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Four candidates vie for SMC presidency

ND VP Carol Mooney among campus visitors

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD Saint Mary's Editor

One of the four candidates to become the next Saint Mary's president is one of the highestranking woman administrators at Notre Dame.

Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame, Gail Baker, Josefina Baltodano and Susan Keys each visited campus separately and met with faculty, administrators and students between Nov. 6 and Friday.

Baltodano, an executive vice president at Alliant International University, and Keys, an administrator at Johns Hopkins University, declined to SEARCH 2003

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comment on their candidacy, citing outside advice and respect for the process implemented

by the College's search committee. Baker, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida, was unavailable for comment. Though Mooney did not return messages seeking comment, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin confirmed Sunday she is a candidate for the position.

The four candidates currently hold administrative positions at their respective universities and two, Keys and Mooney, are Saint Mary's graduates.

Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the student representative on the presidential search committee and student body president, said that although two of the four candidates are alumnae and two are minorities, the categories were not a focus of the search committee.

"It all just worked out that way. It was definitely not a

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Students react to process

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD Saint Mary's Editor

As Saint Mary's presidential search process enters its most crucial stage, both the search committee and Board of Trustees are relying heavily on student input.

The search process remained open to students, who were granted an active voice in nominating, interviewing and choosing their next president.

The most direct medium for student involvement in the process has been the studentcandidate luncheons held for candidates during their recent campus visits. The luncheons took place in the west wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall and followed a question and answer format.

The candidates' curriculum vitaes were available for oncampus viewing 24 hours prior to their arrival through the Presidential Search link on Saint Mary's Web site. Students found the information beneficial because it increased their knowledge of each candidate.

"I looked into all of the information the College provided for students, but didn't do any outside research," said senior Sarah Bailey. "I think it really helped students to have the information ahead of time because they could generate

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Students ejected for throwing marshmallows

Ushers say 30 to 40 students ejected, 2 people injured

By CLAIRE HEININGER

As the final seconds before halftime ticked off the game clock and Notre Dame seniors braced for their traditional season-capping, section-wide marshmallow fight, Stadium ushers prepared for a battle of their own — one that resulted in between 30 and 40 student ejections from their last home football game.

Lining up one man to every few aisles, the ushers made an imposing front, senior Steve Carroll said. "They entered like the Gestapo," he said. "At first, I honestly thought that they were going to let [the fight] happen, that they were just there to keep it from getting out of hand."

Carroll was mistaken, as he and several other students involved in the fight had their ticket booklets confiscated and were ejected from the game. NDSP officers then escorted some students to the security office to issue citations.

Coordinator of stadium personnel Cappy Gagnon said the increased usher presence was intended to deter the fight.

"We hoped seeing the ushers would discourage it," he said. "The mentality was 'If we all do it, we're all innocent — of course that's not true."

Tommy Gaeta, a senior who received a citation for allegedly hitting an officer with a marshmallow a few minutes before halftime began, said he felt he had been targeted unfairly for having a seat on an aisle.

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A student in the senior section stuffs marshmallows in his mouth during Saturday's game against BYU. While some students chose to throw marshmallows, others simply ate them. Ushers said that between 30 to 40 students were ejected from the final home football game.

Saint Mary's students part of BYU pregame

By NICOLE ZOOK News Writer

Saint Mary's students were not lost in the excitement of Saturday's big game between Notre Dame and Brigham Young University.

Saint Mary's was acknowledged both before the game and during halftime, as students presented the American flag, participated in the color guard and were recognized when the band played "The Belles of Saint Mary's" during the halftime

show.

Student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and vice-president Sarah Brown presented the flag before the game. They received special passes to be on the field for a run-through and the pre-game activities, Jablonski-Diehl said.

"It was really exciting," she said. "This is the first time Saint Mary's has been given the opportunity to present the flag."

Notre Dame class officers and the student body president and vice president presented the flag at other games during the season.

"We thought, 'Why can't the last game be done by the Saint Mary's student government?" Brown said. "We made a few calls last spring about getting it set up, and [our request was] very well received. The people who organize the games were very hospitable."

Jablonski-Diehl and Brown walked to the 50-yard line with student board officers from Notre Dame. They were presented the flag by junior class offi-

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Sayers announces scholarship

By JOE TROMBELLO News Writer

In her acceptance speech for the Charles E. Sheedy Award for Excellence in Teaching, professor of English Valerie Sayers announced plans for the creation of a faculty and staff scholarship fund that will provide monetary support to minority and first-generation undergraduates to improve the diversity of the Notre Dame student body.

"I was just waiting for a moment when it would seem like a positive thing — not like a sacrifice — but as something that we on the faculty could do to strengthen the sense of ourselves as part of a community," she said.

Speaking Friday afternoon to faculty, staff and students, Sayers illustrated the importance of students in helping to create great teachers. She noted that although Notre Dame has taken strides to improve diversity, adding a greater number of minority and first-generation college students would only improve the quality of undergraduate education.

"[The acceptance speech] seemed like it would be a nice moment when I could suggest that students are a huge part of teaching. It's not as if the teaching award should [only] go to a teacher. It's the students we teach that make good teaching possible," Sayers said.

Although the fund does not

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INSIDE COLUMN

All or nothing

Gender relations. It's a phrase that I doubt many of my sorority-and-fraternity pledging or seven-floor, co-ed dorm residing state school friends even stock in their vocabularies, much less

spend countless dining hall conversations and Core discussions debating. We all know Notre Dame strives to be an exceptional place - hence the upbeat blue and gold recruiting brochures splashed with the pretentiously convincing "Nowhere Else But Notre Dame" slogan -



Claire Heininger

Production Editor

but when it comes to gender relations, it is clearly more harmful than it is bragworthy to be unique.

Notre Dame is one of the few campuses that still subscribe to the "meet the special someone you're going to marry" mindset of our parents' generation. True, the much-scorned goal of earning the famous "Mrs." Degree is not nearly as pervasive as it is at some other schools, and the academic, career-driven focus of both males and females here is outstanding. However, the fact remains in the back of our minds that these years of our lives are widely expected to produce a partner with the potential for serious, longterm romance — a pressure-packed and extremely scary thought that can make the omnipresent chiming of the Basilica wedding bells feel more mocking than joyous.

The bells represent one extreme of gender relations at ND: the dreamyfirst-walk-around-the-lakes, candlelitproposal-in-the-Grotto fairy tale. Freshmen approaching their first "choose a shoe" dance at Frosh-O are told that maybe, just maybe, the boy or girl of their dreams is just a New Balance shoelace away. Three weeks (and I'm being generous here) of disappointing parietals-shortened parties and gender-segregated SDH tables later, they find themselves hitting the other extreme, and hitting it hard.

The easy scapegoat of the University's Catholic priorities and antiquated policies, while certainly playing a role, is only partly to blame for Notre Dame's skewed gender environment. After witnessing almost three semesters' worth of my friends' and my own disappointing relationships, random hookups, few and far between purely platonic friendships and painful mistakes, I've realized that it's not that simple. Chalking Notre Dame's pitiful gender relations up to parietals and single sex dorms, while tempting, would be wishful thinking. The real issue is our expectations - in a community populated with perfectionists and strivers, our relationships are just another area of our lives in which the reality is never quite good enough. For those of you who have found the "all," congratulations and enjoy those bells. For the jaded rest of us, life goes on, and we keep hoping that — like so many other aspects of the world — the potential for love doesn't end at the edge of the Notre Dame bubble.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE SEASON'S FINAL HOME FOOTBALL GAME?



Mary Lechner Senior

Walsh Hall

"I don't really care because I'm not a Notre Dame football fan."



Katie Lancos

Sophomore Badin Hall

"I think we should really focus on Sunday's interhall game."



Selim Nurudeen

Junior Carroll Hall

"What game? I was in the dark room for four hours on Saturday."



Jaclyn Dooner

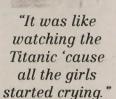
Freshman McGlinn Hall

"It was nice to finally win, but the weather forced me to leave a little early."



Alan Ward

Senior Off-campus





Jan Wohrle

Junior Welsh Family Hall

"It was a nice way to end the home games."



Members of the Notre Dame Pom Squad entertain fans during the pep rally on Friday. The rally marked the start of game weekend festivities, which culminated in a Notre Dame victory over BYU. The rally was the final one of the season.

OFFBEAT

Students compete for pillow fight record

CORVALLIS, Oregon -Knock-ing the stuffing out of each other may also set a record if Oregon State University students are recognized for what they hope was the largest pillow fight in history.

Unofficially, 766 people showed up at Oregon State on Friday to take part in the jumbo pillow fight in hopes of topping the Guinness Book of Records mark set by 645 people who staged a mass pillow brawl in Garnett, Kan., last June.

Six classmates

TODAY

Communications 322 — a class also known as Small-Group Problem Solving — got an assignment a couple of weeks ago to "do a project with no parameters.

Phone system doesn't recognize Southern drawls

SHREVEPORT, La. -Southern drawls have thwarted voice recognition equipment used by the Shreveport Police Department to route nonemergency calls.

A switchover to a lower-tech, touch-tone system in which callers hear a voice

recording they can respond to by pressing a different number for each division - is scheduled for Monday, said spokeswoman Kaycee Hargrave.

The voice-recognition system asked people to name the person or department they wanted. More often than not, the system just didn't understand, and they wound up at the wrong place, said Capt. John Dunn, who oversees police communications.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Watch "The Devil and Miss Jones" at 4 p.m. today in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. After the film, a discussion by Daniel Graff, a history professor, will take place. The event is sponsored by the Higgins Center Labor Firm Series.

Nikos Charkvolakis, director of the Restoration of Byzantine Monuments and Ministry of Culture in Athens, Greece, will deliver a lecture titled "Byzantine Antiquities in Greece" at 4:30 p.m. today The lecture will take place in room 104 of Bond Hall. It is sponsored by the School of Architecture and is part of the 'Polarities and Engagement: Fostering Dialogue Architecture" series.

Daniel Frank, director of the Judiac Studies Program at the University of Kentucky, will present a lecture titled "Philosophy as a Divine Injunction." The lecture begins at 4:30 p.m. today in DeBartolo Hall, room 119. The event is spnsored by the Erasmus Institute and the Department of Philosophy Baurngardt Lecture Series.

Come to Rolfs at 8:30 p.m. tonight for pick-up floor hock-

Enjoy food, company and Monday night football at Legends. The fun begins at 9

Attend the "Irish Inqisition" on Tuesday at 9 p.m. in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall.

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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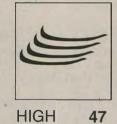
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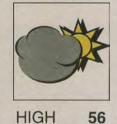
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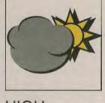


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SMC presidential candidates answer student questions

Gail Baker

Vice President of Public Relations, University of Florida

1976, B.S.J., Northwestern

University; M.S., 1980, Roosevelt University; Ph.D., 1991, University of Missouri

On student involvement at Saint Mary's...

"You already have significant student involvement in the critical decisions the institution is making. I've been very impressed that you have a student on the search committee and have a student voice.

On adaptability...

"I have to maintain the face of the institution, but being flexible is part of who I am. I know there are going to be

On looking at the future at Saint

Mary's...
"I think you want to remain a women's college. There may be pressure to bear in the future ... but the college has to be prepared to defend its identity.

On combining Catholic values with gay/lesblan rights... "I think the most important guiding

principle we've been taught is to respect individuality ... I know that Catholicism stands for more than turning your

On women's leadership...
"There is still a glass ceiling that is hard to break — I want to be part of an institutional effort that is moving women

Josefina Baltodano

Executive President for Strategic Planning Advancement, Alliant International University in San Francisco



Education:

B.A. 1971, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh; J.D., 1977, University of California Hastings College of the Law

On lessons learned growing up in a large Midwestern family...
"I learned how to share. I learned conflict resolution. I learned my very best leadership skills from being the first born of nine children.'

On the importance of residence life and student housing...

"A residence hall is a total living community. You learn just as much in the dorm as in the classroom.'

On the recrultment of minoritles...

"I think here at Saint Mary's, you have a golden opportunity to do it right. You have here the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. You can use that as a catalyst of women of color. At the end of the day, it is the stories of multi-ethnic students and alumnae which is the best recruitment tool.'

On what she would strive to support or enhance at Saint Mary's...

The academic excellence of this institution is what I would work to preserve. That sings to me really beautifully."

On leaving California...

I can stay out in California, my comfort zone, but that's just not good enough for

Susan Keys

Associate Director of Education, Center for Prevention of Youth Violence, Johns Hopkin's University

B.A., 1971, Saint Mary's College; A.G.S. and M.Ed., 1973, University of Maryland; Ph.D., 1983, University of Maryland

On creating life's path...

"I have not taken the traditional steps to become a president ... I came from a much broader background. But even if I knew this is where I was headed, I don't think I would have followed the traditional path because I consider myself more of a trail-

On looking into a position at Saint

"All career choices I have made have been consistent with who I am as a person and who I need to be.'

On goals for the College...

"What really energizes me is looking into the future and seeing what this institution should look like. That is what will get me out of bed. I like being on the edge."

On the relationship between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame...

"Saint Mary's often seems to be under the wing or a little sister, but I think it needs to be the big sister and I have ideas on how to make that happen.'

On Saint Mary's as a whole...
"Saint Mary's is about more than education. It's about transforming lives and I want to be a part of that mission. You are the beneficences of a strong leadership tra-

Carol Mooney

Vice President and Associate Provost, University of Notre

Education:

B.A., 1972, Saint Mary's College; J.D. 1977, Notre Dame Law School



On deciding to apply for the

"It was a very big decision for me to take a risk. If you care about something, it takes risk to make it happen. It takes risk for me to stand here today.

On inclusiveness at Saint Mary's...

'One of the most fundamental things I've taken from my faith is respect for all people. There cannot be second-class citizens here, but that doesn't mean everyone has to agree about everything. Live within the tension and I think it'll create something better than what is there.'

On making tultion more reasonable for every student... "You have to work hard on bringing in

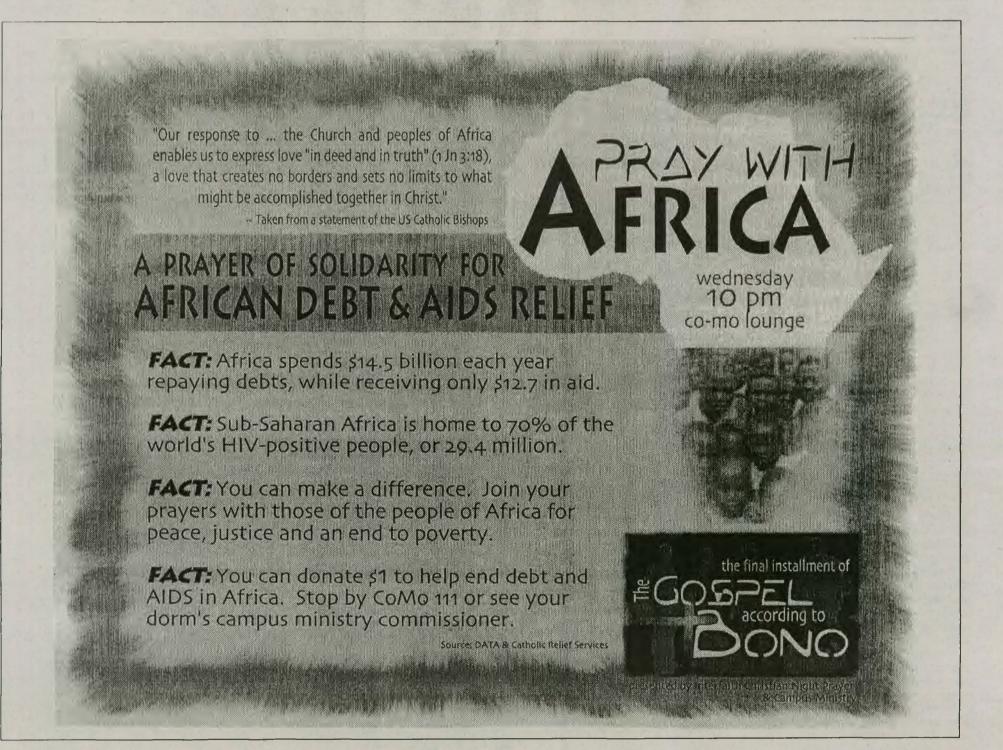
more expendable gifts or raising the

On what her goals would be if named

president...
"My No. 1 goal is that Saint Mary's stays true to who she is now. I also want Saint Mary's to be on the list of top 50 liberal arts colleges. If any place in the country is going to make it there, it's going to be here.

"I believe I can lead. I believe I can get people excited about Saint Mary's. I believe I can get people to work together to make things happen.

Information compiled from student luncheons held with Gail Baker, Josefina Baltodano, Susan Keys and Carol Mooney held respectively on Nov. 10, Nov. 7, Nov. 12 and Nov. 14.



St. Ed's nets \$2,500 in basketball shootout

By SHEILA FLYNN News Writer

St. Edward's Hall has collected over \$2,500 from its Nov. 6 shootout fundraiser, and campus dormitories continue to donate money, assistant rector and event organizer Eric Nedell said.

'More dorms are going to be sending money over, so we should probably come in right under \$3,000," Nedell said.

The Shootout was Nedell's brainchild; he conceived the event last year after being informed of his appointment to assistant rector of St. Edward's Hall.

"I just thought about something that would bring all of the dorms together for an event like this, and I know that all the guys - in St. Ed's, especially — are big basketball fans," Nedell said. "So it was a good opportunity to do something good.'

For the fundraiser, St. Ed's invited other dormitories and campus institutions to send a shooter for 25 free throw shots to the basketball courts behind the dorm. Eighteen shooters participated this year, including director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup, representing the Main Building. Competitors raise money on their own, and their final scores in the contest are derived by multiplying the amount of funds raised by the percentage of free throw shots made. St. Ed's won its own event this year, and all collected money will be donated to the hall's designated charity, South Bend's Camp Milhouse.

"It's a camp for physically and mentally handicapped children," Nedell said.

He said the Hall Council voted for Camp Milhouse as its charity because the funds raised "would be more important for a smaller charity than a drop in the bucket for the Red Cross, or something

And St. Edward's raised the most money for its own event, collecting \$1,500 just from hall residents. Rector Father Tom Eckert gave the hall an additional motive for giving money; while organizwere counting money Wednesday at 9 p.m., they realized the hall had already raised \$1,200. At that time, Eckert said that if residents could raise that sum to \$1,500 by midnight, he would dye his hair blond, along with Nedell and third floor resident assistant Brent Griffith.

The residents complied, collecting \$300 in three hours.

'I gave the last three dollars to my name," said junior Mike Giampa, who also acted as the St. Ed's shooter.

Resident assistant Mark Bellantoni also gave donations, spurred on by the rector's pledge.

"I gave money because I wanted to help the kids, but partly because I could see my rector with blond hair, which is awesome," Bellantoni said.

And when the money came in and the clock hit midnight, the now blond hall staff trio held true to their promise. And it was worth it, Father Eckert said, although he admitted his determination in reaching the goal wavered.

"For the kids, I hoped so," he said. "For the charity, I hoped so. But for my hair, I had mixed feel-

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Candidates

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focus," she said. "That's just another element of diversity and I think the college campus is happy it worked out that way, but all of the candidates embody qualities aside from that.'

According to Jablonski-Diehl, the fact that all four candidates are women is also not something the committee specifically intended.

'We definitely weren't looking for [all women], but it's almost self-selective," she said. 'The one thing I noticed talking to students was that they'd like to have someone who could be a role model to them."

Jablonski-Diehl said the search committee met several times before narrowing down a larger pool of applicants to the current candidates.

"We had a wide range of candidates that were diverse in all aspects," she said. "We were really happy and the campus seemed to be really happy with the group that came.'

The decision to bring candidates to campus provided them a chance to become acquainted with the College, however some had previously visited on their own, Jablonski-Diehl

Included in each presidential candidate's visit was the Heritage Presentation, a campus tour, a tour of South Bend, a student-candidate luncheon, dinner, an open meeting with faculty and staff and meetings with the Congregation Leadership Team, Sister Joan Marie Steadman, chair of the Board of Trustees, administrators, hourly staff and the Administrative Council.

"I think the general feeling of it was that it went really well," Jablonski-Diehl said. "[The candidates] were impressed with student involvement and with student

She estimated that over 75 students attended all but one of the student-candidate luncheons to meet with and question the prospects.

"They seemed impressed with the campus as

The next step in the presidential search process will be for the search committee to decide on and recommend candidates to the Board of Trustees. The meeting is slated to take place before the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We're hoping to recommend three [candidates] is my understanding," Jablonski-Diehl

The Board is anticipated to select and name one candidate for the president's position in December.

"Assuming that one is picked, starting next semester they'd begin to be a presence on campus," Jablonski-Diehl said

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cers and in turn presented it to the Irish Guard.

Also on the field before the game were Saint Mary's sophomores and Army ROTC cadets Rachael Berg, Corrie Brisson and Stephanie Sandoval. Brisson presented the Army colors while Berg and Sandoval bore rifles.

'Color guard is great," Brisson said. "It was really cool to be on the field before the game and

singing. It represents Saint Mary's as part of the Notre Dame community.'

Jablonski-Diehl agreed.

"It was a really good

way to end my

football

experience."

Elizabeth Jablonski-Dlehl

senior

'I think it demonstrates the relationship between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame," she said. "The

football [stadium] is a really public place, and that just shows the ties to the whole community,' she said.

Saint Mary's students were also recognized at half-

time. The marching band played a rendition of "The Belles of Saint Mary's," a song traditionalespecially to hear everyone ly associated with Saint Mary's

College. The song was performed as a tribute to the 78 graduating seniors, some of whom were Saint Mary's women.

"It's a big honor," Brown said. "I think it shows that Saint Mary's students are a part of the Notre Dame family and the football family. It gives the student section a chance to participate and be acknowledged on the

As a senior, Jablonski-Diehl also appreciated the recognition of Saint Mary's at the last home

'You wait all this time to be a senior and to get to do something like this and now you are. It was a really good way to end my football experience," she said.

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questions. [Candidates] didn't have to go over things that were already covered in their CV."

According to students, all candidates willingly answered questions presented at the luncheons, granting the opportunity to learn more about their character, background and future goals should they be named to the position.

"Overall, I liked that all four candidates were unique," Bailey said. "Each one had their own perspectives and came from diverse backgrounds.'

Senior Shannon Maloney found specific attributes she liked about each candidate.

Maloney said she admired Josefina Baltodano's fundraising ideas and economic background. She liked Gail Baker's approach to diversity and her sensitivity to various issues around campus. Maloney noted Susan Keys' sincerity of student concerns and her interest in gaining student opinion. However, Carol Mooney is the candidate Maloney said she identified with most.

"I think [Mooney] had the strongest understanding of our mission," she said. "She understands the past [and] present and envisions a lot going on in the future.

Both Bailey and Maloney attended all four student-candidate luncheons and applaud the search committee for their choice of candidates. They agreed that each had strengths in individual areas and understood the values of a Catholic women's college to maintain in the future.

"These women didn't seem like they took traditional steps to come to this point," Maloney said. "They all had their own paths and made their own way to get here. I think they're all very willing and ready to accept what happens.

After each candidate's visit, students were encouraged to complete feedback forms, also available to the on-campus community at the Presidential Search website. The form asked students to rank each candidate in certain areas on a scale from one to four, in addition to allowing space for general comments.

"Basically the form asked questions about how individuals felt the candidate was effective in different areas," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student representative on the search committee and student body president. "The questions described the skills that a president would need."

The feedback forms will be organized by Korn Ferry International, the firm hired by Saint Mary's to aid in the presidential search, before results are delivered to the search committee for evaluation.

Overall, Saint Mary's students said they feel honored to be involved and realize that an open process is unlikely to occur at other institutions.

"I was just excited that we had the opportunity to take part in this process, and I hope it continues that we have further student involvement in other areas," Maloney said. "I'm excited for all four women and confident that the search committee will make the best decision."

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Gay in a Straight World

Gay, Bi, and Straight A Retreat Open to All

The GLB Retreat is an annual 24-hour event for gay undergraduate students and their friends and supporters. The retreat begins at 7pm on Friday, November 21, 2003 and ends after dinner on Saturday night. Applications are available in the Retreats Office in 114 Coleman-Morse by the elevator. Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.

If you have further questions, you can reach Fr. J. Steele, CSC at 1-8144 or at jsteele1@nd.edu.





INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi scientist flees

The Iraqi scientist who headed Saddam Hussein's long-range missile program has fled to neighboring Iran, a country identified as a state sponsor of terrorism with a successful missile program and nuclear ambitions, U.S. officers involved in the weapons hunt told The Associated Press.

Dr. Modher Sadeq-Saba al-Tamimi's departure comes as top weapons makers from Saddam's deposed regime find themselves eight months out of work but with skills that could be lucrative to militaries or terrorist organizations in neighboring countries. U.S. officials have said some are already in Syria and Jordan.

Al-Qaida blamed for bombs

ISTANBUL, Turkey - Two Arabic-language newspapers received separate statements Sunday claiming the Al-Qaida terrorist network carried out the car bomb attacks that killed 23 people in two Istanbul synagogues.

A statement received by the Londonbased daily Al-Quds Al-Arabi, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, said a unit of al-Qaida executed the attack on Saturday because it learned that agents of the Israeli intelligence agency Mossad were in the synagogues.

Abdel Bari Atwan, the newspaper's editor, told the pan-Arab cable station Al-Jazeera that the claim was received by email from the Abu Hafs al-Masri brigades, which is suspected of links to Al-Qaida and which has sent at least three similar claims to the paper regarding previous attacks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Sex offenders rarely rearrested

WASHINGTON — Sex offenders are less likely to be rearrested after their release from prison than other criminals, a government study released Sunday finds.

The Justice Department study of 9,691 men convicted of rape, sexual assault and child molestation who were released in 1994 found 43 percent were arrested for any type of crime within three years, compared with 68 percent for all other former

Ryan King, researcher at The Sentencing Project, suggested the difference may be because the most serious rapists, sexual assaulters and child molesters do not get released in the first place and are unable to commit more crimes. Those studied served an average of 3 1/2 years, indicating they had committed less severe crimes.

Community hit by Iraq deaths FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — A day before the funeral Mass for one parishioner killed in Iraq, the congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church prayed Sunday for 17 other soldiers in the same division killed in the crash of two Black

Hawk helicopters.

The deaths Saturday marked the largest single loss of life for the 101st Airborne Division since 1988, when 17 soldiers died in the collision of two Black Hawk helicopters during training.

LOCAL NEWS

Dean gains Indiana supporters

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean's campaign is winning him some fans among Indiana voters -Democrats and Republicans alike - intrigued by his message and grass-roots campaign.

Auburn resident Patrick McCormick campaigned for the Bush-Quayle ticket in 1988 and has always considered himself part of the

But Saturday night, he and his wife, Patty, hosted one of the hundreds parties around the nation celebrating Dean's 55th birthday.

U.S. soldiers to remain in Iraq

Iraqi sovereignty plan does not mean immediate troop withdrawal, Rumsfeld says

Associated Press

KADENA AIR BASE, Japan - The new accelerated plan for restoring selfrule in Iraq does not mean U.S. troops will withdraw anytime soon, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Sunday.

In an interview en route to a U.S. Air Force base in southern Japan, Rumsfeld was asked about the plan to restore Iraq's sovereignty

The time table or the way ahead that the [Iraqi] Governing Council has been describing relates to the governance aspects of the country and not to the security aspects," he said. "That's on a separate

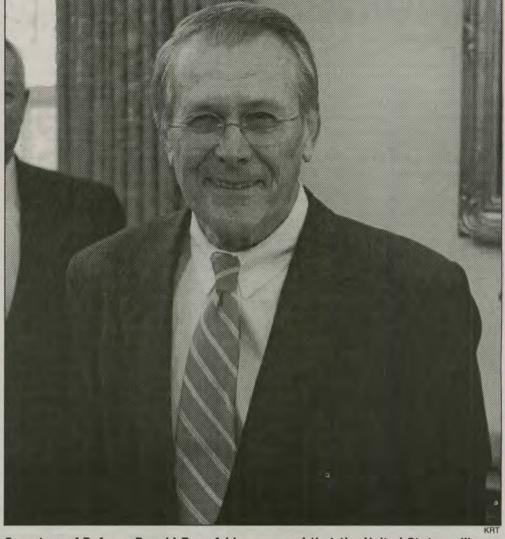
Rumsfeld said the United States continues to plan to rotate a new contingent of troops into Iraq next year, with no final pullout date set yet. Accelerating the political process will not affect military planning, he

"This has nothing to do with U.S. troops and coalition troops in Iraq," he said.

The plan, endorsed by the Iraqi Governing Council Washington's desire to speed up the hand over of power as attacks against American occupation forces grow more sophisticated and deadly. It came as the U.S. death toll since the war

began passed the 400 mark. Rumsfeld was to meet later Sunday with Governor Keiichi Inamine of Okinawa, the southern island where a majority of the 47,000 Japan-based U.S. troops are stationed. He was also scheduled for a visit with U.S. troops, including Marines at Camp Foster, home of the 3rd Marine

While the United States counts Japan among its strongest and most reliable allies, the presence of thousands of American troops on Japanese soil - often in urban areas whose residents are disturbed by the



Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announced that the United States will continue to send troops into Iraq, regardless of any Iraql plans to restore self-rule.

noise — is a source of fric-

Central to those tensions is the question of whether to extend fuller legal protections to U.S. service members accused of crimes.

The Pentagon chief planned to press anew for the Japanese government to relent on a long-sought U.S. demand for fuller legal protections for American service members accused of crimes while serving in

In Tokyo, Rumsfeld assured officials that North Korea would not be allowed to undermine Japan's security. He said the foundation of the U.S.-Japan defense relationship remains strong. Some in Japan have said.

expressed concern that if the United States made security guarantees to North Korea — as the communist government is demanding in exchange for talks on its nuclear program, and as President Bush has suggested may happen - it could leave Japan even more vulnera-

Rumsfeld said it was premature to talk about security guarantees for North

"I can say this: The United States government is not going to make any arrangements with any other country — that one or others that would in any way undermine our security agreement with Japan," he

At a joint news conference with Ishiba, head of Japan's Defense Agency, Rumsfeld also thanked the government for the billions of dollars in humanitarian aid it has pledged for Iraq's reconstruction. He gave no hint of disappointment at Japan's delay in sending security troops to Iraq.

Ishiba said the government is closely monitoring the situation in Iraq and is inclined to send troops.

"We would like to do it as

soon as possible," he said.
A military fact-finding team left Tokyo for Iraq on Saturday to determine where and when it might be safe to send Japanese troops to help with reconstruction and other noncombat duties.

Schwarzenegger to be inaugurated

Associated Press

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In stark contrast to his Hollywood image and the usual inauguration festivities, Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger planned to take office Monday with a quick, low-key ceremony and then get to work.

Mindful of the bitterness that still surrounds California's first gubernatorial recall election, not to mention the state's fiscal troubles, the Republican has shied away from black-tie celebrations that normally enliven the beginning of new administrations.

Schwarzenegger was expected to deliver a brief speech, attend three ceremonial receptions and return to the Capitol by mid-afternoon for his first hours of work as governor.

He was expected to call a special session of the Legislature to consider issues including imposing midyear spending cuts to help reduce next year's expected \$10 billion deficit, reforming the state's workers' compensation system, and repealing a new law that will allow undocumented immigrants to get driver's licens-

He also has promised a balanced budget that does not include any new taxes or any significant cuts in funding for education and local governments.

That goal became more daunting during the weekend with a projection from his chief financial deputy that

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the state budget deficit stands at \$25 billion - far more than other recent estimates.

But while the actor-turned-politician promised to focus on state business, Sacramento braced for a frenzy.

Requests for press credentials for Schwarzenegger's swearing-in ceremony were filed by TV crews and print journalists from around the globe. Nearly 650 journalists planned to cover the event.

Sacramento has never seen anything like this before — it is astonishing," said Sherry Bebitch Jeffe, a political scientist at the University of Southern California. "There has never been this kind of intense media attention on the governor at anytime in the state.'

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"It seemed like they decided, 'He's accessible, let's go after him," Gaeta said. "I was one of 2,000 other people."

Gagnon said that it was impossible for ushers to use

certain criteria to determine which students should be thrown out.

'There is really no way to differentiate," he said. "We grabbed people in possession as well as people

throwing the marshmallows. One of the most ridiculous things I've heard is that we should only [eject] the people stuffing them with other objects - you can't see what's

Seniors said they didn't observe any distinctions being

"They have 2,000 people to choose from," said Justin Feeney, who was ejected prior to the game for attempting to bring a bag of marshmallows through the entrance gates but obtained another ticket to reenter the Stadium. "You could see the ushers running through the bleachers pulling out everyone they can. ... You'd think they could find a better use of their time than to stop us from throwing things that don't hurt

Gaeta agreed, expressing disappointment that ushers "were

cracking down so hard on a tradition throwing marshmallows they're not anything harmful. I highly doubt I injured anyone."

While marshmallows themselves are not dangerous, usher Ken Scott said that he has witnessed students loading

them with objects that can

cause potential injury.

"The problem is they load them with pennies, with golf tees," Scott said. "We realize it's the seniors' day and we want them to have fun, but we

have to protect them from getting hurt.'

Gagnon reported two injuries on Saturday, including a female student and an usher who had to be sent to the hospital for slipping on the wet marshmallows that coated the stadium steps in the rain. He also added that problems arise when stu-dents begin "believing that throwing things is OK." He said

"They entered like

the Gestapo."

Steve Carroll

senior

students were caught throwing ice on Saturday, as well as cans and water bottles during previous games this sea-

Although no formal plaints were filed

by NBC or the Notre Dame marching band, Gagnon said that the marshmallow tradition is more insulting than innocent.

"There isn't a student out there who would do it face-toface," he said.

Gagnon also acknowledged the difficulty but necessity of the situation for his Stadium

"Not one of the ushers likes it, and I hate it even more," he "Not one usher says thanks for the new assignment. If we asked them, I think they would give the same vote as the students - not that they think it's OK, but they don't enjoy doing this. I don't enjoy doing this. ... It just has to be

Carroll maintained that while safety is a priority, ushers shouldn't feel the need to interfere with tradition.

> think it shows a general level of disrespect for the stusaid dents. Carroll, who was previously ejected from a game earlier this year for trying to bring marshmallows into the Stadium. "I'm frustrated because this is

my senior year and to be thrown out of the second half of the last game of the season is just ridiculous."

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yet have a formal name, Savers said that faculty and staff will be shortly notified of its creation though e-mail. She said that donations from faculty and staff will come as monthly payroll deductions from those who choose to contribute. The Office of Financial Aid will use the funds as they see necessary to provide greater monetary support - through grants for underrepresented stu-

port has come from many sources - including conversations with Mark Roche, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, as well as Daniel Saracino, director Admissions, and Joe Russo, director of finical aid. Sayers said that Notre Dame's commitment to improving diversity, particularly through public affirmations by its administrators, has proven especially positive to her.

"This summer I read a piece in the Chicago Sun Times by our director of admissions Dan Saracino. It was a beautiful defense of affirmative action, and I Sayers also said that sup-thought it was so great that

someone from Notre Dame was out there, out front, talking about it," she said.

Sayers contributed her cash prize as part of the Sheedy Award towards the scholarship fund. She said that although the funding may initially be small, she hopes that faculty and staff contributions will create a much larger reservoir of funds, one that may possibly be used as an endowment.

"It may be a small pool in the beginning, but my dream is that eventually it will be substantial."

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Hillary steals Iowa spotlight

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa -Hillary Clinton sells her book and draws a crowd of more than 900 people. Three Democrats who want to be president speak at a synagogue before about 200.

The New York senator made clear she isn't running for the White House in 2004 but, as a weekend of political events in Iowa showed, she can steal the thunder from the current crop of candidates who want to take on President Bush.

"It's wonderful to see all of the friendly people out here," Clinton said Sunday as she autographed copies of her book. "I'm here today to talk about books.

Waiting in line, Carole Curtis called Clinton "a great role model and a strong woman" who would have her vote either in this election cycle or the next. That sentiment was echoed by Dan Pietzman, who said Clinton was "a great lady."

Across town, John Kerry, Howard Dean and Dennis Kucinich appeared before a much smaller and more restrained crowd at the syna-

Clinton moderated a major fund-raising dinner Saturday night featuring six of the con-

The event sold out within three days of the announcement that she would appear, and party officials said the 7,500 who showed up was the biggest turnout in the history of the annual Jefferson Jackson Day dinner.

It brought in more than \$300,000 for the state party. Outside the basketball arena, supporters chanted and waved signs demanding that the first former lady run now because they see her as having the best chance to beat

"Senator Clinton's ability to outshine and overshadow the Democrats running for president in Iowa's caucuses is further evidence of the weakness of the Democratic field," said Republican National Committee spokesman David

At the fund-raiser, Clinton said the Democrats in the race were "the most accomplished, in terms of public service, that we've had since 1960. One of them will be successful."

The candidates worked overtime seeking attention from thousands of activists and hundreds of journalists.

Dean, the former Vermont governor, packed his backers in dozens of buses in a line so long he had to get a parade permit. Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt held a rally with union activists before marching through the streets to the dinner.

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EU asks Bush to remove duties

GENEVA — America's allies appealed to President Bush on Tuesday to back off support for the U.S. steel industry or risk billions of dollars in sanctions that could spark a global trade war.

Members of the European Union are threatening to impose retaliatory sanctions on \$2.2 billion worth of U.S. imports unless Bush removes duties on imported steel he introduced in March 2002 to give breathing space to the embattled U.S. steel industry.

"As frank and loyal friends of the United States, we hope that Washington will remove as soon as possible the steel tariffs that are considered illegal by the World Trade Organization," said Adolfo Urso, Italy's Industry Ministry undersecretary in charge of foreign trade.

"We want to ward off a commercial war that, in terms of its size, would be unprecedented."

To ensure the sanctions hurt as much as possible, the EU action targets products from key states, including Florida oranges, cigarettes and apples

Bill protects against outages

WASHINGTON — Responding to the summer's massive power blackout, Congress is considering in its broad energy bill the first federal rules, with penalties, to protect electricity transmission systems from rapidly cascading outages.

The Republican blueprint for an overhaul of U.S. energy priorities also would direct the government to order construction of critical power lines if states do not act. In addition, companies could charge more for moving power to spur investment in new lines.

Some experts have questioned whether the electricity proposals in the energy legislation are enough to protect against a repeat of the rapidly moving blackout that blackened parts of eight states, from New York City to Michigan, in a matter of minutes in August.

On Tuesday, a U.S.-Canadian task force is scheduled to make public an interim report on the blackout's causes. Documents already released suggests that communications failures, equipment problems and shortcomings in electricity grid management probably played a role.

Miami prepares for trade talks

20,000 activists expected to protest Free Trade Area of the Americas in Miami

Associated Press

MIAMI — At most free trade meetings, protesters on the streets are the most vocal opponents to global economic expansion. But recently, Brazil and other developing nations have been equally resistant to proposed U.S. policies to ease trade restrictions.

Those disputes will center in Miami at talks beginning Sunday to create the world's largest free trade area. As the 34 nations involved in the Free Trade Area of the Americas talks try to resolve their differences in hotel meeting rooms, police are prepared for at least 20,000 protesters to swarm the city.

Law enforcement agencies have spent months training to avoid a repeat of the infamous 1999 World Trade Organization talks in Seattle. Those meetings ended with little accomplished after being derailed by disputes among member nations and five days of riots that cost the city about \$3 million.

Miami Police Chief John Timoney said some officers were worried after watching old news footage of Seattle, but his message to them was the same one he gives to the public: "This is not going to be as bad as it looks on television."

Five protesters were arrested in an early demonstration on Saturday, including an observer dispatched by protesters to watch officers' conduct.

The biggest feuds may take place inside the meeting rooms. The hemisphere's two biggest economies — the United States and Brazil — have been arguing about the scope of the FTAA.

The FTAA proposes eliminating or reducing trade barriers among all the nations in the Western Hemisphere except Cuba. The 34-nation bloc would consist of 800 million people and have a collective economic output of more than



A demonstrator holds an anti-FTAA sign. Thousands of protesters are expected to converge on Miami during the week to demonstrate at the meetings.

\$14 trillion a year.

The Bush administration refuses to discuss slashing subsidies and tariffs that protect U.S. farmers, arguing that those protections should be negotiated in global trade agreements, not regional ones, because the European Union is the biggest subsidizer of agriculture

Brazil contends its farmers cannot compete in U.S. markets, so it is demanding that subsidies and tariffs be on the bargaining table. If not, it has threatened to stop negotiating over investment and intellectual property rights — areas that are key to U.S. businesses' plans for growth in the region.

U.S. steel tariffs are also

off the table because the White House says American steel makers face unfair competition and foreign dumping, or selling imported products below cost. That stance has angered competitors around the world.

Those disputes caused the collapse of global trade talks in Mexico in September, and some analysts predict that the Miami meetings could end the same way.

"No one is holding their breath for Miami. They really can't solve all the issues at once," said Joe Pasetti, government affairs director for the Washingtonbased Information Technology Industry Council.

The conflicts put President Bush in an awkward position as he campaigns for re-election.

The FTAA is a key part of Bush's plans to expand the U.S. economy and create new jobs while reducing poverty in the hemisphere. But meeting Brazilian demands could cost Bush votes in key areas such as Florida, the Midwest and the Rust Belt.

Florida is the biggest citrus and sugar producer in the country, and growers fear a flood of cheap products from Brazil and other nations would wipe them out. Many Midwestern farmers and steel workers have the same fears.

New energy bill to aid industries

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Energy industries that have invested millions of dollars in lawmakers' campaigns would reap billions in tax breaks and potential new business from compromise Republican legislation.

President Bush took office promising to develop a new energy policy. Since then, energy-related businesses have contributed nearly \$70 million to law-makers and political parties, with about three-fourths of it going to Republicans, according to an analysis of Federal Election Commission records by the Center for Responsive Politics.

The energy sector also gave an additional \$67 million — \$50 million of it to Republicans — during the 2000

election cycle, when Bush won the presidency and Republicans regained control of the Senate.

The House and Senate are expected to vote this week on the final compromise developed by GOP negotiators. The measure is designed to boost energy production, improve reliability of the electricity grids and make it easier for energy companies to develop oil and gas on federal land.

Energy interests have been "giving heavily to the Republicans for a long time, and this is what it's all about in the end. It looks like they got an energy bill that they wanted," said Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a bipartisan research group.

Environmental groups, which lobbied unsuccessfully for measures to cut energy use or promote cleaner renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power, made only \$2.3 million in political contributions during the past three years.

One of the biggest political contributors over the years has been Illinoisbased Archer Daniels Midland, the largest producer of corn-based ethanol. The company was one of the biggest winners in the energy agreement, which doubles the use of ethanol as a gasoline additive to 5 billion gallons a year.

Since 1999, ADM has given \$2.4 million in unregulated donations to political parties, \$1.5 million to Republicans and \$874,000 to Democrats. Such soft money donations were outlawed by the campaign finance law that took effect last year.

Blanco defeats Jindal for LA. governor

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Associated Press

LAFAYETTE, — Newly elected governor Kathleen Blanco, the first woman to hold the job in Louisiana, on Sunday started piecing together a new administra-

Blanco, the state's Democratic lieutenant governor, defeated conservative Indian-American Bobby Jindal with 52 percent of the vote in a runoff election Saturday that dashed the Republican Party's hopes for

Deep South. And while Blanco acknowledged she still was getting adjusted to the new title, she offered an outline of her plans.

"After we hugged everyone and received congratulations from every-

one, we got down to the business of organizing," Blanco,

60, said Sunday. The new governor, who will be inaugurated Jan. 12, said she has already had an emergency preparedness briefing and plans immediate meetings with the heads of Louisiana's major businesses. She said she had not developed a firm timetable on when she would name the members of her administra-

The win marks the first time a Democrat has been elected Louisiana governor since Gov. Mike Foster was elected eight years ago. Term limits prevented Foster from running again, but he had thrown his support behind Jindal, his 32-year-old protege and a Republican whiz kid who served as an assistant health secretary under President Bush.

Republicans had hoped Jindal would give them a sweep of governorships in every Deep South state -Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina — for the first time since Reconstruction.

Blanco won with 52 percent, or 730,737 votes, to minds after [that] night, Jindal's 48 percent, or 676,180. More than half of Louisiana's 2.7 million registered voters cast ballots, an unexpectedly high turnout.

Jindal, whose concession speech Saturday never mentioned Blanco by name, congratulated his rival on

Today is certainly a new day for Louisiana and today should be Kathleen's day," he said. "We offer our governorelect our heartiest support and will do anything we can to help her."

Jindal led in most polls before Saturday's election, but the numbers were close. The week before the election, more than one in 10 voters were undecided.

"This race happened in the last 72 hours," said Elliott Stonecipher, a Shreveport

political con-

Jindal's campaign "simply put the thing away too soon. They got overconfident, Stonecipher said.

Blanco carried 52 parishes to Jindal's 12 in unofficial voting results. She took most of her native Cajun area and swamped

Jindal in New Orleans, where Democratic Mayor Ray Nagin had endorsed him instead.

"I think there was immense disappointment of endorsement of Bobby. I think it had the effect of energizing our campaign," Blanco said.

She also gave credit for her victory to her attacks on Jindal's record as a former state health and education official and her final debate appearance, in which she recounted the death of her son when asked about the defining moment in her life.

"I've always felt or found in a big campaign, people eventually look for humanity," she said. Her son Ben died in 1998 at age 19 when he was hit by a weight that fell from a crane while he was cutting up a barge for scrap at his summer job.

Sam Jones, the mayor of Franklin and a Blanco supporter, said the final debate offered clear differences between Blanco and Jindal, who had often sounded alike in their positions — touting tax cuts, improving economic development and continuing education reform.

"Voters made up their Jones said. "The energy came at the end when she drew hard distinctions.'

Dean proves more careful with words

Associated Press

AMES, Iowa - Howard Dean's off-the-cuff straight talk helped propel him to the front of the Democratic presidential field. It's a style he would not think of abandoning, but one that's forcing him to be more careful with his words.

The leader in the nine-way race has a full, nearly yearlong record of extemporaneous remarks and apologies. Mea culpas to rivals. Regrets over his Confederate flag comment. Some careless language about the Middle East process, a topic that demands precision.

But Dean isn't about to become scripted, according to his advisers. It isn't his way and aides recognize that his directness is part of his

Not every word that Howard Dean says is written for him," said Dean campaign manager Joe Trippi. "In fact, almost no words are written for him. He doesn't speak from a teleprompter because you don't say anything when you run that way. He's running for president saying things.

Still, the former Vermont governor is learning to hold his tongue in some situations. Consider his appearance late Friday night at Iowa State University.

Students, jammed shoulder to shoulder, applauded the candidate's comments about health care, jobs and foreign policy. But they really were energized when Dean started discussing whether marijuana use should be illegal.

He was outlining his plan to keep kids out of trouble when someone in the crowd said the drug should be decriminalized. Dean responded that wouldn't solve the problem, 'but since you brought it up, I think substance abuse should be treated as a medical problem not a judicial problem."

A cheer erupted and some chanted, "We want Dean! We want Dean!"

Dean basked in the approval but deftly changed the subject before he got carried away.

"Uh-oh, I'll be careful what I say. The press is here. We don't want to make any smart remarks," he said.

Dean is learning that his own words can be his worst enemy in his pursuit of the nomination.

Skin cancer leads to other cancers

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Women with common, usually nonfatal forms of skin cancer face double the risk of developing unrelated cancers, according to a large study, suggesting that the initial diagnosis may be more worrisome that previously thought.

The skin cancer link was found for several malignancies, including cancer of the brain, breasts, ovaries and uterus. It was even stronger for liver cancer, which had a five times higher risk, and lung cancer, which had triple

Previous studies have shown that men and women with skin cancer face an increased risk of skin cancer returning. Some also have found that people with non-melanoma skin cancer are prone to later developing non-skin cancers, but the earlier research didn't adequately consider other risk factors that might explain the connection, said the lead author, Dr. Carol Rosenberg of Evanston-Northwestern Healthcare, part Northwestern University's medical school.

Her study, involving 92,835 post-menopausal women participating in a continuing federal study, considered other factors that influence cancer risk - including smoking. weight and education level and still found an increased risk associated with skin can-

Rosenberg said she suspects

her results would apply to men, too, since previous studies involved both genders.

The results appear in the January issue of the Cancer, an American Cancer Society journal, being published online Monday.

Of the more than 85,000 women who did not have skin cancer, just over 11 percent, 9,927, reported having had other cancers.

Of the 7,665 women who reported having had a mild form of skin cancer, nearly 25 percent, 1,878, said they had also had other types of cancer.

The results are compelling, said Dr. Alexa Boer Kimball, an assistant dermatology professor at Stanford University.

Even though most patients with mild skin cancers won't develop other cancers, Kimball said, the results imply that they should still be vigilant about getting routine screening tests for other can-

Given previous research, the authors presumed that skin cancer preceded development of other cancers, though the study lacks information on which developed first. Rosenberg said.

The skin cancers implicated · basal cell and squamous cell — affect more than 1 million Americans each year. Those skin cancers grow more slowly than melanoma, the most serious skin cancer.

Study participant Luvie Owens, 70, said she had a skin cancer lesion removed last year and thought nothing of it. The doctor's message at the time was not to worry, she

Owens, of Winnetka, Ill., said she learned of the study results by phone last week.

As soon as I hung up I made an appointment for a colonoscopy," she said. "It sure makes you want to keep up with your [medical] appointments."

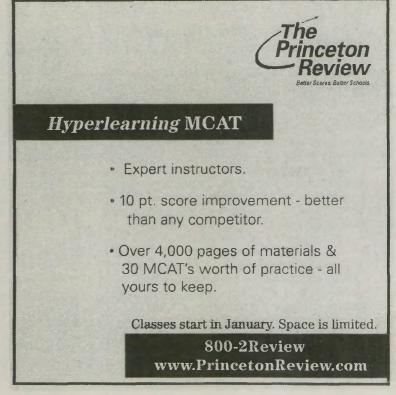
The government-funded study involved participants in federal research examining factors that predict disease and death in postmenopausal women. Participants are being followed for an average of about seven years. At the outset, from 1994-98, they were asked numerous health-related questions.

Whether any women developed cancer since the initial questioning is still being studied, said Rosenberg, one of the researchers in the broader

Eugenia Calle, the American Cancer Society's director of analytical epidemiology, questioned whether the increased risk is as high as the study suggests, considering that earlier studies found lower risks.







President supports Medicare agreement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Sunday enthusiastically endorsed a tentative agreement on legislation to give older Americans a new prescription drug benefit, part of sweeping changes to the government-run Medicare program.

"I will be actively pushing the bill" in the coming days to ensure passage, Bush said, leading the Republican effort to overcome anticipated resistance from Democrats and objections from some Republicans.

Republican congressional leaders on Saturday announced the breakthrough on the legislation, which would mark the largest ever expansion of Medicare. Republicans hope to pass it by week's end.

Many details remained unknown Sunday as congressional staff worked on the cost of the bill — which cannot exceed \$400 billion over 10 years and its final composition.

But at its core, it would give millions of seniors prescription drug coverage for the first time for a premium of roughly \$35 a month. At the same time, the bill would create a large new role for private insurers in health care for 40 million older and disabled Americans.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said he thinks most lawmakers will be persuaded to support the bill because of the drug benefit and the ability of seniors to choose their health plans, including remaining in traditional Medicare.

Senate reviews KPMG policies

Accounting firm's tax shelter strategies criticized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One of the largest accounting firms promoted dubious charitable deductions and complicated transactions to generate phony paper losses for clients, say Senate investigators who spent a year unwinding four tax products that KPMG sold to more than 350 individuals in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

The firm says it no longer offers the tax strategies.

The four shelters once sold by KPMG will be scrutinized this week during two days of hearings of the Senate Governmental Affairs investigations subcommittee.

Tuesday's testimony is to give an inside look at taxshelter development and marketing. Thursday's aims to reveal roles played by other financial institutions that support and enable tax sheltering.

Subcommittee aides, who handled the project with the help of anonymous whistle-blowers inside KPMG, said the transactions had virtually no business purpose other than to reduce taxes for individuals who used them.

The Internal Revenue

Service ruled 2000 that "That's ridiculous. The the basis for fees that are paid here three of the are huge. These folks four transare not deterred by actions make them \$1,000 fines" potentially abusive Carl Levin shelters. The fourth, Senator (D-Mich.)

subcommittee aides said, is under investigation fo

In a written statement, KPMG said the strategies "represent an earlier time at KPMG and a far different regulatory and marketplace environment. None of the strategies — nor anything like these tax strategies — is currently being offered by KPMG."

by the IRS.

"Today, KPMG only offers our clients tax services that are tailor-made to address their distinct business objectives and tax-planning needs," the statement said.

Treasury Department officials have indicated that the market for tax shelters appears to be shrinking. But Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the investigative subcommittee, disagreed. "I don't think we have any evidence that it's slowed down at all," he said.

Levin said case studies assembled by his subcommittee staff show that accounting firms marketed and developed potentially abusive shelters with the willing participation of banks, investment firms and lawyers. One shelter required cooperation from tax-exempt state and municipal pension funds.

He said the penalties must be dramatically increased for anyone who abets illegal tax sheltering. At first blush, he said, the promoters should face penalties equivalent to the taxpayers, who lose the tax benefit and pay penalties on top. Promoters currently are fined \$1,000. "That's ridiculous. The fees that are paid here are huge," Levin said. "These folks are not deterred by \$1,000 fines."

One transaction investigated by the subcommittee, the S-Corporation Charitable Contribution Strategy, targeted people who owned a type of corporation that passes income, and thus taxes, through to its shareholders. These people typically had a

100 percent stake in the corporation and made at least \$3 million.

They reduced taxes on the company's income by temporarily allocating it to a taxexempt entity. They also got a tax deduction

for donating nonvoting stock, which was created specifically for this transaction, to the tax-exempt group.

The subcommittee found evidence that about a half-dozen tax-exempt entities participated, but the panel learned the identity of only two, the Los Angeles municipal pension fund and an Austin, Texas, firefighter's pension fund.

A second transaction, known as Bond Linked Issue Premium Structure, generated a loss for taxpayers who typically had \$20 million or more in capital gains or ordinary income.

The structure generated a complex web of loans and investments that appeared to lead to establishment of a strategic fund for currency investments.

Subcommittee aides said the real purpose was to secure a loan that, when eventually paid back, would generate a loss for the tax-payer equal to the income that would have been sheltered. Two other transactions used similar strategies.

KPMG said all four strategies were discontinued between 1998 and 2001.

Levin said lawmakers need to enact new rules that ban transactions with no business purpose other than tax avoidance. The legislation has been passed twice in the Senate, but it faces opposition from the Treasury Department and some House members, who believe the change would do little to deter abusive tax shelters.

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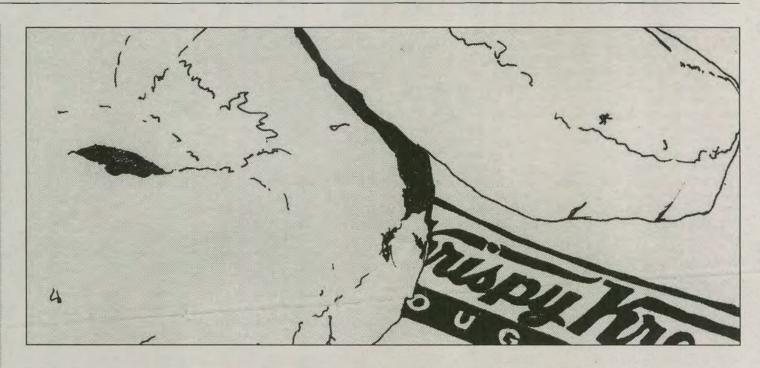
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Going glaze crazy

I've lived in Mishawaka all of my life, and for years I've vainly attempted to defend my community from onslaughts by non-Michiana members of the Notre Dame family. Sure, the weather sucks,

weather sucks, there's not a lot to do, many local cops are jerks, a substantial part of the male population has mullets and a disturbingly significant percent-

Undistinguished Alumnus

Mike Marchand

age of women do, too; but despite all that, I say, at least we don't have a stand-alone Starbucks or a Krispy Kreme.

Whoops.

I figured Starbucks and Krispy Kreme never opened stores here because this was a tough market. We don't need a six-dollar double mocha latte venti frappucino when we can get a cup of joe at 7-Eleven for a buck. While we're at it, we can grab a donut there, too. You have to go all the way to Elkhart to find a Dunkin' Donuts because all the ones here went out of business.

But I suppose it was inevitable. On Grape Road and Main Street, you can find one of just about every proprietary establishment in existence. I'm not normally one given to complain about the gradual corporatization of small-town America; as far as I'm concerned, if the people want glaze-covered fried confections, then glaze-covered fried confections they shall receive.

I soon realized my error in judgment: Krispy Kreme is not just a place for glaze-covered fried confections, it's a freakin' lollapalooza under a green roof. Dunkin' Donuts used to represent itself with one short bald guy who woke up in the morning and said "Time to make the donuts." Krispy Kreme generates enough attraction in the media, both traditional and electronic, that store openings are practically religious experiences. "Krispy Kreme is about the

closest thing there is to a rock star company," according to Ben McConnell, co-author of the book Creating Customer Evangelists.

And from the community's reaction, if Jesus Christ returned to earth at the same time as the new Krispy Kreme's opening, the lines for each would probably be equal. Except that half the people in the line to see Jesus would probably have a box of Krispy Kremes.

Mishawaka police had to be called to manage the traffic flow at 5:30 a.m. on Oct. 28 when local radio personality Rob Perugini, who set a Krispy Kreme record by waiting in line 17

days, was summoned to turn on the "hot light" to officially open the store.

More than 7,600 dozen doughnuts (Krispy Kreme, Inc. insists on leaving the "ugh" in the middle of "doughnuts") rolled off the line in

the first hour (if you're counting, that's more than 18 million calories and one million grams of fat in the first 60 minutes alone). Mishawaka Mayor Robert Beutter declared it Krispy Kreme Doughnut Day after a ribbon-tearing ceremony (the scissors couldn't cut it). Store manager Jason Horvath said he expected to eclipse corporate sales records with the massive opening.

I heard about all of this from the local news networks and shook my head in disbelief. OK, I know the South Bend Symphony Orchestra or the Broadway Theatre League isn't going to shut down traffic when it sells tickets, but these are doughnuts we're talking about. We're not exactly the healthiest town in America, but when did we all turn into drooling Homer Simpsons? "This place is awesome," said Michael Dotlich of Elkhart. "It's almost like we could solve world peace here today. Terrorists? Give 'em doughnuts."

Right.

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But I felt I couldn't really write about the earth-shattering event that is a Krispy Kreme coming to town, since I'd never had a Krispy Kreme doughnut. So I went this past Saturday morning, and the line was still out the door. Cars were lined up around the block in the drive-thru (the store is so popular that Mishawaka is probably going to have to fatten Main Street by a lane in order to accommodate the extra traffic).

After about a half-hour wait, I ordered a dozen so I could share some with my family.

"We're out of Original Glazed," they said, which I didn't quite understand, because there were trays of them in plain sight. My guess was that the doughnuts hadn't been through the final process, in which the

Krispy Kreme Crew (for abbreviation's sake, good thing it's "Crew" and not "Krew") secretly sprinkles crack on top. Well, that's my theory, anyway.

top. Well, that's my theory, anyway.
So I sipped my coffee (which wasn't bad, and just \$1.69; eat that,
Starbucks) and waited. After readying myself for a sugar high and preparing insulin in case of diabetic shock, I experienced my first bite.

And you know what? For a glaze-covered fried confection, it was pretty good. In fact, it was awesome. It was almost like we could solve world peace.

Here, Osama, have a Krispy Kreme.

Mike Marchand, class of '01, saw "The Matrix: Revolutions" Saturday night and still doesn't quite understand it. His column appears every other Monday. He can be contacted at marchand.3@alumni.nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Food first, then morality."

Bertolt Brecht German poet

VIEWPOINT

Back to Africa

Pop Quiz:

1. Who is current Prime Minister of Israel? 2. Who is the current President of Zimbabwe?

The answer to the first question is Ariel Sharon, of

course. The average Notre Dame student can tell you that. He can also probably tell you why the

Issues, Ideas and Ideologies

Greg Parnell

Israelis and Palestinians are

fighting, what role the United States plays and which side they agree with

On the other hand, do you think that the average Domer knows that the President of Zimbabwe is Robert Mugabe? Could he explain why Mugabe's presidency is considered to be illegitimate? Could she tell you who was involved in the Civil War in the Congo this past year, which claimed an estimated three million lives? Which areas of the continent have made progress against AIDS, and which have not?

I believe that our lack of knowledge about Africa is a serious problem. A suicide bomber who kills five people in Gaza is a tragedy, yes, and I feel fortunate that I can learn about it by reading an article about it on the front page of the newspaper. However, an even greater tragedy is that full-fledged wars are being fought and millions of people are being murdered, raped and forced to leave their homes ... and to find out about that, I must turn to page 12.

I highly doubt that God would agree

that a single Israeli or Palestinian's death is so much more newsworthy than thousands of African deaths. Yes, I understand that Isreal is a political powder keg and deserves our attention. and no, we are not physically capable of helping every country at the same time. However, the attitude that Africa is not a "political interest" is far too prevalent in today's political debate, to the point that Africa is hardly

discussed at all. I am ashamed that our interests give us an excuse to pretend that these people are not suffering.

First, we do have extremely important political interests in Africa today. 840 million people live in Africa, more than in Europe (728 million), and twice as many as in North America (408 million). Most of the states in Africa are still fledgling nations that have many urgent problems (AIDS, corruption, ethnic divisions, etc.) and few proven solutions. However, the political and economic successes and failures of these countries will affect more people's lives than actions in Iraq, Israel or even in America itself. Politically, economically and culturally, we cannot

Secondly, even if we did not have political interests, it would still be

afford to let these 840 million voices go

important that we pay greater attention to the events that are unfolding across the continent. As an American, you may believe that the United States government has an obligation to use your tax dollars to help you live your life easier. As a Christian, I believe that our position as the only nation in the world today with the power to affect change gives us the responsibility to help those

most in need, regardless of what continent they are on. The biggest obstacle in shifting our focus more towards Africa is past experience. Two

> interventions once in Somalia, once in Rwanda stand out as mammoth "failures" in many decisionmakers' minds. Critics claim that we had no business there, and that sending troops to Africa is a great way to waste American lives and tax dollars I could not disagree more.

When teenage boys are hacking women and children to death with machetes, there is reason to act. In

Rwanda in 1994, terrified civilians flocked to United Nations strongholds for safety. However, these soldiers had orders not to engage their attackers. Weeks later, our "peacekeepers" were ordered to leave the country, leaving the hapless women and children to the will of the merciless hordes creeping

toward the base.

Our failure was not to go to Rwanda and Somalia, but rather to leave before affecting change. Liberating concentration camps in Germany during World War II was one of our most noble deeds, yet trying to bring an end to ethnic cleansing in Africa is interpreted as unwanted interference in an internal struggle. Why? The only difference is that one tragedy occurred in an area that "mattered," the other in a place where it did not.

According to the World Bank, subsaharan Africa currently earns a meager \$450 per person per year (a number declining in recent years) Comparatively, the average American earns \$35,000 a year. Many athletes and entertainers earn more in a single performance than African farmers earn in their lifetimes. Alas, apparently life in America is simply too harsh. Let's cut

President Bush has taken a first step by \$15 billion to AIDS relief. But this is not enough on its own. We must make it clear to the government that what is going on in Africa is just as important to us as what is happening in Iraq, Israel and at home. If not, there will be more Rwandas, more Congos ... more failures. Notre Dame students, I urge you, please do not forget about Africa.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Change registration procedures

It is quite saddening that

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Notre Dame has to offer.

Depressing. Anger-inducing. Ridiculously tiresome. My own personal DART acronym. I am a proud member of the "Day Two of registration, after 1 p.m." club, of which I have been active for my 7th semester. Going abroad was a glimmer of hope in the otherwise gloomy process because someone darted for me.

As a second semester senior who has suffered high blood pressure and possible ulcers due to the injustices of DART, I am once

again beyond disappointed and even sick of hearing myself complain about this process. Sure I think that athlete preference is not altogether necessary, but that's just because I'm jealous. I'm more riled up about the fact that before I leave this University for good, I am virtually shut out of experiencing subject matter that is outside of my major.

As seniors are completing their majors, we are finally able to take a variety of classes - one final chance to explore worlds of art history, anthropology or classes that expand upon the required philosophy and theology classes. Sadly, as a senior who DARTs on only the second day of registration, I am faced with zeros in the "spots available column" and commands to either wait until every single other student in the whole undergraduate body has vied for 12 spots and then try my luck, or somehow mysteriously switch what year I'm in because the class is open to only freshmen, sophomores or juniors.

Yes, there are chances to take wonderful electives, but the 10-spot allotment for seniors in these classes clearly fills up within the first hour of DART, leaving the rest of us with the hope that the rumors of taking away exemption forms is about as true as getting cable installed in the dorms. I realize DART was a carefully thought out process in which the University tried to present the fairest

method of registration. But as I hear the grumbling of my peers, I know I'm not alone in these sentiments.

Perhaps students could be grouped according to their freshman year appointment times and have the groups shift days and times each semester to allow less fortunate groups a chance for a prime slot. One friend even suggested that DART appointments should be given according to a student's

> Or maybe (and underclassmen, I realize I'm biased because I'm a senior, however you will be there one day and wish for the same) the seniors could be alloted a bit more space in elective classes so we can leave Notre Dame as well-rounded academically as we wish to be and as we pay to be. Notre Dame's amount of small class sizes should be praised — it is a big draw.

However what molds most of these small classes into thought-provoking, academic experiences is discussion — so adding a few more opinions can't entirely ruin the class, right?

Essentially, I am frustrated and annoyed that DARTing into two classes, one of which I actually wanted to take, has nothing to do with me being picky in subject matter, time slots or class days. Being shut out of classes that excite me is almost like the University has graduated me one semester early before I'm ready to go. It is quite saddening that as a second semester senior who wishes to engage herself in one last academic hurrah, I cannot take advantage of all Notre Dame has to offer. See you other "Day Two of registration, after 1 p.m." club members in the line for exemption forms.

> Bess Malis senior Cavanaugh Hall Nov. 14

Admissions produces paper thin student

Why should it be surprising that many Notre Dame students behave in the manner described in the Nov. 5 Observer Editorial?

An unfortunate by-product of admissions processes at schools like Notre Dame is that candidates are essentially discouraged from pursuing their own private intellectual fulfill-

Getting top grades and filling out one's extracurricular resume requires time and effort and does not require a highly developed sense of intellectual curiosity. In many ways, young students who feel compelled to read for their own pleasure are in grave danger of hindering their own chances for academic success.

If Notre Dame wanted more students like the ideal ones described in the editorial, its admissions department would look for less conformity with academic demands and less task-oriented focus among the bright kids that make up its applicant pool.

Such a state of affairs would increase the chances of higher dropout rates, but also increase the chances that the school would produce more original thinkers. That's a decent trade-off, if you ask me.

Finally, the way to resolve the problems with having 30 percent of the undergraduate student body majoring in business is to require double majors in non-business subjects, much the same way the pre-professional majors have done historically.

> M.P. Madden class of '86 Nov. 13

SCENE SCENE

God, Country, Notre Dame, BONO.

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With so much wrong going on in our world, there is only one **Tom Raaf**

thing that can put

Scene my soul at rest every Columnist night

before I lie down to sleep. That one thing, my dear friends, is U2's lead singer, Bono.

Singer, songwriter and prophet, Bono embodies all that is good, pure and greed-free. More of an essence than a man, I think Bono is the greatest thing to happen to this University since that guy who ran for

student body president with a cat as his vice president (circa 1970). Using only one name to describe himself, I believe this great man should be listed among others

who have achieved such an honor. Just think; Jesus, Ghandi, Cher, Oprah, Sinbad and

Bono In case you've missed it, Campus Ministry recently began the four part series "The Gospel According to Bono," which analyzes the spiritual nature of Bono's body of lyrics, and of course their divine inspiration. You know, secretly I always did have a hunch that the gospels were supposed to be Matthew, Mark, Luke and Bono. John? Yeah,

right. Who the hell is John? Apparently some sort of Bono wannabe is what I say. Just listen, and I mean really listen, to some of Bono's lyrics, and you'll know exactly what I'm talking about.

They speak volumes. Furthermore, if you ask me, this should be at least a ten part series and the scope should be widened to include everything from Bono's extensive collection of unnecessary indoor Grandma driving glasses to his wide variety of highly spiritual dance moves and ability to raise souls to a better place.

And can you believe that none of the newspapers have reviewed U2's latest full-size poster, "Spirit, Soul, Redemption, Salvation, Emancipation, Prophecy, WILL"? I mean, how long do we have to wait to know if it's worth buying or not. Well not to worry folks, I have a friend in the poster business and he told me that this is the coolest U2 poster yet! It has a picture of Bono surrounded by each one of the 12,678 charities he devotes his

> life to when he's not busy living like a rock star. Wow, who doesn't this amazing humanitarian have time to support? The poster also involves an interactive feature in which you can

match your hand up to Bono's and you will be fully assumed into heaven for a period of 10 seconds! Awesome! I think the rest of the band may also be on it somewhere.

Now this may be a little over the top, but I just got a fantastic idea. As we all know, the pope's health has been fading recently and sooner or later he will need a suitable replacement. Seriously, now, take a minute and think. Is there anybody

who would better suit this role than our favorite rock star Bono? Doubtful. Who cares that he's essentially been on the fence between Catholicism Protestantism his entire life, not picking a side as not to displease

either side of the Irish consumer population ... I still think he's our man.

Tom Raaf is a Dillon junior who suggests that you have a beautiful day instead of writing an angry Bono-loving Viewpoint.

Hello Dave wows crowd

By SARAH VABULAS Scene Editor

Students filed into Legends Friday night, ready to listen to the sounds of Chicago band, Hello Dave.

Hello Dave is comprised of lead vocalist, songwriter and rhythm-guitarist Himebaugh, bassist Allen "Big Al" Wetzel, percussionist Bryan Resendiz and lead guitarist Mike "Magoo" McGohan, who together provided an entertaining compilation of Hello Dave favorites as well as some new

Hello Dave began the show on a funky, upbeat note, allowing the crowd, both those familiar with the band and those who had not heard of them before, to engage into the music and ready themselves for an exciting show.

Magoo spent a few seconds during the opening song exhibiting his skills on the electric guitar. Hello Dave came off really relaxed on stage, just having a good time playing together again. Nothing but smiles remained on all their faces throughout the course of the show.

The second song, "Perfect Day," had a bit of a country sound, but could be more accurately described as real American rock n' roll. Himebaugh described this song by saying it "started when some punk stole our trailer." It is a catchy tune with much to offer melodically.

Between songs, the crowd has opportunities to interact with the band and just let them know they were having fun. Good energy could be felt from the band and the crowd, emanating through

Himebaugh's voice is almost hypnotic, making the songs all that much better with his incredible vocal abilities.

The band arranged their set with a good balance of slow and fast songs, to keep the crowd's



Lead vocalist, songwriter and rhythm-guitarist Mike Himebaugh joins lead guitarist Mike "Magoo" McGohan during the show.

energy up and engaged into the

One of the best songs of the night is "Michigan," a song discussing what to do when visiting Michigan. It is a good song with a solid beat and harmony, highlighted with a catch refrain, only forcing you to sing along.

Since the band has been described as "The Eagles of the new millennium" and one of Chicago's best kept secrets, Hello Dave played an Eagle song. They began singing acapella, which sounded amazing. Himebaugh's strong voice led the song.

It is evident that Himebaugh, and the other musicians, have a passion for their music. Their songs tell great stories, obviously expressing events from their

Himebaugh and Magoo switched guitar roles on many of their songs, having the acoustic be the lead for the melody or the electric dominating.

Hello Dave has much to offer both lyrically and musically. Their songs are independent of each other, providing different sounds. This aided in stepping up their show. Hello Dave is a feel-good rock n' roll band with so much talent in each of its members.

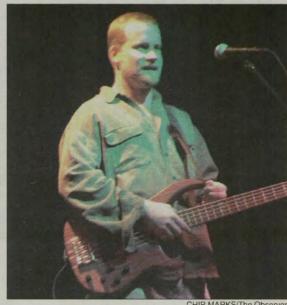
Some of their songs provided a great beat for dancing. Many people in the crowd took advantage of the vast space between the stage and the tables set up on the floor of Legends.

"I thought [the show] was actually very fun," Himebaugh said. "This is our first show in a little while. We don't do that many shows where it's like sit down and relaxed. It was the perfect way to come back from a break.'

The end of the show was energetic, singable and loud. It was the ideal ending to a great concert. Hello Dave came out and performed well for a crowd of people who were excited to in attendance.

For more information about Hello Dave and their tour, check out the official Web site, www.hellodave.com.

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Bassist Allen "Big Al" Wetzel entertained the audience with his strumming skills.



Hello Dave began the show on a funky note, energizing and engaging the crowd.

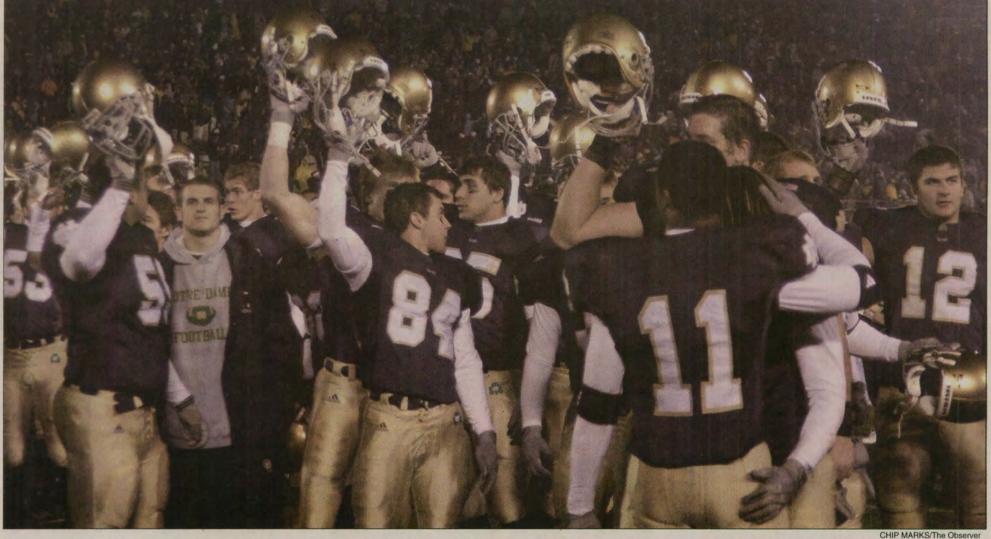
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Notre Dame 33, Brigham Young 14

Going out the right away

Last home game for Irish seniors is an easy 33-14 win over Brigham Young



Notre Dame players salute the student body after beating Brigham Young 33-14 Saturday in the final home game for the Irish seniors. Julius Jones led the Irish with 161 yards and three touchdowns to help push Notre Dame to their fourth win of the season.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

On Senior Day, it was fitting that a senior would help lead the Irish to victory.

Julius Jones continued to help pace the team's offense with 161 yards and three touchdowns, and the Irish finally managed their first winning streak of the season with a 33-14 win over BYU Saturday.

'It's always nicer to not have to win on a last-second field goal," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham, alluding to Notre Dame's previous two wins at home this year — against Washington State and Navy - which both came down to last-second field goals.

As in the other Irish wins this season, Jones played a big part in helping the team

"Julius Jones is a tremendous dancer," said BYU head coach Gary Crowton, whose defense had a difficult time taking down the elusive back.

"When you're down on the field up close you can really see his second effort.

"He's patient and an outstanding player.'

The score Saturday was as close to a blowout win as the Irish have seen

this year, their previous three wins all coming by a margin of six points or less. Despite the final score. this one really wasn't all that close as Notre Dame

advantage some prime field position and one of their most balanced offenses this season to take

care of the Cougars. In addition to Jones' rushing, quarterback Brady Quinn added 156 yards through the air on 15 of 30 passing with one interception. It was the first time this year the Irish have both rushed and passed

for over 150 yards. "I was pleased," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "I thought we did a very good job running the ball. I would have liked to have maybe had a couple more big runs, but all in all I think I was pleased.

"The balance was okay, but

we'd like to complete a few more of our shorter throws."

It was per-haps a long throw that realgot the offense moving for the Irish, however. Coming to tuo

halftime with a 16-7 lead their largest at the half this year — the Irish offense was sputtering until Quinn found Rhema receiver McKnight open on a 33-yard passing play to bring Notre Dame to the BYU 23-yard

On the very next play, Jones took the ball and broke the tackles of three Cougar defenders for a touchdown, making the score 23-7 and

perhaps putting the game out of reach for BYU.

McKnight, who has been Notre Dame's most reliable receiver so far this year, led the team with eight catches for 98 yards, but perhaps none more important than that one in the third quarter.

"Whether offense or defense, anytime you have a big play your team peaks out there, and that's what we need," McKnight said.

The Irish offense stalled several times in the first half, as Notre Dame was forced to settle for field goals in three straight trips to the red zone en route to an early 9-7 lead. With 25 seconds left in the half, Jones broke through on third-and-goal for a 1-yard touchdown run to give the Irish some momentum going into halftime.

After going ahead 23-7 on Jones' second touchdown on the game, the Notre Dame defense would stand tall, not allowing a single offensive yard to the Cougars in the third quarter and helping take advantage of four BYU turnovers in the game - the largest number of turnovers the Irish have caused since their win against Florida State last season.

D.J. Fitzpatrick, who set a new career high with four field goals, kicked a late field goal and Jones added a 13yard touchdown run with just 47 seconds left in the game to give Notre Dame its highest points total since a 42-0 shutout of Rutgers last year. BYU had added a touchdown earlier in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late against the Irish defense.

Part of the reason for the Cougars' difficulty in stopping the Irish offense was a distinct advantage for the Irish in both field position and time of possession. Notre Dame ran 24 more offensive plays than BYU and had the ball for 36:56, compared to the Cougars' 23:04

The number of plays Notre Dame had on offense just wore us down," Crowton said,

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player of the game

Julius Jones Notre Dame running back

In his last game at Notre Dame Stadium, Jones does it again running for 161 yards on 35 carries and getting three touchdowns

stat of the game

"It's always nicer to

not have to win on a

last-second field

goal."

Tyrone Willingham

Irish coach

number of yards allowed by the Notre Dame defense in the third quarter

play of the game

Rhema McKnight's 33-yard third quarter reception from Brady Quinn

Quinn's longest completion of the day energized the team, and Jones scored on the next play to put this one away

quote of the game

"This place means the world to me and I'm never going to forget it."

> Darrell Campbell Irish defensive tackle

report card

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quarterbacks: Quinn had a performance similar to last week except he didn't throw for a TD and threw an interception. With the defense and running game, Quinn didn't have to play great.

running backs: The Irish have found the winning formula — ride Jones to a victory. His three TD day was a fitting way to go out and Grant seemed to run harder than usual.

receivers: McKnight had another impressive day, but Jenkins had another drop and it's becoming time to send out a search party for Stovall who doesn't have a catch since Nov. 1

offensive line: Another solid day for a group fighting through injuries and another day where the running backs went for over 200 yards. The unit gave up its first sacks since USC.

defensive line: BYU could get nothing going on the ground, but on a number of occassions, containment of the running back or quarterback was a problem. The pass rush wasn't consistent all day.

linebackers: Curry and Watson each had an interception and the duo combined for two sacks. Add Hoyte into the mix and the linebackers had a combined seven tackles for a loss.

defensive backs: An inconsistent day by a group going up against a pass-happy offense. BYU receivers were wide-open a number of times, but Burrell's interception down sealed the victory.

special teams: The kickoff and punt coverage was the best it has been all year and Fitzpatrick was perfect on field goals. The only negative was the low punt average.

coaching: BYU had 16 days to prepare for the Irish and came out with a ton of trick plays. The Irish were very well prepared and the coaches are showing a commitment to ride Jones.

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overall: The streak continues as Notre Dame clawed another victory away from Navy. Now, can the Irish keep a good thing going?

adding up the numbers

rushing yards by Julius Jones in his last game at Notre Dame Stadium — the third time this year Jones has eclipsed the century mark

turnovers forced by the Notre Dame defense, the highest total since the Irish forced four at Florida State last season

times Notre Dame has led after the first quarter this season. The Irish tralled 7-6 after the first quarter Saturday

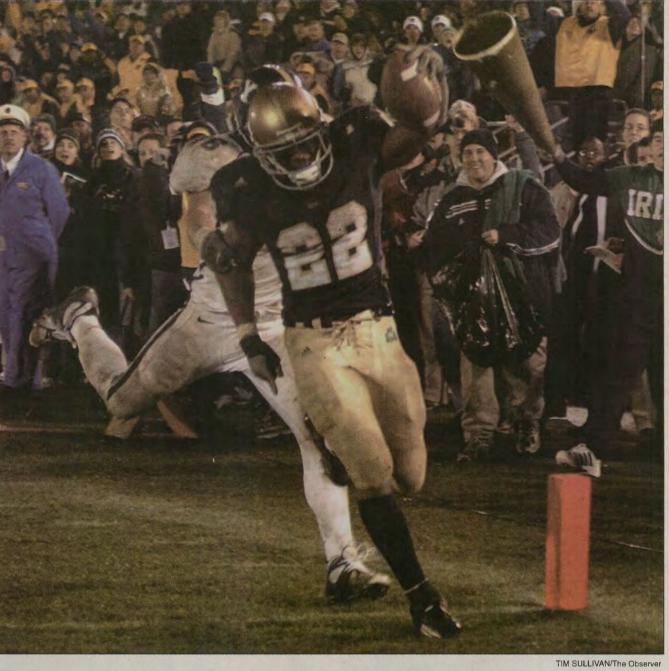
361 consecutive games BYU has not been shut out — an NCAA record

passing yards by BYU in the first quarter Saturday. The Cougars had 140 passing yards combined the rest of the game

36:56 time of possession for the Irish Saturday. BYU had the ball for 23:04

consecutive series the Notre Dame defense held the BYU offense to three plays or less Saturday

Brady Quinn's completion percentage Saturday, the same as the Irish men's basketball team 3-point shooting percentage Friday



Notre Dame running back Julius Jones scores his third touchdown of the game against BYU during a 33-14 Irish victory. Jones had 161 yards rushing in his final game in Notre Dame Stadium and helped send the team to its fourth win of the season. Notre Dame ends the regular season with two road games.

Forgetting for a moment

Julius Jones high-fived fans, got patted on the back and walked through the tunnel of Notre Dame Stadium for the last time with a smile on his face

Saturday.
For Jones and the Irish, everything was forgotten for a short time.

The players forgot about the 4-6 record. The three straight home losses. The blowouts and embarrassments in this disappointing season

pointing season.
And Jones
could enjoy the
moment without thoughts of his past
struggles and shortcomings.

Joe Hettler

All failures of the 2003 season weren't on the minds of Irish players and coaches Saturday when, in the second half, Notre Dame played like

Notre Dame should.

The Irish beat BYU on Senior Day by their biggest margin of victory all season — 33-14. They did so impressively — by using a ball control offense to dominate time of possession, and a stifling defense that did not allow the Cougars' offense a single yard in the third quarter. They did so with a powerful running game, led by Jones' 161 yards and three touchdowns. And they did so by playing the way great Irish teams did during Notre Dame's successful seasons.

The only difference was this season has been far from great, or for that matter, even mediocre. The team is 4-6 with slim hopes of a bowl and a best case scenario of a .500 record. They have been slammed by top teams in

ways few thought Notre Dame football teams would ever allow.

But Saturday, it's doubtful that the players or coaches were thinking of the struggles this season when they saluted the student body after the game.

No one remembered the disappointment of losing to Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue in

successive weeks. No one recalled the feelings of starting the season 2-6, after being smoked by Florida State 37-0 a few short weeks ago. And no one recalled the entire season Jones missed after flunking out.

In a way, Jones story is similar to the story of the 2003 Irish. He had great

expectations put on him after a solid junior season, while the Irish were expecting good things in 2003 after finishing the 2002 season with a 10-3

Adversity hit the star tailback before last year when found himself out of school and out of a future with football when he didn't have the grades to stay enrolled. Not until he recommitted to the books at Arizona State and trained himself to become a better player and person did Jones make his way back to South Bend. He came back this season ready to become a leader for Notre Dame and finish what he started four years ago.

But more struggles were ahead for Jones and the Irish, as the team lost games and Jones played inconsistent-

But Saturday both Jones and the Irish came full circle. Notre Dame

played one of its best games of the season and got the win, much thanks to the performance of the senior running back.

For a few moments Saturday, everything was good for the gold helmets.

The memories of a disappointing season were in the past, the criticism

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of a bad season out the door and the health of Notre Dame football was intact.

Despite enduring an unacceptable four- or five-year stretch when Notre Dame teams had two losing seasons, zero bowl wins and no national titles, the seniors went out on top Saturday.

For all the times the team played poorly this season, they played well in the second half of the seniors final home game. How appropriate that Jones led the way. Notre Dame played well below expectations for much of the season and Jones didn't put up the numbers he hoped in several of those games.

But Jones and Notre Dame ended the home season on a high note by playing to expectations in the second half of the BYU game.

They didn't have to remember the past Saturday, but simply focused on the moment when Notre Dame football came back to life for a short time.

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Seniors lead turnover-happy 'D'

Unit makes big plays, contains Cougar offensive attack in 33-14 win

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

The defense, appropriately led by its seniors, did some things Saturday it really hasn't done all year.

Early in the game, the defense set the tone on an interception by linebacker Courtney Watson off a Brigham Young screen pass. The interception was Watson's first of the year and the coaches had let him know about that

"It did feel good because all week the coaches were getting on me since I didn't have a pick all year," the fifth-year senior said. "Last year I had four of them, so it was good to get it early.

That turnover, which set the tone for the entire day, was the first of a season-high four for the Notre Dame

But the most impressive statistic for this defense Saturday was holding the BYU offense to three plays or less on seven consecutive drives. In the third quarter, the Cougars had zero yards of offense.

Players don't get caught up in streaks like that during the game, but they assuredly noticed it throughout that third quarter, as their bodies were full of energy

"I think our bodies told us because we did a lot of standing on the side," Watson said. "I remember specifically

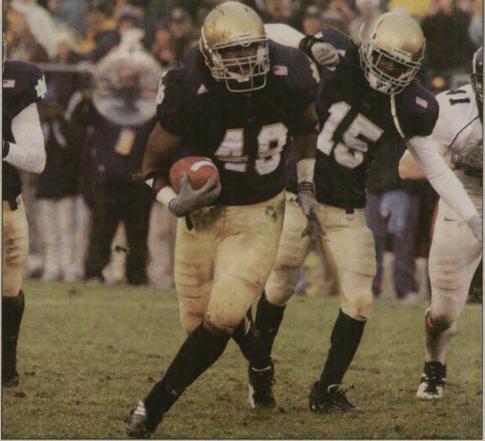
in the third quarter just sitting there, and saying, This is pretty fun, pretty

The easiest win of the season allowed the coaching staff to rest its players throughout the fourth quarter and give the seniors a chance to watch

from the sidelines as the younger members of the defense were just as dominant as the old guys

When the youngsters made plays, the seniors were the first ones to congratu-

"It's a lot more like the defense that we know that we can play like. It's beautiful to see, especially when you aren't in there for a few series and you see everybody out there doing things,"



Irish linebacker Derek Curry runs with the ball after intercepting a pass against BYU. Notre Dame's defense forced four turnovers in helping the team win 33-14.

defensive tackle Darrell Campbell said. You just want to run out there and tackle the guy. I know when [safety] Quentin [Burrell] got that interception down by the end zone I ran 40 yards

full sprint, knocking people out just to celebrate with them.

"That's the type of defense we have.

But Saturday obviously wasn't a perfect effort, as seen by the 14 points given up by the Irish on two drives of a combined

seven plays. But the defense stayed focused Saturday, determined to send the seniors playing their last game at Notre Dame Stadium out the right way.

"I think we've had an up and down season but today we kind of had an up and down game, but we pulled it out," defensive end Justin Tuck. "I think we are never going to come out of a game perfect. We never come out of a game and did everything the way we wanted

"We really wanted to send our seniors out with a great game and I think we did that.'

During the disappointing start to the season, this defense showed flashes of its 2002 form. Saturday, that defining characteristic from last year came back, after all the Senior Day emotions allowed the Irish to just play football.

'I felt a little bit of relaxation after [the emotion] died down, but more importantly, I think we got our swagger back, our tenacious attitude back, [which is] something that has been missing for awhile. It showed up in spurts, but we were very persistent in this game," Campbell said.
"After all the emotion died down and

we were able to focus a little bit more, we definitely were a lot more relaxed and were able to capitalize on all the mistakes they made.

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scoring summary

1st 2nd 3rd 4th Total 10 7 10 Notre Dame 6

First quarter

Notre Dame 3, Brigham Young 0 D.J. Fitzpatrick 27-yard field goal with 7:38

Drive: 4 plays, 5 yards, 2:04 elapsed Brigham Young 7, Notre Dame 3
Rey Brathwaite 18-yard run with 6:17 remaining (Matt Payne kick) Drive: 4 play, 76 yards, 1:21 elapsed

Brigham Young 7, Notre Dame 6 Fitzpatrick 31-yard field goal with 0:56 remaining Drive: 11 plays, 56 yards, 5:21 elapsed

Second quarter

Notre Dame 9, Brigham Young 7. Fitzpatrick 34-yard field goal with 3:38 remaining

Drive: 10 plays, 16 yards, 4:45 elapsed Notre Dame 16, Brigham Young 7 Julius Jones 1-yard run with 0:25 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 7 plays, 52 yards, 1:36 elapsed

Third quarter

Notre Dame 23, Brigham Young 7 Jones 23-yard run with 11:31 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 4 plays, 59 yards, 0:59 elapsed

Fourth quarter

Notre Dame 26, Brigham Young 7 Fitzpatrick 38-yard field goal with 12:23

Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards, 3:00 elapsed Notre Dame 26, Brigham Young 14 Matt Berry 1-yard run with 7:27 remaining (Payne kick)

Drive: 3 plays, 39 yards, 0:48 elapsed Notre Dame 33, Brigham Young 14 Jones 13-yard run with 0:47 remaining (Fitzpatrick kick) Drive: 4 plays, 21 yards, 1:47 elapsed

statistics

total yards

rushing yards

BYU **53** passing yards

return yards

164 BYU

time of possession

50-204

13

Burrell

rushes-yards 15-30-1 comp-att-int 6-34.3 punts-yards 0-0 fumbles-lost 5-40 penalties-yards

18-30-3 6-36.3 1-1 3-30

passing Quinn 15-30-1 17-29-3 Berry rushing 35-161 **Brathwaite Jones** 14-77 10-39 Whalen 1-11 1-5 receiving 8-98 Jory 3-81 4-30 1-15 Christensen 3-24 tackling 12 Watson Francisco 13 Tuck Allen 11

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McKnight cornerback **Jenkins** Jones

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Jones now only 4 yards from 1,000

Senior tailback should break milestone against Stanford

By JUSTIN SCHUVER Associate Sports Editor

With his 161 yards rushing Saturday, Julius Jones now has 996 yards for the season and moved past Jerome Heavens and into fourth place on Notre Dame's alltime rushing

list with 2,764 "This is just yards. what I hoped Since return-

ing from a for." missed year due academic **Julius Jones** ineligibility.

right in with the Irish offense. becoming the first back since Autry Denson in 1998 to have three games in a single year with two or more

Jones has fit

rushing touchdowns. "This is what I hoped for," Jones said. "I hoped for more wins than we have now, but it just didn't go

gether like this at the end of the year is just remarkable and hopefully we can finish it out with some more

"That's the type of

defense we have.'

Darrell Campbell

Irish defensive lineman

Clearing the way

Notre Dame's offensive line, considered a weak link earlier in the sea-

son, has gelled nicely over the past few games. Running behind a line that only has one senior offensive tackle Jim Molinaro the Irish have still

Irish running back

games with 200 yards rush-

ing or more. "They are going to be outstanding," running back Julius Jones said of the line's potential for next season. "They are young this year, a lot of them have never played before, but

managed

they got a lot of experience in the end zone. "To have this team come this year and have done

> Despite allowing two sacks to the blitz-oriented BYU defense, pass blocking has greatly improved over the last several games, as Notre Dame allowed zero sacks in the last three games before

Kicking back and enjoying himself

D.J. Fitzpatrick certainly doesn't look like a walk-on anymore. The junior from local Marian High School has replaced injured starting kicker Nicholas Setta since the Pittsburgh game and has stepped right into the pressure-packed kicker's role nicely.

Fitzpatrick has hit six straight field goals since his last two against Navy, including that game's lastsecond game-winner, and has helped provide the Irish with points when drives stall

"Those last two I hit in the Navy game, es pecially the last one, really gave me confidence,' Fitzpatrick said. "I just got that thought in my head and now I'm hitting it great."

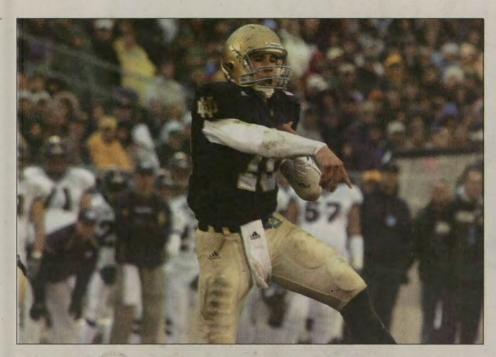
With Setta possibly returning for Notre Dame's next game against Stanford in two weeks, Fitzpatrick isn't fretting about losing his job.

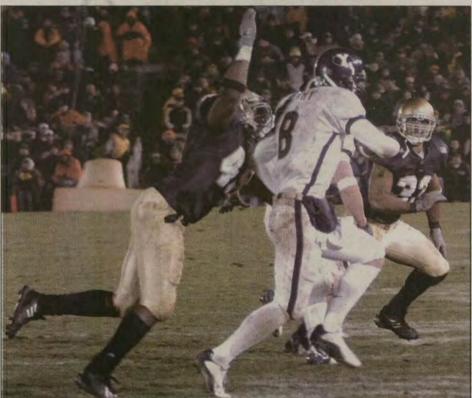
"Nick's a great kicker," Fitzpatrick said. "He's taught me a lot, and if he comes back, it'll be up to the coaches. I know we'll both keep trying."

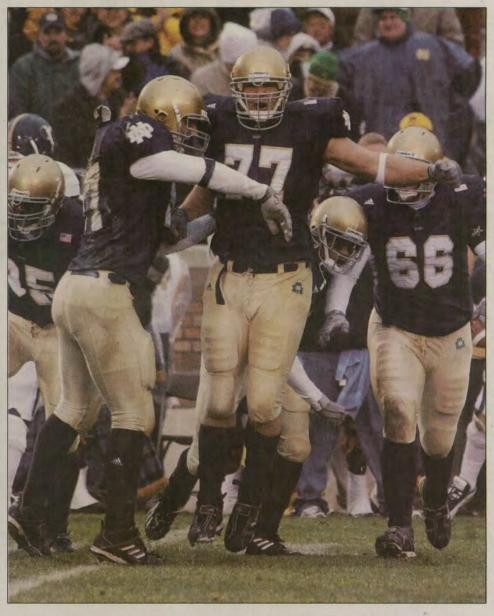
Captains

Gameday captains on Senior Day were three seniors: offensive tackle Jim Molinaro, Vontez Duff and running back Julius Jones.

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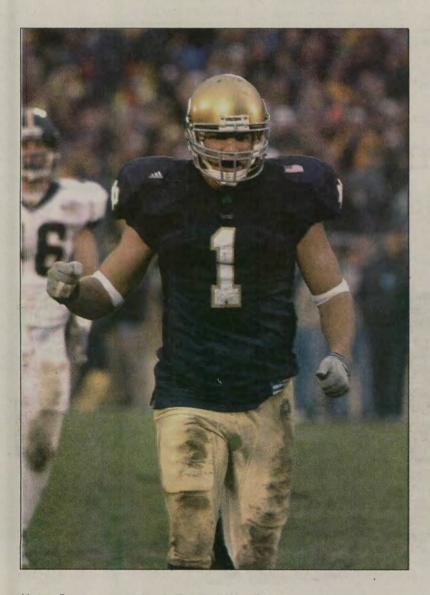






Notre Dame sent its seniors out on a high note Saturday, beating BYU 33-14 in the final home game of the season. The Irish improved to 4-6 for the 2003 season and evened its home record at 3-3. Julius Jones had 161 yards rushing and three touchdowns, while the Irish defense played tough in gaining the victory. Notre Dame ends its regular season with two road games at Stanford and Syracuse.

LEAVING WITH A SMILE





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Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn fires a pass Saturday (top left). Greg Pauly and Travis Leitko celebrate Pauly's fumble recovery in the first half (top right). Linebacker Derek Curry attempts to sack Brigham Young quarterback Matt Berry (center left). Tight end Jared Clark reacts after making a catch against the Cougars (bottom left). Notre Dame students do pushups for one of the 33 Irish points on Saturday in the team's win over BYU (bottom right).

SCENE SCENE

Reluctant rockstar rolls into Legends

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI Scene Writer

With his characteristic mumble and an understated intensity, Seattle rocker Pedro the Lion captivated the eager masses at Legends this past Thursday. For many fans of quality music, this marked the most highly anticipated area concert event of the semester. Folks began lining up in the cold well before the posted start time of 9 p.m.

As the hour approached, a queue formed in front of Legends, snaking its way down the outside ramp into the packed parking lot.

Pedro the Lion, actually comprised of singer/guitarist/songwriter David Bazan and a revolving cast of musician-characters, took the stage shortly after 10 p.m., accompanied only by fellow Northwest songwriter TW Walsh on drums.

The two rollicked through a most diverse set of about 16 songs, ranging from mellow, down-tempo musings on failed relationships to urgent, scathing numbers invoking politics and morality, and delving into all depths of the rather extensive Pedro catalogue.

Highlights included set-closer "Rapture," a fan-favorite about adultery, "Big Trucks," a playful take on road-rage and the generation gap, and "Never Leave A Job Half Done," with its dark themes and explosive finale.

Bazan and Walsh filled out the set with about six brand new songs, set to appear on a forthcoming Pedro the Lion EP and possibly the new fulllength, due out sometime in mid-to-late 2004.

If his latest material is any indication, Pedro may be

heading in a new direction with shorter songs and more personalized themes, all the while taking his musical stylings back to their roots: the mid-tempo, plaintive melodies of his 1998 debut It's Hard To Find A Friend.

Perhaps the most endearing aspect of Thursday night's performance were the question-and-answer sessions, a staple of Pedro the Lion live shows. At various intervals in the set, Bazan addressed the audience, inquiring as to whether anyone had anything to ask the mumbling troubadour.

Queries rang out, as varied as "What authors do you read?" Bazan said that he read politics and conservative writers "because I don't understand conservatism very much."

Another question was "Can you please play such-and-such song?" and Bazan politely explained he was unable to do so with the limited instrumentation. Also asked was "Do you like bacon?" of which Bazan replied yes, he does. At one point a fan even asked if he may have his photograph taken with the performer. Ever obliging, Pedro invited the young man onstage and the two braced for the camera's flash. Bazan answers each and every question posed to him, no matter how mundane, with utter and almost sheepish earnestness that, in practice, is somehow hilarious.

Bazan closed out the show with a two-song encore sans drummer Walsh, comprised of one new song and the slowburning, semi-political anthem "Backwoods Nation." The latter perhaps best exemplifies just what makes Pedro the Lion such a uniquely

affecting outfit. Bazan plays the song as unassumingly as anything else, but those paying attention to the lyrics quickly learn that Pedro has an intense, serious message to deliver. "Ain't it a shame / when due process / gets in the way / of swift justice?" quips Bazan detachedly — yet the ironic sentiment burns in the minds of spectators long after the curtain has fallen.

Long-time fans rejoiced upon hearing of Pedro's visit to campus. The event even prompted some to create Tshirts declaring, "Pedro Rocks," and "Notre Dame [Hearts] Pedro," which they proudly donned Thursday evening.

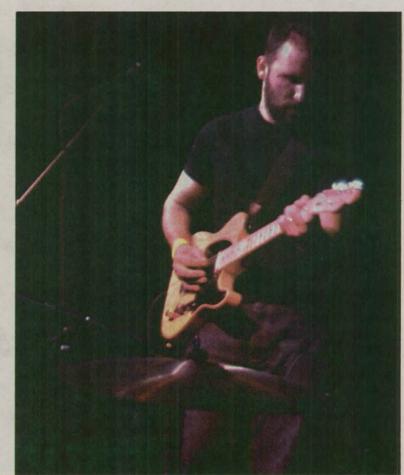
Fans and converts alike also swamped the merchandise table after the show, clamoring for that one EP to complete their Pedro collection or excitedly making their introductory Pedro purchase.

The general vibe of the show was one of sheer and sincere enjoyment on the part of both performer and audience.

Opening band, Clark, a wildly popular local band, drew scores of devout fans out to the club early and played an inspired set. Rumors circulated in the weeks prior to the show that this would be Clark's final performance.

While the fate of the band is unconfirmed, it should be noted that Clark has already played several "final" shows, so fans need not lose heart just yet.

Clark is comprised of bassist/vocalist Pat Bayliss, guitarist/vocalist Mike Beaton, and drummer/vocalist Ryan Partridge. Those who came to the first set were



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Pedro the Lion filled out the set with about six brand-new songs, set to appear on a forthcoming Pedro the Lion EP.

treated to what may well have been the first violent drum-thrashing ever at Legends, as Partridge tore his kit apart following the performance. If this does prove to be the trio's last act, no one can claim the boys didn't out with a proverbial bang.

Thursday's Pedro the Lion gig marks the third and final show of the semester in WVFI's Legends concert series. Previous shows featuring lovelorn balladeer Owen with The Rutabega and singer-songwriter sensations Erin McKeown and Sarah

Slean drew sizable crowds.

Pedro the Lion, however, proved to be the series' most successful act, enticing well over 400 eager fans and soon-to-be-fans to brave the chilly night and trek over to Legends, nearly filling the club to capacity.

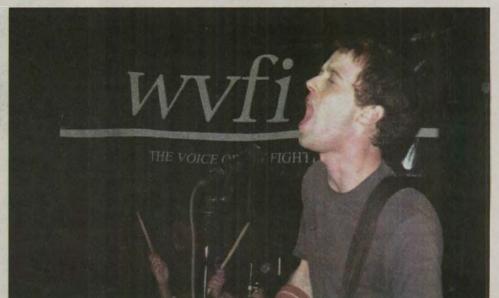
Music cognoscenti take note: WVF1 plans to hit you with three more red-hot concert events in the coming semester.

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Pedro the Lion's Bazan Bazan on the left and TW Walsh rock out with grace and precision for a packed house Thursday night at Legends.



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An area favorite, Clark, plays an energetic set opening for Pedro the Lion at the final WVFI concert Thursday night at Legends.

Former Irish punter Smith scores TD to aid Colts in win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Edgerrin James softened up the New York Jets' defense and punter Hunter Smith blasted through it.

While James carried for a season-high 127 yards and three touchdowns Sunday, it was Smith's 21-yard run on a fake field goal that gave the Indianapolis Colts a 38-31 victory.

ry.
"It just opened wide up," Smith said after scoring his first touchdown in five NFL seasons. "I think anyone could have scored on that one."

Perhaps anyone could have scored Sunday, period.

Peyton Manning threw for a season-high 401 yards on a wacky day for two teams that last met in a lopsided Jets playoff win and are led by former defensive coaches in Tony Dungy and Herman Edwards.

The game had a little bit of everything.

The Jets (3-7) and Colts combined for 862 total yards, 69 points and scored on a myriad of big and strange plays — none more critical than Smith's goahead burst late in the third quarter.

The Colts (8-2) also looked much different than the team that took a day off in a 41-0 loss to the Jets last January.

This time, Indianapolis' offense pretty much did anything it wanted despite missing three starters: left tackle Tarik Glenn, wide receiver Marvin Harrison and tight end Marcus Pollard. It also lost Harrison's replacement, Troy Walters, with a hamstring injury during the game.

Yet Manning and James had little trouble exposing the Jets'

James, who complained he wasn't getting enough work after last week's loss, had 36 carries, second most of his career.

Manning was superb, completing 27 of 36 with one touchdown — a 46-yarder to Walters. Reggie Wayne caught nine passes for 141 yards, and Dallas Clark had five receptions for 100 yards.

"We said if they could run it

and pass it, it was going to be hard to defend them," Edwards said

Broncos 37, Chargers 8

Jake Plummer made all the difference for the Denver Broncos.

Plummer showed no signs of rust in his first game in a month, throwing for 253 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Broncos to a 37-8 rout over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday.

"There's no question you try to minimize the situation when one of your guys go out," said tight end Shannon Sharpe, who caught all three of Plummer's touchdown passes. "But Jake brings us to a dimension we don't have unless he's in the ball game."

No kidding.

With Plummer back after missing four games with foot and shoulder injuries, Denver (6-4) came flying out of its bye week.

The Broncos dominated from the start, scoring on five of seven first-half possessions to take a 27-0 lead. Denver had 448 total yards and held the ball on offense for an amazing 44:11—believed to be a team record—to end a three-game losing streak.

"Today was a big step for us because we came out and made plays for the first time in a while," Plummer said.

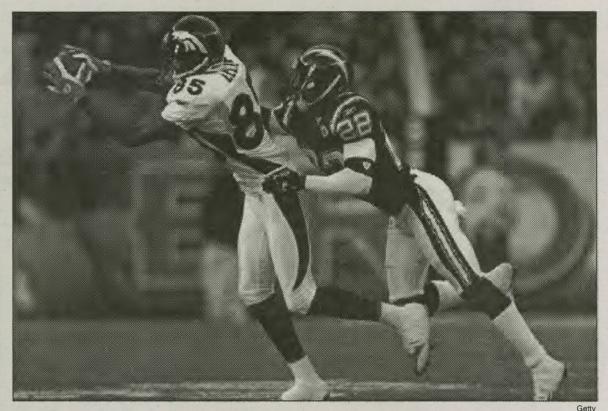
They sure did.

Sharpe caught seven passes for 101 yards and passed Jerry Smith's league record for touchdowns by a tight end with 61. He's already the all-time leader in receptions and yards at his position.

Rod Smith had a 65-yard punt return for a touchdown and caught 10 passes for 84 yards to become the 29th player in league history to eclipse 600 receptions (608).

Seahawks 35, Lions 14

Bobby Engram understands why his younger teammates get most of the publicity. Sometimes, though, the old man of the Seattle receiving corps can't be ignored



Broncos wide receiver Ashley Lelle grabs a pass in front of Chargers cornerback Sammy Davis during the second quarter of Denver's 37-8 win against San Diego Sunday.

Engram had an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown and caught a 34-yard scoring pass to help the Seattle Seahawks to a 35-14 victory over the Detroit Lions on Sunday.

The 30-year-old Engram is something of a father figure to younger receivers Darrell Jackson, 24, and Koren Robinson, 23.

"I tell those guys all the time it's kind of their show," Engram said. "I'm just the supporting cast, and I enjoy that.

"Don't get me wrong. I'll compete just as hard. Everyone comes into the league wanting to be the starter, to be the man. But I feel what I have here is a little more important than being a starter somewhere else."

The Seahawks (7-3) improved to 6-0 at home and maintained a share of the NFC West lead with St. Louis. The win was wrapped up by halftime, when Seattle had 300 yards and a 35-14 lead.

"We came out and took some of the starch out of the Lions," coach Mike Holmgren said.

After Detroit's two home victories gave the Lions (3-7) a modest winning streak for the first time in three years, they couldn't avoid their 21st straight defeat on the road.

"Can't explain our record on the road," safety Corey Harris said.

Another loss next weekend at Minnesota would tie Detroit with the Buffalo Bills (1983-86) for the second-longest road skid in NFL history. The NFL record is 23 games by the Houston Oilers (1981-84).

Packers 20, Buccaneers 13

TAMPA, Fla. — Green Bay had Tampa Bay's once-vaunted defense on the verge of collapse, so coach Mike Sherman was determined to finish them off.

Facing fourth-and-1 from the Buccaneers 16 in a tie game, the Packers sent Najeh Davenport barreling up the middle for 5 yards instead of going for a goahead field goal. Three plays later, Ahman Green scored from the 1 to finish a 98-yard march

that gave the Packers a 20-13 victory Sunday.

"It was such a beautiful drive, I just hated to let it go to a kicker. I thought we had to finish it off." Sherman said.

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"I think everyone, including some of our players, expected us to kick a field goal," quarterback Brett Favre added. "But we just wanted to make a statement at that point, and I think we did."

Playing with a broken right thumb and shrugging off five years of futility at Raymond James Stadium, Favre fueled the nearly 10-minute winning drive with a 23-yard completion to Robert Ferguson on third-and-9 from the Green Bay 3.

The victory moved the Packers (5-5) within one game of reeling Minnesota atop the NFC North, while the Bucs (4-6) fell four games behind Carolina in the NFC South with their third straight loss.

The Super Bowl champions concede they may be facing a near-impossible task of getting back to the playoffs.

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TENNIS

Federer outplays Agassi to win the Tennis Masters Cup

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Neither Andre Agassi nor dreadful weather was going to stop Roger Federer.

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tennis player

rankings, behind Andy Roddick. The Wimbledon champion went 5-0 against an elite field, including victories over the other reigning Grand champions: Agassi (Australian Open), Roddick (U.S.

Open) and Juan Carlos Ferrero (French Open).

"This week has been great for me," Federer said. "I thought I was in the toughest group, with the toughest opponents, and I came out winning each match against really great players."

By the end of the event's most lopsided final since 1997, Agassi would shake his head after losing points. He never managed one break point, while Federer conjured 39 winners, three times as many as Agassi.

"I'd just like to congratulate Roger, not just for a great match

today but great tennis all week. You deserve to win this tournament, and it's an inspiration to watch you move and play, Agassi said during the trophy presentation.

Agassi is 33, Federer 22, and it didn't help Agassi's cause that all four of his previous matches went the distance, including a round-robin loss to the Swiss

star.
"I wish I had more for you the growd "It today," Agassi told the crowd. "It

just wasn't quite enough to get the job done.'

Agassi was the event's oldest finalist since 1978, and was attempting to be its oldest champion — Ilie Nastase was 29 in 1975. He also was hoping to set the mark for

longest gap between titles at the tour championship, having won

But Federer just was too good, before and after a 2 1/2-hour rain delay.

He served strongly, got the best of baseline rallies, and every so often won a point with a shot that didn't appear to be an option. Repeatedly, Federer would drive a ground stroke to a corner, forcing Agassi wide, and then deposit his next shot into the open court for a clean win-

As Roddick put it after losing

to Federer in the semifinals: "The guy has more natural flair and talent for the game than most - I mean, than anybody

Rain fell until about a halfhour before the match started and returned after 38 minutes of play. By then, Agassi was in serious trouble, as a quick glance at the statistics made clear: Federer owned edges of 23-6 in total winners, 7-0 in aces and 39-25 in points. He also won four of the five points with 10 or more strokes — an area normally ruled by Agassi, the consummate baseline artist.

Federer already was up a set and a break when the rain came with Agassi serving at 0-2, love-30. When action resumed, Agassi promptly made two straight errors from the baseline to get broken at love. After Federer held to 4-0 when his forehand caught the net tape and trickled over, Agassi's four errors contributed to another

Federer rolled through the first set, never facing deuce on his serve and swatting at least one ace in each game.

He earned the set's lone break for a 3-1 edge. Federer reached break point with a backhand winner, then hit a forehand that forced Agassi to flick an overthe-shoulder backhand volley with his back to the net. The ball landed in, but Agassi was out of position, and Federer sent a

clean backhand winner down the line.

Federer's serve isn't the fastest around, but his placement and pace changes are outstanding. He ended the first set this way: service winner at 120 mph, ace at 122 mph, serve into Agassi's body that drew a forehand return long, and a crosscourt backhand passing winner at a seemingly impossible angle.

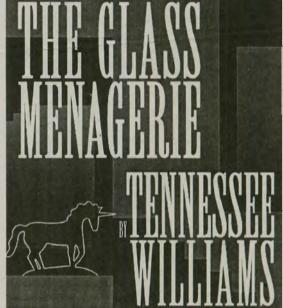
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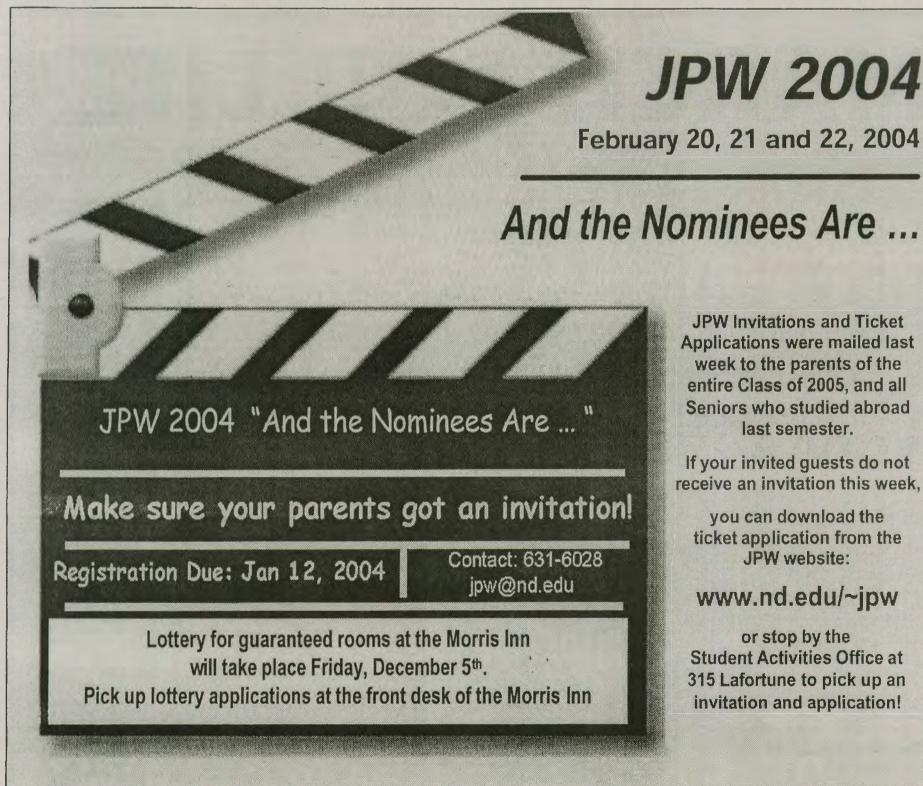
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CROSS COUNTRY

Huddle leads Irish women to title, men finish in eighth place

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Led by a sophomore, the fourth-ranked Notre Dame women's cross country team earned its second consecutive Great Lakes Region title Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind., which means that the Irish have an automatic bid to next Monday's national championships. Sophomore Molly Huddle led not only her team, but the entire field as she completed the 6,000-meter course in 20:14.

While the Irish women saw plenty of success, the men, who came in eighth place, did not finish high enough to automatically qualify for the national championships, and they will not know until today whether they ran well enough to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA title race.

For the women, Saturday's race continued a season of successes that includes the team's second consecutive Big East conference title.

"It seems like everyone just keeps improving in each race," Huddle said. "It's really exciting to see how good we can get. And we feel like we can get even better than that, too."

Huddle, who last year took second at the Great Lakes regional, admits she had a feeling she would do well before Saturday's competition began.

After the first kilometer of the race, Huddle says she became fairly confident that she was in control of the outcome, partly because she could not hear any runners behind her.

"I was always kind of worried about someone sneaking up on me, [but] I couldn't hear them behind me, so I thought that was a good sign," she said.

Huddle was followed by junior Lauren King, who was seventh overall with her time of 20:48. Junior Kerry Meagher, senior Megan Johnson and sophomore Stephanie Madia completed the Irish top five with their eighth, 12th, and 15th place finishes, respectively.

In the men's race, the Irish were led by senior Todd Mobley, who arrived at the finish line in seventh place after completing the 10,000-meter course in 30:47. He was not far behind the race's individual champion, Eastern Michigan's Gavin Thompson, who finished the course with a time of 30:12.

Supporting the Irish behind

Mobley were sophomore Tim Moore, who finished 15th in 30:54, freshman Kurt Benninger in 38th place, sophomore Sean O'Donnell in 41st and senior Brian Kerwin in 44th.

According to Moore it was tougher competition and inexperience that hindered the Irish runners, who, he believes, ran well overall.

"No one really ran badly," Moore said. "Last year, we didn't really have too many great races coming out of the district, but this time I guess it's a little harder because we all ran pretty well."

While the Irish are awaiting their fate, which will be determined today, Moore believes that if given one of the 13 atlarge bids to the national championship, Notre Dame will beat even some of the teams who surpassed the Irish Saturday.

"We still think we have the potential to beat a lot of the teams that were there," Moore said. "I think if we run our best, we can still get top ten in the country, which has been our goal all season."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oklahoma still No. 1

Associated Press

Oklahoma remained No. 1 in The Associated Press college football Top 25 for the 13th straight poll, the third-longest run ever to begin the season.

The Sooners (10-0) received all 65 first-place votes in balloting by the panel of sports writers and broadcasters Sunday, one day after beating Baylor 41-3.

The rest of the top five remained the same, with Southern California, LSU, Ohio State and Michigan following Oklahoma in the poll.

There will be some change next because the Buckeyes and Wolverines play with the outright Big Ten title on the line.

The only teams to be No. 1 in more consecutive polls to start the season than Oklahoma are Florida State, which went wire-to-wire in 1999, and Nebraska, which had a run of 15 straight No. 1 rankings in 1983 until losing the Orange Bowl to Miami.

Army and Notre Dame went wire-to-wire in 1945 and 1943 respectively, when the polls didn't begin until October.

Oklahoma received the maximum 1,625 points,

beating out USC, which had 1,559.

Georgia, Texas, Washington State, Tennessee and TCU round out the top 10. The Horned Frogs are the only undefeated team in major college football other than

Oklahoma.
The USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll had the same top eight teams as the AP.

Florida State, the first team to clinch a BCS berth after winning the ACC on Saturday, was 11th and Virginia Tech was 12th. Miami and Florida were tied for 13th, followed by Mississippi, Purdue, Iowa, Miami of Ohio, Kansas State and Boise State.

Pittsburgh, Bowling Green, Nebraska, Oklahoma State and West Virginia round out the poll.

Kansas State, Oklahoma State and West Virginia are this week's newcomers, replacing Minnesota, Michigan State and

Northern Illinois.

The Big 12 and SEC lead all conferences with five teams apiece in the poll, followed by four each for the Big Ten and Big East, and two for the Pac-10 and Mid-American. Florida State is the only ACC team in the

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	AP	Coaches	
	team	team	
1	Oklahoma (65)	Oklahoma (63)	
2	USC	USC	2
3	LSU	LSU	3
4	Ohio State	Ohio State	4
5	Michigan	Michigan	5
6	Georgia	Georgia	6
7	Texas	Texas	7
8	Washington State	Washington State	8
9	Tennessee	TGU	9
10	TCU	Florida State	10
11	Florida State	Tennessee	11
12	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	12
13	Florida	Miami	13
14	Miami	Florida	14
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16	Purdue	Purdue	16
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18	Miami (Ohio)	Kansas State	18
19	Kansas State	Miami (Ohlo)	19
20	Boise State	Boise State	20
21	Pillsburgh	Minnesota	21
22	Bowling Green	Pittsburgh	22
23	Nebraska	Nebraska	23
24	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	24
25	West Virginia	Bawling Green	25

College Basketball Polls

	AP	Coaches	
	team	team	
1	Connecticut (67)	Connecticut (25)	1
2	Duke (3)	Duke (3)	2
3	Michigan State (1)	Michigan State (1)	3
4	Arizona	Arlzona	4
5	Missouri	Kansas	5
6	Kansas (1)	Missguri	6
7	Syracuse	Syracuse (1)	7
8	Florida	Florida	8
9	North Carolina	Kentucky	9
10	Gonzaga	North Carolina (1)	10
11	Kentucky	Texas	11
12	Texas	Gonzaga	12
13	Illinois	Illinais	13
14	Oklahoma	Wisconsin	14
15	Wisconsin	Oklahoma	15
16	Louisville	Louisville	16
17	St. Joseph's	Stanford	17
18	Cincinnati	St. Joseph's	18
19	Stanford	NOTRE DAME	19
20	Wake Forest	Cincinnati	20
21	NOTRE DAME	Wake Forest	21
22	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	22
23	Marquette	Marquette	23
24	N.C. State	Oklahoma State	24
25	Oklahoma State	Marviand	25

Eye on Irish Opponents

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Ohio State at MICHIGAN (9-2)
Penn State at MICHIGAN STATE (7-4)
PURDUE (8-3) at Indiana
PITTSBURGH (7-3) at Temple
UCLA at USC (9-1)
80STON COLLEGE (6-5) at Virginia Tech
Central Michigan at NAVY (6-4)
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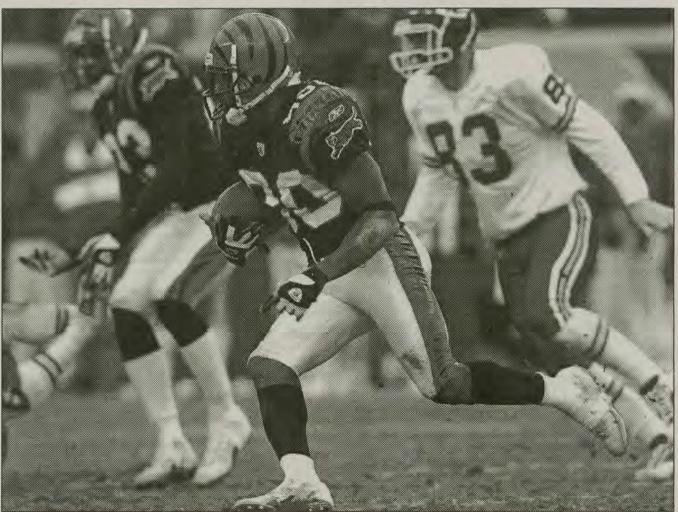
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Bengals receiver Peter Warrick returns a punt for a touchdown in the fourth quarter of Cincinnati's 24-19 win over Kansas City at Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati, Ohio. Warrick scored a pair of touchdowns in the game.

Chiefs fall to Bengals, suffer first loss

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pop the corks and make the toast, you '72 Dolphins. The perfect record is safe for one more season.

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With a punt return and a long touchdown catch, Peter Warrick eclipsed Kansas City's playmakers and let the Cincinnati Bengals back up their boast Sunday with a 24-19 victory over the Chiefs.

Trying to become the first team to go 10-0 since the 1998 Broncos, the less-than-perfect Chiefs unraveled against the Bengals (5-5), who finished the day

tied for first after making Chad Johnson's guarantee come true.

"The worst thing is to have a guy come out and shoot his mouth making a statement, and they stood up to it," Chiefs cornerback Eric Warfield said. "This is a good team, but we feel like we shouldn't have lost."

The undefeated '72 Dolphins get together for a toast when the last winless team falls each season, reveling in their distinction. Warrick made this unbeaten team fall hard.

"That's having my back," said Johnson, who apologized to some of the Chiefs

on the field for his guarantee. "They didn't leave me hanging in the wind, and I didn't want to leave them hanging in the wind."

The victory left them into a first-place tie with Baltimore in the AFC North. The Bengals haven't been in contention this late in a season since 1990, the last time they had a winning record.

Johnson was in the trainer's room getting intravenous fluids for cramps when Warrick made one cut and headed upfield on a 68-yard punt return early in the fourth quarter. He hoisted the ball in celebration when

he reached the 20-yard line — and the '72 Dolphins could get ready to hoist those glasses.

On the Chiefs sideline, players just dropped their heads, turned their backs and blamed themselves.

Rudi Johnson ran for 165 yards and Kitna threw two touchdown passes and avoided a game-turning mistake as Cincinnati positioned itself to pull off the

Trent Green threw two touchdown passes in the final seven minutes, the last one a 3-yard toss to Jason Dunn with 3:19 to go. The Chiefs never got the ball back.

IN BRIEF

James becomes Colts alltime rushing leader

INDIANAPOLIS — Edgerrin James became the Colts' all-time rushing leader early in the second half

James surpassed Lydell Mitchell when he gained 3 yards on his first carry of the third quarter. He entered the game against the New York Jets needing 75 yards to break Mitchell's career mark of 5,487. James carried 18 times for 72 yards in the first half, then broke the record with a short run up the middle.

James finished with 127 yards on 36 carries, giving him 5,540 career yards. He also scored three touchdowns, the most he had in a game since Dec. 11, 2000, at Buffalo.

The Colts are one of only two franchises with five rushers to have gained 5,000 career yards. The other team is Cleveland.

James also rushed for two first-half touchdowns, the first time he scored more than one in a game since Sept. 9, 2001, also against the Jets.

Federer sweeps Agassi for year-end title

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South Africa's Immelman, Sabbatini win World Cup KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — South

Africa's Trevor Immelman and Rory Sabbatini combined to shoot a 1-over-par 73 Sunday for a four-stroke victory at the World Cup.

Immelman and Sabbatini finished at 13-under 275 and gave South Africa its second World Cup title in three years and fifth overall. Ernie Els and Retief Goosen teamed up to win in 2001, when the World Cup was played in Japan.

The U.S. team of Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard was in contention until going bogey-triple bogey at Nos. 12 and 13. The Americans shot a 3-over 75 and finished in a tie for fifth at 4-under 284.

The Americans fell off the pace after carding a triple-bogey 7 on the 440-yard 13th after Furyk hit his tee shot into the water.

ND WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Irish fail to win regular season title

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Writer

Motivation comes from unlikely sources. No. 12 Notre Dame found this out Sunday afternoon in a five-game loss to Pittsburgh (22-4, 11-1).

The loss (20-30, 30-26, 30-25, 13-30, 15-13) was one that thrust Pittsburgh into a tie with the Irish (22-4, 11-1) for the regular season Big East title, and gave the Panthers the No. 1 seed in this weekend's Big East tournament.

But there's no doubt about it, the Irish are quite disappointed after a match that saw their offense falter and their play spo-

It was the first time the Irish lost to the Panthers since 1990, a streak that extended for 15 games before Sunday.

"I think that we're really down right now," head coach Debbie Brown said. "But if it's not as much motivation as could possibly be given to turn it around to come back in the championships

... I don't know of anything else that could be more motivating, really."

The Irish were unable to sustain any momentum in the match which saw the Irish win by the largest margin this sea-

son (17 points) in the fourth game, when they had just one error on 19 attempts, good for a .632 attack percentage.

"I think it was sporadic play," Brown said. "I think we just did certain things that were uncharacteristic of our team — we gave up some points that we haven't before."

The Irish led 7-4 in the final game before the Panthers tied it 8-8 and went on to win the match

"I certainly would like to have that match back and have the regular season title, but we just have to bounce back and win the championship tournament," Brown said.

Sophomore middle blocker Lauren Brewster led the way for the Irish with 21 kills and 10 blocks, and senior setter Kristen Kinder dished out 51 assists to go with a season-high 15 digs. Libero Meg Henican had a career-high 25 digs.

But the Irish offense wasn't itself at Pittsburgh, as they finished the match hitting only .215, with a .000 hitting percentage in game three.

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"I can't really pinpoint it on any one thing," Brown said. "On offense, we struggled a little bit, but I think it was just a lack of us staying at a high level of play throughout the match."

The Irish will have to turn

things around before this weekend, as they face No. 3 seed Miami in the first round on Saturday.

"There are a lot of little things that we can work on," Brown said. "So I think that I don't doubt our ability to come back and play at a higher level than we did and that's to take nothing away from Pittsburgh; I thought they played very well."

One positive on the night for the Irish was their blocking.

They finished with 22.5 on the match, a season high. Lauren Kelbey and Emily Loomis were both in on eight for the Irish, who were disappointed with the loss

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Notre Dame — Kills 69 (Brewster, Lauren 21), Assists 64 (Kinder, Kristen 51), Digs 65 (Henican, Meg 25), Blocks 38 (Brewster 10), Hitting percentage .215 (Brewster .275), Aces 3 (Loomis, Emily 2)

Pittsburgh — Kills 63 (Hatlestad, Wendy 20), Assists 61 (Macke, Lindsey 56), Digs 66 (McGrane, Megan 16), Blocks 31 (Miller, Megan 12), Hitting percentage .170 (Fechhelm, Abby .500), Aces 6 (Miller 3)

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ND Women's BASKETBALL

Irish open season 1-1

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Muffet McGraw wanted her team to compete hard against two of the top teams in the country in the WBCA tournament last weekend.

After beating No. 22 Auburn 77-64 then falling to No. 20 Colorado 67-63 in overtime, Notre Dame did just that to open the season 1-1.

"I was pleased with our attitudes," McGraw said. "I thought we really competed well."

The Irish opened their season by knocking off the defending WNIT champion Tigers behind Jacqueline Batteast's 27 points on 12-20 shooting. Katy Flecky added 17 points and made all six of her free throws.

One of the keys to Notre Dame's victory was stopping Auburn star forward Natasha Brackett. Brackett only scored 14 points on 4-10 shooting. McGraw said the team's zone defense was the key to containing Brackett.

"We were in a zone all game and did a great job on her the whole game," McGraw said. "We always knew where she was on the court."

Batteast led Notre Dame's first half charge as she scored 11 points in the first nine minutes to help give the Irish a 36-27 halftime edge.

Flecky put the game away with a 3-pointer with under five minutes to play to push the game out of reach for Auburn.

Notre Dame jumped on Colorado from the opening tip and took a 12-0 lead. But the Buffaloes battled back to cut the lead to 37-33 at halftime.

The Irish lead by three with less than ten seconds left in the game, but Colorado's Veronica Johns-Richardson drilled a three-pointer as time expired to send the game into overtime.

In the extra session, the Buffaloes' Emily Waner hit a three-pointer with 12.6 seconds remaining and the Colorado defense held on Notre Dame's next possession to clinch the win and the tournament championship.

Batteast had 13 points and 10 rebounds and Le'Tania Severe had 14 points, six rebounds and four assists to lead the Irish.

Notre Dame had several opportunities to finish off the Buffaloes but could not capitalize. Megan Duffy missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw chance with 19 seconds left in regulation with Notre Dame up three points. Batteast also turned the ball over on the Irish last possession.

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ND SWIMMING AND DIVING

Women remain dominant, men find first season victory

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team continued its winning ways despite losing some swimmers to illness with a trimeet sweep over Bowling Green (0-5) and Louisville (3-6), 188-90 and 189-89, respectively

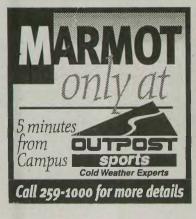
and 189-89, respectively.

"A lot of us had to sit out because of illness," senior Meghan Perry-Eaton said. "Our swimmers that were healthy just had to make sure that they stepped it up."

stepped it up."

The No. 19 Irish (4-1) dominated the meet, taking 15 of 16 events

Senior Lisa Garcia (200-yard butterfly, 100-yard butterfly, and 200-yard individual medley) recorded a trio of victories to lead the way for the Irish, while freshmen Katie Carroll (50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle) and Ellen Johnson (1,000-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke) and Perry-Eaton (1- and 3-meter diving) each won a pair of events.



For Perry-Eaton, the two victories preserved her undefeated record in diving this season.

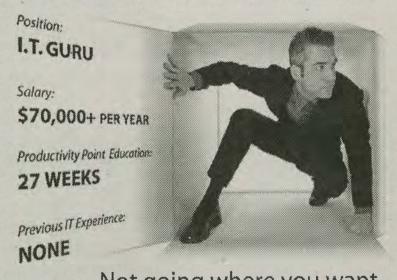
"I trained hard this summer and have been focused this season," Perry-Eaton said. "We have a bunch of new divers this year, and we're working well as a team, which is really beneficial'

The men's team dropped two meets but also picked up its first victory of the season as the Irish (1-5) fell to both No. 19 Brigham Young (4-1) and Iowa (5-1), 178-116 and 174-119, respectively, yet crushed Louisville (2-11), 223-62, in a quadrangular meet

last Friday.

Freshmen Ted Brown (1,000yard freestyle) and Tim Kegelman (100-yard butterfly) and sophomore Patrick Davis (500-yard freestyle) posted overall victories in the meet. In addition, senior co-captain Matt Obringer and freshman Justin Barber and Alan Carter all qualified for the Big East Championships, bumping up Notre Dame's list of qualified swimmers to 15.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ellis sees court from other side

By MATT LOZAR
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Mike Brey almost scheduled his team into an exhibition loss.

Brey called Notre Dame graduate LaPhonso Ellis and asked him if he would be interested in playing against the Irish when they played the Illinois All-Stars. Ellis thought Brey was just joking around, but Ellis returned Brey's phone call and found out Notre Dame's coach was serious. He decided to jump at the opportunity.

"I made the phone call to see how serious [Brey] actually was and obviously he was," Ellis said. "He of course needed to check with the Illinois All-Stars and the coaches to see if it was OK with them before he offered. A couple things came together [and I got to play]."

Ellis was already coming to Notre Dame with his son for a "Dad-Son" weekend to watch the Irish in the exhibition game and the football team play Brigham Young.

play Brigham Young.
What made Ellis' performane — 18 points on 7-of-16 shooting, nine rebounds and four assists — even more amazing, was that Friday night was the Notre Dame star's first game since he retired from the NBA in April.

But he credits his stat line on the abilities of his teammates, especially their impressive 3-point shooting (15-of-27).

"It was great. I had great teammates who could penetrate and shoot the basketball. When you are playing with guys who really know how to play the game, it makes everything else easier," Ellis said. "Catching the ball on the inside, looking at guys and they know how to cut and just dropping passes for easy lay-ups.

lay-ups.
"When you are playing with really good players, it makes the game so much easier."

That combined performance by Ellis and the rest of the Illinois All-Stars gave Brey some thoughts as this game stayed close the entire night.

As Torrian Jones toed the free throw line with 1.4 seconds remaining and his team needing two free throws to send the game into overtime, Brey was formulating ways to turn an exhibition loss, a loss he would have been responsible for, into something good during practice this week.

"I was thinking as [Torrian] was going back for his second free throw, 'We can turn this into something over the next week,'" Brey said. "To have him hit those free throws and have the will to finish the game I thought was good. I



Ellis watches Chris Thomas as he attempts a shot during Friday's game.

wanted to add LaPhonso and then when he was spinning and shooting [jumpers] and passing, I'm thinking, 'Uh-oh, way to go, coach.'"

Ellis has scrimmaged with the Irish on football weekends and has good relationships with most of the team.

The one player who Ellis especially takes a liking to is forward Torin Francis. With Ellis and Francis both being low-post players, Ellis has a good feel for the Irish sophomore and sees a player who is close to becoming dominant.

"He has a great upside potential. With Torin, he rebounds the ball very well. He is strong down there. If there is one thing I have to encourage him with is to really take his time down there and to realize he is pretty close to unstoppable," Ellis said

"He is awfully tough down there and I love the confidence that he is playing with. The thing I love so much about him is that last year, he progressed and got better and better, culminating with his great performance throughout the NCAA Tournament. I just have a lot of affection for

all of those guys, but particularly Torin, because when you've had a year like that and end the way he ended there is a bit of pressure that comes from the outside.

"He worked really hard this summer, he looks in great shape, and I think he is going to have a great year."

Eleven years after playing his last game with the Irish, Ellis suited up against his former team in a place where he spent four years exciting Notre Dame fans.

Friday night, even though some of the details are different, the trip back for Ellis was well worth it.

"Although the environment isn't the same, the JACC hasn't changed. I love playing in here. The energy is a little different," Ellis said. "Obviously the cast of characters on the side is a little different and the uniforms are different, I can't say it was unusual.

"There were enough things that were different that didn't make it unusual but enjoyable."

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number of perfect passes.

With both teams scorching from 3-point land, the game was at a very high pace during the first half. The Irish made nine 3-pointers while the Illinois All-Stars hit eight.

But for the Irish, their leading long distance shooter in the first half was a very unlikely source — forward Jordan Cornette. The junior, after sitting out the team's exhibition opener against Hoop Group because of a knee injury, made four of his five first half 3-point attempts, including scoring nine straight Notre Dame points at one point in the contest. He finished the first half with 18 points.

"I was feeling it. The rim looked two times the size than it usually is to be honest," Cornette said. "I was just feeling confident about my shot. I know what I'm capable of and I was able to show it tonight."

While Cornette assumed a new role in the first half, it was Torrian Jones' turn in the second half. Jones became more active on the offensive end, drove to the hole aggressively and got to the rim easily on several drives.

"I felt the flow of the game. I thought I needed to make some plays. I was patient and stuff came to me," Jones said. "I knew it was a mismatch. The guy that was guarding me is a great player, but he wasn't a guy that knew how to move his feet. I exploited that mismatch and I was able to get to the basket and make some tough shots."

The Irish needed Jones the most down the stretch. He was pushed underneath the basket with 1.4 seconds remaining in the second half and stepped to the free throw line with the Irish down 85-83.

The first one hit the front of the rim and bounced in. After a time-out by the Illinois All-Stars, the second one was a perfect swish and the game went into overtime.

In the extra session, Thomas put the Illinois All-Stars away, fittingly hitting two 3-point baskets to extend an 87-85 Notre Dame lead to a 95-88 advantage during a quick 8-2 Irish run.

All those pressure-packed situations, getting contributions from players other than the usual scorers, making free throws to keep the game going and making big shots down the stretch, should only the help the Irish later this year.

"For us to have to make decisions in an overtime game, make free throws and then come into overtime and make plays, I just hope you grow up and get a little more confident before you start playing, especially on your home floor," Brey said.

Forward Torin Francis finished with 14 points and 22 rebounds. Guard Chris Quinn was 4-of-4 on 3-pointers and had 19 points. Thomas also had nine assists.

The difference in the game came at the free throw line as the Irish hit 11-of-15 while the Illinois All-Stars were 5-of-20, including 0-for-7 in the second half

Friday night's biggest disappointment was Notre Dame's play on defense. Coming into the game, Brey and the players talked about improving the effort on team defense.

That improvement didn't seem to occur, as the Illinois All-Stars came out and made a ton of shots early in the game, making Friday night the second straight night where Notre Dame's opponent came out and scored easily early in the game.

That defensive effort is something the Irish feel they need to stop — right now.

"Northern Illinois will blow us out if we play defense like this, if we try to outshoot them. We aren't going to have a shooting night like this every night," Thomas said. "We can't always rely on offense like we did tonight."

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish Big East victory not just a trophy

Winning the conference means nothing.

Hang around college sports and you will hear such criti-

cism more often than you should.

And it is a fact that a conference championship between two highly ranked teams often has little to no significance in the grand scheme of

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things — just another piece of information for next season's stat book.

That was not the case, however, in the Big East championship game between Notre Dame and St. John's Sunday.

In fact, the belief that a conference championship means nothing only spawns from March Madness fans and analysts who want to see the Cinderella story, the below .500 seven-seed defeating the one-seed in the final game to collect an automatic NCAA tournament bid.

Notre Dame and St. John's had already clinched a berth to the NCAA's before Friday, so why did it matter who won the conference?

Well, following a 1-0 victory over Providence Friday night, Irish captain Greg Martin was asked who he would rather play in the final, Rutgers or St. John's — both teams beat Notre Dame by three goals in their matches this season.

"Either one would be great, because they both got us earlier, but I think we'd like to play Saint John's," senior captain Greg Martin said.

"They've got the four-seed national ranking and we've got the five. It'd be nice to be No. 1 [in the Big East], and we really want to take home the hardware this weekend, but it'd be nice to have a shot at St. John's and prove who the real number four seed is."

And there it was. By winning Sunday, Notre Dame would put themselves closer to achieving that fourth-seed national ranking, which would in turn give the Irish a bye in the first round of the NCAA's and home field advantage until the Final Four.

Kevin Richards helped Notre Dame's cause with his first goal since Oct. 8, 2000.

Does Notre Dame absolutely need to play on the friendly confines of Alumni Field to advance in the NCAA tournament? Not the way the team is playing right now, giving up no goals in the entire Big East tournament.

But the Big East championship means even more this year because of the strength of the conference.

The Big East is one of the best all-around conferences in the nation. Big East teams are a commanding 53-31-12 versus other conferences, a record that shows the depth of the conference and not just the quality of its top teams.

Seven Big East teams are in the top eight of their respective regions. Notre Dame holds first in the Great Lakes region, and St. John's is number one in New York. Connecticut sits at third in all of New England. Rutgers (3), Seton Hall (5) and Villanova (8) are scattered among the top teams in the Middle-Atlantic region, and Virginia Tech — a cellardweller for many years — is now fifth in the South Atlantic.

Though Notre Dame and St. John's were the only two teams in the top 25 as of Nov. 10, Virginia Tech, Rutgers and Connecticut all received votes. "The great thing about our league is the Big East is a tremendous conference, top to bottom," coach Bobby Clark

"Some of the teams that used to be weaker have improved. The classic is Virginia Tech, who has come up from being a cellar team to being one of the top teams. Providence has done well, and Villanova is another team that has had a tremendous season.

In the Big East you cannot take any team for granted."

Strength of schedule and a huge effort in Connecticut this weekend have the men excited about their achievements and prepared, especially if they do get the No. 4 seed, to make a serious run at the national championship.

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Victory

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"A lot of times at the end of the game they're throwing everyone forward," Riley said. "They're the times you can really ice games."

Notre Dame recorded its 13th shutout of the season and its third of the tournament, outscoring opponents 4-0 at Big East tournament.

Senior defender Kevin Richards scored Notre Dame's first goal. His second career goal came at the 77:59 mark to break a scoreless tie.

Senior forward Devon Prescod hit Richards on a sideline run from 50 yards out and Richards split two defenders at the 18yard line before hitting a shot far side. One of four assistant captains, Richards had not scored since a 3-1 loss to Providence on Oct. 8, 2000.

"In the first half I hadn't really tried to take the left back one-on-one. I was just crossing balls," Richards said. "I got the pass, and the defender was shading me down the line, so I cut it back inside and found myself right behind the defense. So I settled myself and tried to hit the back post."

Richards is even more of an unlikely hero for a team whose top three scorers — Detter (12), Prescod (11) and Martin (5) — have accounted for 28 of the team's 33 goals this season.

"[Prescod] predicted that someone who hadn't scored in a while was going to score today," Richards said. "I guess it was me."

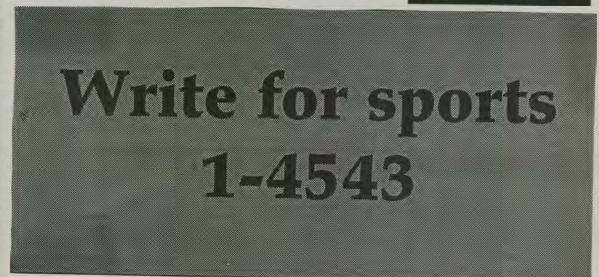
Goaltender Chris Sawyer, named Big East goaltender of the year, made four saves in the game. Notre Dame is now 2-8-2 against St. John's all-time.

The Irish earned the right to compete in the title game by defeating Providence, 1-0, on a blistering cold Friday evening.

Forward Justin Detter flicked home a Kevin Goldthwaite free kick at the 68:13 mark in the second half, and the Irish held on despite late surges from the desperate Friars in the first tournament meeting of the two squads.

Providence (6-9-3, 4-5-1 Big East), the only team in the Big East tournament not ranked in the top 10 in its respective region, needed to win the whole tournament in order to reach the







The men's soccer team huddles during an earlier game this season.

NCAA's with an automatic bid.

But Notre Dame would not relent after the first goal, staying in the Providence end of the field and applying pressure.

"Notre Dame soccer is never going to sink in and play defense," captain Greg Martin said. "We're good when we're proactive defensively. We call it stepping. What the Boss [Irish head coach Bobby Clark] says and what I tell the boys after we score is 'five minutes hard.' After you score you want to hold onto the ball because lots of times in soccer, goals follow goals."

Notre Dame out shot Providence 16-10 as seven different Irish players had legitimate scoring chances, shots either saved or shot wide.

After inching by Providence, Notre Dame opened the first half of the final game by out-shooting St. John's 7-5 in the first half. The Red Storm, however, had the best chances. Less than five minutes in, a timely offsides call saved the Irish from surrendering a penalty kick.

Notre Dame repeatedly dumped the ball deep into the St. John's end in an attempt to slow the Red Storm tempo.

But St. John's came right back, peppering Notre Dame goal-tender Chris Sawyer. Sawyer saved a hard shot from Georgios Spanos at the 31:20 mark from 20 yards out.

Notre Dame responded with a threat of its own. Justin Detter, who scored the lone Irish goal in the semifinal victory, juked left and hit a shot that St. John's goaltender Bill Gaudette corralled at the 25:40 mark.

Both goalies were solid, but Sawyer would soon prove why he was named Big East goaltender of the year.

With 18:30 remaining, St. John's midfielder Simone Salinno made a soft drop pass to midfielder Angel Rodriguez. Rodriguez drilled a rocket from 22 yards out that seemed des-

tined for the back of the net.

An alert Sawyer leapt to his left and seemed to never stop sailing until he landed on the ground with the ball between his arms.

The half would end 0-0.

St. John's played the Big East semifinal and final games without All-American defender Chris Wingert, who was playing on the U.S. Under-23 team in a pair of Olympic qualifying matches.

St. John's reached the championship game by beating Rutgers in penalty kicks, 4-3, after ending overtime in a 1-1 tie. Red Storm leading scorer Simone Salinno drilled home his penalty shot to ice it after back up goaltender Guy Hertz made a diving save. It was the second match of the tournament decided on penalty kicks. The first came in a Providence upset win over No. 2 seed Virginia Tech in the quarterfinals.

Notes

Notre Dame had eight players named to an All-Big East team this season:

All-Big East first team — Justin Detter, F, senior; Jack Stewart, D, junior; Chris Sawyer, G, junior

All Big East second team — Kevin Goldthwaite, D, junior; Chad Riley, MID, senior

All Big East third team — Greg Martin, MID, senior; Devon Prescod, F, senior; Kevin Richards, D, senior

Goalkeeper of the year: Chris Sawyer, senior

The team closest to Notre Dame is St. John's with six All-Big East players, including five first-team selections.

Detter was named the most outstanding offensive performer of the Big East Tournament. Sawyer was namedmost outstanding defensive performer.

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ND Women's Soccer

Loss does not take away from remarkable season

Whether we like it or not, sometimes in life things are just not meant to be. This seemed to be the case for the women's soccer team in their game against Michigan.

Andy Troeger

Sports Writer

play throughout, the Irish fell when Michigan was

Despite

dominating

able to connect on their only -shot on goal. The Irish valiantly tried to find the equalizer, but time after time were denied by the Michigan defense.

Unlike the first game between the two teams, the Irish played reasonably well this weekend. Despite a continuous strain of injuries, the Irish dominated Loyola on Friday night, and certainly played well enough to pick up the win on Sunday against Michigan. But it was not meant

"It's frustrating to me because we had some things lined up to make a good run at this," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "I thought we played well enough Friday and I thought we played well enough today. I felt like statistically in every category we were all over them. It's not that we played poorly today, we just didn't finish our opportunities."

Through it all, however, it was easy to see that this was not meant to be Notre Dame's day. The Michigan goal came on a play when Stephanie Chavez scored despite being surrounded by Notre Dame defenders. Somehow the ball found the net, which was something the Irish were unable to accomplish. The ball bounced around the Michigan goal four or five times on the day, but each time the ball eventually bounced away. The Irish and their fans also

quickly became frustrated with the game referees, to the tune of five yellow cards, most of which came in the second half as the Irish tried to come back.

It was an especially tough way to go out for the Irish seniors. Melissa Tancredi, who has a year of eligibility left due to an injury her freshman year, needed an IV in the morning just to play because of the flu. She came in for the second half only, playing forward for only the second time all season. Senior Amy Warner gave the Irish about twenty minutes of time in the second half, gutting it out despite a limp due to her sprained

Despite the disappointing end, the loss does end what was another remarkable season for the program. After only finishing 13-8 last season, the Irish dominated their way to an 18-0-1 start despite playing all season without preseason Big-East defensive player of the year Candace Chapman or midfielder Randi Scheller. The team defeated perennial power Santa Clara at mid-season and shut out all nine Big East teams that they played over the course of the regular season. For much of the year the Irish were ranked in the top four in both goals scored and goals allowed, ranking right with North Carolina in both statistics.

Waldrum made no excuses for the team after the game, despite being obviously frustrated considering the effort given by his team. For the Irish this year, it just wasn't meant to be.

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the game, but were never able to find the net. Freshman goalkeeper Megan Tuura managed to stymie the Irish for the second time this season, and the Irish were shut out for only the second time all season.

"Beating them the first time was a huge confidence boost," said Michigan coach Debbie Rademacher. "We knew that we could come in not being hesitant and not be intimidated and just do the same thing we did before.'

For the Irish, the loss was especially disappointing because of the way the game was played and the missed opportunities that plagued the Irish during the

"I'm disappointed for our kids," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "I hate to say it because this is twice that they've beaten us, but I thought we were the better team. If you're in this game long enough, sometimes the ball kind of bounces that way. They jumped on their chance.

Notre Dame had six shots on goal and Michigan only had one, and had eight corner kicks to only one for the Wolverines.

"We had enough chances to win," Waldrum said. "We just didn't get it done."

The team suffered from the injuries that have hampered them for the last few weeks. Starters Mary Boland, Amy Warner, Melissa Tancredi and Amanda Guertin all played fewer minutes than usual because of various injuries.

That's not the excuse," said Waldrum. "That's not the reason

The game was very physical throughout, with the Irish being called for 20 fouls, including four yellow cards. The Irish seemed frustrated throughout as their chances slipped away.



Sophomore Annie Schefter attempts a shot against a Michigan defender earlier this season.

"They pack things in and play real ugly," said Waldrum of Michigan. "They're solid defen-sively, they've got a good goalkeeper and they are a tough team to break down. I wouldn't trade any of our players for what they have, but they're very organized.

Despite missing many of their regular players, the Irish dominated play in the first half, but were unable to score.

"We walked into halftime relieved," Rademacher said. "They put us under pressure and I thought we needed to do a little better defending out of our

The Michigan goal came early in the second half, as they managed to force a corner kick six minutes in. Vince lofted the service into the box and Chavez was able to get the ball through and into the goal despite being surrounded by the Irish defense.

"She got the same goal in the first game off the corner kick," Rademacher said. "We knew if we just had numbers in there and the ball was bouncing

around that she could put it in the goal for us.'

The Irish and Wolverines got to the second round in different ways. The Irish blanked Loyola 5-0 as Jen Buczkowski scored

from Oakland to win 1-0. The Irish ended the season 20-3-1. Michigan moves on to the Sweet 16 next weekend.

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Kim Carpenter and Jill Krivacek

all added goals. Michigan

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Upset

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both teams came up big defensively on numerous occasions, often making it a struggle for each respective offense to move the 20 yards required for a first

"It was more of a defensive struggle than we expected,' Heath said. "We would've thought the offense would've put up more points or at least moved the ball a little better."

Badin grabbed the lead midway through the first half as Heath and Zachry took control on alternating plays in order to move the ball down the field.

After strong defensive pressure knocked the ball away the first couple of times, Zachry finally connected in the end

zone with wide receiver Laura Huarte on third-and-15.

The first extra point was called back due to holding on the offense, but Heath was able to complete her pass to Jenn Carter on the second attempt.

The Bullfrogs entered halftime up 7-0, happy to have put points on the board in the first half.

As quarterback Erin Nasrallah scrambled for first downs and found open receivers, the Chicks seemed poised to make a comeback for the second game in a

Lewis wide receiver Mimi Lundgren made the touchdown catch, but the Chicks failed to capitalize on the extra-point moments later.

Lewis' efforts seemed to be too little, too late, as Badin held them on the Chicks' next drive as the clock was winding down.

Badin credited its victory to the efforts and positive attitudes of everyone on the team, in addition to the great dorm support they received and the expertise of their knowledgeable coaches.

"We have really experienced, dedicated coaches. They were just as focused as we were on making it to the Stadium and winning," Wind said of defensive coach Anthony Pilcher and offensive coaches Kortney Hall and Dan Norton.

Badin was happy to redeem themselves after losing a similarly close game to Lewis the first game of the season.

"We wanted that rematch from the very beginning. We were very glad to have another shot at them," Heath said.

"We proved we're a little dorm with a big heart," Wind said.

Siegfried 13, Dillon 0

Siegfried quarterback Bill Bingle had been here before a strong defensive opponent, emotions running high and a chance to win the interhall championship. The outcome was equally familiar to him.

Siegfried won its second straight interhall championship with a convincing 13-0 shutout of top- seeded Dillon.

Dillon's undefeated run this season came to a screeching halt as Siegfried's offense outmatched a resilient Dillon defense that had given up only 17 points all season.

Siegfried's offense was lead by Bingle, who was 8-of-12 passing on the day with two touchdowns. A 35-yard touchdown reception by John Kaup and another touchdown catch by Marques Bolden gave Siegfried a quick 13-0 lead going into halftime after the Ramblers failed on an extra point.

Both touchdowns were scored following costly Dillon turnovers. A fumble on a punt snap and another fumble on a rushing play gave Siegfried excellent field position inside Dillon territory.

'We jumped on a few early turnovers by Dillon and were able to hold that momentum the rest of the game," Bingle said.

The final blow came after Dillon mounted a 60-yard drive down the field only to come up empty after failing to score on four straight plays from Siegfried's 13-yard line. The drive took the entire length of the third quarter and put Dillon at the mercy of the clock the rest of the game.

This was Siegfried's third straight appearance in the

championship game and their added experience dictated their attitude going into the game.

His team's quarterback agreed, coming through in the clutch to help Siegfried repeat as champions.

"We knew what to expect coming into the game and we had faith that our offense could get the job done," Bingle said.

Even though Dillon had the higher playoff seed and Siegfried had the experience advantage, both teams matched each other in emotional intensi-

At halftime, a marshmallow war erupted between the Dillon fans while Siegfried fielded their own marching band.

With a second interhall footchampionship title, Siegfried has lived up to the high expectations the team places on itself.

"We want to establish a tradition of Siegfried being dominant interhall athletics," Torgenson said.

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69 Relative of a sea gull DOWN 1 Old Egyptian

crosses

5 Variety

rating 7 Without juice,

8 Cut into 9 Cockeyed

classic mysteries 11 Certain dive

64 Pastrami purveyor

65 Almost any doowop song, e.g. 66 Between ports

ledger

(together) 68 Like much hiphop lingo

2 Hawaiian island 3 Pickling liquid

4 Confronts boldly 6 Almost perfect

as an electrical wire

12 Chills and fever

32 Complete

39 In _ _ straits **40 Novelist**

33 Chicago locale,

34 Surrounding glow

35 Oven for making building blocks

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Answer:

EUGENIA LAST

What the pitcher did when he couldn't throw a

"WALKED" AWAY

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Danny DeVito, Martin Scorsese, Lauren Hutton, Tom Seaver

Happy Birthday: Uncertainties might cloud your vision this year, but if you take a few steps back and view the big picture, everything will become quite clear. You can make your moves as long as you plan carefully and should be assured that you have the wherewithal to follow up on whatever plans you put into motion. This is a year to move forward, so don't fall into the "poor me" syndrome. Your numbers: 5, 14, 22, 31, 40, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Romance is likely to flourish. Partnerships will make you happy, provided that you don't overreact to the advances made. Your outgoing nature will

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Opportunities will be evident; however, co-workers will be jealous of your achievements. Don't jump to conclusions or be too quick to retaliate. Enlist

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sudden romantic infatuations may take you by surprise. You can meet new mates and enjoy mental stimulation if you join some interesting and

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will have more people on your domestic scene. Intellectual stimulation should be your intent; therefore, consider playing games of mental

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Communication with friends and relatives will prove to be fruitful. Opportunities for expanding your knowledge through awareness courses will be conducive to meeting new people. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Discuss your intentions with superiors. You can make major gains by doing a job well. Opportunities to change your position will increase your income

and bring you greater self-esteem. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pleasure trips should be on your agenda. Consider getting together with newfound friends, and romance is sure to follow. Your desire for adventure

and excitement will be fulfilled. *** SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your ideas regarding money will be profitable. You should help older family members with their personal finances. Visit those who have not been well.

Work quietly and behind-the-scenes SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be very intuitive about investments. Follow your gut feelings when dealing with people you don't know very well. Social events will

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your ideas to yourself. Do the necessary groundwork and prepare to present your work. Be aware that someone may be trying to

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can gain valuable knowledge through the company you keep. Your popularity will grow and people in a position of authority will help you get PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your ideas concerning your career will be favorable. You

can make professional changes. Visit friends who can't get out very often. Consider making alterations to your home. *****

Birthday Baby: You are a real little doer. Your enthusiasm and insight will earn you the respect that you require in order to feel satisfied. Your ability to be original and yet to the point will lead you down pathways that are sure to bring you the results that you're searching for. You are determined and earnest and you don't waste time.

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SOCCER

Triumph and tragedy

No. 5 men win Big East Championship and earn home field

By PAT LEONARD Sports Writer

STORRS, CONN. — Chad Riley sprinted past St. John's goaltender Guy Hertz at midfield. Riley had the ball, the net and 50 yards in front of him.

"I was thinking, 'Just don't kick

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not just a

trophy"

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it over the goal,'" Riley said with a smile on his

He raised his arms high, drilled home a from

point blank range, and with that emphatic blast the No. 3 Notre Dame men's soccer team secured a 2-0 victory over top-seeded St. John's at Joseph J. Morrone Stadium Friday night for the Big

St. John's (14-5-1, 8-2-0) was pressing with all 11 men in a desperate attempt to tie the game. Riley's goal with 18 seconds remaining removed any doubt that the Irish (15-3-3, 6-3-1 Big East) were champions.

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Greg Martin heads downfield against Akron defenders.

No. 3 women lose to Wolverines in stunning second-round exit



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

Jen Buczkowski tries to pass a Michigan

By ANDY TROEGER Sports Writer

For the second time this season, the Michigan women's soccer team was able to come in to Alumni Field and knock off the Fighting Irish. The stakes were higher this time around, as the loss came in

secondround **NCAA** Tournament action at Alumni Field, effectively ending Notre Dame's sea-

"Loss does not take away from remarkable season"

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matchup, Michigan capitalized on their only corner kick opportunity and only shot on goal of the game, scoring early in the second half on a goal by Stephanie Chavez. Robyn Vince got the assist on the play.

Just as they did in the first

The Irish dominated much of the game, but were never able to find the net. Freshman goal-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

3-pointers carry Irish in 97-88 win

By MATT LOZAR Associate Sports Editor

The Irish got a mid-season test in the middle of November. In their second and last exhi-

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court from other

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side"

bition game, Notre Dame pulled out a 97-88 overtime win over a hot-shooting Illinois All-Stars team at

the Joyce

Center Friday night. Guard Chris Thomas led all scorers with 26 points, including 6-of-14 shooting on 3-pointers. As a team, the Irish shot 14-of28 from behind the arc.

All of those long-range shots were necessary as the Illinois All-Starts were even hotter on their 3-pointers, shooting 15-of-

"I thought we challenged a lot of those shots and they were really deep shots, not great shots," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "And you are saying, 'Are they ever gonna miss? They really didn't and thank God we didn't either."

The Illinois All-Stars featured a number of older players, highlighted by Notre Dame great LaPhonso Ellis. The former NBA player had 18 points and nine rebounds but really put

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin upsets Lewis by one point

Siegfried earns 2nd consecutive title

By ANNIE BRUSKY

All that separated the finest of women's interhall football Sunday afternoon was one extra-point conversion.

A single point dashed Lewis' dreams of a championship, for many, four years in the making, as well as their hopes of an unblemished season.

But, then again, a single point also propelled Badin into interhall history as the smallest girls dorm on campus took home their first football championship with a 7-6 victory in the Notre Dame Stadium.

"We're very excited. There



Badin celebrates its 7-6 upset victory over Lewis Sunday after-

aren't even words to describe it," said Steph Heath, one of Badin's quarterbacks.

"It's even more exciting in the fact that it was such a team effort," said Erin Zachry, the other quarterback for Badin.

"This was our first time in the Stadium and we were fortunate enough to come out with a vic-

It was a physical battle and

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VOLLEYBALL

Pittsburgh 3, **Notre Dame 2**

The Irish lost the regular seaon title to Pittsburgh.

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WOMEN'S HOOPS

The Irish split a pair of games against ranked teams on the road.

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CROSS COUNTRY

The Irish women win regional while men place eighth.

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SWIMMING/DIVING

The Irish women swept this weekend while the men picked up their first win of the year.

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NFL

The unlikely Bengals handed the Chiefs their first loss of the season.

trick play to pick up a win against the lets.

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The Colts needed a

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