... getting to know different styles and different players."

Waldrum said Notre Dame's three-pronged attack prevents defenses from focusing on just Thorlakson, the two-time Big East offensive player of the year, to shut down during games.

"I think having [Hanks and Cinalli] just makes it that much more difficult for teams because you just can't put a focus on Katie," he said. "You just can't do it."

"Everybody's scoring"

Thorlakson said Notre Dame's offense this year is better than last year's.

"This year, it's wide open - everybody's scoring," she said. "Obviously with 151 points between three people it's hard to key on one person."

Thorlakson said the development of Cinalli and Hanks as offensive stars has taken much of the offensive burden off her shoulders from a year ago, especially as the returning star on the defending national champions.

"I'm looking forward to the tournament - nothing on my shoulders," she said.

Though teams risk leaving Cinalli and Hanks open for shots when they focus on Thorlakson, Waldrum said Notre Dame's opponents often concentrate their attention on the senior.

"I'm amazed all the time at Thorlakson because she continues to just get marked, she continues to be the target, you know everybody's trying to stop her and she just continues to find ways to get points," Waldrum said. "Goals, assists, whatever it takes."

In 2004, Thorlakson scored or assisted on 18 of Notre Dame's 22 goals in the postseason, including a goal or an assist in each of the team's six NCAA tournament victories.

Waldrum said he doesn't expect that kind of dominating performance from any of his players this time, only because the Irish have too many offensive weapons to keep the others from finding the net.

"Last year, [Thorlakson] felt a lot of pressure to have to be the one to come through for us. I don't know if any one of our weapons will have [a performance like Thorlakson's in 2004]," he said.

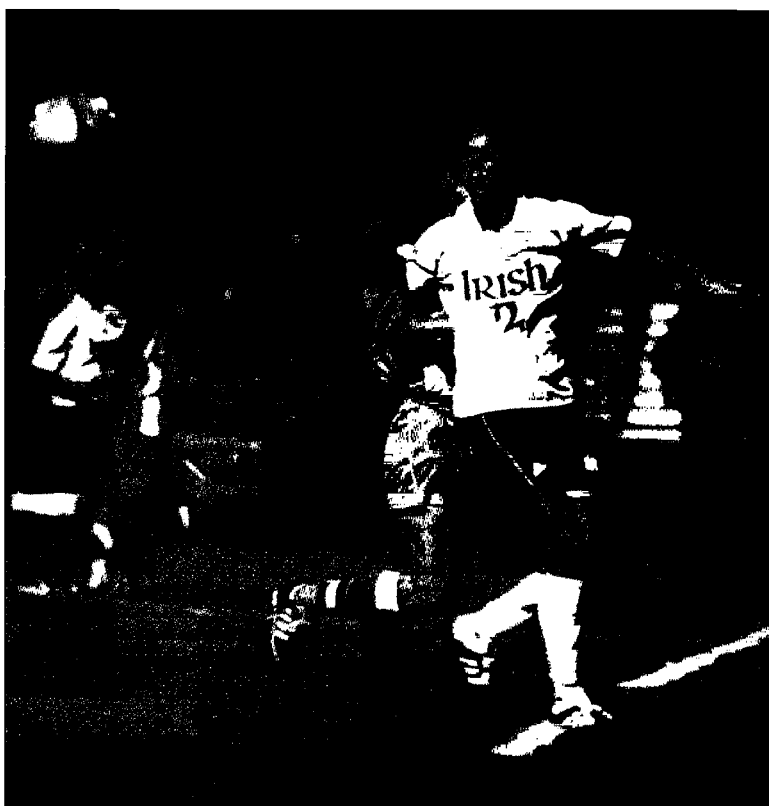
With 151 points spread out between three players during Notre Dame's 19-2-0 regular season plus Big East Tournament, continuing the strategy of a diverse offense might be best for the Irish.

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Amanda Cinalli jukes Connecticut defender Karlyn Misells during the 5-0 Irish win in the Big East title game on Nov. 6.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish forward Kerri Hanks receives a pass during Notre Dame's 4-1 win over Florida on Sept. 2.



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Katie Thorlakson drives the ball downfield during a 6-0 Irish shutout of Maryland on Sept. 4.

Back to back

Candace Chapman's return to defense has the Irish on pace for another NCAA title



Left, Irish defender Candace Chapman completes a throw-in during Notre Dame's 5-0 victory over Connecticut in the Big East Championship game on Nov. 6. Middle, Chapman (8) celebrates the conference title with Irish teammates including midfielder Jen Buczkowski (9). Right, Chapman jostles for position during the win over the Huskies.

Irish senior has made a successful transition from offense this year

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame won six straight NCAA Tournament games a year ago to claim the 2004 College Cup, Candace Chapman was a central part of the Irish attack.

With less than 18 minutes remaining in Notre Dame's semifinal match against Santa Clara, Chapman scored the only goal of the game after executing a flawless give-and-go with Katie Thorlakson.

Both Thorlakson and Chapman are members of the Canadian national team, and both are in their final seasons at Notre Dame.

As the Irish begin their national title defense this weekend with a match against Valparaiso, Thorlakson is once again at forward, but the fifth-year senior Chapman will be back in her natural position with the Irish as a defender, leading a unit that has surrendered just 10 goals in 21 games.

Chapman, a team captain and vocal leader, said Notre Dame's comfort level on defense has skyrocketed throughout the course of the 2005 campaign.

"I think communication and just getting comfortable with where everyone's playing [is key to the defense]," Chapman

said. "We moved it around a lot in the beginning [of the season] and now people pretty much know where to be."

That comfort level has been most apparent in Notre Dame's 10 games since a 4-1 upset at the hands of Marquette.

The defense has held Irish opponents to just one goal in a span of 906 minutes covering those 10 games, and opposing offenses have managed just 15 shots on goal.

Along with juniors Kim Lorenzen and Christie Shaner and freshman Carrie Dew, Chapman and the Irish defense have hounded opposing forwards all year and prevented teams from getting good looks at the goal.

Thorlakson said she and the rest of the Irish offensive players feel confident when they look back to see Chapman leading the defensive effort.

"For me personally, she plays on our Canadian team and I look up to her a lot," Thorlakson said of Chapman. "She's just like a rock back there."

She puts a lot of confidence in the players ... in front of her."

That confidence has grown over the past few months as the defense has shut out nine of its last 10 opponents.

Irish head coach Randy Waldrum attributes much of the defense's recent success to the reemergence of Chapman as a premier back in the college game.

"I think she's kind of found her rhythm again as the outside back," Waldrum said after Notre Dame's 5-0 throttling of Connecticut Nov. 6 in the Big East Championship. "Playing her up front last year, it took her a while to get to the point where she's flying up and down the line again ... and she's really been doing that a lot for us the last few weeks."

Chapman said the transition was not too difficult for her because she

played on the Irish defense in 2001 and 2002 before sitting out the 2003 season, recovering from ACL surgery.

"I played defense my first two years here. They only changed that [last year] when I went up front," Chapman said.

In the conference championship game, Chapman led the Irish defense in the second half as Connecticut tried to mount an offensive attack to cut into the Notre Dame lead. Each time they thought they had an opening, however, the Huskies found Chapman racing over to redirect crosses or block shots from the wings.

After witnessing four years of such dominating performances, Waldrum said he expects to see Chapman's name as a central part of the future of women's soccer.

"I think she'll be one of the future stars of the women's game," he said.

"Internationally she's going to be one of the stars like we're hearing about the Mia Hamm and those kinds. She's just so composed and she's just such a weapon coming out of the back."

Though Waldrum said he

was glad to have Chapman on the back line again, he thinks she can contribute to the offense as well as the defense.

"She's just such a weapon coming out of the back defensively," he said. "She can keep you from playing because she's athletic and fast and she's a good tackler of the ball, but she creates a lot for us offensively."

Chapman's statistics this year give credence to Waldrum's assessment. She has two goals and nine assists out of the defense, by far the highest points total on the team from the back line.

Chapman said when she

begins her final NCAA Tournament with the Irish tonight in hopes of leading the team to back-to-back titles, she will not look past Valparaiso, even though her expectations for the tournament are much greater than a first-round victory.

"Going in as defending national champions, you know how easy it is to get knocked out, so you take it one at a time," she said. "[But] I think we should be confident going into the tournament. We have a great team."

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by the numbers

Goals scored by Notre Dame in its previous 10 games, all of them victories.

46

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Goal scored by Notre Dame's opponents in the past 10 games.

Shots per game Notre Dame is averaging this season. Opponents are only averaging 4.4 shots per contest.

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Goals scored by Notre Dame this season. Irish opponents have only managed 92 shots on the year.

Wins by Notre Dame in NCAA tournament play. The Irish are 32-10-1 all-time in the NCAAAs, including national titles in 1995 and 2004.

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Winning percentage by Notre Dame in NCAA tournament games at Alumni Field.

Shots by Irish forward Kerri Hanks in 21 games in 2005. Hanks alone has outshot Irish opponents by 30.

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Teams in NCAA tournament history with more than one national championship — Notre Dame and North Carolina.

A brand new twist on greed and ambition



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

The Saint Mary's production of Shakespeare's *Macbeth* brings a new twist to the classic tale of greed. In this version, the cast is entirely played by women.

By REBECCA CAVE
Scene Writer

William Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, a violent story of greed and ambition, has been uniquely brought to life by an entirely female cast at Saint Mary's. From the dark, gloomy set to the beautiful costumes and rich acting, the play is a captivating and entertaining experience.

Mark Abram-Copenhaver's directing brings together a strong female ensemble and a unique stage design to offer a different perspective on Shakespeare's work.

"It was the shortest of Shakespeare's tragedies and allows the audience to become involved with the story," Abram-Copenhaver said.

He hoped the audience would leave "intrigued and excited" about the playwright and his work. Abram-Copenhaver explained he decided to work with an all-female cast not just for the novelty of it, but also to create a production that brought to life the many different layers of the tale.

"*Macbeth* is a morality play about greed and ambition," Abram-Copenhaver said. "It needs to make the audience look at the dark side of greed and violence."

By using a female cast he hopes the audience has new reactions to these everyday occurrences.

The acting throughout the play was superb. The entire cast maintained control over the difficult Shakespearean language and the words flowed easily and naturally drawing the audience in. Ashleigh Stochel turned in a performance so convincing as *Macbeth* many in the audience forgot she was a woman and were entirely taken in by her portrayal of the tortured man.

Ashley Peltier's performance as *Macduff*, the loyal friend of the king who is driven to revenge when his family is murdered, was moving and strong. Crystal Schauf's performance as the Porter was a show stealing touch and provided comic relief. Her

interaction with the audience was hilarious and added a touch of gaiety to the dark play.

Other notable performances included the witches, who were frightening and mystical, standing seven feet tall. The ensemble work of the cast was also exceptional.

Fight scenes were highly believable and extremely violent. The actors trained everyday for a week with Kevin Asselin, a professional stage fight choreographer, and then three times a week for a month. The action in the play is extremely violent and at times gory.

The simple set consists of mainly a great hall door and several movable parts. The dark and ominous feel of the set fits perfectly with the themes of death and doom. The unique part of the set is that it allows the audience members to sit directly on stage. Abram-Copenhaver also chose to cut two-thirds of the seats in Little Theater.

"Little Theater rarely sells out and the empty spaces are distracting to the audience. By having less seats the audience members are closer to the action giving them a better experience," Abram-Copenhaver said.

He also noted that it was an "educational and unique experience for the actors."

The performers in the play also agreed the small atmosphere was beneficial.

"I feel the audience reactions to a greater extent because the actors are able to see the actual emotions on the faces of the audience," said Angela Sauer, who played Lady Macbeth.

"The atmosphere gave me more energy and helped me stay in character," Peltier said.

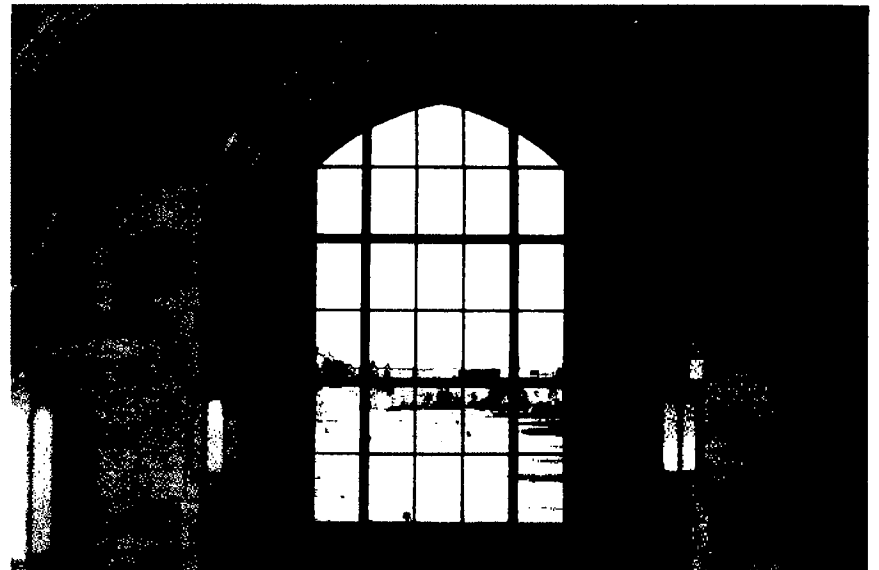
Both agreed that it was great learning experience as actors. The set did provide a unique experience for the audience, but was at times frustrating because the audience members blocked action on stage.

Overall the production of *Macbeth* was an intriguing, frightening and entertaining theatrical experience.

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NOTRE DAME'S BEST... *Windows*

BY OBSERVER PHOTO STAFF



The view from the Rock over South Quad offers exercisers a reprieve from ragged breath and a pounding heart.



Bond Hall's atrium window offers the inside scoop on the pregame Concert On the Steps.



It may look like religious imagery, but these stained glass works of art in Cushing Hall actually depict the history of engineering.

For next week: What are the best bikes on campus?
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MLB — AL

White Sox not interested in acquiring Manny

Vocal Red Sox slugger wants out of Boston

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Kenny Williams was asked whether Manny Ramirez would be a good fit for the Chicago White Sox.

"He's not that kind of guy," the general manager of the World Series champions said Thursday. "We have a certain kind of chemistry."

Point made. Boston will not be dealing Ramirez to Chicago.

While he had 45 homers and 144 RBIs for the Red Sox last season, there appears to be a limited market for Ramirez, who asked Boston to explore trade options because he's uncomfortable living there.

New Philadelphia GM Pat Gillick said there's no room for the 33-year-old Ramirez in the Phillies' outfield, which has Bobby Abreu in right and Pat Burrell in left.

"Our corners are pretty good," Gillick said. "In high school he played center, but I don't think he can play center anymore."

Last July, the Red Sox and New York Mets held trade talks about Ramirez, and both sides agreed they didn't get very far. The Los Angeles Angels, who want a power hitter, could be a match. Perhaps Ramirez would want to return to the Cleveland Indians, his former team.

Ramirez is owed \$57 million during the next three years and has the right to block trades, so the Red Sox and his agent pledged to work together.

General managers completed the formal part of their meetings Thursday, delaying until their December meeting in Dallas a decision on whether to move back the amateur draft until late June.

Jimmie Lee Solomon, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office, said commissioner Bud Selig was asked during Wednesday's sessions whether he expected any change in the designated hitter rule, which is used in the American League but not in the National.

"He said for the foreseeable future we'll be doing the same thing we have been doing," Solomon said.

During the week, GMs bandied about big names for possible deals, including Ramirez, Florida first baseman Carlos Delgado, Texas second baseman Alfonso Soriano and Tampa Bay closer Danys Baez. Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said teams always are interested in right-hander Chien-Ming Wang and second baseman Robinson Cano, rookies who performed well last season with low salaries.

"That's what November, December and January are for, exploration of the possibilities of big ideas, big trades, transformations of rosters," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said.

Starting Friday, more than 175 free agents will be able to negotiate contracts with all teams. The market could go up significantly for relief pitchers, who appear to be coveted.

While closers such as Billy Wagner and B.J. Ryan figure to get big money, there's likely to be a trickle-down to setup men such as left-hander Scott Eyre and right-hander Bobby Howry.

"Everybody needs pitching. There's not a lot of pitchers out there," Gillick said. "So supply and demand."

Because of the relative lack of depth in the free-agent market, many teams are exploring trades first.

"People are being very aggressive and getting right to the point as to what they are willing to do and what they're not willing to do," Williams said.

While the Yankees are seeking a center fielder and setup men, their immediate goal is to re-sign left fielder Hideki Matsui, whose contract

says he must be put on unconditional release waivers if he doesn't agree to a new deal by Tuesday.

"We've got to the 15th to try to get something done," Cashman said.

"In the meantime, I'm gathering all the information about what the

available players on the trade market and the free-agent

market are. We'll prioritize those. In the event on Nov. 16 we don't have Hideki Matsui, it will be another avenue to pursue."

Mets general manager Omar Minaya said he planned to be aggressive and probably would start making offers to free agents Friday. He said it is likely New York won't trade Mike Cameron.

"If I had to guess right now, I see him as my right fielder," he said.

"We have a certain kind of chemistry."

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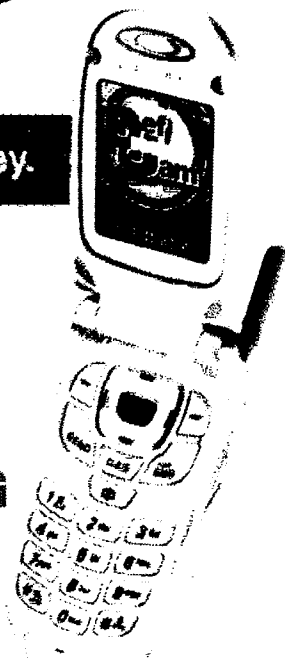


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Rays prepare for the future

Tampa Bay looks to develop young talent and keep its veterans

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Piece by piece, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays are laying the foundation for what new ownership expects to be a bright future.

Center fielder Rocco Baldelli signed a long-term contract Thursday that guarantees him \$9 million over three years and could be worth \$32 million for six seasons, a move reflecting principal owner Stuart Sternberg's commitment to keep a promising core of young talent together.

"He and Carl Crawford represent two premier building blocks of the organization," team president Matt Silverman said.

Last April, Crawford signed

a similar six-year deal that could be worth up to \$32.5 million. Baldelli's contract is designed to keep the young outfielders in the same lineup well into what the last-place Devil Rays expect to be a dramatic turnaround on the field.

The 24-year-old Baldelli is viewed as one of the keys to the future, even though he missed last season with knee and elbow injuries. He hit .289 with 11 homers and 78 RBIs as a rookie in 2003 and batted .280 with 16 homers the following year.

The speedy center fielder tore a knee ligament playing with his younger brother in the backyard of their Rhode Island home in October 2004. He was on the verge of rejoining the Devil Rays last summer when he tore a ligament in his right elbow and had to undergo Tommy John surgery.

Silverman said team doctors examined Baldelli and gave him a "clean bill of health."

"That news, combined with Rocco's great work ethic and dedication to his rehabilitation, gave us the confidence to make this deal," Silverman said.

Baldelli negotiated terms without help from an agent, meeting several times with executive vice president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman. Baldelli had agent Casey Close review the contract language.

Baldelli said he wasn't as interested in maximizing his earning potential as he was in remaining with Tampa Bay.

"I didn't sign this deal just to get a deal done. I did it because I like the direction the organization is going," Baldelli said. "I want to be a part of this team going on to build a winning tradition."

His deal guarantees him \$2 million next year, \$750,000 in 2007 and \$2.25 million 2008, but if he has 600 plate appearances next year his 2007 salary goes up to \$2.5 million and his 2008 salary increases to \$4.5 million.

Tampa Bay has a \$6 million option for 2009 with a \$4 million buyout. If the Devil Rays exercise that, they get an \$8 million option for 2010 and a \$9 million option for 2011 that must be exercised together. Those options carry a \$2 million buyout.

Former Houston Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker was hired last week to work with Friedman, who has final say on baseball moves.

The next step likely will be the hiring of a manager, with Friedman expected to choose between Los Angeles Angels bench coach Joe Maddon and incumbent Devil Rays bench coach John McLaren.

Former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine was also a finalist. However, he's been considered a long shot from the start because the Devil Rays are not likely to spend the millions it might take to pry him away from his current job with Japan League champion Chiba Lotte.

NFL

Former star lineman killed by a falling tree

Steve Courson was a vocal opponent of steroids in the league

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Steve Courson, the former offensive lineman for the Pittsburgh Steelers who developed a heart problem after becoming one of the first NFL players to acknowledge using steroids, was killed Thursday when a tree he was cutting fell on him.

Courson, 50, was using a chain saw to cut down a dead 44-foot tall tree with a circumference of 5 feet when it fell on him, according to state police. The accident happened around 1 p.m. at his home in Henry Clay Township, Fayette County.

Messages left for the county coroner were not immediately returned.

Pastor Lois Van Orden, who was with Courson's mother, Elizabeth, at her Gettysburg, Pa., home, said the family had no immediate comment.

Courson made the Steelers in 1978 as a free agent guard from South Carolina. He started more than half of the Steelers' games before he was traded to Tampa Bay in 1984, where he played another two seasons before being waived. He ended his career after the 1985 season, having played on the Steelers' Super Bowl championship teams in 1978 and 1979.

In a statement, the Steelers said:

"We are saddened to learn of the sudden and untimely death of Steve Courson. Our deepest sympathies go out to his family and friends during this extremely difficult time.

"Steve was an integral member of our last two Super Bowl championship teams, and returned to the Pittsburgh area

after he retired from football. Steve battled back from health problems in recent years and seemed to have made a full recovery."

Courson was an early outspoken opponent of steroid use in the NFL, though he had used them himself and blamed them on a heart condition he said placed him on a transplant list for four years. He credited diet and exercise with reversing the condition.

He went public with his steroid use in 1985 and was cut by Tampa Bay the next season. He also criticized the NFL's steroid testing program, which began a year after he retired.

"It's as much drug abuse to

"Steve was an integral member of our last two Super Bowl championship teams."

Pittsburgh Steelers statement

take steroids as heroin or cocaine," Courson said in 1990. "When most people imagine drug abusers, their thoughts are of street people living in the gutter. Realistically, these people can't afford drugs, but professional athletes and middle and upper class teenagers can."

Courson testified about steroid use before Congress last spring.

Earlier this year, Saints coach Jim Haslett claimed the Steelers' use of the drugs during Super Bowl championship seasons in the 1970s brought steroids into vogue around the NFL — even though star players such as Jack Lambert and Jack Ham were strongly opposed to drug use.

"To say that anabolic steroids didn't play a role in the Steelers' success would be a falsehood," Courson said in 1990. "But this isn't a Steelers problem. It's a league-wide problem. ... No one ever told me not to use or take steroids, or suggested I was killing myself."

Courson was a native of Gettysburg, and played from 1973 to 1977 at South Carolina, where he said he first used steroids at age 18.



Gerry Hunsicker, new Tampa Bay Devil Rays Senior Vice President of Baseball Operations, talks to reporters on Nov. 3 about the team's plans for its players next year.

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NFL

Warner ready to lead injury-riddled Cardinals

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Arizona Cardinals and the Detroit Lions waited until midweek to choose a starting quarterback.

Kurt Warner got the nod for the Cardinals instead of Josh McCown, and Joey Harrington clung onto the job over a banged-up Jeff Garcia.

Regardless of who takes the snaps for the Lions (3-5) and Arizona (2-6) Sunday in Detroit, focusing on the quarterbacks for the hapless teams only overlooks the glaring problems each have.

"We have so many other issues to be a good football team," Arizona coach Dennis Green said. "I think our quarterback play is OK, but a lot of other players are not OK."

Damien Woody said the same is true in Detroit.

"The easiest thing to do is to point to the quarterback, especially when the position is in flux," the guard said. "A lot of things are going wrong with our team. It's not just the quarterback."

Offensive line is perhaps the No. 1 concern for both Detroit and Arizona.

Kevin Jones ran for 87 yards in Week 1 for the Lions in a win over Green Bay, and hasn't reached that total since because he's usually dodging defenders in the backfield. As a team, the Cardinals have not had 100 yards rushing in a game with Marcel Shipp and rookie J.J. Arrington sharing carries.

Injuries have depleted the Cardinals and Lions, eroding their small margin of error.

Receiver Anquan Boldin, defensive end Bertrand Berry,

nose tackle Russell Davis and rookie cornerback Antrel Rolle are among the key players missing from Arizona's lineup. The Lions have missed starting cornerbacks Dre' Bly and Fernando Bryant, receivers Roy Williams and Kevin Johnson and defensive tackle Shaun Rogers because of injuries.

Detroit might be without rookie receiver Mike Williams this week, but expects to get a boost from Roy Williams and Charles Rogers on offense and Shaun Rogers on defense.

Charles Rogers was eligible to play last week after serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy, but he didn't even travel to Minnesota because he had a poor week of practice.

"I'm just thinking about this week. Last week was last week," Rogers bristled. "It's a new week, we'll see what happens."

"I'm excited to get back, and do the things I do best."

The slight might have jolted the second overall pick from 2003, because on Wednesday he was sprinting and making sharp cuts during practice. Each time Rogers made a play, his teammates made an effort to encourage him.

Detroit desperately needs Rogers to turn his career around because he was the first of three straight receivers drafted by Detroit in the first round — a first since the NFL and AFL merged drafts in 1967.

Rogers has played just nine games in three years, missing most of two seasons with collarbone injuries, and has scored only once since catching two touchdowns against Arizona in his professional debut.

Roy Williams has also been slowed by injuries in his two seasons, and by some miscommunication with coach Steve Mariucci about his injured quadriceps in last week's loss against the Vikings.

"Hopefully, I'll play more than three plays," Williams said.

Rookie Mike Williams, hampered by a few ailments, has not scored since the opener.

Green said the Lions have struggled on offense because their trio of young receivers has barely played together.

"Those guys have size, they can go get the ball, they can stretch the field," he said.

The Cardinals haven't made many good moves over the years, but they made a good choice with the third pick overall in 2004.

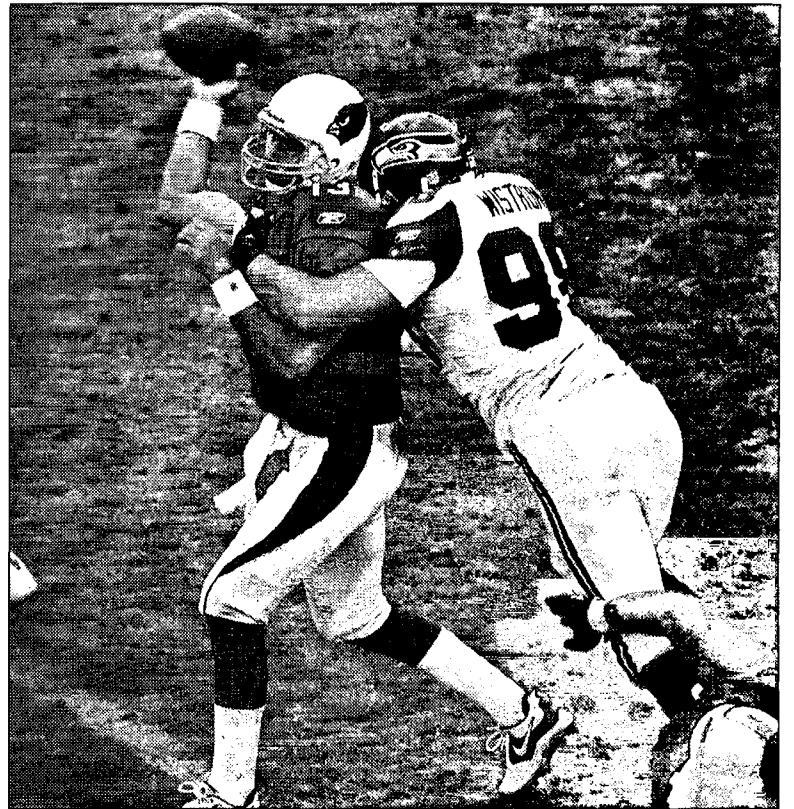
Receiver Larry Fitzgerald led Arizona, and was second among rookies, with 58 receptions and eight TDs last season. He is among NFL leaders with 52 receptions and has 713 yards receiving and four TDs.

Fitzgerald said he's not concerned his play will be all for naught on a bad team the rest of this season, and in the years to come.

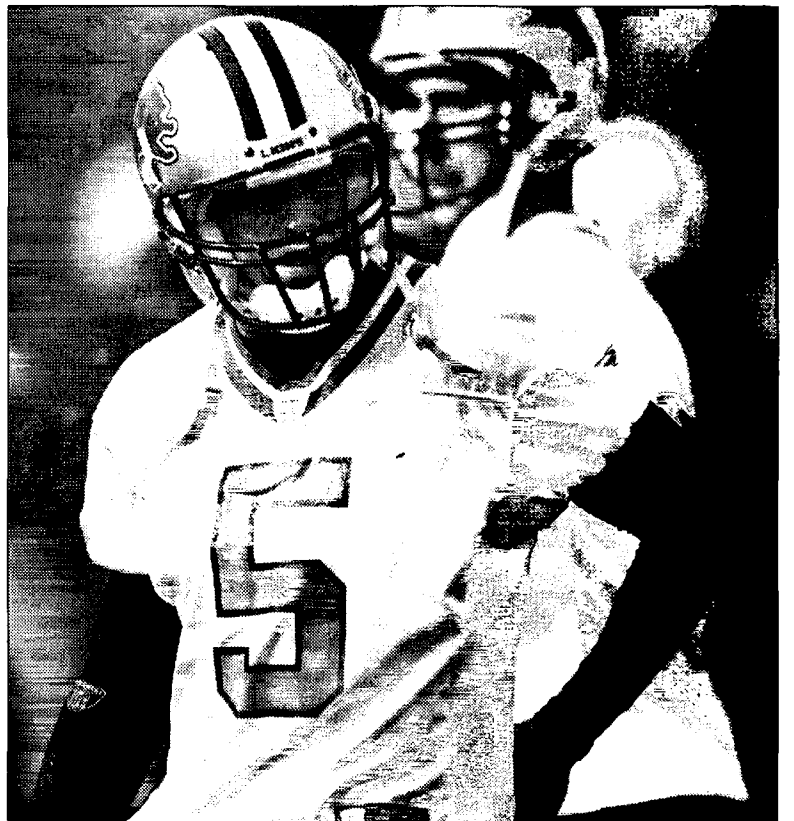
"I don't have that kind of stinking thinking," he said.

"I'm excited to get back, and do the things I do best."

**Charles Rodgers
Lions wide receiver**



The Cardinals' Kurt Warner is hurried by the Seahawks' Grant Wistrom in a 33-19 loss on Nov. 6. The Cardinals are now 2-6.



Detroit Lions quarterback Joey Harrington rests during practice on Nov. 3. The Lions are ready to face the Cardinals on Sunday.



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NFL

Davis and Martin refuse to give in to 'old age'

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There's a long-standing theory that a running back's road goes uphill once he turns 30.

Stephen Davis and Curtis Martin are both out to disprove that notion. The two aging running backs square off this Sunday when Martin and the New York Jets (2-6) travel to play Davis and the Carolina Panthers (6-2).

Despite hitting that perceived 30-year-old plateau — Davis is 31, Martin is 32 — both backs are doing their best to stave off the effects of Father Time.

"I don't believe in being 30 and you're over," Davis said. "But [Martin] is having a great year, and I'm having a pretty good year. The thing is everybody always counts us guys out, but we just keep on ticking."

Davis, who had major knee surgery last season that many believed would end his career, heads into the game with 11 touchdowns rushing, third best in the NFL. Yes, the rest of his numbers are down this season at just 406 yards rushing so far.

But he's playing in an offense that is clicking behind Steve Smith, who leads the NFL in every major statistical receiving category.

Martin's numbers are also off his normal pace, at just 533 yards rushing and five touchdowns and a career-low 3.4 yards per carry.

But he's been battling through a sore right knee all season and a slew of injuries that have decimated his offensive line — leaving him with just one starter playing in the same spot as opening day.

It's troubling for Martin, who won the NFL rushing title last season with 1,697 yards. But he insists the 30-year-old theory can be beat.

"I think it depends on the guy ... [but] the older I've gotten, the better I've done," he said. "I think that a lot of times, that does occur with the average guy. I think guys like myself, Stephen Davis and a lot of other backs, aren't normal or average and that is what has allowed us to continue and excel beyond the age of 30."

"I feel that the older I get, the better I should get. Last year, I was 31 and we led the league in rushing."

Still, no matter where Davis and Martin go, they can't escape questions about their age and people who believe that time is quickly running out on their careers.

Even their coaches put some stock into the age barrier.

"This is definitely a young man's game, there is no doubt about that," Carolina coach John Fox said. "But I am not sure 30 is ancient yet with any position. There have been guys dispel that at really every position there is on the football field."

Jets coach Herman Edwards said he saw the theory fall apart firsthand when he was a coach in Kansas City and Marcus Allen joined the Chiefs in the latter years of his career.

"People said the same thing about him when we got him

from the Raiders, and he ended up having a great career for us there," Edwards said. "There are guys who are like that and you never question it when you are around them."

"I think some people always question the age of a running back, and, for the most part, they are right because there are so many runners and their legs, when you get to that number, they generally dwindle away. These two guys are definitely an exception to the rule."

Martin will have his work cut out for him this Sunday against the Panthers, have been impossible to run on during their current five-game winning. Carolina ranks first in run defense, allowing just 74 yards per game, and has only given up five touchdowns rushing on the year.

And no runner since Ronnie Brown in Week 3 has gone for more than 100 yards against them.

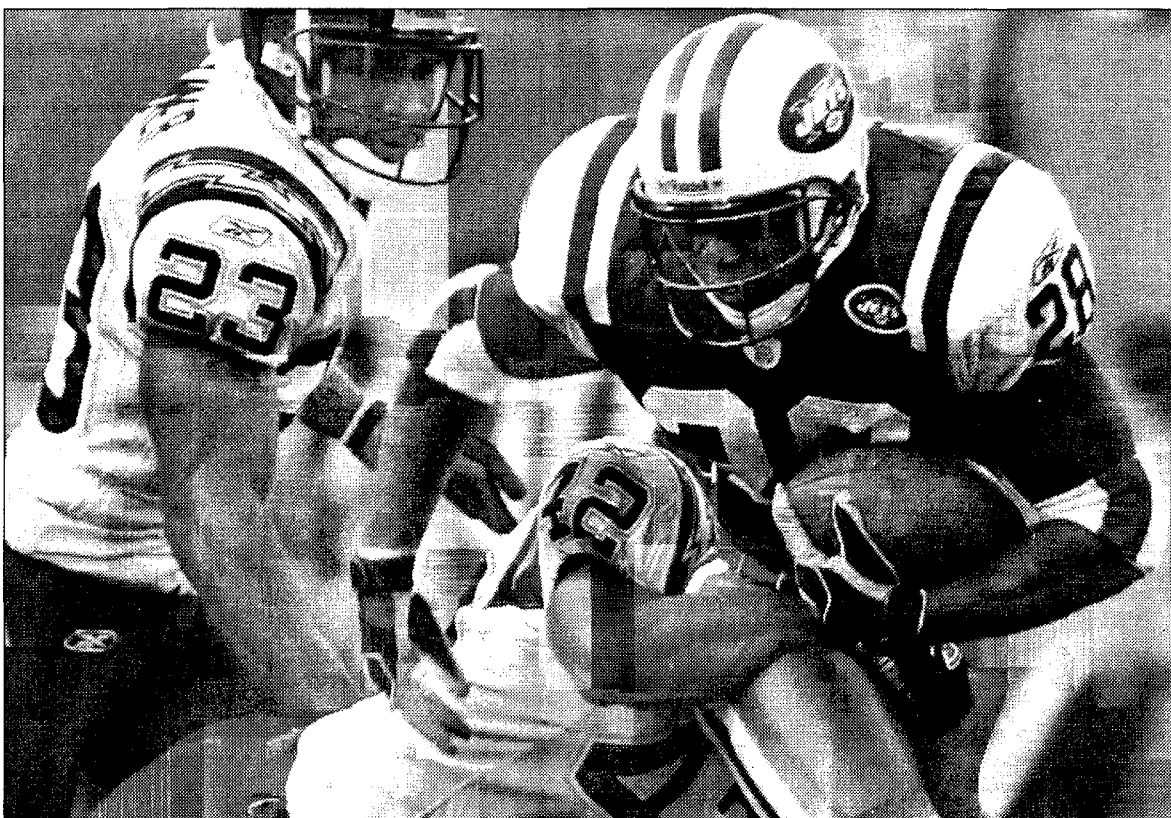
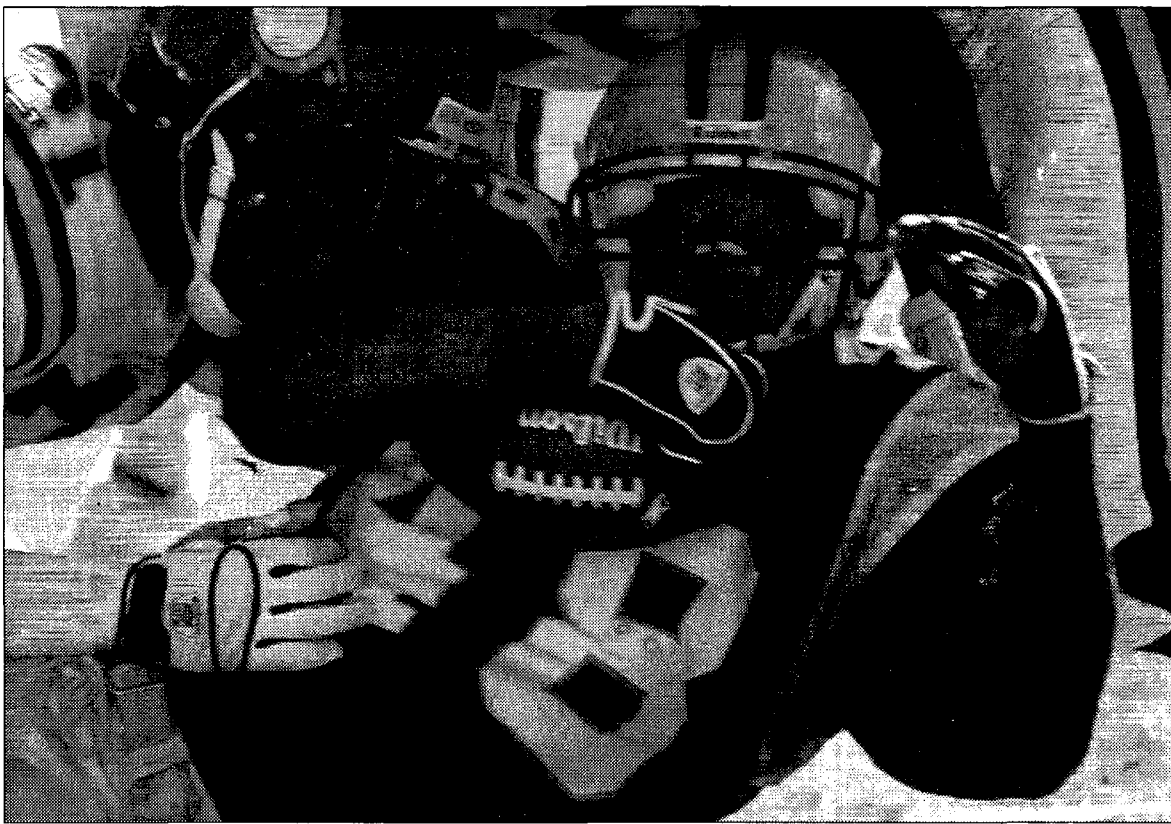
"I think they're probably one of the best defenses in the NFL," Martin said. "It's going to be difficult to run, but you can't take that into consideration when you are a running back. You have to plan on going out there and doing your job as best as you can and see what happens when the game is over."

The Panthers believe Martin will be one of the better backs they'll face this season, and look back at the last time he played them as inspiration: Martin ran for 159 yards and caught seven passes for 39 yards in a 2001 Jets victory.

"He was hard to tackle, he was just real slippery," defensive end Mike Rucker said. "You could get your hands on him, but the next thing you know, he's gone."

"I remember talking about that after the game, how slippery he was."

"So we know now that when we get a hold of him, we have to grab him tight and squeeze tight and have more than one person there to help."



Top, Carolina running back Stephen Davis falls over the goal line for a touchdown against the Minnesota Vikings on Oct. 30. Davis is third in the NFL in rushing touchdowns with three. The Jets' Curtis Martin tries to break a tackle by the Chargers' Clinton Hart during a Nov. 6 loss to San Diego, 31-26. Martin has 533 yards rushing on the year and five touchdowns.

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NHL

Flyers soaring through beginning of season

Forsberg is 'reluctant superstar' for Philly

Associated Press

VOORHEES, N.J. — Peter Forsberg avoids the spotlight the way he dekes defensemen and goaltenders.

Wayne Gretzky was "The Great One" and Sidney Crosby has been dubbed "The Next One." Forsberg? He doesn't want a nickname — "The Natural" fits, but that's taken.

A reluctant superstar who prefers to be one of the guys, Forsberg cares more about winning than individual achievements.

With an impressive resume that includes two championships and an MVP trophy, the 32-year-old Forsberg came to the Philadelphia Flyers with high expectations. He's certainly lived up to the hype early on.

"Peter's a special player," Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He's the complete package. He's a competitive player with a high level of skill."

Forsberg is a rare player who can beat teams with a finesse style or punish them with a physical approach. He led the NHL with 24 assists through the first 13 games, and also had four goals, giving him an average of 2.2 points per game.

Forsberg is such a precise passer he probably could turn an enforcer into a prolific scorer. He's so unselfish with the puck that sometimes he needs a reminder to shoot it himself.

"He's looking for me all the time, even when I'm not open," forward Simon Gagne said. "I told him on the bench to think

about himself sometimes and just shoot it. It's amazing what Peter can do with the puck."

Forsberg's top highlight pass so far came in Philadelphia's 4-3 comeback victory over Boston on Tuesday night. He was skating toward the bench, stopped, spun around and sent a 60-foot laser to Joni Pitkanen, who took the puck in full stride, streaked in and scored the tying goal with 23.4 seconds left to force overtime.

"That was unbelievable," Hitchcock said.

Through the Flyers' first 13 games, Gagne had a league-high 16 goals and Forsberg's other linemate, Mike Knuble, had eight. Gagne's career best is 33 goals, and he's already just about halfway to that mark early in the season.

"He's everything that the Philly fans can appreciate," Knuble said. "He is everything that was advertised. He's doing it every night now. He's one of those gifted, gifted players."

Forsberg, of course, spreads the credit.

"The guys I've played with are usually great goal scorers," he said. "Simon is a natural goal scorer. Mike has a great shot, too. I know if I get the puck to them around the net, they have a great shot of scoring."

"Maybe I'm being smart because the guy I'm passing to has a better chance to score than I do. I've always done it that way. I always try to look for a pass. Coming around the net, you try to change the angle of the goalie."

Forsberg signed a two-year, \$11.5 million contract with the Flyers in August, leaving Colorado after nine years with the Avalanche and one season in Quebec. His arrival in Philadelphia made the Flyers early favorites to win the Stanley Cup, and significantly increased fan interest in the team.

Forsberg was the final addition during an active offseason for the Flyers.

Team comes from behind to topple Islanders by one goal

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Patrick Sharp picked the perfect time to show his offensive side.

Sharp scored two goals, including the tiebreaker early in the third period, and the Philadelphia Flyers overcame a two-goal deficit to beat the New York Islanders 3-2 Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Sharp's performance — with help from linemates Jeff Carter and Brian Savage — came when the Flyers' high-scoring line of Simon Gagne, Peter Forsberg, and Mike Knuble had a rare off night. That trio was blanked after combining for 67 points in Philadelphia's previous 13 games.

"Our line isn't looking to score goals every night," Sharp said. "But on a night when Fors and Gags had a rough night, we could chip in."

Gagne had scored seven goals in the previous four games. Forsberg leads the NHL with 24 assists, including 12 in the previous six games.

"I just try to go out and play hard," said Sharp, who helped lead the Philadelphia Phantoms to the Calder Cup championship in the AHL last season. "I'm not looking to necessarily go out and score two goals, but when you do the little things right, things go your way."

Carter had a goal and two assists, and Antero Niittymaki made 38 saves for the Flyers, who have

won eight straight at home.

Miroslav Satan and Mike York scored power-play goals in the first period to give the Islanders a 2-0 lead. New York held a 40-30 shots advantage, including 20-5 in the first period.

Sharp put Philadelphia ahead 3-2 with a slap shot from the right circle. He cut the Flyers' early deficit in half 3:35 into the second period when he fired a shot from almost the same spot.

Islanders coach Steve Stirling said Sharp's winner was the result of a defensive zone breakdown.

"We kind of went brain dead for 10 seconds in a 2-2 game," Stirling explained.

The Islanders scored twice in a 37-second span in the first period.

With New York skating with a 5-on-3 advantage, Satan took a centering pass from Alexei Yashin and one-timed a shot past Niittymaki at 14:39.

York scored on a slap shot from just inside the blue line at 15:16 with the puck bouncing off Flyers defenseman Joni Pitkanen and into the net.

Niittymaki, making his first start since allowing seven goals in an 8-6 loss at Carolina on Oct. 28, was sensational early. He stopped Mark Parrish on a breakaway and then turned away Jason Blake's rebound attempt in the opening minutes. Later, he made a sprawling save on Parrish's close-in attempt.

Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock said Philadelphia easily could've been down 5-0 if not for Niittymaki's first-period effort.

"You just want to play well and rebound well after a bad game," Niittymaki said. "Sometimes a team doesn't play that well and a goalie has to step up. If a player makes a mistake, the goalie has to stop [the shot]. And it goes the other way around."

Sharp said "there were a lot of questions" about how Niittymaki was going to bounce back after the Carolina game.

"But he was on top of his game tonight and he will only get better," Sharp said.

Jeff Carter tied it 2-2 with 3:07 left in the second. Islanders goaltender Rick DiPietro stopped R.J. Umberger's breakaway but couldn't control the rebound. Carter flipped the puck in off defenseman Alexei Zhitnik.

"This was one of those games that we didn't deserve to lose," DiPietro said. "They took it to another level in the second period. We needed to have that killer instinct and put teams away."



Peter Forsberg coasts during the Flyers' 4-3 overtime win against the Bruins on Tuesday.

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NBA

Wade's 25 points lead Heat past Yao's Rockets

Brand and the Clippers win again for the team's best start in two decades

Associated Press

MIAMI — They were tired from six games in nine nights, frustrated with their play and on the cusp of falling two games under .500.

So Dwyane Wade decided to spark the Miami Heat.

Wade had 25 points, eight rebounds and seven assists — plus gave a fourth-quarter pep talk as Miami rallied from a late eight-point deficit to beat the Houston Rockets 88-84 on Thursday night.

"Didn't want to lose. Tired of losing. Ain't used to losing," Wade said. "We've got a good team. And when we were down eight, I told Udonis [Haslem] and those guys that we're not losing this game, so do whatever we've got to do to win this game. And we came out with great focus."

Jason Williams had eight of his 13 points in a decisive late run for Miami, which also got 13 points and nine

rebounds from Alonzo Mourning and 12 points from Gary Payton.

"I don't know if I'm 100 percent comfortable yet playing with these guys," Williams said. "But each game, I just try to get better."

Yao Ming had 24 points and 14 rebounds for Houston, but scored only two points in the game's final 20:04. Derek Anderson scored 20 points, Stromile Swift had 12 and Juwan Howard 11 for the Rockets, who've dropped three of four to open the season and play their next four on the road.

"The talk has got to change," Yao said. "We need to do it for ourselves — talk the talk and walk the walk."

The win gave Heat coach Stan Van Gundy a 3-2 lead in the sibling series against his brother, the Rockets' Jeff Van Gundy. Neither brother had his full complement of superstars: The

Heat are still without Shaquille O'Neal (sprained right ankle) and the Rockets didn't have Tracy McGrady (strained back muscle).

Miami trailed 71-63 with 10:17 remaining, but erased the deficit with a 20-6 run over the next 9:05. Williams scored eight of those points, and his 3-point shot with 2:16 left gave the Heat an 81-77 lead. Mourning hit a jumper with 1:12 left to push the margin to six, and Miami held on.

"I thought we sucked it up and played very, very hard. ... That has to be the model for us in terms of how to finish the game," Stan Van Gundy said.

The Heat survived many stretches of offensive ineptitude. Miami had two points in the game's first 3:42, then went scoreless for 3:26 later in the half, 2:32 to open the second half and 4:03 later in the third.

Houston scored only six points in the final 5:13 of the third, but somehow added a point to its lead over that stretch and took a 64-60 edge into the fourth. And when David Wesley, who hadn't taken a shot in his first 13 minutes, hit his first two attempts of the fourth, the Rockets held their eight-point lead.

But Miami made nine of its final 16 shots from the floor, and escaped.

"We're not paid to try hard," Jeff Van Gundy said. "That should be a given. We're paid to produce."

Wade led all scorers with 15 first-half points, 12 in the last 5:14 to help Miami take a 48-44 lead.

Clippers 102, Hawks 95

The Los Angeles Clippers have their best start after six games in 20 years, and they are dreaming of an even better finish.

"We want to be one of the top teams in the West, and we think

we are," Elton Brand said after he scored 23 points to lead the Clippers past the winless Atlanta Hawks Thursday night.

"The sky is the limit right now," said Sam Cassell, who added 21 points as the Pacific Division-leading Clippers moved to 5-1 for the first time since the 1985-86 season.

Asked if he was surprised by the strong start, Cassell said: "I've been saying it all year. It's not surprising me."

The Hawks, meanwhile, have lost their first five games for the first time since the 2000-01 season, when they started 0-7.

The Hawks stayed close but didn't lead after the first quarter.

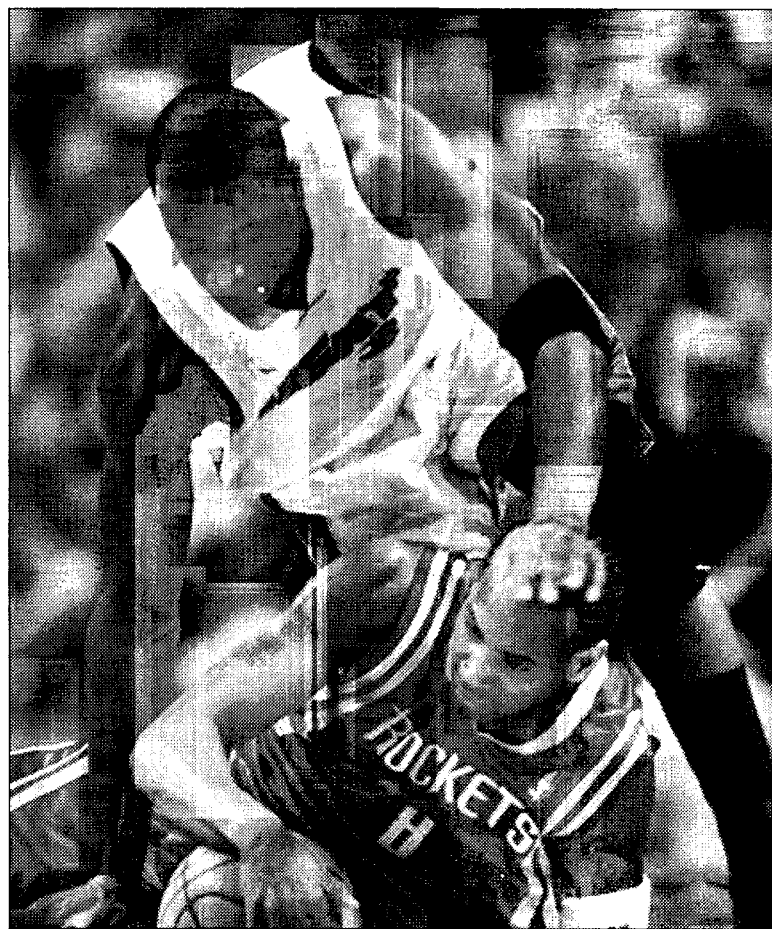
"I thought we were on the verge, but a loss is a loss," said Joe Johnson, who led the Hawks with 24 points and set a season high with 10 rebounds.

Johnson said the Hawks "don't know how to win."

"It's tough right now," Johnson said. "We're in a nasty funk. Somehow, somehow, we have to find a way to get a victory."

Coach Mike Dunleavy said his Clippers were wary of overlooking the Hawks, especially after also beating Atlanta 92-77 Saturday in Los Angeles.

"I was really worried about this game, obviously, playing a team that has not won yet," Dunleavy said. "I knew they were going to come out and play hard. They gave a great effort and the longer you let them stay around, hang around, the more confidence builds, the



Heat guard Dwyane Wade, top, tries to take the ball away from Rockets guard Derek Anderson during the first half of the Heat's 88-84 victory Thursday.

more opportunity they have to win."

Added Dunleavy: "They're a young team but I expected us to win because we have more talent than they do."

Corey Maggette, playing in his second game since returning from a strained left hamstring, added 17 points in only 25 minutes.

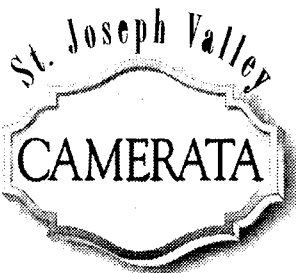
The Hawks were held to 41 percent shooting from the field, including 1-for-9 on 3-point attempts. The Clippers made 48 percent of their shots.

Atlanta's Zaza Pachulia also had a double-double with 16 points, 13 rebounds and a team-leading six assists. Al Harrington added 14 points and rookie Marvin Williams had 12.

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2	Stanford	191
3	California-	181
4	Berkeley	178
5	Michigan	169
6	Arizona	159
7	Texas	152
8	Florida	141
9	USC	135
10	Minnesota	131
11	Indiana	116
12	Georgia	115
13	Tennessee	100
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Women's Swimming Top 25

	team	points
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2	Auburn	195
3	Stanford	183
4	Florida	172
5	California-Berkeley	164
6	Arizona	160
7	UCLA	155
8	Southern Methodist	150
9	Texas	132
10	USC	126
11	Wisconsin	125
12	Penn State	107
13	Texas A&M	98
14	Michigan	90
15	Indiana	86
16	Florida State	84
17	Tennessee	65
18	Virginia	60
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MLB



Chris Carpenter's dominating performance throughout the 2005 season earned him the National League Cy Young Award Thursday, the first for the Cardinals since 1970.

Carpenter awarded '05 NL Cy Young

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Carpenter was ready to call it quits.

Toiling in Double-A two years ago, trying to work his way back from shoulder surgery, he pitched a game in Tennessee just before the All-Star break and couldn't even play catch afterward because his right arm hurt so much.

Carpenter knew something was wrong again, even though the doctors didn't think so. He hadn't seen his infant son in about a month, and all he wanted

was go home to New Hampshire with his wife, Alyson.

"I'll never forget the night we sat here until about 3 o'clock in the morning crying and talking about my career," Carpenter said. "I was ready to be done. And she didn't think I was, that I would regret it if I didn't take that one more step and try to come back again. And the next thing you know, I got my second surgery and here we are today. And I know that if it wasn't for her I wouldn't be here."

All that hard work and

patience was rewarded when Carpenter won the NL Cy Young Award on Thursday.

After going 21-5 with a 2.83 ERA for the St. Louis Cardinals, he received 19 of 32 first-place votes and finished with 132 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

He beat out Florida lefty Dontrelle Willis, becoming the first Cardinals pitcher to claim the honor since Hall of Famer Bob Gibson in 1970.

"I can't believe I won," Carpenter said. "My son did a little dance for me

and my wife gave me a big hug. Willis, who was 22-10 with a 2.63 ERA, was listed first on 11 ballots, second on 18 and third on three for 112 points. Seven-time winner Roger Clemens got the other two first-place votes and came in a distant third at age 43.

The Rocket led the majors with a 1.87 ERA, but a lack of run support from his NL champion Houston Astros limited Clemens to a 13-8 record, which surely cost him votes.

Willis was all class in shrugging off any disappointment.

IN BRIEF

Palmeiro avoids prosecution for perjury

WASHINGTON — Baseball star Rafael Palmeiro will not be prosecuted on perjury charges after lawmakers said Thursday there isn't enough evidence to prove he lied when he told Congress under oath that he had "never used steroids" — six weeks before failing a steroid test.

The investigation did not conclude whether the former Baltimore Orioles slugger had actually ever used performance-enhancing substances prior to his testimony before the House Government Reform Committee.

"We couldn't find any evidence of steroid use prior to his testimony," Chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., said in releasing a 44-page report. "That's not a finding of innocence, but it's a finding that we could not substantiate perjury."

At issue was Palmeiro's statement at a March 17 hearing: "I have never

used steroids. Period." On May 4, he failed a Major League Baseball drug test, coming up positive for an anabolic steroid.

Tyson questioned after incident with cameraman

SAO PAULO, Brazil — Mike Tyson was questioned by police early Thursday after a television cameraman accused the former heavy-weight champion of assaulting him outside a nightclub.

Tyson could face charges of assault and destruction of property, police spokeswoman Kelly Pinheiro said. A court hearing has been scheduled for Friday, but Tyson can send a representative and is not required to appear.

Carlos Eduardo da Silva, a cameraman with the Brazilian television network SBT, told police Tyson pushed him and threw his camera to the ground outside the club, then removed a videotape and put it in his pocket.

Police said Tyson acknowledged

damaging the camera but denied pushing Silva. He was later released. The 39-year-old Tyson held a news conference Wednesday asking the Brazilian media not to approach him at night.

Tiger yields lead at HSBC Champions Competition

SHANGHAI, China — Tiger Woods buried his last tee shot in a bunker and finished with a bogey, giving up a share of the first-round lead at the HSBC Champions on Thursday.

Paul Lawrie, the 1999 British Open winner, England's Nick Dougherty and Australian Peter O'Malley were tied for the lead at 8-under 64 in Asia's richest golf tournament.

Woods was one stroke back at 7-under at Sheshan International Golf Club, with David Howell, Robert-Jan Derksen of the Netherlands and South Korea's K.J. Choi.

The European Tour is opening its season with this \$5 million tournament, which is sanctioned by four tours.

NFL

McNabb and Eagles prepare for life after T.O.

Quarterback says team is ready to focus solely on its football games

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — When a door to the auditorium of the Eagles practice facility suddenly flew open, a startled Donovan McNabb could have been excused for thinking it was some familiar hot air — not a brisk wind — that was the culprit.

"Somebody's trying to get back in here," a smiling McNabb said Thursday.

While supernatural terror likely won't be added to the lengthy list of ways Terrell Owens tormented the Eagles, a mellow McNabb was relieved and ready to put the T.O. era behind him.

Speaking for the first time since Owens was booted off the team for his constant criticism of the Eagles — specifically McNabb — the Pro Bowl quarterback said the team is ready to focus only on football and not the distractions that have swirled since shortly after the Super Bowl.

"It's unfortunate what the end result was with him not being able to get on the football field with us, but you have to move on," McNabb said. "Some things in life that you're a part of just don't go as well as you want them to."

Certainly Owens' tumultuous stint in Philadelphia was one of them.

While Owens was McNabb's favorite receiver on the field, Owens made McNabb his top target off it, firing one often puzzling criticism after another toward the quarterback until it cost him his roster spot.

Owens started the friction in April when he took a shot at McNabb, saying he "wasn't the guy who got tired in the Super Bowl," then called him a "hypocrite" during training camp and finished it off by saying the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre.

What a set list.

McNabb publicly took the

high road, trying to diffuse the situation with humor, though he warned Owens to keep his name out of his mouth. Apparently, Owens wasn't listening or didn't care.

"You've never heard me say anything bad about him," McNabb said. "You've never heard me say anything bad about the situation. I just continued to put that behind me and tried to move on."

Now the only one truly moving on is Owens.

Safety Brian Dawkins, who tried to act as a mediator between the two, called Owens a good teammate and hard worker who simply let his outlandish comments overshadow his clutch catches.

"Those are things you don't understand and can't sweep under the rug," Dawkins said.

Owens didn't play in Sunday night's 17-10 loss at Washington, and will remain suspended for three more games without pay. After that, the Eagles plan to deactivate him for the rest of the season.

Owens, thrown off the Eagles on Monday, had 20 touchdowns in 21 regular-season games with Philadelphia.

Coach Andy Reid — who dismissed Owens because of "a large number of situations that accumulated over a long period of time" — said all the attention was tiring but there was "no excuse" for the way the Eagles have slumped to a 4-4 record.

A contrite Owens pleaded for another chance in a public apology Tuesday, but the team was unmoved. Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, said he wants his client to play immediately.

Rosenhaus stole the spotlight after Owens was finished, deflecting unfavorable questions and performing like an over-the-top ringmaster in an out-

of-control circus.

"I thought it was a sincere apology," McNabb said. "I thought it was unfortunate after the apology what happened after that. That maybe could have been solved early in the week. That's over, that's the past. We're moving on."

When asked if he got into a fight with Owens, McNabb couldn't resist poking fun at Rosenhaus.

"Next question!" a smiling, bug-eyed McNabb yelled into the mike.

While previous McNabb controversies have brought opinions from everyone

from Jesse Jackson to Rush Limbaugh, this time consumer advocate Ralph Nader is jumping in, writing a letter to Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie and NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue that asks to rescind Owens' suspension.

Nader has a better chance of winning his next presidential bid.

Still, losing the All-Pro wide-out puts more pressure on McNabb and an otherwise lackluster receiving corps.

"If he's not the best, he's definitely one or two of the top receivers of the game," McNabb said. "It's hard to lose a guy like that."

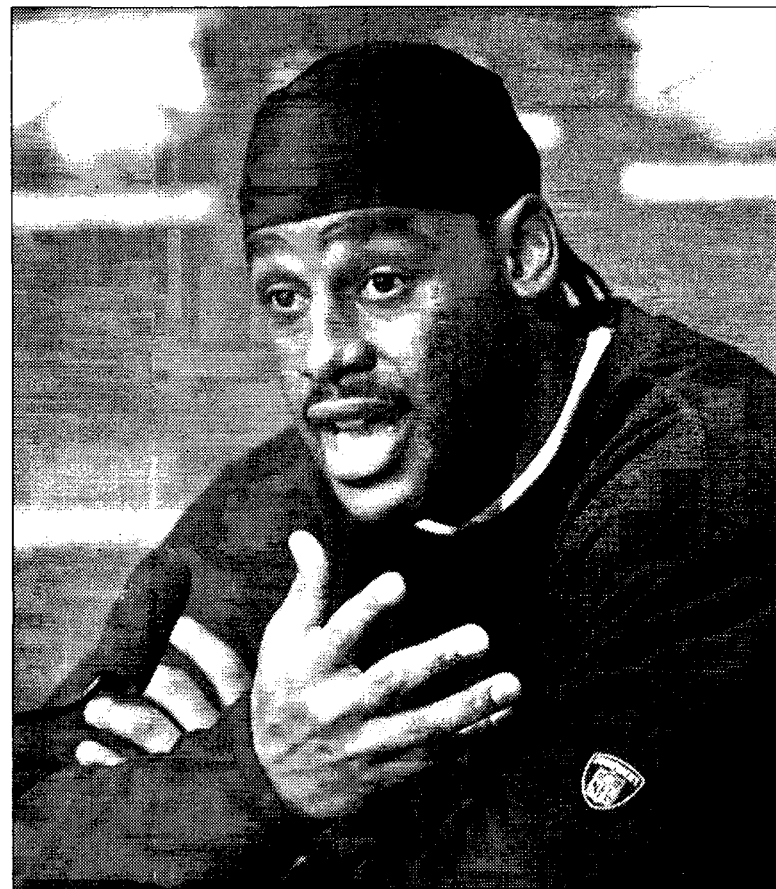
McNabb's top two targets are now Greg Lewis and Reggie Brown. The two combined for 45 catches, 543 yards and two

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Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb answers questions about Terrell Owens during a press conference Thursday. McNabb said the Eagles were ready to move on.

TDs this season.

Owens had 47 catches for 763 yards and six TDs in seven games.

"With him on the field, we do remarkable things," McNabb said. "We could have set records. That was something that I looked forward to doing, winning Super Bowls together. But it just continued to go in the wrong direction."

Now McNabb says he's ready to lead even more by example, act as the captain of the ship and steer the Eagles toward the playoffs. His teammates seem ready to jump aboard.

"I don't care who we bring in here or what players we have, everything goes through him," Dawkins said.

That was the lesson Owens never learned.

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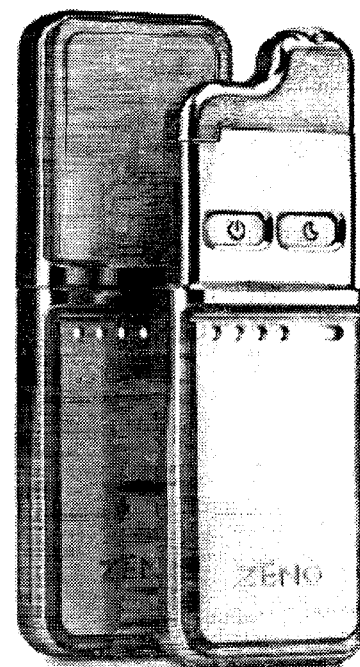
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Young does it all for Longhorns

Junior quarterback makes No. 2 Texas click with his moves

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Fourth down, 18 yards to go.

With time running out and Texas trailing at Kansas, Longhorns quarterback Vince Young rolled to his right, faked a pass and then took off.

Breaking a tackle — his left ankle was in the grasp of Jayhawks linebacker Nick Reid — Young covered 22 yards for a first down in what became the game-winning drive last November.

Longhorns coach Mack Brown calls it the most important play in Texas' 16-game winning streak that has the second-ranked Longhorns in the thick of the national title chase.

"It's a play that's almost unheard of," Brown said. "I thought it was one of the great plays in Texas football history because it led to a Rose Bowl game that gave us a chance to win on the national scene and put us in the position we are today."

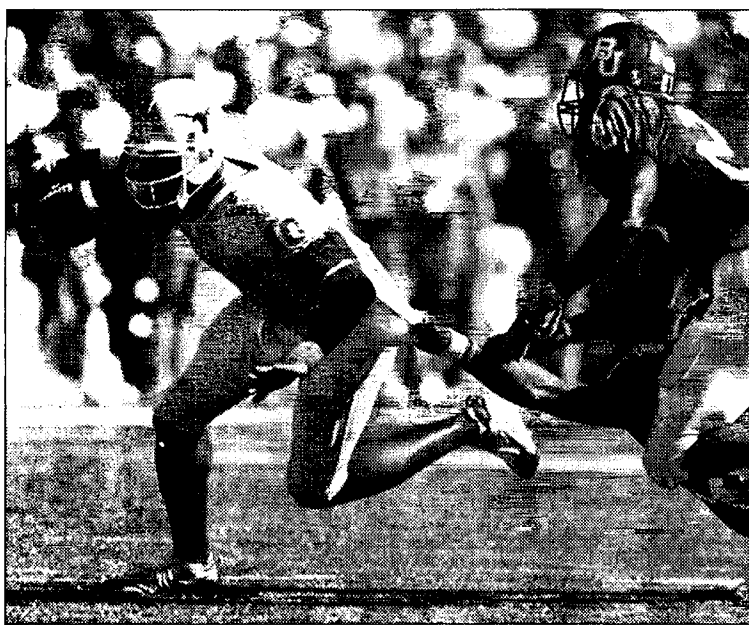
Texas (9-0, 6-0 Big 12) and Kansas (5-4, 2-4) meet Saturday in a rematch that has conjured up a week's worth of memories of Young's dramatic play, Jayhawks coach Mark Mangino's post-game tirade and the what-ifs had Texas lost.

Texas might not have gotten the ball for its final drive if not for an offensive pass interference penalty on Charles Gordon of Kansas with a little more than 2 minutes to play.

Mangino was critical of officials and seemed to suggest they wanted Texas to win so it could bring a BCS windfall into the league.

"You know what this is all about, don't you? BCS," he said at the time. "That's what made the difference in a call in front of their bench. Dollar signs."

He was publicly reprimanded by the Big 12 and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.



Texas quarterback Vince Young, left, tries to break free from the grip of Baylor linebacker Jamaal Harper on a third-quarter run Saturday in Texas' 62-0 rout of Baylor.

But without Young's big play, Texas loses and never reaches the Rose Bowl, where he carried the team to another dramatic victory over Michigan with 190 yards rushing, 180 passing and five total touchdowns.

Brown credits the Rose Bowl win over Michigan with giving his team the boost it needed to be one of the national title favorites this year. It also thrust Young into the Heisman Trophy race.

Given all that's happened since, it's easy to overlook just how close the Jayhawks came to spoiling everything.

"If I make that play, we win the game," said Reid, who leads the Jayhawks with 85 tackles this season but acknowledges he still thinks about the one that got away. "I've thought about this game a thousand times since last year."

"It stings to think about it right now, but luckily we have a chance to go down there and do something about it."

The Longhorns were pushing for a berth in the Bowl Championship Series but ran into serious problems against a Jayhawks team that led 23-20 with just over a minute to play.

Young, who seems so calm in pressure situations, admits he was nervous. He had been sacked for an eight-yard loss on first down and threw two incomplete passes.

"I was nervous that play because I didn't know what to do," Young said. "I knew they were going to drop back real deep and protect the deep pass. I put it upon myself to use my legs."

"I was nervous because our season was in jeopardy. After we broke the huddle, I was thinking about what I was going to do to get a first down. It was crazy, but it saved our season."

And it created a year's worth of nightmares for Reid. After his scramble, Young hit Tony Jeffery for 21 yards and the winning touchdown with 11 seconds left.

Kansas, which had fought so hard, was denied one of the biggest wins in school history.

"It was a game that we should have won," linebacker Kevin Kane said. "We were just a couple plays short. It just makes you think what could have been done differently, but that's in the past. We have to worry about this week."

NFL

Saban prepares to face an old mentor

Coaching matchup looms large in battle of 'Fins and Patriots

Associated Press

MIAMI — As he munches on lunch, Bill Belichick talks on the phone with the cheerfulness of someone eating a glass sandwich.

The subject is Sunday's matchup against Nick Saban, his protege and friend of 23 years. They'll face each other for the first time when Belichick's New England Patriots play the Miami Dolphins.

"I wouldn't call it fun," Belichick says between bites. "I look at it more as a challenge. Fun would be playing golf."

They're tightly wound, these two, stern workaholics who rank among their sport's most respected coaches. If it helped them win, they really would chew glass.

And it's against their nature to let friendship get in the way of a game. Their relationship has changed since Saban became the Dolphins' coach last Christmas.

"We don't talk as much as we used to, especially about football, because it is competitive in that we are in the same division and kind of on rival teams," Saban says.

Even with both clubs struggling, the stakes Sunday will be substantial. Injury-plagued New England (4-4), seeking its fourth Super Bowl title in five years, was drubbed Monday night by Indianapolis, but remains atop the AFC East.

The Dolphins (3-5) can claim a share of first place with a win, even though they've lost four of their past five games.

"I am not frustrated," Saban says. "We are not allowed to be frustrated here. If me being frustrated will help us get better, then I will be frustrated. But I am not frustrated."

How about you, Bill? Frustrated?

"I don't really care what happened last week or two weeks ago or last year or two years ago," Belichick responds. "None of that really makes any difference. It's all about the challenge this week."

Which sounds like something Saban would say.

He and Belichick first met in 1982, when Saban and Belichick's father, Steve, were on the staff at Navy. The younger Belichick became a head coach in 1991 with the Cleveland

Browns and hired Saban as defensive coordinator.

They spent four years together on a staff that also included Kirk Ferentz, now head coach at Iowa; Fresno State coach Pat Hill; Dolphins director of football operations Scott O'Brien; and Jim Bates, former Dolphins defensive coordinator and interim head coach.

"Bill's still a mentor of mine," says Saban, at 54 six months older than Belichick. "Bill is a really good guy as well as being an outstanding coach — maybe as good as I've ever been around. And I've learned more from him than from anybody else."

Belichick returns the compliment.

"I've had the privilege to work with a lot of coaches through my career, and none better than Nick," he says. "I consider him a great coach and a great friend. I certainly appreciate everything he has ever done for me, which has been a lot."

In trying to rebuild the Dolphins, who last year endured their first losing season since 1988, Saban is attempting to follow the example of Belichick, the first coach to win three Super Bowl titles in four years.

Both coaches are former defensive coordinators who stress organization and hard work.

"The talk has always been that Nick's a Belichick disciple," Miami defensive end Jason

Taylor says. "I hope he is, so we can get three rings like they've got."

Since joining the Dolphins, Saban says he and Belichick have spoken only a couple of times. The two coaches regret that they both work in

the AFC East, rather than in different divisions.

"You're in competition with that team 365 days a year, not just one Sunday a season," Belichick says. "It makes it a little tougher to have as close a relationship you would have if you were somewhere else. But we understand that."

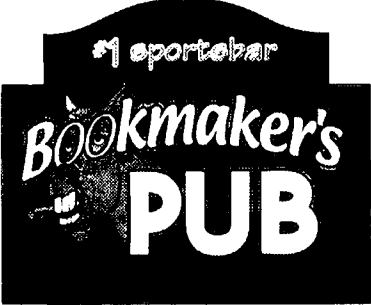
Says Saban: "Hopefully when we're sitting on a log someday on the side of the hill, what happens in this circumstance won't affect our personal relationship."

Players on both teams are well aware that Sunday's game carries special meaning for both coaches.

"I guess Nick and Bill are great friends," Taylor says. "I've got guys on teams I play against that I hang out with in the offseason. But for 60 minutes you're going at it. You can love the guy and still want to kick his butt."

"Bill [Belichick] is a really good guy as well as being an outstanding coach."

Nick Saban
Dolphins coach



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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles prepare for six-kilometer Great Lakes Regional

Three seniors ready for Saturday's final collegiate competition

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

It's the last race of the season, and the Belles want to close the season with their best performance of the year.

Three Saint Mary's seniors will finish their careers Saturday at Voice of America Park in the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Regional and five others hope to end their season with personal records before coming back next year.

"Typically at Regionals we

haven't ever had personal records," junior Becky Feauto said. "But I would like to break my [personal best] 6-K time of this year."

Feauto and Belles senior Sara Otto are the only two Belles who participated in the meet last year and will again Saturday.

Feauto finished the six-kilometer course in 24:57, and Otto crossed the finish line in 26:00.

Their 6-K times from the MIAA Championships two weeks ago indicate they are both likely to improve drastically their times from a year ago.

Otto finished that race in 24:15, just two seconds ahead of Feauto.

The junior wants to do even better than that.

"24 [minutes] is a good goal to shoot for," Feauto said.

Otto, Jess Eaton and Megan O'Neil are the Belles three seniors who will be running in their final meet.

Eaton said all were excited and hoped to run their best in their last collegiate meet.

Two weeks after head coach Jackie Bauters saw the Belles turn in their best-ever finish at the MIAA Championship, she said the team hopes to improve on its performance from a year ago, when Saint Mary's placed No. 22.

"I'd like to see at Regionals everybody do as well as last week if not better [than in the MIAA Championships] because that's the kind of shape they should be in," she said. "And I would like to see that translate to us doing better in the region than we did last year."

Freshman Grace Fey said she expects the team to do exactly what its coach said.

"I think everyone on the team is going to improve this weekend," she said, citing runners' improvements throughout the year.

Feauto said she hoped the Belles' improvements would put them in a better position to track down upper-tier conference foes in the race.

"I think we can take on Alma and stay with Kalamazoo," she said.

Last season, the Belles finished one place ahead of Alma in the Regionals.

Bauters said she changed the team's practice routine slightly as the season came to an end and the longer meets approached.

"We've just been doing quicker stuff this week," she said. "Just faster turnover."

That routine, she said, keeps the runners fresh and strong.

The Belles will send eight runners to the meet, where seven will compete and five will count towards the team's total.

Freshman Alicen Miller said Bauters has given her team good advice going into the meet.

"She told us to run hard and run our best to have fun," Miller said. "It's good to get this under our belt and get the experience behind us."

Feauto agreed, noting that Regionals is the only true travel meet for the team during the course of the season.

"Regionals is all about the experience because it's our only overnight," she said.

The Belles hope to make the most of the opportunity at race time. They take off from the starting line at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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Otto

SMC BASKETBALL

Reinvigorated team is ready for final preseason scrimmage

First-year coach Steve Bender says the Belles are a new group after a tough warmup last week with Bethel College

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will take on Lake Michigan College tonight in its second scrimmage of the preseason and final tuneup before the regular season begins at the Hanover Tip-Off Classic next weekend.

A week after facing Bethel College at the Angela Athletic Center, the Belles are hoping to get on the right track with a road victory before their official games start.

Saint Mary's outscored Bethel in the last of the scrimmage's three periods and hopes to use the momentum

from the end of that meeting to help in tonight's matchup.

"Our focus is to see how much we've improved from Bethel," first-year Saint Mary's head coach Steve Bender said. "They exposed a lot of our weaknesses."

The Belles worked on conditioning and execution all week, and Bender said they are essentially a whole new team, complete with new players.

This week the Belles will be playing with a full squad, as three players missing from last week's scrimmage will return to the team. Forward Benya Broderick will return tonight after recovering from an

injury, Erin Newsom has joined the team after the completion of the cross-country season and Shelly Bender will also be playing after finishing out the volleyball season.

Bender described this week's practice as "outstanding" and said the team is ready to get out on the court and play.

"We've come a long way," he said. "Finally, everyone is here, which helps. ... [Now] we can gel as a unit instead of playing as just a bunch of parts."

Highlighting the new feel to the team, Bender said that "a lot of players" will stand out for the Belles this season.

"Our focus is to see how much we've improved from Bethel. They exposed a lot of our weaknesses."

Steve Bender
Belles coach

"We have a lot of depth, which is key," he said. "But we also have great leadership from our two captains."

Bender credits captains Bridget Boyce and Bridget Lipke with keeping the team

focused during the transition to a new coach.

"They really held the team together," he said.

He also said the strengths of the team are his players' athletic ability and the number of quality players that are on the roster.

"Our athleticism and the depth that we have will help us extend pressure on teams throughout the game," he said.

Bender said the Belles were exhausted by the end of the Bethel scrimmage, but that with this week's conditioning and the addition of three new girls to the squad, he thinks they will be able to keep up the intensity all game.

Tip-off tonight is at 7 p.m.

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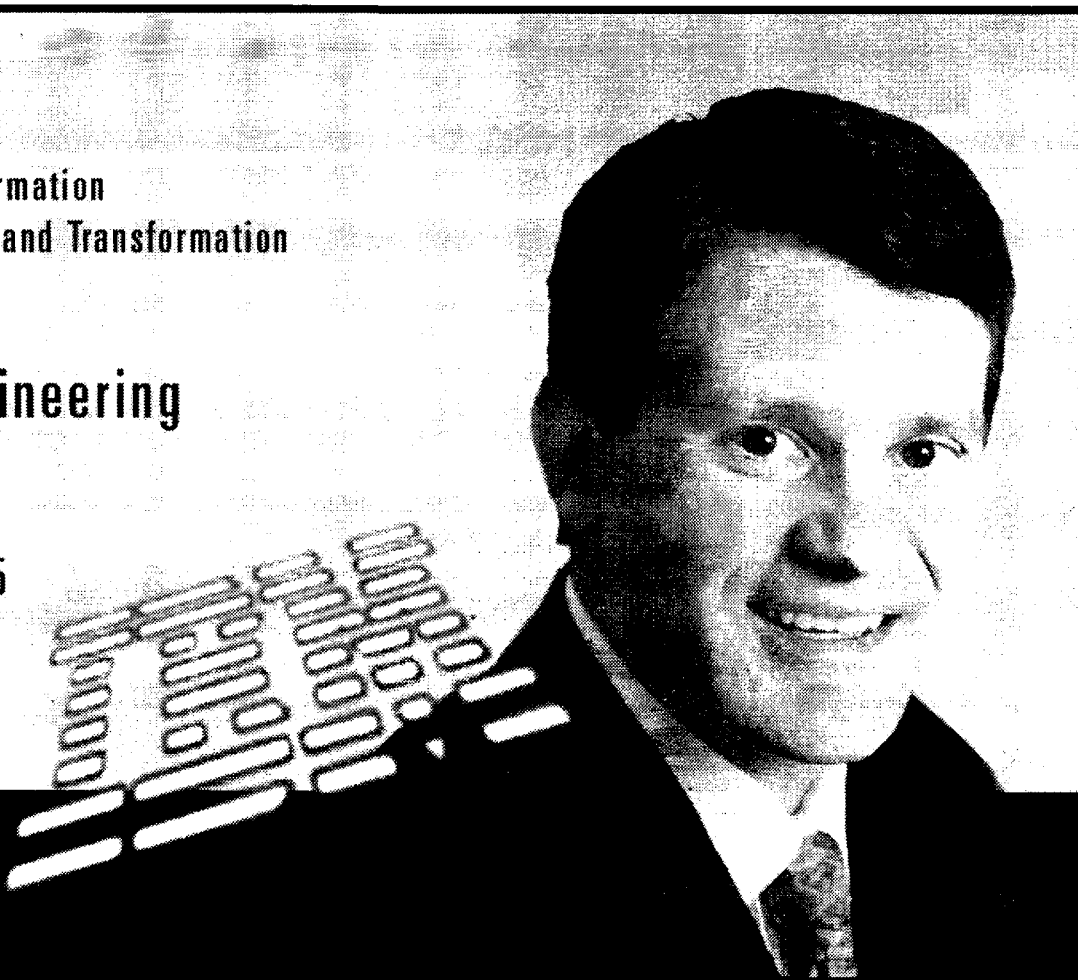
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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 8 Irish look to regroup against Big East foes

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Sometimes a team on a roll needs a loss to refocus or to rejuvenate.

The No. 8 Irish, whose 15-match winning-streak ended Nov. 6 at Pittsburgh, would much rather have kept winning.

Still, the five-game loss might have lit a fire for Notre Dame heading into the critical final weekend of the Big East regular season. The Irish face Villanova (20-8, 7-4 Big East) Saturday at 10 a.m. and Rutgers (10-15, 5-7 Big East) Sunday at 2 p.m., both at the Joyce Center.

"I think that loss was obviously hard," senior Lauren Brewster said of the loss to Pitt. "We were all really frustrated afterwards. What we're really trying to work on right now is coming together as a team. We're really trying to work on that."

Coach Debbie Brown agreed with her All-Big East player.

"Everyone was really disappointed," Brown said. "I guess we're doing all that we can to make sure that doesn't happen again, especially getting in a situation where you're on the road, and you're up 2-0 and just figuring out a way to finish it."

"I think the main thing is just

to try to get back and work out, get some confidence back and focus back and feel good about what we can do as a team again."

Brewster said the team has refocused and is jumping for the opportunity, this weekend, to earn the top seed for next week's conference tournament.

"We're excited," she said. "Saturday we have Villanova first, and I think that we've kind of learned that you have to be cautious about everyone and respect every opponent. We're really looking forward to it. We haven't won the Big East yet, so we're excited to have this opportunity."

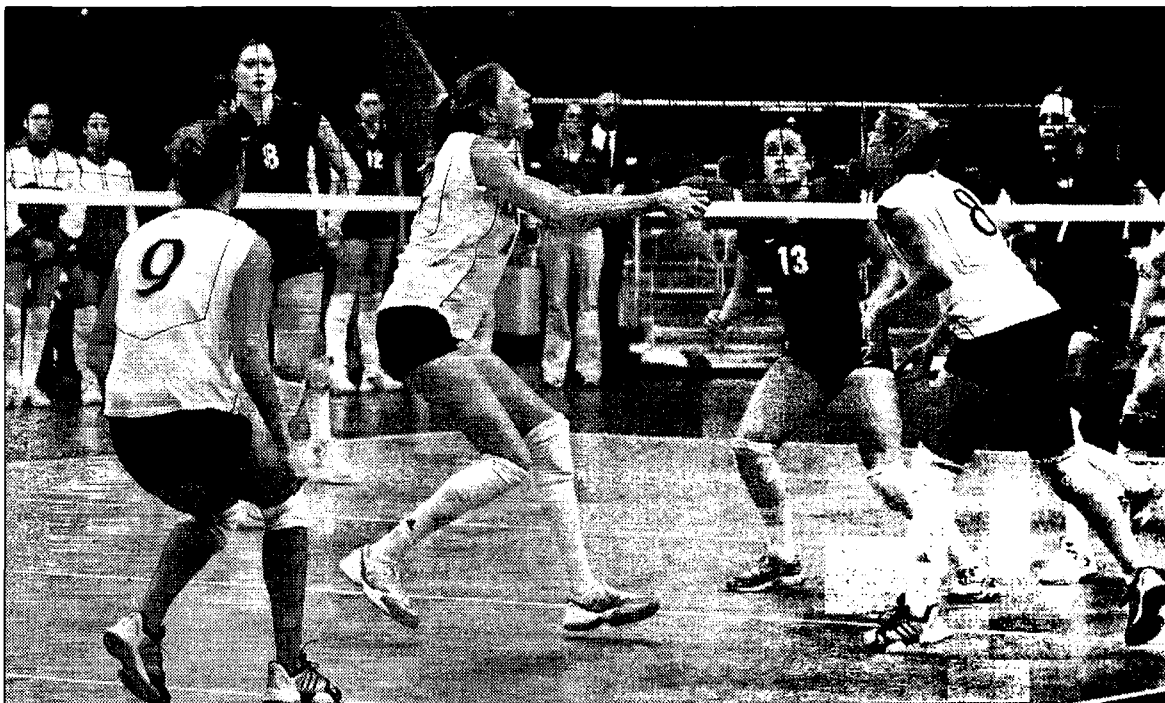
The season, 24 matches long thus far, comes down to this weekend.

This weekend, the Irish control their own destiny. In fact, from here on out, they control their own destiny.

"We talked about what we're working towards all season," Brewster said.

As for having the second-longest winning streak in school history snapped, Brown said she wasn't too worried about it. She wasn't exactly keeping track. Instead, she and her team took every match as just any other crucial competition.

"To be quite honest, we never talked about it," Brown said. "I honestly don't think it was real-



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Irish players return a serve against St. Louis on Nov. 2. The Irish swept St. Louis and look to rebound from a loss to Pittsburgh this weekend against Villanova and Rutgers.

ly a thought of the team about, 'Oh, OK, we're on this huge winning streak.' I think every time we went into a match we just felt like that we could compete and play well and win. It never even came up in a conversation. I honestly don't even know what it was — 13, 14? It was never a part of our thought process."

Whether they thought about

the streak or not, the Irish are, at least, now without the pressure of keeping it going. They're without the target of being a team with 15 straight wins, a team that everyone wants to beat in order to end such a streak.

Now, hopefully, Brown says, her team has learned.

"Sometimes it could be said that you learn more from a loss

than a win, and I think that remains to be seen," she said. "We've gotten back in the gym and practiced a little bit. We need to figure [things] out and play really well again, too. At this point, I'm for sure not glad that we lost. Certainly my hope is that it will make us better."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Surging Irish hope for first-ever win at Michigan State

Challenging Spartans
team hosts No. 18 ND

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

Road meets always present a level of unfamiliarity, but tonight's match in East Lansing will provide Notre Dame with a few more unique opportunities than usual, both for individuals and the team as a whole.

"From what I understand, we as a program have never beaten [Michigan State] in their pool before, so we're looking to go in there and get a win for the first time," co-captain Patrick Heffernan said.

The timing seems just right for the fall of Sparta. The Irish come in ranked No. 18 in the country, with a 2-1 record in dual meets.

The team is also running on

the momentum of its dramatic 122-121 win over Pittsburgh — Notre Dame's first-ever win at the Panthers' home pool.

Still, as evidenced at least once this fall, a victory over the Panthers is no sure sign of a win over Michigan State. The Spartans (1-2) have dropped their last two meets but have done so against the stiff competition of Purdue and Northwestern. Now they look to right their ship, and they hold home-pool advantage against the Irish.

The match will be the last in a string of three consecutive road meets for Notre Dame that started with the team's own encounter with Purdue on Oct. 29.

"It's tough being away from home. It's not just physically tiring but it's also a mental thing," sophomore Jay Vanden Berg said. "It's kind of tough not swimming in your home pool — that's

just something you like to do."

The Charles McCaffree pool has only six lanes, meaning the Irish will have one fewer entry in each event than the normal four.

"In order to win a tough match on the road, you have to bring everything you have with you. You have to bring energy, technique, training, motivation, discipline, crowd and noise," Irish head coach Tim Welsh said. "We always want to swim well on the road and one of the goals for the season is to win tough meets on the road."

In other words, this win would be huge.

"It's not a revenge factor as much as a measure of improvement. We want to improve enough so that we can win those tough matches on the road," Welsh said.

In preparation for the Big East Championship at the end of the season, Welsh will be racing sev-

eral of his swimmers in different events for the first time all season.

"At the Big East Championship at the end of season, most people will have three individual events, so we want to find out who they are, find out who might be on our relays this season," Welsh said.

Players are allowed to swim in only two individual events during the regular season, but the limit is raised to three for the February Big East.

"Generally we'd like people to be able to swim three events so we could get more points," Heffernan said.

One of the swimmers who the Irish will try to get a third event is Vanden Berg. Vanden Berg has destroyed the competition in his two distance events (500-yard freestyle and 1,000 freestyle), winning both races in every dual meet this year.

"He's kicking butt," Heffernan said of Vanden Berg. "Our distance core in general has been huge in helping us win the meets, but Jay in particular has been doing really well and he's just been working really hard in the pool and in the meets."

Vanden Berg's latest victory hopefully set the tone for the Big East Championship.

"If you look at the 1000-yard freestyle against Pitt, [it was] his best time of the season. But also two of [the Panther swimmers] went 1 and 2 in the Big East last year, so it was an important win for him and just an indicator of how well Jay is doing," Welsh said.

Welsh and the Irish hope Vanden Berg's dominance will help the team to its first win in East Lansing tonight.

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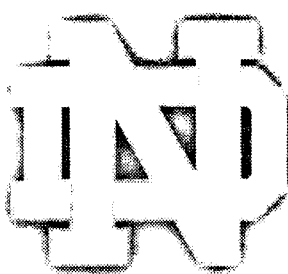
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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish will try to run easily on Saturday

Piane expects team to earn an at-large bid if it doesn't win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

With the regular meet season behind them, the No. 5 Notre Dame men's cross country team is ready to take the first official step towards a possible national championship at Saturday's Great Lakes Regional Meet at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Irish head coach Joe Piane said the team's goal is to finish in the top two out of 35 schools in the meet, though he is not overly concerned with the team's finish in the race. Placing in the top two would earn the Irish an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships Nov. 21, but Notre Dame can still earn a spot in the field with an at-large selection.

Piane said he is confident the No. 5 Irish will earn a spot in the Championships with the quality opponents they have beaten in the regular meet season.

"[At larges] are chosen ... basically [based on] who you've defeated that has qualified," he said. "For example, let's say we get third in our region, but Georgetown, Providence and Arizona get automatic bids. We would probably get a bid, because we've beaten those schools."

At No. 5 nationally, the Irish have little concern to qualify, as the NCAA selects 13 schools to complement 18 teams that earn a spot in the NCAA Championships with a top-two finish in one of nine regional

meets.

Without much pressure, Piane said his team will try to relax and not get caught up in the fast start that is inevitable in a race expected to feature more than 200 competitors.

"We want to run conservatively," he said. "Frankly, we want to run with as little effort as possible and still qualify."

Teams often worry about collisions in races with fields as large as the regionals, but Piane said the course in Bloomington is well equipped to hold so many runners.

"We've run there in the past," he said. "It's a very fair course and it will handle [the large field.]"

The course is not known for its fast times, however. It features several hills, spread throughout all eight kilometers.

The Irish will send an experienced lineup into the meet. Seniors Tim Moore, Kaleb Van Ort, Sean O'Donnell and Vinny Ambrico, and junior Kurt Benninger all ran in this meet last year.

"People are not intimidated by the fact that they are running in such an important meet with a huge field," Piane said.

At the end of a long cross country season, fatigue can play a factor, but Piane said his team, which has-

n't competed since the Big East Championships on Oct. 28, will be well rested for the Regionals.

"They had a wonderful week of training last week, and this week has been sort of down time," he said. "We're ready."

If the Irish qualify, they will compete Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Indiana in the NCAA Championships.

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ND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Connelly is confident for meet

No. 5 Irish can guarantee a spot in NCAA Championship with win

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After winning the Big East Championship, the No. 4 Notre Dame women's cross country team set its sights on a higher goal: a national championship.

The Irish will take their first step towards that goal Saturday in Bloomington, Indiana at the Great Lakes Regional Meet.

Notre Dame needs a top-two finish to guarantee a spot in the National Championships but can also earn an at-large selection.

While Irish head coach Tim Connelly said he is confident about the team's chances to finish in the top two, he said that the Great Lakes is one of the nation's toughest regions, featuring several highly-ranked teams.

"Realistically there could be five or six teams [from the Great Lakes Regional] that could go to the NCAAs," Connelly said.

"Michigan's ranked third in the country. Pitt was third in the Big East. Butler is ranked in the top 20 in the country. Indiana and Michigan State are each ranked in the top 30. It's a pretty strong region."

Despite the stiff competition, Connelly said his team is not intimidated by the field.

"We've really faced good competition all year," he said. "Our kids are not going to be overwhelmed running against good people in the NCAAs. I don't think being in a strong region hurts us. In fact, it can only help us."

Notre Dame will send out a familiar lineup featuring All-



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Notre Dame's Stephanie Madia stays ahead of the pack during her victory in the 50th annual Notre Dame Invitational on Sept. 30. The Irish compete in the Great Lakes Regional Saturday.

Americans Molly Huddle, Stephanie Madia and Sunni Olding.

Talented freshman Ramsey Kavan, who earned All-Big East honors this year, will also compete.

Huddle, Madia, Olding and Kavan have formed an intimidating top four this year, but the Irish have struggled at times to find a fifth and final scoring runner capable of staying close to the foursome.

In the Big East meet, junior Katie DeRusso was Notre Dame's fifth runner, finishing No. 16 overall, only eight places behind Kavan. Senior Jean Marinangeli finished just behind De Russo at No. 18.

Connelly said he hopes the days of the disappointing fifth runner are over for the Irish.

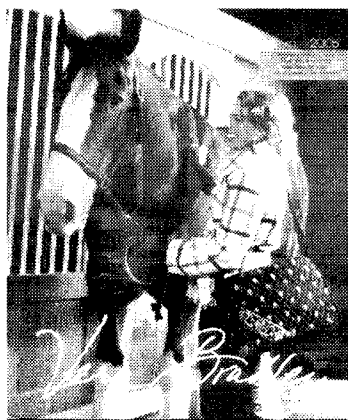
"I thought at the Big East, we had six kids run really really well," he said. "I think it's going to keep getting better as our girls gain more and more confidence. On Saturday we hope to have seven runners run really really well."

Elizabeth Webster, who finished 32nd at the Big East, will try to be that seventh runner.

If the Irish qualify for the NCAA Tournament, they will compete again Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish look for first home win of season today

Notre Dame's new coach hopes to lead team over Gophers

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team will attempt to get both its first home win and its first single meet win of the Carrie Nixon era this Friday when the Minnesota Gophers come to visit.

Notre Dame enters the meet coming off its first win of the season, a 138-105 defeat of Pittsburgh. The meet was the swimming team's strongest effort of the season as they won 7 out of 13 events. The result pushed Notre Dame's record to 1-2 on the season. Minnesota comes to South Bend off a close loss to No. 21

University of North Carolina. Despite the loss, Minnesota's record for the season stands at an impressive 4-2 mark. The Irish, however, are not concerned with the difference in records.

"I think the team feels that our record doesn't reflect how good we are," said junior swimmer Julia Quinn.

"Every week we're going out trying to prove to the country that we're a top-20 team."

Quinn, who transferred to Notre Dame from Minnesota, is very familiar with the Gopher team and knows the Irish will be facing a tough test this week.

"They have an excellent freshman class that they'll

probably rely heavily on," she said. "They've all been swimming very well lately."

The Irish should be well-prepared for Friday's meet as Nixon put them through an extra difficult week of practice leading up to this meet. With next week reserved more for fine tuning everything before Notre Dame's own

Invitational Meet, the Irish have put all their efforts into training this week.

The meet, originally scheduled for 5 p.m. today, has been rescheduled to 2 p.m. at the Rolf's Aquatic Center at Notre Dame.

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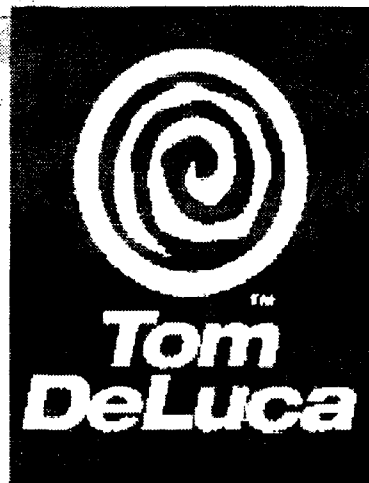
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A backstroke swimmer waits for the whistle at the Dennis Starks relays on Oct. 7. The Irish took first with 240 points.

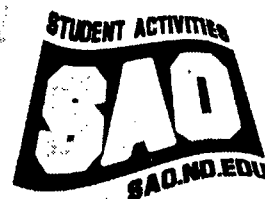
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throughout the year using both her arm and her legs.

The offense has been working hard all week long in practice to put in place a new offensive attack. The team seems confident it will put up the points it needs to compete with the heavily favored Cavanaugh team.

The Chaos have had no problems so far this year on either side of the ball. Lisa Ruffer and the Cavanaugh offense have been able to spread the ball in impressive fashion.

"We definitely like to utilize all of our receivers. They are all awesome," Ruffer said.

But even the offensive efficiency is overshadowed by the consistently airtight defense of the Chaos. The team has allowed a total of six points the entire season. The only score came in a 13-6 win over Lyons, which was the closest margin of victory the Chaos posted all year long.

With scores like 6-6, 6-0 and 7-6, the Weasels are no slouches on defense either. The team allows fewer than 10 points a game on average and has pitched two shutouts

this season.

"Our defense has got us out of a lot of tough spots and helped us win a lot of big games," captain Julie Putnam said.

"I think our chances are good despite being the underdogs," Putnam said. "Our team has a lot of spirit and pride, and we are just going to give it all we've got."

The Cavanaugh team is confident, but definitely isn't taking the Weasels lightly.

"We can't go in expecting anything, because on any given day, any team can win," Ruffer said.

The team's leaders are trying hard to treat the game as any normal contest, but with a chance to take an undefeated record into the Stadium, the task is easier said than done.

Walsh vs. Pangborn

The Wild Women of Walsh will try to make it to the finals for the second straight year this weekend, but have a tough opponent hoping to stop them in their tracks. Walsh must take down the speedy Pangborn Phoxes this Sunday at 2 p.m. for a chance to defend its title in Notre Dame Stadium.

Both teams come into the contest with a 5-1 regular

season record and one play-off win under their belts. The stage is set for a classic showdown, as the high-powered rushing attack of Pangborn will try to crack the notoriously stingy Walsh defense.

The Phoxes' backfield combination of quarterback Katie Mooney and running backs Brynn Johnson and Trish Connely have proved to be almost unstoppable this year, putting up as many as 34 points in a single game.

In last weekend's quarterfinal matchup, Mooney threw two passing touchdowns to her favorite target, Katie Riemersma, in a 12-6 victory over the Welsh Family Whirlwinds. Johnson has been able to use her speed all year long to rack up double digits in touchdowns, including a 78-yard sprint again Breen-Phillips.

Pangborn's versatility makes the Phoxes a dangerous team.

"Our offense is adaptable — we can pass or run, which has allowed us to be really flexible this year," captain Katie Murray said.

Walsh will try to stop the multi-faceted Phoxes with a defense that puts it in good position to win games. The Wild Women boast four shutouts, the last of which came in a 7-0 win last weekend against the Lewis Chicks in the first round of the playoffs.

The Wild Women are excited at the prospect of seeing a new opponent. They hope it will give their offense a little extra help with the element of surprise.

Julie Campbell leads the team in interceptions and has been a strong link on the sold defensive team.

Captain Mary Ellen Botta said interceptions like Campbell's are crucial in the course of a game.

"I've been really proud of our defense all year for coming up with big stops and forcing turnovers when we need them," Botta said.

Walsh may be the defending champions, but Pangborn is just as experienced in the big games. Last year the Phoxes' season ended on a



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A Walsh player carries the ball upfield during the team's win in the quarterfinals on Nov. 6. The Wild Women are defending champions.



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Pangborn quarterback Katie Mooney hands off to a running back in Pangborn's semifinal victory on Nov. 6.

controversial call late in the semifinal game.

"That left us a little bitter and unsatisfied, we know this is our opportunity to make up for it," Murray said. "There are 25 women who can think of nothing else right now."

The Walsh team also feels confident going into Sunday's game.

"We know we can do it because we were there last year," Botta said.

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Quincy

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tion is for," Irish forward Torin Francis said. "To work on things that you need to work on to prepare yourself for the season."

Francis played well offensively against Lewis. He finished with eight points on 3-of-6 shooting, while facing double teams for much of the game.

Brey started Chris Quinn, Colin Falls, Russell Carter, Rob Kurz and Francis in the first exhibition of the season.

"That group has been really consistent and solid," Brey said.

Brey anticipates going with the same lineup to begin the game tonight against the Hawks, but will rotate players and experiment with different lineups much like he did last week.

"You're still searching and looking at some combinations, and who plays with who best," Brey said.

"There will be more moving parts this year than ever before. Having said that, at some point you do have to be committed to minutes in certain areas, and when you do that it means you're going to be decommitted to a guy or two."

Notre Dame went to a smaller lineup against Lewis, using Quinn and freshman point guard Kyle McAlarney in the same backcourt set. The Irish will not have that option Friday, as McAlarney will be sidelined with a sore back.

"He's an impact guy for us," Brey said. "That rearranges some things this week, but we are going to try to get the back spasm thing calmed down."

Notre Dame will see the return of forward Rick Cornett instead. Cornett was out with a sore left ankle last Thursday.

The Irish played well defensively against Lewis despite their offensive struggles. Led by Francis' nine blocked shots, Notre Dame limited its opponent to 17-of-56 shooting.

"I thought we were in very good position the other night," Brey said. "We did a good job continually defending."

Last season, Notre Dame defeated Quincy 80-61 on Nov. 10, 2004. Quinn led the Irish with 25 points in the game on 8-of-11 shooting, including 5-of-8 from three-point range.

Notre Dame and Quincy will tip off at 9:30 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

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Hockey

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standing performances from Matt Amado (1 goal, 1 assist), Erik Condra (3 assists) and T.J. Jindra (1 goal, 1 assist). Most notable was junior center Josh Sciba, who tallied three goals in the Irish victory. It was the first Notre Dame hat trick since Aaron Gill scored three in the 2004 CCHA Super Six 6-5 loss to Ohio State.

"If anybody can get three goals in a game for us, including our entire team, is a good thing," Jackson said of Sciba's performance. "I'm happy for Josh. He's been one of our most consistent players in the early stages of the season, so that's positive."

The Irish broke a 4-2 lead wide open soon after the start of the third period, and they did it with style.

Assistant captain Mike Walsh broke down the right side of the ice into the Bowling Green zone and blew past the Falcon defender to the outside before cutting to the front of the net and backhanding the puck over sprawled out Falcon keeper Jimmy Spratt (19 saves).

The goal came 4:56 into the period and put the Irish advantage at 5-2. And that's when the floodgates opened.

Jindra flipped the puck over

Spratt while being pulled down from behind on a breakaway, and then was followed up with a Sciba breakaway goal off a bounce pass up the boards from Erik Condra to put Notre Dame in the driver's seat at 7-2.

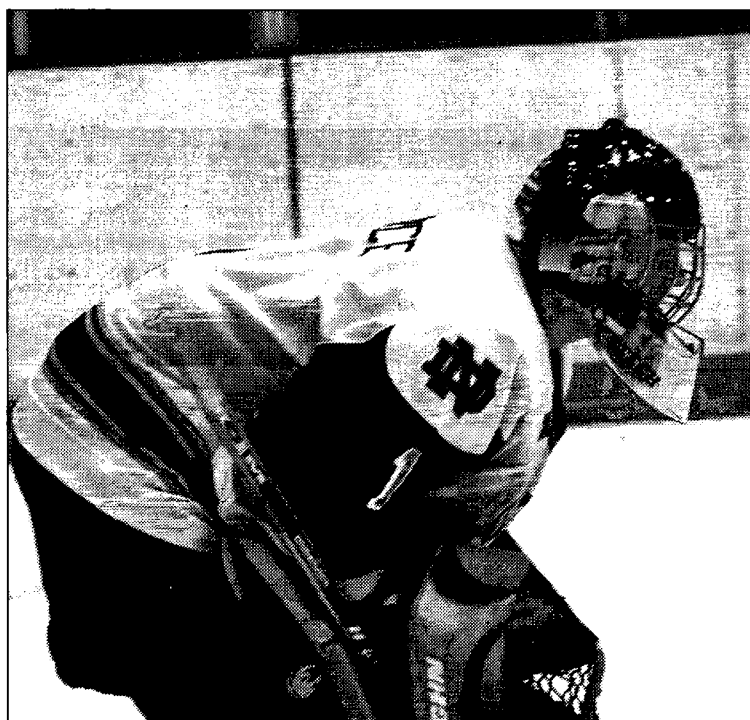
In the remaining 10 minutes both teams landed punches, scoring two goals apiece. Bowling Green's Jonathan Matsumoto scored to lead off the last-minute flurry. But Notre Dame rallied for two straight goals from Noah Babin and Christian Hanson.

The Falcons closed it out at 9-4 with Matsumoto's second of the game.

"It's all business from now on," Walsh said of what the Irish take out of the huge victory. "It feels good to score nine goals. I can't remember if we've scored nine goals since I've been here, but we want another one tomorrow."

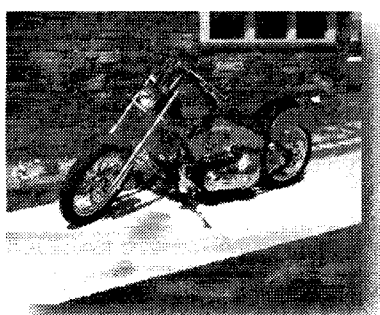
The Irish used the power play to perfection in the latter half of the first to gain on an early deficit. Bowling Green left wing Derek Whitmore was whistled for a five-minute checking from behind major and a game misconduct at 14:54 of the first period, giving Notre Dame an extended man advantage.

Sciba wasted little time in capitalizing on the Falcon's mistake and tied the game at 1-1 on a shot :36 into the power play. Mark Van Guilder assisted



Irish goalkeeper Jordan Pearce showed poise for a freshman, allowing only four goals by the Falcons Thursday night.

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Irish defender Noah Babin is checked against the glass in Thursday's 9-4 drubbing of Bowling Green.

on the play, as did Condra.

Notre Dame continued with its advantage after the goal — a major penalty is unable to be wiped away by a score — and did away with the frustration that has plagued the special teams unit to date so far this season with a well-placed Tim Wallace shot.

The Irish power play unit cycled the puck around the Bowling Green defenders within their zone and worked the puck to Brock Sheahan on the point. Sheahan found a wide-open Wallace on top of the left circle and fed the senior right winger the disc. Wallace sealed the deal as he slid a shot along the ice between the left post and Falcons keeper Jimmy Spratt's right pad for the 2-1 Irish lead at 18:58.

Sciba struck again for his second of the night and Notre Dame's third-straight power play goal at 8:57 of the second stanza off a crisp Condra pass. Condra controlled low near the Falcons' net and found Sciba open on the right side. Sciba one-timed and Spratt made the stop, only to allow a rebound that the Irish center roofed on a backhand for the goal.

Notre Dame opened up its largest lead of the regular season only 24 seconds later when Amado sent a rebound home after an initial shot by defenseman Noah Babin was deflected by Jindra onto Spratt to give the Irish a commanding 4-1 lead.

"I was really pleased with their effort tonight for the most part," Jackson said. "There was a lot of positives from the game. I'm glad that we came out as well as we did. They played hard and they played smart."

Bowling Green closed the gap to 4-2 on a scramble in front of Pearce that Falcons' center Matsumoto drove home at 11:50 of the second frame. Matsumoto corralled the puck in front of Pearce in the midst of an Irish penalty kill, deked to the left post, and shoved it in for the goal.

The Falcons struck first on a 2-on-1 rush 9:21 into the first period. Four Irish skaters got stuck deep in the Falcons' zone when a 4-on-2 backfired and the Irish coughed up the puck. Bowling Green attacker Brett Pilkington fired a wrist over Pearce's right shoulder for the goal.

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce made 20 saves on the game.

"He made the saves he had to, and he made a couple that were really good," Jackson said.

The nine-goal victory is the first time the Irish have scored that many goals in a game since a 9-5 win over Western Michigan on Nov. 20, 1998. The Irish face the Falcons again at 7:35 p.m. tonight at the Joyce Center.

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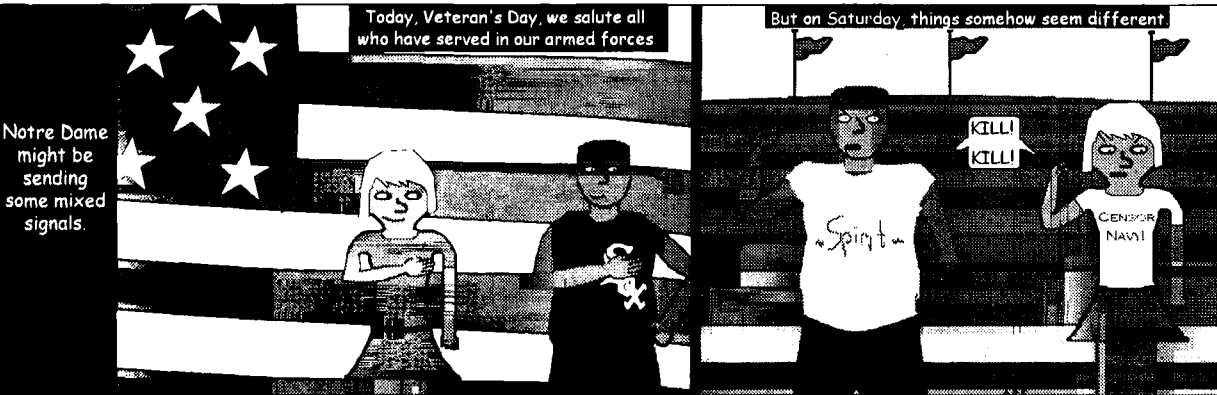
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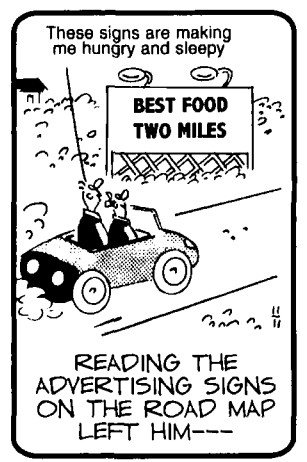
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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

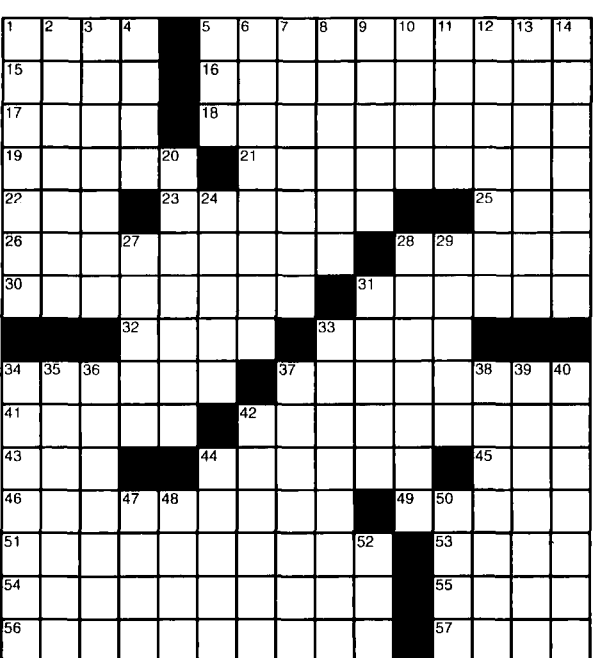


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Answer: How the family's day at the beach turned out — "SWIMMINGLY"

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Sting, basically
 - 5 Vera Miles, in 1948
 - 15 City surrounded on two sides by Toiyabe National Forest
 - 16 "Is this really my fault?"
 - 17 About
 - 18 House style
 - 19 Video store section
 - 21 It opens Letterman's "Viewer Mail"
 - 22 Berkshire, e.g.
 - 23 It might get busted
 - 25 Wrestler Flair, 10-time N.W.A. world heavyweight champion
 - 26 Straight up
- DOWN**
- 28 Jake's lover in "The Sun Also Rises"
 - 30 Hearty meat dish
 - 31 Bunch of sitcom characters
 - 32 Fellahs
 - 33 Stretched out
 - 34 Calf muscle
 - 37 Upset
 - 41 Online greeting
 - 42 Pontiff for just 26 days in 1605
 - 43 Choice for un votant
 - 44 ___ track
 - 45 Drink that's stirred
 - 46 Bird of the American Arctic that migrates south
 - 49 Forger
 - 51 Mistaken
 - 53 Hard ___
 - 54 Zip
- DOWN**
- 1 "Masterpiece Theatre" it ain't
 - 2 Change from a hit to an error, say
 - 3 West Indies island
 - 4 Disappearing word
 - 5 Humanities degs.
 - 6 Entreats
 - 7 Start to write?
 - 8 Laugh maker
 - 9 Actor Yaphet ___ of TV's "Homicide"
 - 10 Equipped
 - 11 What an A is not
 - 12 Took pleasure in
 - 13 Shower cap at a motel, maybe
 - 14 Culls
 - 20 1930's-50's Arab ruler
 - 24 Univ. military programs
 - 27 Hunter with a middle initial of J
 - 28 Shows disdain
 - 29 Indian dignity
 - 31 John Deere product



- ACROSS**
- 33 Los Angeles suburb
 - 34 Picking up
 - 35 Reagan Supreme Court nominee
 - 36 1961 Michelangelo Antonioni film aka "The Night"
 - 37 Seasonal recurrence
 - 38 Watch
 - 39 Carnival displays
 - 40 "You said it!"
 - 41 Home of the Chiefs in minor-league baseball
 - 42 Hooked up and left
 - 43 "Now that's awesome!"
 - 44 Chap
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A culture shock might be just what you need to get you thinking and moving in a new direction. Don't hesitate to speak up if you have something relevant to say. Your words may be exactly what someone you care about needs to hear. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give in to someone's demands. Stick to your own game plan. You may, however, end up severing a relationship with someone who has always held you back. Change is probably overdue. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Just because you are in an adventurous mood doesn't mean you should cast your fate to the wind. There are too many things that can go wrong today. Maintain control over the outcome. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Consider what you can do, not what you can't. You will have a rare opportunity to do something out of the ordinary, so take advantage. Seize the moment and you will not be disappointed. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let someone else do his or her thing for a change. By being humble you will impress the people around you and end up getting what you want. Use your head, and don't be fooled by the compliments coming your way. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A relationship will develop if you let down your guard and get to know someone better. You have lots to gain and plenty to offer if you aren't bullheaded about how you see things unfolding. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make some changes in the way you earn your living. You will discover you can end up with more than you originally thought possible. An opportunity will arise through someone you haven't spoken to in a while. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go after whatever you want -- the biggest crime would be to watch someone else do something you know you can do better. Be unique and open to the possibilities. Nothing is too great to achieve if you put your heart and soul into it. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not be thinking too straight today. Don't make promises impulsively. Chances are pretty good you won't be able to fulfill your intentions. Someone will be emotional about your treatment of him or her. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships are looking very positive. A chance to share your ideas and develop something lucrative is in the stars. Don't let a romantic relationship suffer because you don't have enough time to nurture it. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money matters will work themselves out if you discuss your plans with those to whom you are indebted. Have a game plan in place and be confident about what you can do. Stability is the name of the game. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be emotional and must be very careful what you say. You may live to regret it if you blurt out how you feel. Take time to cool down or to give some thought to what the people around you need. ***

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming out strong

Duffy leads team with 24 points in victory

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Megan Duffy scored 24 points and Lindsay Schrader added 19 as the No. 15 Notre Dame women's basketball team crushed an overmatched Ferris State team 96-45 Thursday at the Joyce Center.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said despite the lopsided score, the team did not live up to her expectations in several



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Crystan Erwin, left, looks for an open pass Thursday despite being closely defended by a Ferris State player. Senior Megan Duffy runs the offense with a confident hand.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

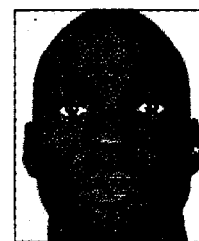
Irish face Division II Quincy

Offensive production is main part of Brey's gameplan for tonight

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame will look to improve its scoring production when it plays Division II Quincy tonight at the Joyce Center, Irish coach Mike Brey said Wednesday.

"I'd like to see us be better offensively, to get off to a better start," Brey said. "That has been the focus since last Friday."



Francis

Notre Dame shot just 36 percent from the field in its 59-40 win over Lewis University Nov. 3.

The offensive production will start with Chris Quinn and Colin Falls — who shot 4-of-14 and 3-of-10, respectively, against Lewis. Quinn finished as the high scorer for the Irish with 14 points, despite starting off 2-of-11 from the field.

Notre Dame was 9-of-36 in the first half as a team.

"That's what for the exhibi-

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HOCKEY

Sciba notches hat trick in 9-4 victory



KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Notre Dame's Victor Oreskovich, left, and Christian Hanson fight for possession in Thursday's win over Bowling Green.

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Irish head coach Jeff Jackson walked into the locker room after Notre Dame's 9-4 drubbing of Bowling Green on Thursday night and let his team have it.

Most teams would be ecstatic over trouncing a quality opponent like the Falcons, but not this Irish squad — and not under Jackson's watch.

"I got mad at them," Jackson said of his post-game speech. "I thought we were real sloppy in the last 10 minutes of the

game. We took some penalties we shouldn't have taken, and we turned the puck over. This group has got to learn how to win."

Jackson praised aspects of his team's game, notably the special teams area, a sore spot for the Irish thus far. But Thursday was a different story, as they scored four power play goals but struggled slightly on the penalty kill after allowing two in with a man down.

The Irish were solid up and down the lineup, with out-

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

Chaos, Walsh hope to return to Stadium

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

There's only one obstacle left remaining between Cavanaugh and a trip to Notre Dame Stadium. The undefeated Chaos squad has flown through its first seven games unscathed, blowing most of its opponents out of the water.

Their opponent Sunday at 1 p.m., fifth-ranked Pasquerilla West, needed overtime to get past

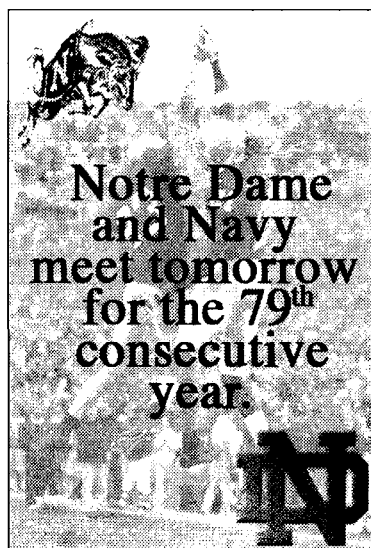
McGlenn into the semifinals. The 6-0 victory was almost expected from the Purple Weasels, who have played in tight games all year long.

Pasquerilla West finished the season with two wins and two ties. The team will need another big game from its defense, which has given the Weasels a chance in each of their games. Quarterback Cara Davies has also been able to come up with clutch scoring

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FOOTBALL

ND to continue Navy series



By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame and Navy will extend their historic series for at least another 10 years, according to a statement released on the Notre Dame athletic Web site und.com Thursday.

The contract between the Irish and Midshipmen was set to expire after their 2006 matchup, but the schools have agreed to an extension that ensures the series — currently in its 79th consecutive year — will continue into the 2016 season.

The squads will face each other in several different loca-

tions, as next year's game is scheduled for Baltimore and the 2012 contest will be played in Dublin, Ireland.

Representatives of both universities were pleased with the agreement.

"I am pleased we have been able to continue the series which is a highlight for our student-athletes and fans every fall," Navy athletics director Chet Gladchuk said. "Two institutions of similar values rekindling a lengthy and well-respected relationship make this game special."

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame vs. Minnesota
Today, 2 p.m.

The Irish look for their first home win against the Gophers.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Notre Dame at Michigan State

The No. 18 Irish travel to East Lansing today in hopes of their first-ever win at Michigan State.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame takes on Big East foes

After breaking a 15-game winning streak, the volleyball team hopes to rebound this weekend.

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NHL

Flyers 3 Islanders 2

Patrick Sharp's two goals put Philadelphia over New York on Thursday night.

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Irish Insider VALPO

Notre Dame begins its quest for a second straight national title tonight against Valparaiso at Alumni Field.

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A trimmed down
Maurice Stovall
flexes the talent and
voice of a confident
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Irish receiver Maurice Stovall toes
the sideline in a 44-41 Notre Dame
loss to Michigan State on Sept. 17

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Navy rivalry more than football

It's more than just a football game.

By now we all know that Notre Dame has beaten Navy the past 41 years. We all know that none other than Roger Staubach was the last Midshipmen quarterback to beat the Irish.

But what we sometimes forget is that the Navy-Notre Dame game is always about more than football. It's about pride. It's about passion. Most of all, it's about respect — a respect for what each school has done for the other.

On the heels of Frank Leahy's 1943 national championship season, World War II had escalated, and Leahy left to serve in the Navy.

The war took many young men from then-all-male Notre Dame, presenting financial problems for the University as its enrollment dropped dramatically. But with the war came a need for more trained officers than the Naval Academy could provide. So they instituted a program in which Universities across the nation became a place for

young men to receive a college education as well as officer training. Notre Dame was one of these sites.

And so Notre Dame's enrollment increased, and the school survived through the war. As a result of Navy's gesture to keep Notre Dame afloat during the war, the Irish agreed to play the Midshipmen on the football field annually for as long as Navy wanted. The two teams had first met in 1927.

Even when Irish coach Charlie Weis, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, was at Notre Dame, he sensed a respect for the Naval Academy.

"I know one thing, the academies were something that we always revered in a different light than any other opponent," Weis said. "They were like their own separate entity. And I think that you get a Catch 22 here because you have an opponent on the one hand that you want to beat badly. On the other hand, the respect factor for the young men that you're going against is higher than anyone else you're going against because you know that they've chosen a path that when their college careers are over, they're not going to go play in the NFL, they're not going to go take some cush job, they're going to go represent our country. It's a different mentality altogether."

The fact remains — the Navy-Notre Dame is special.

Notre Dame has full-pads intramural football, just as Navy has full-pads sprint football. Notre Dame is revered for its academics and Catholic identity and its ability to balance that with athletic excellence. Navy is revered for the men and women that make a commitment to serve their country, all while maintaining Division-I athletic programs.

"We understand that these are dedicated Navy men," Irish running back Darius Walker said. "These are the guys that are fighting for the country. We have much respect for these guys and the things they are doing out there. For them, football is kind of like a leisure activity. It's one of those fun things they do, so they're really playing for the love of the game."

And among all of this, what about football? What about the 79 consecutive years Navy and Notre Dame have battled on the gridiron?

Well, every year Navy gets closer to getting a win.

In 2002, it was Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday who stepped up and made two plays with the Irish down eight late in the game. He first hit Omar Jenkins to set up the tying touchdown and then hit Jenkins again for a 67-yard touchdown

pass with 2:08 remaining to give Notre Dame a 30-23 win against Navy, who was 1-8 at the time.

Two years ago it was Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick's 40-yard field goal as time expired that allowed the Irish to escape 27-24 at home.

Last year, Notre Dame finally beat Navy by a larger margin, 27-9, dealing the Midshipmen their first loss of the season.

And so the Navy-Notre Dame rivalry has become less of Notre Dame beating up on Navy as it has been some close games.

But in 2003, even as Irish fans were jumping up and down with excitement as Fitzpatrick's kick fluttered through the uprights, they soon calmed down as Navy left Notre Dame Stadium through the tunnel on their end of the stadium.

"U-S-A, U-S-A," the student section chanted as the Midshipmen ran through the tunnel.

And why?

Because Notre Dame-Navy is about so much more than just football.

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game hype



Charlie Weis
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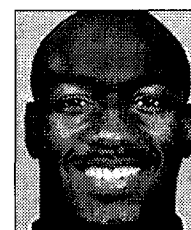
"It's a different mentality, not of power but of a speed-driven offense."

"I'm not looking at what happened the previous 41 games. I'm only looking at this game."



Derek Landri
Irish defensive tackle

"Every time we play Navy they play with all their heart. Those guys are the type of guys who go on and ... sacrifice their lives for our country."



Maurice Stovall
Irish quarterback

"It would be tough for us to play Notre Dame if we played them in the parking lot of K-Mart."



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Senior wideout Maurice Stovall has coaches, teammates — and himself — 'singing' praises

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

When Notre Dame proclaimed its 'Return to Glory' three seasons ago, Maurice Stovall — a freshman — involuntarily became the face of the campaign.

Sports Illustrated threw a photo of Stovall's touchdown catch against Michigan State on its front cover. Everyone in the country could identify the tall wide receiver from Philadelphia.

The hype around the program grew. The profile of Stovall grew even larger — he had been a first-team USA Today All-American in high school. And then, with no warning and only a silly SI curse to blame, the Irish and Stovall both sank off the national radar.

For three seasons, Stovall was a prominent player in an unproductive offense, catching just six total touchdowns. He swears the cover photo had nothing to do with his performance.

"It didn't put any pressure on me at all," Stovall said. "You can't allow stuff like that to affect you."

No matter now. In his senior season, Stovall has morphed into a tough, lean receiver who can pose mismatches and exploit defensive backs with his 6-foot-5 frame. And don't let the sudden production fool you. Stovall insists the player he is now has been in South Bend all along.

"I don't think you can just have everything really thrown into one season," Stovall said. "It's basically a build up of maturity from your freshman year. And ... because of the changing of our program, [you're] given more opportunity to showcase your skills and your talents and be able to do that consistently on a basis with the type of offense that we have."

Maybe that explains why Stovall is on pace to catch more passes this season (63) than he did in his first three seasons combined (61). Maybe it explains why he's caught the same amount of touchdowns through eight games (six) that he did from 2002 to 2004.

Or maybe it has nothing to do with football.

Through the grapevine

"Mo" is old school. His teammates tell him, and he knows it.

The description doesn't fit his personality, though, as much as it fits his musical tastes. But then maybe again it does describe Stovall's personality since, as



Irish receiver Maurice Stovall celebrates after a second-quarter touchdown Saturday against Tennessee.

running back Darius Walker puts it, "Off the field and even on the field, Mo is a singer."

Stovall constantly keeps a tune, and not only in his head. The senior receiver takes his vocals and his smooth attitude from the shower to the locker room to the practice field, ranging in musical tastes from Barry White to Marvin Gaye to the Temptations and beyond.

"He'll throw on ... all sorts of things from back in the day," Walker said.

It's this laid-back attitude, combined with a resilient work ethic, that makes Stovall a well-liked and respected member of the Irish squad.

Since playing at Archbishop Carroll in Philadelphia, Stovall said he has always brought the same attitude to football and to life — he has fun and works hard.

"Every time we see him, he's singing," Walker said. "Every time we're at practice, he's singing. And it really helps to sort of create a calm atmosphere for us. It's not so serious all the time."

"It's really good to be able to let go a little bit and to play around a little bit in the huddle. Even sometimes in the games he'll joke around."

But once the huddle has broken this season, Stovall has reversed roles, wiping the smiles one-by-one off opposing defenders' faces.

The senior receiver has 42 catches in eight games for 666 total yards, an average of 15.9 yards per catch, second only to

Jeff Samardzija (17.2). Stovall's 83.2 yards per game average also establishes him as an immediate threat to upcoming opponents.

But catching more passes was only half the battle. Stovall climbed back not only into a regular rhythm — he always played significant minutes — but into a complete receiver.

A firm stance

Samardzija broke two records in Notre Dame's win against Tennessee last Saturday. Strong safety Tom Zbikowski scored two return touchdowns. But Irish coach Charlie Weis had only one favorite individual performance after reviewing the game tape.

"The guy I was pleased with the most was actually Maurice Stovall," Weis said at his Sunday press conference. "He only had a couple catches on the game and one for a touchdown, but he made several critical blocks in this game and ended up leading us to having production. Sometimes we single out stat guys rather than things that happen in a game that help us win."

At two turning points in the win over the Volunteers, Stovall made key blocks to free up big plays for Notre Dame.

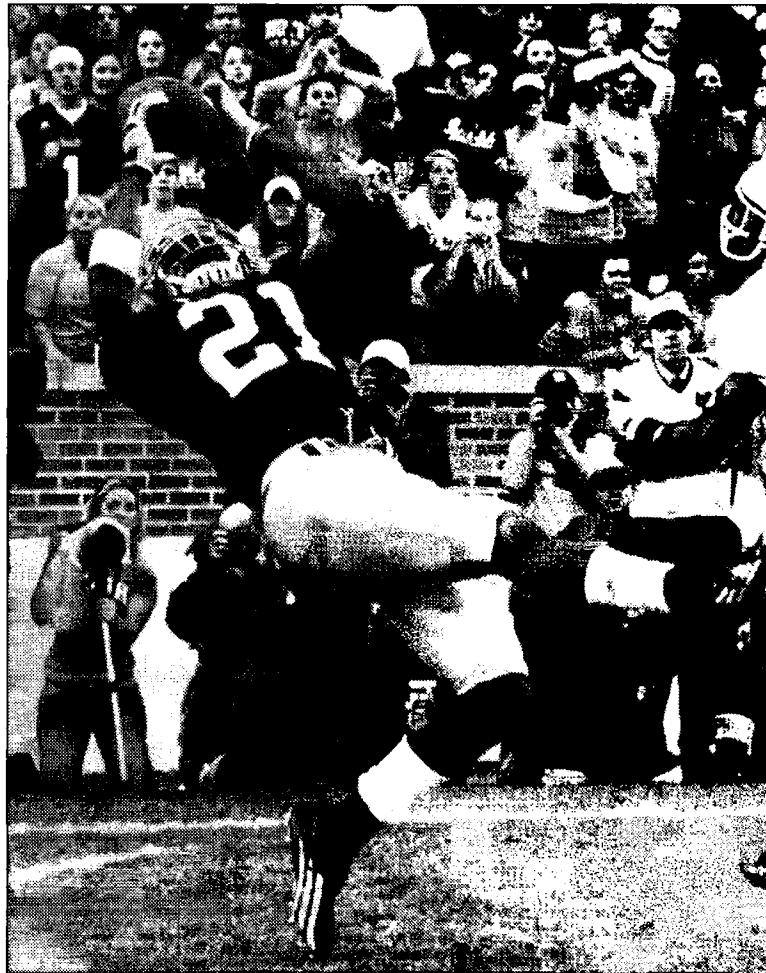
Stovall made the final block that sprung tight end Anthony Fasano for Notre Dame's first touchdown of the contest. He also helped pave the way for Samardzija on a 73-yard completion down to the Tennessee 2-yard line.

And Walker said Stovall's role in those plays must not go unnoticed.

"The receiver's block is ... not only important for me, but it's important for the other receivers as they're running their routes," Walker said. "In order for a play to work and in order for it to be a big play, I think the receivers have to get the blocks."

"Whenever you see me running down the sideline or [tight end Anthony] Fasano running down the sideline, that means one of the receivers made their block."

Stovall's example on the field has caused players like Walker to view him as a leader. And the production — be it catching passes or planting defenders on their backs — could have NFL scouts licking their chops for a proven 6-foot-5 threat.



Stovall hauls in a Brady Quinn pass for his sixth touchdown of the season Saturday in the 41-21 against Tennessee.

Stovall, though, said his focus remains at Notre Dame — for now.

"I think about [the NFL] sometimes but not a lot," he said. "I'm just basically trying to enjoy the rest of my college season with my teammates, this great facility here, this campus and then we'll take it from there."

A lighter option

Stovall's sudden resurgence has provoked numerous conjectures on its origin. Some, as Stovall suggested, credit Weis' prolific offense. Some credit quarterback Brady Quinn. But Stovall is sick of hearing how his weight affects his play following the well-documented story of Weis telling Stovall to drop a few pounds at the beginning of spring practice.

"My weight loss has been a factor in my change of play, but that's not everything," Stovall said. "That's not it. I think a lot of people think that the reason I'm doing so well is just because of my weight. It's not that at all."

It's a buildup of things mentally, physically and emotionally."

He has proven that he, as an experienced senior, can use those emotions to benefit himself and the Irish on the field.

"When you see a player like that, it really rubs off on everybody else," Walker said.

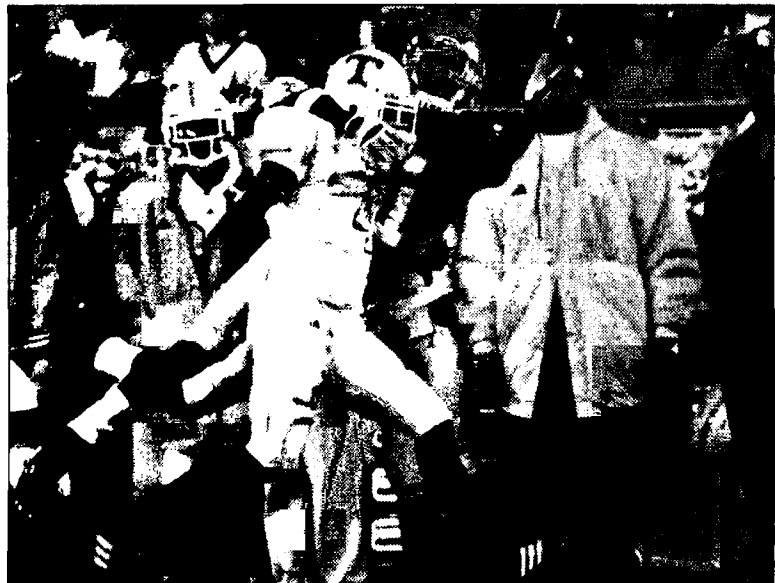
But some of the emotion sneaks out in the form of song, and Walker is not as quick to throw praise Stovall's way.

"He thinks he's a good singer. He's an alright singer in my opinion, but he really thinks he's a good singer," the running back said. "You know how those guys are when they really think they can do something? They sort of overdo it."

But after shrugging off early career setbacks, Stovall now easily dispatches of any criticism.

"No, I don't think I'm a good singer," Stovall said, a wink all but implied. "My teammates do."

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Stovall dives for a Brady Quinn pass Saturday against Tennessee. The senior had two catches and a touchdown.

by the numbers

Increase in Notre Dame's total offensive yards per game from last year's total. This is the second best improvement in the country, behind No. 1 Southern California.

128.5

11 Notre Dame's BCS rank. The Irish were ranked No. 14 before their win over Tennessee.

Points Navy scored in the first quarter in Saturday's 49-21 victory over Tulane. It was the most points Navy scored in a first quarter since Nov. 22, 2003.

28

28 Number of Navy rushing touchdowns scored this season, compared to the team's four passing scores.

Consecutive sellouts at Notre Dame Stadium. The first 130 came when the Stadium seated 59,075 people.

184

41 Consecutive games Notre Dame has beaten Navy, the longest streak in the nation.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 6-2
AP: 7
Coaches: 7

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Notre Dame Fighting Irish



Charlie Weis
head coach

Charlie Weis
first season at
Notre Dame
career record:
6-2
at Notre Dame:
6-2
against
Navy: 0-0

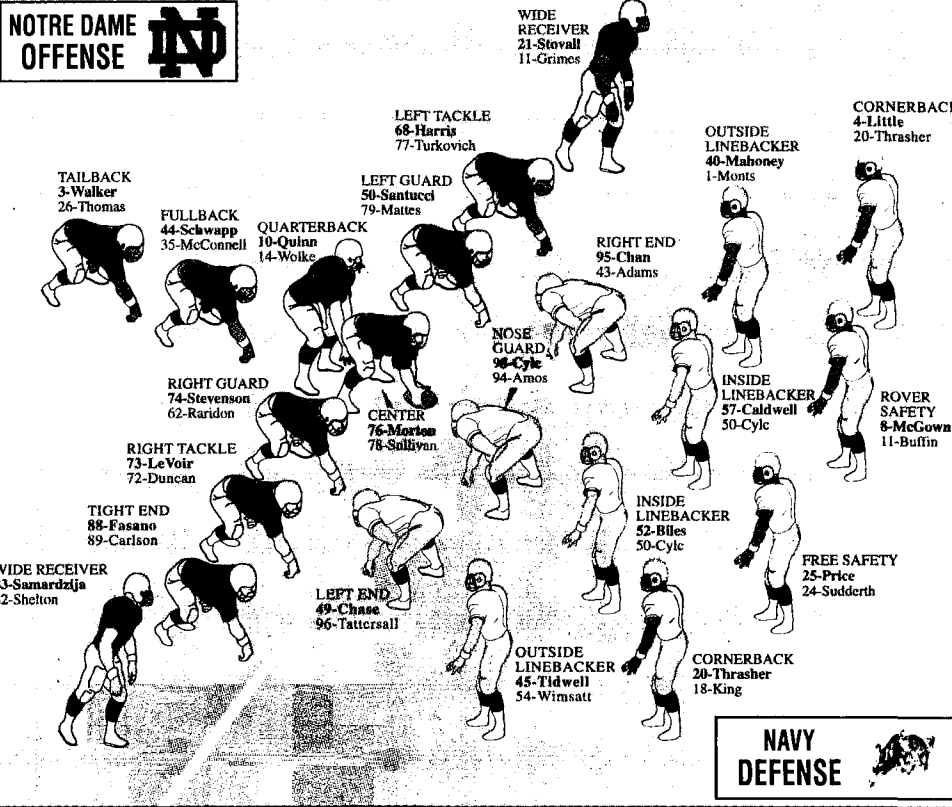
Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	D.J. Hord	WR	6-1	198	FR
3	Darius Walker	RB	5-11	200	SO
4	Anthony Vernaglia	DB	6-3	221	SO
5	Rhema McKnight	WR	6-1	215	SR
6	Ray Herring	DB	6-0	199	FR
7	Darrin Bragg	WR	6-1	192	SO
8	Junior Jabbie	RB	6-0	188	SO
9	Tom Zbikowski	DB	5-11	203	JR
10	Brady Quinn	QB	6-4	231	JR
11	David Grimes	WR	6-0	170	FR
12	Marty Mooney	QB	6-2	207	SR
13	Evan Sharpley	QB	6-2	207	FR
14	David Wolfe	QB	6-2	196	SO
15	Leo Ferrine	DB	6-0	186	SO
16	Rashon Powers-Neal	RB	6-3	238	SR
17	Geoffrey Price	P	6-3	186	JR
17	Dan Gorski	QB	6-3	196	FR
18	Chinedum Ndukwe	DB	6-2	219	JR
19	D.J. Fitzpatrick	K/P	6-2	206	SR
20	Terrail Lambert	DB	5-11	188	SO
21	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	222	SR
22	Ambrose Wooden	CB	5-11	197	JR
23	Chase Anastasio	WR	6-2	203	JR
23	W. David Williams	DB	5-10	170	SO
24	Brandon Erickson	WR	6-0	178	SO
25	Nate Schiccatano	DL	6-2	237	SR
26	Wade Iams	DB	5-9	188	SO
26	Travis Thomas	RB	6-0	215	JR
27	David Bruton	DB	6-2	187	FR
27	John Lyons	RB	6-1	205	JR
28	Kyle McCarthy	DB	6-0	189	FR
29	LaBrose Hedgemon	DB	5-9	190	JR
30	Mike Richardson	DB	5-11	193	SR
31	Jake Carney	DB	6-0	187	SR
32	Jeff Jenkins	RB	6-0	232	SR
32	Alvin Reynolds Jr.	DB	5-10	180	SO
33	Justin Hoskins	RB	5-10	186	SO
34	Tommie Lee	DB	6-2	200	JR
35	Ashley McConnell	RB	6-0	247	JR
35	Tim Kenney	DB	6-0	180	JR
36	Brandon Harris	DB	6-0	198	SR
37	Matt Mitchell	DB	5-8	187	SR
38	Nick Possley	WR	6-1	183	SO
39	Brandon Hoyte	LB	6-0	236	SR
40	Maurice Crum, Jr.	LB	6-0	220	SO
41	Scott Smith	LB	6-3	234	FR
42	Kevin Washington	LB	6-1	231	FR
43	Anthony Salvador	LB	6-2	233	SR
44	Asaph Schwapp	RB	6-0	250	FR
45	Carl Gioia	K	5-10	183	JR
45	Rich Whitney	DB	6-2	213	JR
46	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	234	SR
47	Mitchell Thomas	LB	6-3	240	JR
48	Steve Quinn	LB	6-2	220	JR
49	Matt Augustyn	FB	6-3	220	JR
50	Dan Santucci	OL	6-4	290	SR
52	Joe Brockington	LB	6-1	212	JR
53	Joseph Boland	LB	6-2	242	SR
54	David Fitzgerald	OL	6-4	293	SR
56	Nick Borsetti	LB	6-4	238	JR
57	Dwight Stephenson	DL	6-2	252	JR
58	Abdel Banda	DL	6-1	220	SO
59	James Bent	OL	6-2	265	SR
60	Casey Cullen	OL	6-1	238	JR
61	J.J. Jansen	LS	6-3	242	SO
62	Scott Raridon	OL	6-7	304	SR
63	Jeff Tisak	OL	6-3	305	FR
66	Derek Landri	DL	6-3	263	SR
68	Ryan Harris	OL	6-5	288	JR
69	Neil Kennedy	OL	5-11	260	SR
71	James Bonelli	OL	6-5	280	SR
72	Paul Duncan	OL	6-7	292	FR
73	Mark LeVoi	OL	6-7	311	SR
74	Dan Stevenson	OL	6-6	292	SR
75	Chris Frome	DL	6-5	268	SR
76	Bob Morton	OL	6-4	292	SR
77	Michael Turkovich	OL	6-6	290	FR
78	John Sullivan	OL	6-4	298	JR
79	Brian Mattes	OL	6-6	285	SR
81	Rob Woods	WR	6-2	208	SR
82	Matt Shelton	WR	6-0	172	SR
83	Jeff Samardzija	WR	6-5	216	JR
84	Michael O'Hara	WR	5-10	180	SR
85	Joey Hiben	TE	6-4	253	FR
86	Mike Talerico	TE	6-5	245	SO
87	Marcus Freeman	TE	6-3	245	SR
88	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-5	255	SR
89	John Carlson	TE	6-5	255	SR
90	Brian Beidatsch	DL	6-3	294	SR
91	Craig Cardillo	K	6-0	174	JR
92	Derrell Hand	DL	6-3	301	FR
93	Dan Chervanick	DL	6-1	259	SR
94	Justin Brown	DL	6-3	247	SO
95	Victor Abiamiri	DL	6-4	260	JR
96	Bobby Renkes	K	6-0	195	FR
96	Pat Kuntz	DL	6-2	267	FR
98	Trevor Laws	DL	6-1	293	JR
99	Ronald Talley	DL	6-4	261	SO

NOTRE DAME 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Pittsburgh - W
Sept. 10	at Michigan - W
Sept. 17	MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 24	at Washington - W
Oct. 1	at Purdue - W
Oct. 15	USC - L
Oct. 22	BYU - W
Nov. 5	TENNESSEE
Nov. 12	NAVY
Nov. 19	SYRACUSE
Nov. 26	at Stanford

NOTRE DAME OFFENSE



NAVY DEFENSE

COACHING

QUARTERBACKS

IRISH RUSHING

IRISH PASSING

NOTRE DAME

Weis is having a better start to his coaching career than most pundits expected, as the Irish are 6-2 this season and ranked No. 7 nationally. He calls the plays for a Notre Dame offense that has racked up 38.2 points per game and averages 334.4 passing yards per contest.

Quinn has captained the Irish offense into the top 10 and has tossed a school-record 23 scoring passes on the season. He has thrown touchdown passes in each of the past 13 games for Notre Dame. The third-year starter has 299 attempts this season with just four interceptions.

After a hot start that included four consecutive 100-yard games, Walker has slowed recently. He ran for just 62 yards last week against Tennessee. Fullback Rashon Powers-Neal has six TDs on the season but has not played since Oct. 1 at Purdue due to undisclosed reasons.

Quinn has teamed with Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samardzija to put together one of the best statistical seasons in Irish history. Stovall nabbed four TDs in Notre Dame's 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22 while Samardzija has caught at least one touchdown in every game this season.

NAVY

Paul Johnson has led Navy to 18 wins in the past two seasons after the program had just two winning seasons in the previous 20 years. He led Navy to a 34-19 win over New Mexico in last year's Emerald Bowl and is 25-19 in his four years in Annapolis.

Senior Lamar Owens owns three 100-yard rushing games this season in Navy's option offense. He has racked up 585 yards rushing and 936 passing yards with four touchdowns in 2005 while leading Navy to a 5-3 record and the cusp of bowl eligibility.

Navy is allowing 159.4 rushing yards per game and have given up 15 touchdowns on the ground this season. Nose guard Larry Cyle is only 265 pounds but has 25 tackles and tallied a forced fumble. Linebacker Rob Caldwell leads Navy with 96 tackles.

Navy has recorded nine interceptions in 2005 and surrenders an average of 182.2 passing yards per game. Outside linebackers David Mahoney and Tyler Tidwell have combined for 12 sacks this season. The secondary is young with three juniors and one sophomore starting.

ANALYSIS

Johnson has taken a Navy program from the depths of college football to respectability. Weis has also turned around his team, taking the Irish from a 6-6 record in 2004 to a chance at a BCS bowl in 2005. Weis' play-calling will be tested by Johnson's ability to motivate his underdog team.

Quinn is having one of the greatest statistical seasons in Irish history, racking up 23 TD passes. Owens is a senior, a tough runner and must be credited for leading Navy to a winning record. Quinn's accurate arm and leadership gives him the edge.

Notre Dame has not dominated on the ground in the past several games. But its size and athletic advantage over Navy should make running successfully possible on Saturday. Darius Walker and Travis Thomas will be a tough duo to stop for the Navy defensive line.

Notre Dame is one of the best passing teams in the country while the Midshipmen defensive backs are young and short — no starting cornerback is over 6-feet tall. Quinn has a 23 touchdowns and only four interceptions. Navy should have its hands full with Stovall and Samardzija.

Irish experts



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Managing Editor

Notre Dame has scored fewer than 30 points only one time this season. That statement will hold true following the game with the Midshipmen on Saturday.

- Navy presents a unique opponent and throws the Irish defense a curveball, but Notre Dame will run the ball right back at Navy, control the clock and win running away.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 45
Navy 17



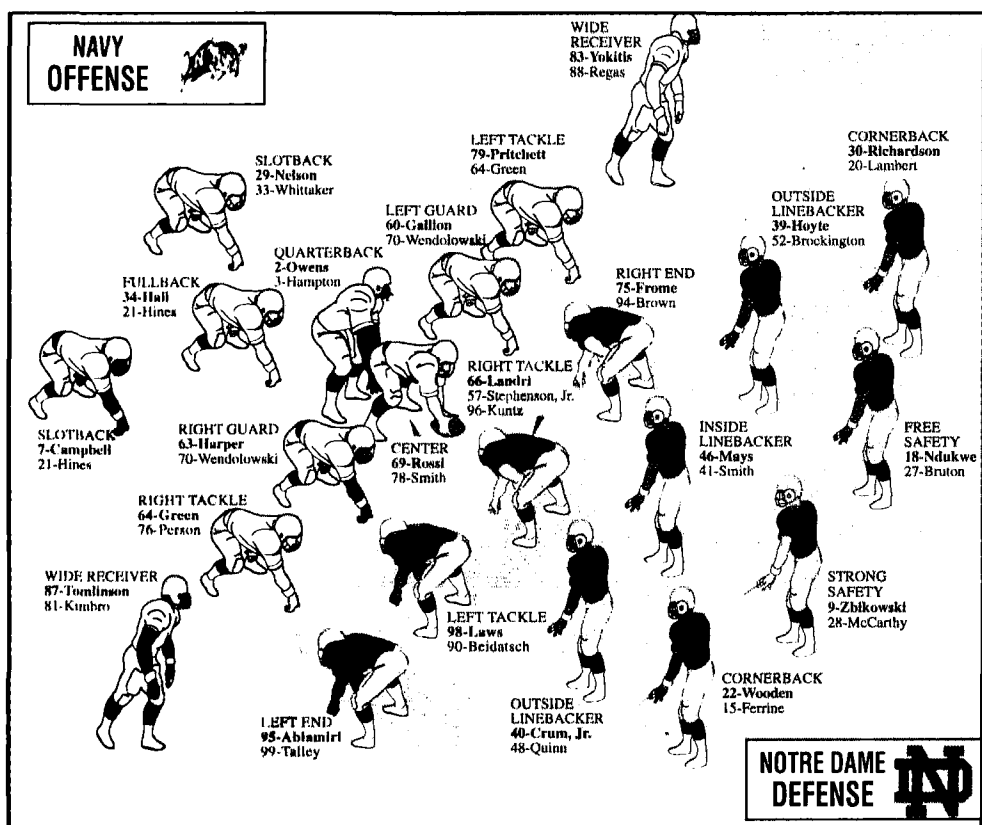
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AME

This isn't the year that Navy ends its 41-game losing streak to Notre Dame. The Irish will overpower the Midshipmen up front and Darius Walker and Travis Thomas will have a field day. Navy's offense will give the Irish a hard time at first, but Notre Dame's size and speed will be too much. After Saturday, the Irish will be one game closer to that BCS bid.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31
Navy 10

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Navy Midshipmen



NAVY 2005 Schedule

Sept. 3	at Maryland - L
Sept. 10	STANFORD - L
Oct. 1	at Duke - W
Oct. 8	AIR FORCE - W
Oct. 15	KENT STATE - W
Oct. 22	at Rice - W
Oct. 29	at Rutgers - L
Nov. 5	TULANE - W
Nov. 12	at Notre Dame
Nov. 19	TEMPLE
Dec. 3	vs. Army

Navy Midshipmen

Record: 5-3

AP: NR

Coaches: NR

Paul Johnson
Fourth season at Navy

career record:
82-27
at Notre Dame:
20-17
against Notre
Dame: 0-3



Paul Johnson
head coach

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Jason Monts	OLB	6-0	227	SO
2	Jonathan Peoples	SB	5-10	190	SR
3	Lamar Owens	QB	5-9	185	SR
4	Joey Taylor	S	5-6	194	FR
5	Brian Hampton	QB	6-0	203	FR
6	Hunter Arthur	CB	5-11	176	SO
7	Brandon Wright	OB	5-10	190	FR
8	Keenan Little	CB	5-11	194	FR
9	Dorian Smith	CB	5-8	177	FR
10	Logan Coffey	WR	5-10	180	FR
11	Casey Davidson	WR	5-9	210	FR
12	Dell Robinson	S	5-11	200	SO
13	Reggie Campbell	SB	5-6	164	FR
14	Stephen Brownlee	CB	5-6	175	FR
15	Jeremy McGown	CB	5-11	184	FR
16	James Polanco	S	5-0	203	SR
17	T.J. Theil	WR	5-0	164	FR
18	K. Kaheaku-Enhada	OB/WR	5-11	175	FR
19	Ketric Buffin	CB	5-7	158	FR
20	Joe Taylor	CB	5-11	183	FR
21	Derrick Bryce	OLB	6-4	228	SO
22	Brett Quimby	S	6-1	190	FR
23	Troy Goss	OB	5-6	227	SO
24	Matt Mitchelson	OB	6-2	180	FR
25	Clay Carter	CB	5-11	208	FR
26	Matt Garcia-Bragiel	CB	5-8	177	FR
27	Jeff Deliz	S	5-11	195	FR
28	Jarrod Bryant	OB	5-10	185	FR
29	Curtis Sharp	WR	5-10	210	FR
30	Rashawn King	S	5-0	170	FR
31	Luke Penrose	CB	5-10	181	FR
32	Greg Shinego	SB	5-6	185	FR
33	Greg Thrasher	CB	5-8	170	SO
34	Casey Nichols	CB	5-6	180	FR
35	Trey Hines	SB	5-6	200	FR
36	Karl Motoyama	DB	5-2	190	FR
37	Adam Ballard	FB	5-1	240	FR
38	Kerwin Scott	CB	5-7	177	FR
39	Ricky Pyrom	CB	5-10	201	FR
40	Trevor Bacon	SB	5-0	205	FR
41	Greg Sudderth	S	5-2	200	FR
42	Joseph Proffitt	WR	5-6	217	FR
43	Duljan Price	S	5-11	210	FR
44	Jim McMenamin	LB	5-0	220	FR
45	Andrew Wright	CB	5-0	165	FR
46	Shun White	SB	5-6	175	FR
47	Marco Nelson	SB	5-7	178	FR
48	Kevin Snyder	SB	5-11	173	FR
49	Greg Vetto	SB	5-0	180	FR
50	Jake Scott	S	5-0	167	FR
51	Jordan Reagan	SB	5-10	175	FR
52	Eddie Martin	LB	5-0	215	FR
53	Scott Reider	SB	5-11	194	FR
54	Karlos Whittaker	SB	5-10	216	FR
55	Matt Hall	FB	5-10	190	FR
56	Byron McCoy	SB	5-10	220	FR
57	Kenny Ray Morrison	LB	5-0	168	FR
58	Ethan Goode	K	5-0	229	SO
59	Keith Lisarte	OLB	5-10	178	FR
60	Joey Bullen	K	5-10	230	FR
61	Nick Gonzalez	OLB	5-0	216	FR
62	David Mahoney	OLB	5-10	187	FR
63	Cory Colistra	CB	5-10	172	FR
64	Victor Strausbaugh	WR	6-0	200	FR
65	Eric Kettani	FB	5-2	203	FR
66	Eric Yates	OLB	5-2	203	FR
67	Patrick Shannon	CB	5-11	228	FR
68	Tye Adams	DE	5-3	196	FR
69	Chint Stovic	LB	5-11	225	FR
70	James Strickland	LB	5-2	170	FR
71	John Forbes	SB	5-7	203	FR
72	Jake Gaden	SB	5-8	165	FR
73	Zerbin Singleton	LB	5-8	243	FR
74	Matt Oberlander	LB	5-2	270	FR
75	Michael Walsh	DE	5-7	190	FR
76	Jon Tigan	DE	5-2	270	FR
77	Jeremy Chase	DE	5-11	229	FR
78	Joe Cyle	OT	5-11	230	FR
79	Charles Crandell	OT	5-8	209	FR
80	Anthony Piccioni	OT	5-8	240	FR
81	Andrew McGinn	OT	5-11	241	FR
82	Jacob Biles	LB	5-2	245	FR
83	Chris Bordin	DE	5-10	256	FR
84	Will Scarle	DE	5-10	220	FR
85	Josh Meek	DE	5-10	230	FR
86	Chad Peterson	OT	6-4	250	FR
87	Matt Wimsatt	OLB	5-1	217	FR
88	Irv Spencer	OLB	5-0	217	FR
89	Jordan Young	OLB	5-0	280	FR
90	Matt Hays	OC	5-6	270	FR
91	Michael Von Bargen	OC	5-6	220	FR
92	Rob Caldwell	LB	5-0	240	FR
93	Sander Gossard	LB	5-2	232	FR
94	Jon Alvarado	LB	5-2	219	FR
95	Jake Tenuta	OLB	5-2	300	FR
96	Zach Gallion	OC	5-2	275	FR
97	Josh Novotny	OC	5-4	290	FR
98	Jesse Scheff	OC	5-11	249	FR
99	Antron Harper	OC	5-11	253	FR
100	Marshall Green	OT	5-0	246	FR
101	Chris Mozzer	OT	5-0	281	FR
102	Paul Bridgers	OT	5-3	259	FR
103	Ryan Roeling	OC	5-3	268	FR
104	Ed Kotulski	DE	5-5	258	FR
105	James Rossi	DE	5-11	255	FR
106	Dan Wendolowski	OC	5-1	220	FR
107	Reyn Kaupiko	C	5-11	220	FR
108	Derik Rothchild	DE	5-3	220	FR
109	Alex Horne	OT	5-0	231	FR
110	Craig Arnold	DE	5-4	299	FR
111	John Maddox	DE	5-4	240	FR
112	Ben Gabbard	OC	5-4	273	FR
113	Khalid Al' Jamal	DE	5-4	260	FR
114	Anthony Gaskins	C	5-4	260	FR
115	Joe Person	OT	5-4	257	FR
116	Sean Kearney	OT	5-4	224	FR
117	Artie Pauls	DE	5-1	257	FR
118	Cole Smith	OT	5-0	177	FR
119	Matthew Pritchett	OT	5-10	193	FR
120	Ol' Washington	WR	5-2	203	FR
121	Kyle Kimbro	WR	5-2	223	FR
122	Dan Gibbon	WR	5-2	214	FR
123	Mick Yokitis	WR	5-2	182	FR
124	Matt Williams	FS	5-10	203	FR
125	Eric Stuey	FS	5-10	175	FR
126	Troy Wood	NG	5-2	193	FR
127	Mike Brammer	WR	5-11	193	FR
128	Jason Tomlinson	WR	5-1	207	FR
129	Lloyd Regas	WR	5-4	175	FR
130	Yvree Barnes	WR	5-2	170	FR
131	Matthew Harmon	K/P	5-10	240	FR
132	Ryan Griffith	DE	5-2	195	FR
133	Alex Wallis	K	5-0	256	FR
134	Keith Jackson	NC	5-2	254	FR
135	Kyle Green	NC	5-2	253	FR
136	Casey Hebert	DE	5-1	246	FR
137	Rick Amos	NG	5-0	261	FR
138	John Chan	DE	5-1	265	FR
139	Andrew Tattersall	NC	5-4	230	FR
140	David Wright	NC	5-3	269	FR
141	Larry Cyle	NC	5-2		
142	Ryan Goodson	DE	5-1		
143	Ricky Moore	NC	5-4		

MIDSHIPMEN RUSHING MIDSHIPMEN PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

The injury of defensive end Chris Frome hasn't hurt the Irish rush defense too much as ends Justin Brown and Ronald Talley have filled in nicely. Notre Dame has held opponents to 117.8 yards per game on the ground and 13 rushing touchdowns this season.

The Irish secondary is the least experienced of any unit on the team and is surrendering 291.6 yards per game through the air this season. Cornerback Ambrose Wooden and safety Tom Zbikowski each made an interception against Tennessee last week.

Zbikowski is currently third in the nation in punt returns with an average of 19.7 yards per return. He had a 60-yard return for a score against USC and brought back a punt 78 yards for a touchdown last week against Tennessee. Fitzpatrick is 9-11 on field goals for the season.

Notre Dame is confident after beating what was supposed to be the second toughest team on its schedule in last week's 41-21 win over Tennessee. The Irish offense is hot and the squad needs to win the season's final three games, two at home, for a possible BCS spot.

Navy is currently No. 2 nationally in rushing offense, with 281.6 yards per game. But no player on the roster is averaging over 100 yards per game as Owens leads the team with a 73.1 yard average. Six players have tallied over 100 total rushing yards this season, as Navy has 28 TDs on the ground.

Navy has thrown 10 interceptions in 2005, compared to just four TDs. Owens has completed 53.9 percent of his passes while averaging 117.9 yards per game. Junior receiver Jason Tomlinson leads Navy with 22 catches for 418 yards and one score this season.

Tomlinson has returned nine punts this year for just a 7-yard average but Karl Whittaker has excelled at returning kicks as he has 15 returns for a 25.2 yard average. Kicker Joey Bullen hasn't missed an extra point on 32 attempts this season while converting 7-of-10 field goal tries.

Navy will qualify for its third consecutive bowl with one more win this season. The Midshipmen are disciplined and would love to stop Notre Dame's 41-game win streak over the Academy, especially with an upset of the No. 7 ranked Irish on the road.

Navy is one of the best rushing teams in the country with 281.6 yards per game and its option attack could confuse the Irish. Navy has many different players that are capable of rushing well and could make it a long afternoon for the Notre Dame defensive line.

Navy throws rarely but does average 19.2 yards per reception. The Notre Dame secondary is not the best unit on the team, but Irish cornerbacks Mike Richardson and Ambrose Wooden are improving. If the Irish avoid getting fooled by a play-action pass, they should be fine.

Zbikowski is a threat to score on every return. But Whittaker is also a key component of Navy's upset bid. A special teams touchdown could keep the Midshipmen in the game. Fitzpatrick hit the game-winner the last time Navy came to South Bend.

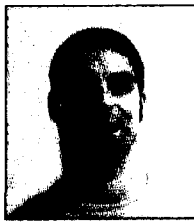
Notre Dame is eager to return to its first BCS bowl since 2001 and must beat Navy to have a chance. Navy has enough motivation, as they haven't defeated the Irish since Roger Staubach won the Heisman as Navy's quarterback in 1963.



Mike Gilloon
Sports Editor

Navy would love to spoil Notre Dame's fun Saturday. But it's just not going to happen. Even if Jeff Samardzija shrinks by five inches before kickoff, he'll still be taller than any of Navy's starting secondary. Brady Quinn won't need to play long past halftime and the Irish will get the first of three final wins they need if they plan on having a shot at the BCS.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 52
Navy 10



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Considering everything Notre Dame has accomplished thus far in Weis' first year at the reins — and with a BCS bowl in their grasp — the Irish will have little trouble tacking on yet another game to a historic 41-game unbeaten streak against Navy. After a couple slow weeks, the Irish ground game rebounds, and Quinn continues to rack up stunning numbers..

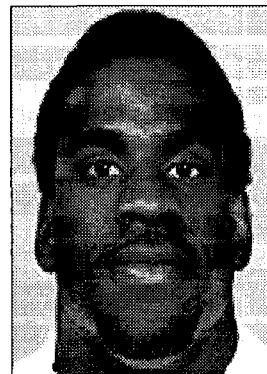
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Irish experts

Sizing up the Irish and the Mids

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total yards gained	474.0	409.9
total yards allowed	341.6	409.4
rushing yards gained	139.6	282.6
rushing yards allowed	159.4	117.8
passing yards gained	334.4	127.3
passing yards allowed	182.3	291.6
kick return yards gained	54.1	77.5
kick return yards allowed	87.4	109.8
punt return yards gained	39.4	8.5
punt return yards allowed	9.5	17.4
yards per punt	39.3	38.8
punts blocked (total)	0	1
turnovers lost (total)	11	16
turnovers recovered (total)	14	19
total points scored	38.3	32.3
total points allowed	25.1	24.8
Notre Dame yards penalized	65.5	
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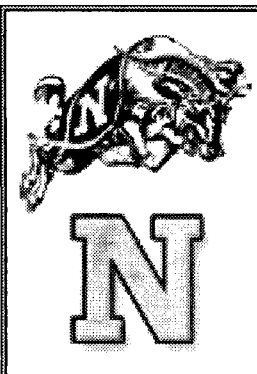
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RUN DEFENSE

Trevor Laws, Victor Abiamiri, above, and Derek Landri anchor a defensive line that is giving up 118 yards per game on the ground. Last week against Tenn-essie, the Irish held the Vols to 109 yards on 39 rushes (2.8 yards per carry). Against Michigan on Sept. 3, the Irish limited Wolverine running back Kevin Grady to 79 yards (Mike Hart was knocked out of the game).

The key for the Irish will be stopping Navy's option. Navy will run, and run often, as the Midshipmen only throw for 127 yards per game.



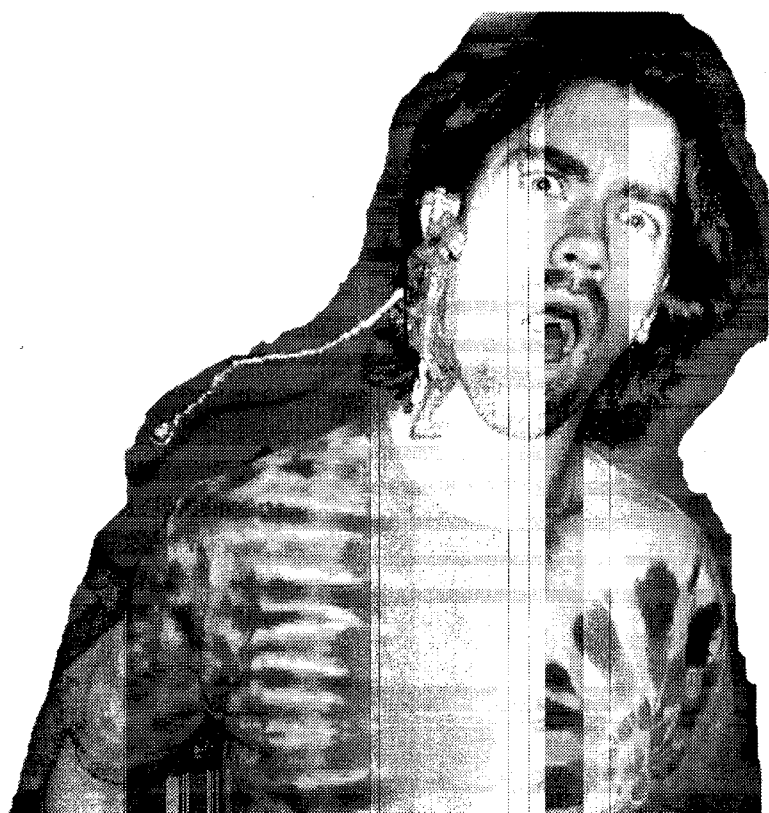
NAVY
RUSHING ATTACK

Navy coach Paul Johnson is known for his ability to beat teams with the option, and his approach will be no different against Notre Dame. The run-first Midshipmen average 283 rushing yards per game — second in the country behind Minnesota (291). Last week against Tulane, Navy ran for 418 yards.

Quarterback Lamar Owens leads Navy in rushing with 136 attempts for 719 yards and five touchdowns. Fullback Matt Hall has 98 carries for 485 and six touchdowns. In total, the Midshipmen average 5.3 yards per carry.

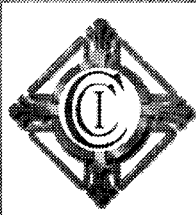
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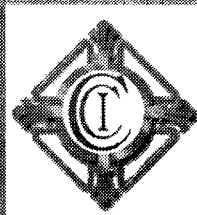


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Irish defense has task of stopping option



Irish defensive tackle Derek Landri walks off the field after Notre Dame's 41-21 victory of Tennessee.

Notre Dame tackles Laws and Landri aim to silence Navy

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Despite a 5-3 record and close proximity to its third consecutive bowl appearance, Navy enters Saturday's game at Notre Dame as a 24-point underdog.

While low outside expectations are due in part to Notre Dame's offensive success (more than 38 points per game), they also account for Navy's lack of size along the offensive line.

Navy's starting tackles, guards and center weigh an average of 270 pounds. Notre Dame's offensive line, on the other hand, is led by 311-pound right tackle Mark LeVoi and averages 295 pounds per player.

The Irish defensive line averages 271 pounds, while the Midshipmen front three on defense average 260 pounds. And Navy coach Paul Johnson indicated that average may overshadow even lower numbers.

"Let me just tell you," Johnson said. "Our starting offensive guard [Antron Harper] weighs 232 pounds. I don't think that's a big secret."

Harper is listed on the Navy

athletics website as 249 pounds, but Johnson made his point — the Midshipmen are significantly smaller than the Irish. Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn is listed on the team's athletics Web site at 231 pounds, only one pound lighter than Harper.

Whether it's been about size or not, Navy has struggled in the past to maintain a solid rushing game against Notre Dame.

The Midshipmen ran 61 times for 216 yards in last season's 27-9 Irish win at The Meadowlands (N.J.), an average of 3.5 yards per carry and below their 2004 season average of 289.5 yards per game.

Despite the physical mismatches on the offensive line, Johnson looks at the game against the Irish as an opportunity for his team.

"We just have to get ready and go play," Johnson said. "We probably wouldn't beat anybody if we went off height and weight and speed. Having said that, it's multiplied by 10 this week."

But the size differential is not just for the offensive line. Notre Dame receivers Jeff

Samardzija and Maurice Stovall are both 6-foot-5 and have combined for 93 receptions and 18 touchdowns this season. Meanwhile Navy's two starting cornerbacks, Greg Thrasher and Keenan Little, are 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, respectively.

"It's a new year, a new team. Last year's last year, but hopefully I can repeat what I did ... and be consistent."

Derek Landri
Irish defensive tackle

"[The Irish] are solid," Johnson said. "If you look at their football team, they were probably all high school all-Americans. They didn't just go down to Podunk High School and take somebody that nobody was recruiting and all of a sudden coach them up."

"They're very quick and strong for their size. I think both of their major attributes are their quickness and their ability to make a place."

Brian Beidatsch
Irish defensive tackle

Though Navy may be physically smaller, Johnson believes his squad will be focused against Notre Dame. He said the Midshipmen have been looking forward to the matchup for a while.

"That's why a lot of these guys came to school [at Navy]," Johnson said. "They wanted to play Division I football, and this was the opportunity they had and they need to make the most of it."

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Navy attacks with small, quick O-line

Irish line outweighs opponent by 25 lbs

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Notre Dame faced one of the most prolific scoring offenses in college football in its game against No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15. But its most unique challenge this season might come Saturday against Navy.

The Midshipmen option offense has posed problems for opposing defenses this season. Navy is No. 2 in the nation in rushing with 282.6 yards per game. But Notre Dame's rush defense is only surrendering 117.8 yards per contest this season.

Irish defensive tackles Derek Landri and Trevor Laws have helped the Irish hold opponents to 3.8 yards per carry and 13 touchdowns on the ground.

Landri has 25 total tackles in 2005, including a sack and five tackles for loss. Laws has 21 tackles on the season, highlighted by a sack of USC quarterback Matt Leinart in the fourth quarter of a 34-31 Irish loss to the Trojans.

As anchors of the middle of the Notre Dame defensive line, the duo believes they will need their best efforts to stop Navy and quarterback Lamar Owens and an option offense rarely

seen anymore in college football.

Backup Notre Dame defensive tackle Brian Beidatsch, who rotates with Laws and Landri, is confident in his teammates' ability to contain the option.

"They're definitely two talented guys," Beidatsch said. "They're very quick and strong for their size. I think both of their major attributes are their quickness and their ability to make a play."

The duo both came to Notre Dame with lofty accolades out of high school.

Landri was listed as the No. 1 lineman on the Parade All America team as well as being named the California state player of the year in 2001 as a lineman at De La Salle High School.

Laws went 142-5 in his wrestling career at Apple Valley High School in Minnesota and was ranked No. 1 in the nation at heavyweight. He was also named a first-team football all-American by ESPN.com.

Beidatsch thinks Laws' and Landri's athletic backgrounds will be key when facing the small and quick Navy offensive lineman.

"They can play the run but at the same time they can be very

dangerous in the passing game [by] get[ting] a sack," Beidatsch said. "They are just a headache for offensive linemen."

Landri certainly was a headache for Navy during last season's win.

He recorded six tackles, including one sack, and also scooped up a fumble recovery while leading a Notre Dame defense that sacked Navy quarterbacks six times in a 27-9 Irish win at The Meadowlands.

Laws notched two tackles in the game last season, a matchup in which Navy crossed midfield only once during the first half. The Irish were able to hold star Navy running back Kyle Eckel to 102 yards on the ground.

Still, this is a different season and Notre Dame says it is prepared for a hungry Navy squad that needs only one more win to clinch a bowl berth, as well as to snap a 41-game winless streak against the Irish.

"It's a new year, a new team," Landri said. "Last year's last year, but hopefully I can repeat what I did ... and be consistent."

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Midshipmen wide receiver Mick Yokitis dives towards the football in a 31-21 loss to Rutgers on Oct. 29.

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