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"Hogs" of Holy Cross Hall return for dorm reunion

By FINN PRESSLY
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Gathering to celebrate the spirit of their former dorm, over a hundred Notre Dame alums met in the basement of St. Joseph Hall Friday. They came together to remember the memory of a different lakeside landmark, Holy Cross Hall, which, until its demolition in 1991, housed one of Notre Dame's most unique residential communities.

"The reunion was terrific as usual," said Drew Danik '75, Holy Cross' unofficial reunion coordinator. "We had about 120 people form the hall, but with guests and children we had around 200 people."

Holy Cross Hall was located on what is today known as Holy Cross Hill — a raised area between the lakes often used as a staging ground for bonfires. This weekend was the seventh reunion for the Holy Cross Hogs.

Danik said that the size and location of Holy Cross helped create a close dorm community.

"It was small dorm, so everybody knew everybody. And although we don't have fraternities at Notre Dame ... it was actually pretty close to being frat. It was built as a seminary, so we had a basketball court, softball field and our own kitchen," he said. "The guys got real close because we were so far out there. You got back from class, and you pretty much stayed there."

Because Holy Cross was so far removed from the center of campus, it was also the cheapest to live in, before the University adopted uniform pricing for the residence halls.

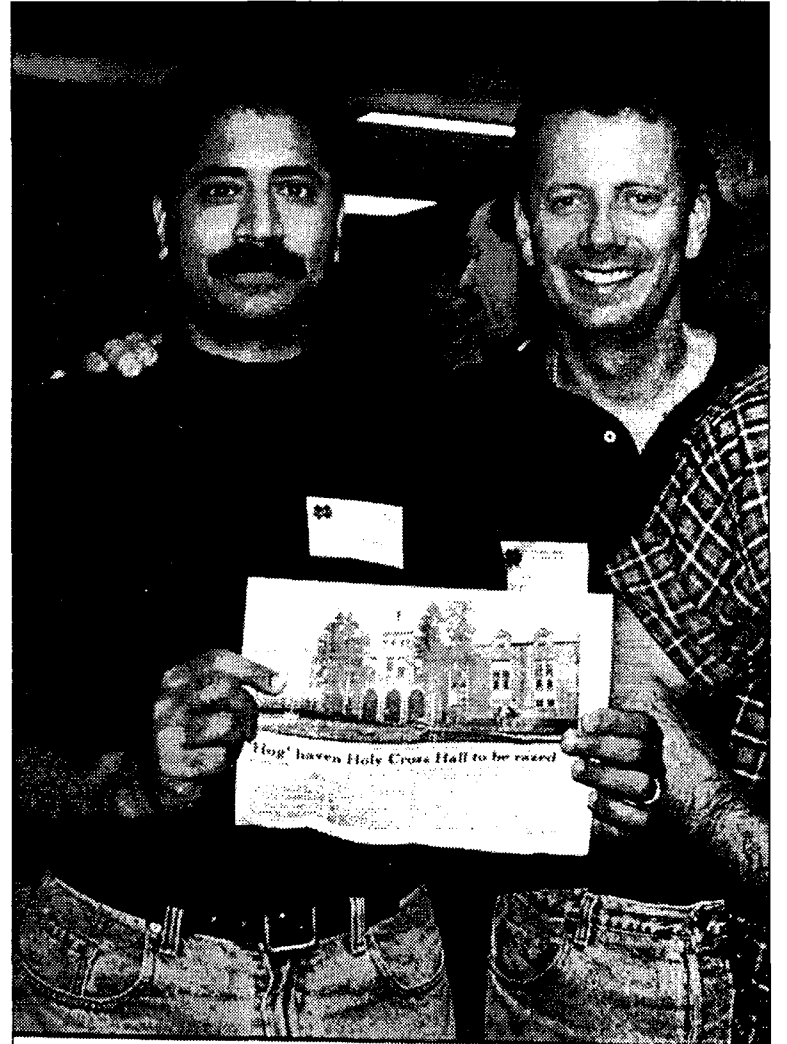
"It was all the guys who didn't have money," said



The men of Holy Cross Hall returned to campus this weekend to celebrate, reminisce, and remember their former home. The returnees gathered for a group picture (above) and shared mementos of the "building by the lake" (right).

Holy Cross Hall was torn down in 1991 after being part of Notre Dame's campus for over 100 years.

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SARAH FUCHS



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CAMPAIGN 2000

Bush brings campaign to help swing Michiana votes

By ANNE-MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

With more than 1,000 GOP supporters waving Bush-Cheney signs and chanting his name, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush distanced himself from Democratic candidate Al Gore Friday by emphasizing his belief in returning the powers of government to the hands of the people.

In an 11-minute campaign speech, Bush touched on issues ranging from Social Security to taxes to education, reiterating with each comment that he, unlike Gore, has confidence in the nation's citizens.

"[Al Gore] trusts the government. He thinks that Washington, D.C., is the place for all wisdom. That's what we know differently," he said. "We trust the people. We know the great strength of America lies in the hearts and souls of the American people. We know the great strength of this country

lies not in its halls of government, but in the hearts of people that care about a neighbor."

If elected, his administration would not dodge unpopular issues, Bush said.

"The role of a leader is to set clear priorities, not to try to be all things for all people. The role of a leader is to tackle the tough problems before they become acute," he said, noting that he was addressing such problems in the campaign against the advice of other Republicans. "Now is the time, folks, to get leadership in Washington that won't duck the tough issues, but that will solve the tough issues on behalf of the people of this country. And now is the time to have an administration that trusts the people, not the federal government."

Among the toughest of those issues is Social Security, he said. Bush said the new administration must rescue the ailing program, but that the solution should not be that the federal government collects all money, but instead that citizens should be given the option to responsibly invest the money set aside

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♦ Bush cites need for Social Security reform

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

Standing before an enthusiastic crowd of supporters and a banner with the word "Responsibility" printed boldly across it, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush spoke about his plans for spending the surplus and his desire to restore integrity to the White House at Lake Michigan College Friday.

"We believe that in order to make sure America is hopeful we must demonstrate a responsibility era," said Bush. "That means responsible leadership in Washington, D.C. That's what this nation needs, a responsible leader who sets clear goals and works with people to achieve those goals ... someone to go to Washington and end partisan division, the name calling, the ugliness."

"A leader is somebody who sets their priorities and

doesn't try to be all things to all people," he said. "Our priorities are best described by what we want to do with the surplus."

Bush cited Social Security and Medicare reform, military spending, education and tax relief as his priorities for spending the surplus.

"One of the differences between me and my opponent is this," Bush said. "[Al Gore] thinks the surplus exists because of the ingenuity and hard work of the federal government. But the surplus exists because of the hard work and ingenuity of the American people."

He spoke about his plans to return the surplus to American citizens by allowing younger workers to manage their own money through Social Security reform.

As the crowd erupted into a "No more Gore!" chant, Bush criticized the Democratic presidential candidate, Vice President Al Gore.

"As Vice President Gore himself said, 'You ain't seen nothing yet!' [They've] had their chance to reform Medicare, but [they] haven't

led. We will," Bush said.

Although Bush declared the United States' military strong and capable, he also expressed his desire to continue a "legacy of peace" without excessive military presence.

"The role of the a leader is to anticipate problems ... Ours is a nation of peace makers, but not peace keepers around the world," he said. "You can't be too many things to too many people."

The Texas governor also opposed Gore's plans for "big government" through a discussion of education reform and tax relief.

Bush focused on more personal plans for education to end the "achievement gap" and shift schools from process oriented evaluations (placing students in classes by age) to skills oriented testing (placing students in classes by abilities).

"We believe all school systems should be locally controlled," said Bush. "I don't want to be the federal superintendent of schools, but stu-

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INSIDE COLUMN

A vote for our future

It is time for a much needed change. George W. Bush offers a fresh perspective for the future of the United States. He places more control in the hands of the American people, and promises to limit the power of the central government.

As a "compassionate conservative", George Bush appeals to both Democrats and Republicans alike. We need a president in office like Bush, who is bi-partisan and will work in the best interest of the American people. Bush has proven time and again during his tenure as the governor of Texas that he will make decisions based on integrity, not politics.

Bush offers options for the American people. He proposes a concrete solution to the social security dilemma, by placing surplus money back into the hands of the people, who can make their own future financial decisions. Also, Bush wants Americans to make their medical decisions by allowing them to choose their own health care providers. Finally, Bush wants parents to have a direct influence on the education of their children.

Unlike opponent Al Gore, who is proposing selective tax cuts for those who meet certain acceptable criteria, Bush promises a tax cut for all American people. He is in favor of preserving the stability of our armed forces, and thus preserving peace for the future.

Through all of these changes, Bush promises to curb the political agendas of the Washington bureaucrats and place power back into the hands of the American people.

That is democracy; and that is the foundation upon which Bush wants our nation to thrive.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Bush will have the opportunity to appoint three Supreme Court justices. This could serve as a monumental decision in the protection of the rights of the unborn child. Bush has promised to appoint justices who strictly uphold the Constitutional right that all people are guaranteed "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." If Gore is elected, he has vowed to appoint justices who will protect abortion as a federally funded practice. As Christians, we cannot stand by and watch as unborn children are legally murdered in this country every day.

Students and faculty of Notre Dame, this election contrasts candidates with very distinct views, who could change the future of our nation. Bush promises to give power back to the people. He will bring dignity, integrity and hope back to the presidency, by leading the United States not on partisan politics, but with the best intentions of the American people at heart.

This is your chance. Take a stand. For yourselves, for your families, for your future, and for the entirety of the United States of America. On Nov. 7, vote George W. Bush for president.



Nate Phillips

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Movie: "Mildred Pierce," 7 p.m., Snite Museum of Art	◆ Movie: "Black Cat, White Cat," 7 p.m., Hesburgh Center	◆ Lecture: "Monty Python and the Mass: Medievalism and the Middle Ages," 7 p.m., North Dining Hall	◆ Theater: "Lost in Yonkers," 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall Lab Theater
◆ Lecture: "A Psycho-Social Perspective of Democratic Change in South Africa," 8 p.m., Hesburgh Center	◆ Service: Eucharistic Adoration, 10 p.m., St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall	◆ Event: Swing Dance, 8:30 to 11 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom	◆ Event: Acoustic Cafe, 9 to 11:30 p.m., LaFortune Student Center

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Lazio visits Syracuse, blasts Yasser Arafat

SYRACUSE, N.Y. U.S. Senate candidate Rick Lazio denounced Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for having "planned and orchestrated" recent violence in Israel.

These anti-Palestinian Liberation Organization comments, made at Syracuse University's Eggers Hall were directed to defense and military officials in the university's National Security Studies program.

"If there was ever evidence that Arafat is not interested in peace, the blood in the streets of Jerusalem is it," said Lazio, a four-term Republican congressman from Long Island. "The peace process is dying, for the time being at least, and responsibility for this lies squarely with Yasser Arafat."

"If there is any evidence that Arafat is not interested in peace, the blood in the streets of Jerusalem is it."

Rick Lazio
Republican congressman

The SU visit marked Lazio's first to the university, as he struggles to bolster support in Upstate New York.

The congressman also criticized the Clinton administration for diplomatic overtures to so-called "states

of concern," including Iran, Syria and North Korea.

Lazio told the security studies students that the United States must isolate these countries, diplomatically and economically, and "punish" state-sponsored terrorist acts.

"When it comes to dealing with rogue states, New York needs a senator who will hold the White House's feet to the fire -- somebody who has the convictions and the courage to stand up for them," Lazio said.

While Lazio also advocated strong support for U.S. military forces he also wavered slightly. In response to a question from SU professor and former ambassador Melvyn Levitsky, Lazio said he would consider supporting a "consolidation" of military bases.

UCLA

Sex offender info to be available

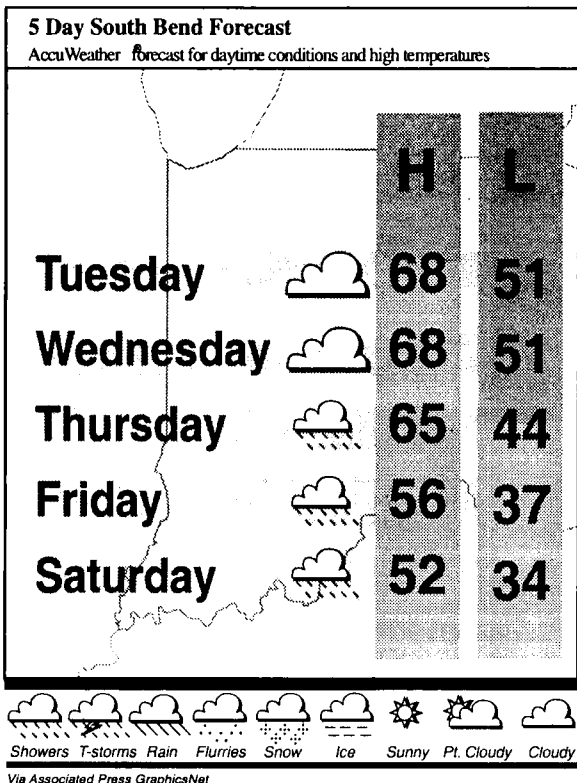
LOS ANGELES, Ca. President Clinton is expected to sign a bill next week requiring colleges nationwide to inform students if there are any registered sex offenders at their campuses. The bill, titled the "Violence Against Women Act of 2000," passed through the House and Senate earlier this month. It mandates that states document whether sex offenders are enrolled or employed at higher education institutions and disseminate that information to campus police. "It will provide additional resources to prevent violence against women on campuses," said S. Daniel Carter, vice president of Security on Campus, Inc., a non-profit organization that supports the bill. Currently, UCLA staff and faculty members are fingerprinted upon employment to see if they are registered sex offenders, Ross said. But a person who has committed a sex offense won't necessarily have that information released to the public.

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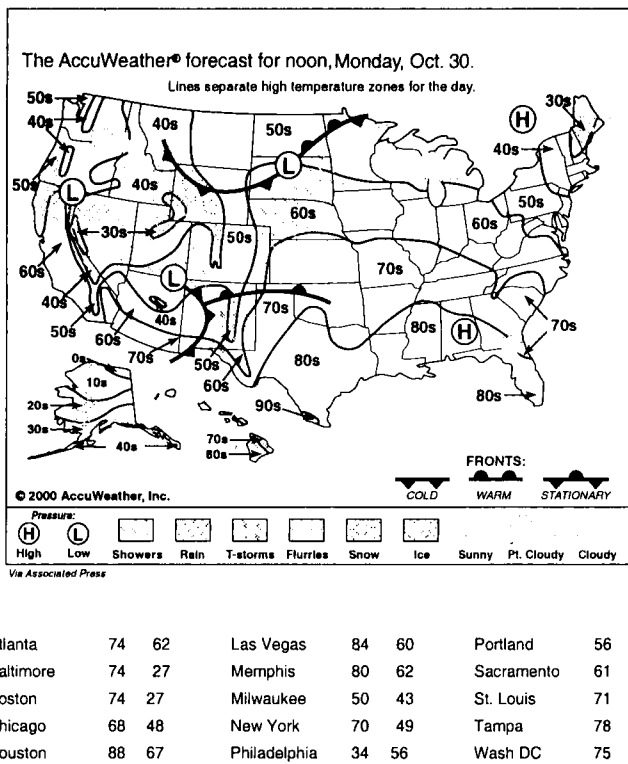
Regent criticizes chancellor

LINCOLN, Neb. University of Nebraska Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman shouldn't be considered for the permanent chancellor position, Hastings Regent Robert Allen wrote in an Oct. 20 letter, because of his "attention and interest in helping homosexuals." The letter said as dean of the Nebraska College of Law, Perlman sponsored "several homosexual items," including a gay dating service. Allen also objected to Perlman's telling members of UNL's Academic Senate that he was opposed to Initiative 416, which would ban gay and lesbian marriages, civil unions and domestic partnerships in Nebraska. Perlman, who said he hasn't decided whether he'll be in the running for the permanent chancellor position, refused to comment on Allen's letter but said the two had spoken on the phone since the letter was written. "Regent Allen is certainly entitled to his opinion," Perlman said. "And it differs from my opinion."

LOCAL WEATHER



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Local station stages South Bend version of Survivor

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Do you have what it takes to be a survivor?

This is the question that South Bend CBS affiliate WSBT-TV is asking as it hosts a spin-off of the popular CBS survival show Survivor.

Tonight at 11 on WSBT-TV, South Bend area residents will see the first of 15 episodes of the show.

Between Oct. 13-16, the station sent six local residents to Leeper Park Island in South Bend. Like members of its par-

ent show on CBS, the residents voted on who would leave the island. At the end of the four-day period on the island, two survivors remained.

The show, hosted by Amanda Hart, will air every weeknight through Nov. 17. On that night, local viewers will vote to determine who the ultimate survivor is.

The winner will receive a week-long adventure in Australia.

Contestants interested in being a part of the series were asked to write a 500-word essay discussing why they believed they should be cho-

sen for the show.

"I am a blonde, so of course I can outwit, outsmart and outlast my opponents, especially if they are brunettes," Cindy, one of the chosen island hoppers said in her essay. Last names of contestants have not been released.

In a recent interview with the South Bend Tribune, station director Meg Sauer said the station's intent was "to have a nice eclectic group of people."

Although the contestants had to be at least 18 years of age, youth did not seem to be a requirement. The six con-

tants chosen for the four-day adventure ranged from a 22-year-old local IUSB student to a 51-year-old middle school teacher.

The WSBT version of Survivor serves as more than local entertainment for the network.

The show will air during the weeks when national and local ratings are measured. Because of the success of the original CBS series, the spin-off may increase ratings for the local station.

WSBT's parent station, CBS, is supportive of the spin-off of its popular TV series.

"CBS is 100 percent behind us," Sauer said.

After being chosen for the Survivor show, contestants had to sign a waiver authorizing WSBT to tape and air their time on Leeper Park Island.

In addition, contestants had to agree not to discuss the results of the four-day stay with anyone and grant WSBT exclusive rights to interviews following the three-week series.

The winner had to agree to being accompanied on the Australia trip by a WSBT camera crew for another airing in January or February.

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On-campus interviews will be held Tuesday, October 31.

'00 grad struck by car outside the Linebacker

Observer Staff Report

Julia Gillespie, a 2000 Notre Dame graduate, was hit by a drunk driver on Edison Road early Saturday morning, according to South Bend police.

She was taken to St. Joseph's Medical Center and where she was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

Gillespie was leaving the Linebacker Lounge at 2:28 a.m. when she lost her balance on a curb and stepped into the road, police said. The driver swerved to avoid her but was unsuccessful, according to

Corporal Britton Shupert, the officer at the scene. Gillespie was hit from behind and knocked unconscious.

The driver failed a breathalyzer test and was arrested for driving under the influence, police said. Police would not release the driver's name.

Police said Gillespie was walking back to campus from the bar with two friends when the accident happened. She was also intoxicated, Shupert said, but would not be charged.

A Chicago resident, Gillespie graduated last year and majored in English with Computer Applications. She lived in McGlinn Hall.

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Want to invent new sports?

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A new group is forming on campus that aims to make Notre Dame the birthplace of entirely new sports. It's called the

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Let's get the ball — or whatever we devise — rolling.

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Reunion

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Tom Coughlin, '81.

The reunion also helped raise an additional \$3,500 for an endowed scholarship begun by a Holy Cross alum whose son was killed in a car accident, Danik said.

"We're going to endow a scholarship so someone like us — middle class and both parent working, holding down a summer job and trying to put things together — can go to Notre Dame," he said.

Holy Cross was also the nearest Notre Dame residence hall to Saint Mary's, and according to one alum, relations between the Hogs and the Belles were strong.

"Saint Mary's loved the Hogs," said Rosemary Larcos '79, who married a Holy Cross grad.

Constructed in 1885 as the Saint Aloysius Scholasticate, it was renamed Holy Cross Hall three years later. Holy Cross operated as a seminary for the greater half of the 20th Century, with University president emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh among its most famous graduates.

In 1967, the Brothers of the Holy Cross leased the hall to Notre Dame for use as a residence hall during a housing crunch. Despite structural and heating problems, the University continued to use Holy Cross Hall until the late 1980s, when the decision was made by the Brothers to tear it down in May 1990.

Though former residents had heard warnings that the dorm would be demolished, the first visit back to campus was an emotional one for many.

"It's still strange today," said Greg Kamah '81. "I take my kids up the hill and say 'This is where my room was.'"

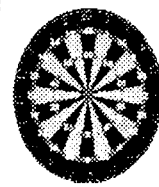
Even without their dorm, however, the Hogs maintain the close ties that were the hallmark of their hall.

"It's not the bricks and mortars," said Ray Ramirez '76. "It's all these guys here."



SARAH FUCHS/The Observer

Drew Danik '75, organized the seventh Holy Cross Hall reunion this weekend. The Hogs met for golf, dinner, and a reception Friday, as well as a memorial Saturday on Holy Cross Hill.



Student Workers Needed

To help assist other students using the temporary DART registration system at the Registration Center, G184 Hesburgh Library from November 8th through December 1st

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VENEZUELA

Castro praises Hugo Chavez in address

Associated Press

VALENCIA

Fidel Castro appeared on President Hugo Chavez's radio talk show Sunday, praising Chavez's efforts to change Venezuelan society and joining his host in a sing-along to a popular ballad.

Decidedly off-key, the two leaders sang the chorus of "Venezuela" at the end of a four-hour program that was at turns jocular and studious, mournful and combative. It was a demonstrative show of the close friendship between the 74-year-old Cuban president and the 46-year-old Chavez.

"I have confidence in you," Castro told Chavez. "At this moment, in this country, you have no substitute."

Castro has been on a visit to Venezuela since Friday. He and Chavez were to sign an oil assistance pact Monday before he returns home.

"Hello President," Chavez's weekly call-in show, became "Hello Presidents" Sunday in a studio broadcast to Cuba and Venezuela from a place dear to both leaders: the Carabobo Battlefield where South American liberator Simon Bolivar defeated the Spanish colonial army in 1821.

Fielding calls from Cuba and Venezuela, the two leaders denounced the Spanish colonialism of the past and a present-day economic colonialism they attribute to a "unipolar" economic order dominated by the United States. They demanded that Latin Americans work together to confront that order.

"The only way we can fight neoliberalism ... is to unite," declared the garrulous Chavez, who dominated much of the show.

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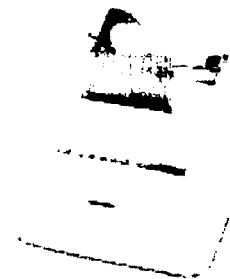
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Chileans back government: Despite a lingering economic crisis, Chileans gave President Ricardo Lagos' socialist government a vote of confidence Sunday by favoring his coalition's candidates in municipal elections nationwide. With half the votes counted in mayoral and city council races in 341 municipalities, the center-left coalition backing Lagos had won 51.5 percent of the elections compared to 40.9 percent for the right-wing opposition.

Voting in Zanzibar halted: Vote-counting in Zanzibar's second multiparty elections was halted after election officials declared that voting in 16 of 50 districts must be repeated because of a lack of ballots in Sunday's vote.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Utah Democrats hope to win seat: A late disclosure about the business practices of Republican candidate Derek Smith in Utah gives Democrats new hope they can win a seat that's been in GOP hands. An audit by the federal Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, obtained by The Associated Press, found that Smith's company, Cambric, made no payments into employee 401(k) fund for eight months in 1995. The company continued to withhold the money from employees' checks at the time, a violation of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

Gore proclaims Bush 'not ready': While the Republican side mostly rested on Sunday, Democrats Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman blanketed TV talk shows, rocked Detroit's black churches and motored through Michigan with a blunt homestretch message: "George Bush is not ready to be president of the United States."

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Man shot, mistaken for deer: A Kosciusko County man was killed Sunday on a hunting trip when his father mistook him for a deer and shot him with an arrow. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources reported that Frederick Searfoss, 28, was bow hunting with his father, Jerry Searfoss, and a friend, Daryl Gans. While Searfoss was on his way to a tree stand he was mistaken for a deer by his father, who later told conservation officers he thought that the sound his son was making was a deer walking.

COLOMBIA



Guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as FARC, patrol a portion of Los Pozos, Colombia, during the country's municipal and provincial elections. The FARC guaranteed the polls will take place without incident in the areas they control.

Colombian local elections peaceful

Associated Press

BOGOTA
Local elections took place peacefully across Colombia on Sunday in what officials labeled a vote against the guerrilla and paramilitary violence tearing apart this South American country.

Colombians voted for governors, mayors and town council members, many of them independents challenging the two traditional political parties — the Conservatives and Liberals — who are increasingly blamed for Colombia's woes.

Charges that leftist

rebels stole ballots marred closely-watched voting in a guerrilla-held southern area. It was the first time in 36 years of fighting that Colombians had voted under formal rebel rule.

Fighting between rebels, rival paramilitary militias and government troops has left tens of thousands dead, forced millions to flee their homes and crippled a once-vibrant economy. But amid a security operation involving some 150,000 soldiers and police, there were no reports of major clashes Sunday and only scattered disruptions to voting.

Despite its endemic

strife, Colombia has one of Latin America's strongest electoral traditions and little history of military coups. Turnout appeared strong in the elections, with some people casting ballots even though they doubted it would make a difference.

"This country is a disaster," said Lucy Restrepo, a 52-year-old housewife, as she left a polling station in a wealthy Bogota neighborhood guarded by soldiers with machine guns and police checking bags for weapons.

"There is robbery, corruption, war. It's horrible," Restrepo said. "Who

knows if my vote will help?"

Beyond the thousands of local posts up for grabs, officials said Colombia's embattled democratic system was at stake.

"Voting sends a very important message to the peace process," President Andres Pastrana said after casting his ballot. "It says to the insurgents that Colombians want to strengthen our democratic process, to strengthen our democracy. Polls closed Sunday evening and officials said voting was disrupted in only two of Colombia's nearly 1,100 municipalities."

Soldiers take army general hostage

Associated Press

LIMA
One day after President Alberto Fujimori dismissed the nation's three top military leaders in a bold move designed to bring Peru stability, a group of soldiers staged a revolt Sunday, seizing a southern mine and reportedly taking an army general hostage.

Some 51 soldiers under the command of Lt. Col. Ollanta Humala joined three unidentified civilians in taking, then abandoning, the copper mining town of Toquepala, 535 miles

south of Lima near the Chilean border.

The soldiers said they were disgusted with Fujimori and the continued influence of his feared former intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos.

"I will lay down my arms when the chain of command is legitimate and there is a president who has been truly elected by the people to whom I would swear 'subordination and valor,'" Humala said in a statement, demanding that Montesinos be thrown in prison.

Fujimori met Sunday with the new

head of the army and chief of Peru's joint armed forces to discuss the military uprising, the presidential palace said. He made no public comment.

Peru has been in turmoil since the September release of a video showing Montesinos apparently bribing a congressman to support Fujimori. In the ensuing scandal, the president announced he would step down in July after new elections.

The political crisis intensified Monday, when Montesinos returned to Peru after a failed asylum bid in Panama and went underground.

Market Watch 10/27

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using individual retirement accounts. Bush also noted the Clinton administration's failure to act to reform Medicare, arguing that seniors should receive the same options for medical care as federal employees receive.

"One thing my opponent cannot escape is this fact that you have to tell the undecided voter: In 1992 they went around the country talking about Medicare reform. In 1996 they went around the country talking about Medicare reform. Here in the year 2000, they're still talking about Medicare reform," he said. "Al Gore says you ain't seen nothin' yet, and he's right, we've never seen nothin' yet."

Bush's plan advocates providing assistance with prescription drug costs, including 100 percent coverage for seniors in the lowest economic brackets, he said. The Republican nominee further extended his push for returning leadership to local levels of government when describing his vision for the future of America's educational system.

"I'm not interested in being the federal superintendent of schools. We're not for the federalization of the public education system in America," he said. "We believe in local control of schools. We believe we ought to trust teachers and parents and local folks to make the right decisions for the children and the communities in which they live."

Bush also expressed concerns about the current morale of the U.S. military and said that he would both work with Congress to build military strength and to foster mutual respect between the commander in chief and members of the armed forces.

Ultimately, Bush told his sup-



Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush waves to the crowds at South Bend Regional Airport following a rally there Friday. Bush was in South Bend on his way to deliver an address in Benton Harbor.

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porters that intangible differences in character would make him a better president than Gore, noting in particular his success at building bridges across party lines in Texas while alluding to the scandals that have plagued the Clinton administration. In addition to preserving, protecting and defending the Constitution, Bush said he would also pledge to bring respectability back to the Oval Office.

"I will also swear to you that I will bring honor and dignity to the White House, so help me God," he said.

Republican candidate for governor David McIntosh and Chris Chocola, candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives were in attendance at the rally to help build unity among local Republicans.

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dents shouldn't be asked, 'How old are you?' ... rather than, 'What do you know?'"

Bush also cited Reagan's tax cuts of the 1980s as a possible source for the strength of today's economy, and said that the government should not take any more than 1/3 of anyone's income.

"We believe government ought to be limited," said Bush. "We don't believe in the heavy hand of government; we believe in the helping hand of government. We trust people to make the best decisions for their lives."

Since the rally's audience — packed tightly into the Mendel

Center on Lake Michigan College's campus in Benton Harbor, Mich. while hundreds more waited outside — contained mostly Bush supporters, he discussed not only the election issues, but also the nature of the campaign itself.

"This campaign is more than just a person, it's a philosophy, it's an effort to change America," Bush said. "It's a close race and the team that's got the best grassroots organization is the team that's going to win."

Recent Associated Press polls have been especially close in Michigan, one of four key states for which the candidates are currently vying.

"We here in Michigan are the epicenter, we are ground-zero and we are going to elect the next President of the

United States," said Candice Miller, Michigan's Secretary of State, in her opening comments at the rally.

Michigan Governor John Engler, a Republican, also commented on the candidates' campaign strategies in his introductory remarks.

"I think [the increase in Bush's poll approval in Michigan] is a rejection of some of the scummiest calls that are happening today in politics ... coming into the homes of Michigan," said Engler. "I reject that kind of approach to campaigning ... we're not going to let our citizens be scared."

Bush also said, "We believe in responsible leadership, leadership that stands on principle not on polls or focus groups."

NEWS ANALYSIS

Professor: Undecided voters will make or break election

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

With the two major parties' presidential candidates hesitant to draw strong distinctions between themselves on issues in order to maintain a more centrist political stance to attract voters, the result has been a race that he polls show to be the closest Presidential race since that of John F. Kennedy versus Richard Nixon in 1960, according to Saint Mary's professors.

Most polls indicate a very narrow margin between the candidates and have yet to identify a clear front-runner.

Undecided voters are the cause of the switching of leads in the polls, said Patrick Pierce, associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's.

"There are a large number of undecided voters who are relatively volatile voters," said Pierce. "You can see them switching who they are going to vote for based on the changing leads of candidates in the polls."

A lack of enthusiasm for either of the major party candidates has led to Bush and Gore lacking well-defined base of support. This factor has contributed to the large number of undecided voters, Pierce said. He added that third-party candidates like Nader and Buchanan could play a role in the outcome of the elec-

tion.

Watching the series of three presidential debates, viewers may have been surprised to find Bush and Gore pointing out agreement with each other on various issues, particularly noticeable in questions of foreign policy. Pierce also attributed the large number of undecided voters to the hesitance of Gore and Bush to distinguish themselves from each other on issues, which is also contributing to the close nature of the race.

"Objectively, it is not true that there are not clear differences between Bush and Gore," said Pierce. "But to ordinary voters, it looks as though there aren't major differences between the two candidates because of how the debates went. Both candidates spent the majority of the time pointing out areas of agreement they had with their opponent."

Pierce said the reason for this tactic of agreeing with the opponent could have been due to advice given to the candidates by consultants.

Sean Savage, associate professor of political science at Saint Mary's concurred with Pierce.

"Part of it is that you have undecided voters seeing the candidates trying to be similar to each other by trying to cover the middle ground with their positions on issues," Savage said.

Failure of the candidates to distinguish themselves on issues has led to voters focusing on personality of each candidate, said Savage.

However, despite the closeness of the race, Savage was hesitant to draw comparisons between the close 1960 presidential election and the 2000 election.

"Comparisons between this and the 1960 election can be carried too far," he said. "After the first debate in 1960, Kennedy went ahead of Nixon in the polls and never lost that lead, no matter how narrow it was. It seems as though today people are waiting longer to make up their minds about who to vote for."

With the election only eight days away, the strategy employed by campaigns in the final days is key. Both Bush and Gore have appeared to be trying to woo undecided voters and mobilize their party loyalists in their remaining campaign stops. Bush's stop in Benton Harbor, Mich., last Friday — a traditionally solid Republican-leaning area of Michigan — was an example of the push to mobilize the Party base.

Pierce and Savage differed in their assessments of campaign strategy in the remaining days.

"People at this point who are undecided, won't vote at all or choose a candidate capriciously

and there is no way that campaigns can predict that," said Savage. "The campaigns are most likely then to try to energize their base so that the most likely Republican voters in toss-up states like Michigan could push Michigan into Bush's electoral column."

Savage added that this tactic also explains the pressure on Gore to have President Bill Clinton campaign for him among key traditionally Liberal constituencies such as women and black voters, that Clinton has influence with.

The candidates can never overlook undecided voters, said Pierce.

"Undecided voters are never a lost cause, particularly in this election where it is so close," said Pierce. "This is the point in the campaign where the candidates will be getting little sleep, mobilizing their base, and trying to make appeals to undecided voters. It's not as though they can just focus on the Party's base and ride on that."

The final days of the campaign will also see the candidates battling over toss-up states, including those that the candidates at one point expected not to have to campaign in as heavily. In Florida, where Bush's brother Jeb is governor, Bush and Gore are locked in a tight battle for the state's 25 electoral votes. Gore's home state of Tennessee

which has narrowly voted for the Democratic presidential candidate in the last two elections has also become a state that Bush is a contender to win.

The possibility of one candidate winning the popular vote but not the 273 votes necessary to secure winning those of the electoral college is being considered by experts.

"This is slightly more possible now that it has been since 1968 when there was some semi-serious talk about abolishing the electoral college because it looked like Nixon could win the popular vote and not the electoral vote," said Savage.

While Pierce agreed that this outcome was possible, he said it is more a media-generated idea.

"Clearly, the number of times this has been the outcome of an election should give people pause to think it will happen again," said Pierce. "I suppose that it is possible but it strikes me as one of those things that the media loves in a story and has the chance to point out that one of the country's institutions could have an undemocratic outcome because a candidate who won the popular vote wouldn't win because he hadn't won the electoral college. I think it's unfortunate the media portrays it in this way because there are a number of good things that come out of the idea of the electoral college."

Cop kills actor at Halloween party

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The police shooting of a Halloween party guest who was brandishing a fake gun has left the troubled Los Angeles Police Department in an unwanted spotlight and the victim's friends blaming racial profiling.

Actor Anthony Dwain Lee, 39, died at the Hollywood Hills mansion after he was shot several times by an officer who fired at him through a glass door about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Police say Lee had pointed what looked like a gun at

Officer Tarriel Hopper, and Hopper, who had been called to the mansion to respond to a noise complaint, fired in self defense.

"He had no way of knowing it was fake even though people were in costume," Los Angeles Police Department spokeswoman Charlotte Broughton said Sunday. "If you feel your life is threatened, you react in the way you were trained."

But Lee's friends said Sunday that the shooting was more than a mistake. Some planned to hold vigil Monday night in front of the police station where Hopper is stationed to

protest the shooting.

"His biggest fear was getting killed by cops, because he's a tall black man," Mary Lin, a friend of the Lee's, told the Los Angeles Times.

It wasn't clear if Lee knew that Hopper, who is also black, was a real policeman and not just another party guest. Some at the party said other guests were wearing LAPD uniforms.

"This is so incredibly shocking that a person would be taken down like this," said Kirsten Blackburn, a friend of Lee's.

The police department and District Attorney's office are both investigating the shooting.

The shooting comes as the LAPD is already struggling to recover from a widespread corruption scandal and accusations of civil rights abuses and police brutality.

Two other officers have faced criminal charges this year for shootings, District Attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said. Meanwhile, four police officers are currently on trial for allegedly framing gang members.

Broughton said she believes the public will realize the Lee shooting wasn't intentional or a case of police brutality.

"I think most people can understand where we're coming from as far as what we have to do. We're risking our lives every day," she said.

Police said several hundred people were at the mansion early Saturday when Hopper and his partner arrived and began searching for the owner.

Broughton refused to say whether Hopper, a three-year veteran, shouted a warning before firing. She said she didn't know if Lee's toy gun had any brightly colored marks that would distinguish it from a real weapon.

New law may not punish terrorists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A new law gives American victims of terrorism millions of dollars in compensation, but some fear it won't achieve their ultimate goal — punishing terrorist nations.

The legislation to pay victims from the U.S. Treasury first, and recoup the money from alleged terrorist states later, is a precedent that complicates international diplomacy, say some international law experts.

The legislation signed Saturday by President Clinton is "a convoluted scheme," says Rosemary Wolfe of Alexandria, Va., whose 20-year-old stepdaughter, Miriam, died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

"I'm no saint, but I could not take money this way," says Susan Cohen, whose 20-year-old daughter, Theodora, died in that attack over Lockerbie, Scotland.

"It doesn't punish terrorists, it punishes U.S. taxpayers," says Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J.

"The American taxpayer is going to pay millions of dollars, and somehow, someday, maybe soon, maybe not soon, the money will be taken from the Iranians?" asked Cohen.

"I think you have to believe in the Easter Bunny to believe that."

She and others believe Libya is behind the Pan Am bombing of 12 years ago.

One proponent of the law and among the first who will benefit from it is Stephen Flatow, whose daughter, Alisa, was killed in a 1995 bombing in the Gaza Strip. Others include Terry Anderson, former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press in 1984 when he was taken hostage and held in Lebanon for nearly seven years, and fellow hostages held

for shorter periods, David Jacobsen, Joseph Cicippio and Frank Reed.

Together, eight families who've won lawsuits will receive some \$213 million plus interest.

"When Tehran reads in the papers that the president has signed this law, and people can go after their money, it's going to hit home," says Flatow of West Orange, N.J. "They're going to wake up."

Courts awarded those damages under a 1996 law that allowed American victims to sue countries sponsoring terrorists if those countries are on the State Department's list of seven terrorist states.

The victims had been blocked from getting the payments until now because the administration rejected various plans

such as seizing the long-closed Iranian embassy in Washington or taking money from frozen Iranian assets. Officials feared drawing retaliation or ruining chances for future relations with those states, which are Sudan, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Cuba, Libya and Syria.

Another section of the law gives some \$50 million to the families of three Brothers to the Rescue workers whose plane was shot down off the coast of Florida by Cuban jets in 1996. That money comes from frozen Cuban assets and not the Treasury.

While the law most immediately addresses cases against Iran and Cuba, lawsuits are pending against Iraq by Americans used as human shields during the Persian Gulf War and against Libya on behalf of the victims of Pan Am's bombing. If those families are awarded damages in court, they too could go to the government and ask for help in getting compensation. It would be up to future administrations to block them or help them get assets from those countries.



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IVORY COAST

Popular uprising typical of recent West African trends

Associated Press

ABIDJAN

A popular uprising had pushed Ivory Coast's military ruler from power, and people were celebrating in the streets. But the cries of jubilation had barely begun when ethnic and religious tensions exploded into violence in this West African nation.

Last week's events followed a pattern that has become familiar in this region scarred by power-struggles and dictatorial leaders — a reminder that political change alone does not assuage the sharp divisions, ethnic and otherwise, that still tear at West Africa.

Ivory Coast, a tropical country rich in cocoa and coffee, saw its reputation as an oasis of stability in volatile West Africa shattered in a Dec. 24 coup that brought military junta leader Gen. Robert Guei to power.

Guei survived two mutinies and a reported assassination attempt. But when he suspended the commission overseeing last week's elections to restore civilian rule and declared himself the winner, thousands of demonstrators took to the streets, later to be joined by members of his own security forces.

Guei fled and a longtime opposition leader, Laurent Gbagbo, was swept to power.

It was the latest of a series of changes that would seem to bring power closer to the people in West Africa. Civilian leaders are now in control of such coup-prone countries as Nigeria and Niger. In Senegal, where one party held sway for 40 years, a March presidential election brought a longtime opponent to power.

Within hours of Gbagbo's triumph, however, the followers of a rival political leader who was excluded from the Oct. 22 presidential vote had taken to the streets to demand a new ballot. By the following morning, political clashes between Gbagbo's mostly southern, Christian supporters and the predominantly northern, Muslim followers of Alassane Dramane Ouattara had turned into bloody sectarian attacks with machetes, rocks and nail-studded clubs.

A Muslim office worker watched in horror from her apartment in a middle-class suburb as northerners were pulled from their cars at barricades of burning tires, robbed and beaten by Gbagbo supporters chanting anti-foreigner slogans.

"Our own neighbors were shouting, 'Kill them like chickens,'" said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

More than 200 people are believed to have died since the elections. By most accounts, the majority were Ouattara supporters, who also found themselves battling security forces who backed Gbagbo's followers.

A taxi driver wiped tears from his eyes as he described how paramilitary police

accompanied by Gbagbo supporters broke down the door of his house and took away his seven brothers. Only one returned.

The other six were taken to a police compound, told to lie on the ground and shot, according to the surviving brother. The taxi driver, who declined to give his name for fear of retribution, said his brothers' bodies were later dumped in a field on the outskirts of town where about 55 twisted corpses were later found piled on top of one another.

"I was born in Abidjan," the driver said, clutching photographs of his brothers in happier times. "But they say we Muslims are foreigners."

Such scenes have been played out in this region before.

In Nigeria, thousands have died in renewed clashes since President Olusegun Obasanjo was elected last year, ending

15 years of military rule. The election of a southern Yoruba and his efforts to diversify the government and military created unease among the country's northern

Hausa and Fulani, who had traditionally dominated those institutions. Some Yorubas, in turn, fear Obasanjo is a stooge for the north because of his military background.

In Senegal's troubled Casamance region, which is geographically and ethnically distinct from the rest of the country, separatist rebels have waged an 18-year fight for independence. And in Niger, tensions linger despite the end of years of desert warfare waged by Tuareg tribesmen, an olive-skinned people who don't consider themselves African.

"I don't think that because the public erupted and called for democratic changes that you are necessarily going to see the consolidation of politi-

cal liberalization" in Ivory Coast, said Tim Bork, director of the African Policy Initiative for the Carnegie Endowment. "Democracy comes in stages. Learning how to deal with it on a nonviolent basis takes time."

For years, however, Ivory Coast was spared the violence that convulsed its neighbors, steadied by a booming economy and a revered leader who managed to co-opt most of his opponents.

But founding President Felix Houphet-Boigny allowed no opposition parties for most of his

33 years in power. When politics were liberalized in 1990, most of the parties that emerged were organized along ethnic and religious lines.

There are some 60 different ethnic groups in the country of 19 million people. Houphet-Boigny's successor, Henri Konan Bedie, began using these divides as political fodder to shore up his dwindling support. Guei was accused of the same thing after ousting Bedie.

Meanwhile, coffee and cocoa prices have plummeted in recent

years, and Ivory Coast's economy has stumbled.

Ivorians, who in more prosperous times threw open their borders to migrant workers and war refugees from neighboring states, now mutter darkly about the "foreigners" they say want to take over the country.

Ouattara, a former prime minister, was barred from running for president because the Supreme Court questioned whether both his parents were Ivorian, as required by a new junta-approved constitution.



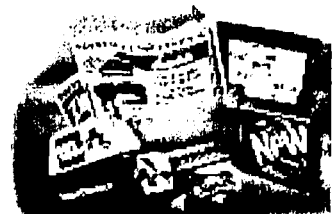
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ISRAEL

Clashes continue, Barak attempts to find coalition

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JERUSALEM

A column of Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers rolled into the Gaza Strip and exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen Sunday, a day of renewed clashes that left five Palestinians dead and dozens wounded.

Amid the turmoil, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met Ariel Sharon, leader of the hawkish Likud party, in an attempt to forge a coalition government. No immediate agreement was reported.

In Gaza, the Karni road junction resembled a battlefield with acrid smoke from burning tires darkening the air and tanks moving along the road, their occasional fire punctuating the sound of assault-rifle rounds.

The army said it sent the armored column to secure free movement of Jewish settlers on the key road, which cuts through the strip and has been the site of violent Palestinian protests.

The tanks responded to fire from Palestinian police by shooting from mounted machine guns, the military said. A 14-year-old boy and a 31-year-old man were killed, medics said. At least 25 people were injured overall in Gaza.

"We've retaliated with tanks and helicopter gunships at certain points and we used them with consideration," said the

army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz. The military, he added, plans to begin initiating action rather than reacting to gunfire.

Military officials said the army wanted to phase down its aggressive image and reduce friction with stone-throwing Arab youths, focusing instead on pinpoint struggle against armed Palestinian radicals.

Also in Gaza, Palestinians set off a homemade bomb and fired at a bus carrying Jewish settlers near the Morag settlement. The army responded with fire, the military said.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, two Palestinians were killed and four were wounded in clashes. The army said soldiers opened fire when the Palestinians' customary stones and firebombs gave way to guns. However, Suleiman Narkib, a Palestinian doctor at the site, said he did not see any gunfire coming from the Palestinian side.

Another Palestinian was killed Sunday night in violent clashes near the West Bank town of Jenin, and a 20-year-old Arab from the same area died two days after being shot in the head. Israeli police, meanwhile, said 25-year-old Marik Gavrilo, an Israeli who was found dead inside a burned car in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Saturday, was killed for political reasons.

The deaths raised the overall count to 140 since the bloodshed erupted more than a

month ago. The vast majority of the dead and injured have been Palestinians.

While the army and protesters fought in Gaza, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat presided over the opening of a new Gaza hospital and pledged that the Palestinian fight will continue.

"Our people shall remain steadfast and strong until one of our young boys or girls raises the flag over Jerusalem, the capital of the state of Palestine," he told reporters.

But the Palestinians were showing signs of economic distress.

Israeli authorities have prevented Palestinians from entering Israel since Oct. 6, shortly after the violence began. Normally, about 120,000 Palestinians work in Israel, and industries including tourism and agriculture have been hit hard by the closure.

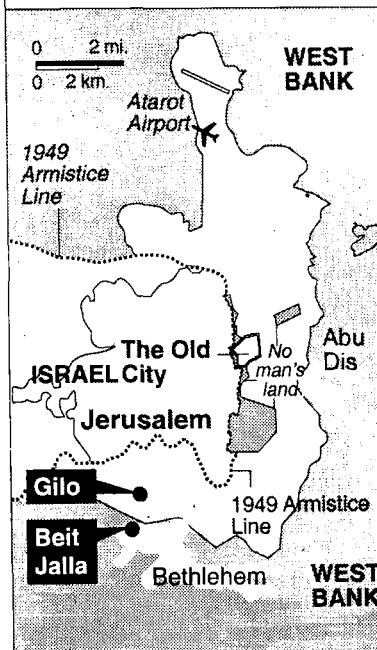
"At the beginning of the year 2000 we could claim that it started as a year of economic recovery," said Mohammad Shtayyeh, managing director of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction. "Now this closure is adding another external shock to the Palestinian economy."

Shtayyeh said unemployment in the West Bank and Gaza was 13 percent before the closures and that the areas have seen many layoffs since then.

The Palestinian territories remain heavily dependent on Israel, importing \$2 billion

Home is no haven

Last week's firefights between Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood, and Beit Jalla, an Arab village, has brought the Palestinian-Israeli struggle closer than ever before. Middle-class homes have now become the battleground.



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worth of goods each year from the Jewish state — 86 percent of total imports.

Palestinian leaders are concerned about recent Israeli talk of a "unilateral separation,"

which would involve setting borders and possibly tightening economic restrictions. Palestinian Economic Minister Maher Al-Masri said economic relations should be "based on a free trade arrangement."

Shtayyeh said there were measures the Palestinians could take if Israel went ahead with unilateral separation and continued to maintain the closures.

"We can let all the sewage flow into the Jewish settlements [in the West Bank], we can do all these unilateral measures as well," he said.

On the political front, Barak began the day saying he was close to forming a parliamentary coalition that could prevent the collapse of his minority government. Barak is trying to finalize a deal with Likud in a bid to retain power and stave off early elections.

"We have to move forward together to lead the state through the emergency situation that has emerged," Barak said in an interview with Israel's army radio.

But his meeting with Sharon was inconclusive, and aides to the two worked frantically to forge a coalition before parliament reconvened on Monday following a three-month recess. The Knesset may pass a no-confidence motion that could bring Barak's government down.

Sharon, who opposes Barak's land-for-peace policies, has been seeking a veto over future peace moves — a demand Barak has rejected, according to Israeli media reports.

Also Sunday, senior Israeli army officials said they were preparing for an escalation of attacks along their northern border with Lebanon that could deteriorate into war with Syria.

Syria, the effective power broker in Lebanon, has given the Lebanon-based fundamentalist Muslim Hezbollah a green light to carry out attacks against Israel, said a senior Israeli deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Moshe Yaalon. Iran, in backing Hezbollah, has pressured the group to engage in anti-Israeli activity, he added.

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Praising Bush's message

Friday afternoon, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush rode into town like a phantom and left just as quickly — zooming off in his 757 dubbed "Responsibility One" to Detroit. He actually spent less time speaking — 13 minutes — than he did shaking hands and greeting supporters after his speech. Yet his brief visit to South Bend left more than 2,000 people, many of whom were waiting two hours or more on an unseasonably warm October afternoon, energized and eagerly anticipating voting for him next Tuesday.



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Most of the electricity coming from the supporters stemmed from the Governor's basic themes: tax cuts targeted at everyone who pays taxes rather than certain people who meet certain qualifications; limited privatization of Social Security so younger workers can invest their own retirement funds and get larger returns; and reforming the educational system "to ensure that no child gets left behind."

The good feeling evident on Friday is hardly a phenomenon limited to South Bend. Not even Indiana, where Bush will likely win by double digits.

It's evident in many of the termed "swing states," many of which are slowly pulling around to the Governor. It's visible in California, where Bush has closed a Gore lead as high as 15 points down to five without spending one second or one dime campaigning in the Golden State in over three months.

It's happening even in the Vice President's home state of Tennessee, where Bush leads by four points in an Oct. 21 poll.

What is this nationwide sensation? Despite the fact that many media outlets and pundits are labeling the race "too close to call" and that we'll all have to "wait and see" for every precinct to report in, it's becoming obvious to even the most nonpartisan observers of this election that Governor Bush is controlling the race and will win, barring a colossal screwup or a massive 11th hour

comeback by Gore. But the odds of either of those happening are about as likely as the chances of us seeing the Veep get down to "Who Let The Dogs Out."

From the opinion pages to "Doonesbury," writers are taking it upon themselves to catalog every one of Bush's speaking flubs in a desperate attempt to try to prove to America that 'Dubya' somehow doesn't have the brainpower necessary to be commander in chief. They can add one from South Bend: he said, "The government is not the surplus' money," before immediately correcting himself by transposing "government" and "surplus."

As for a ninth inning rally by Gore, he and his army of spinsters have already unloaded just about every trick in their bag. A small handful of Gore supporters at the Bush-fest held up signs demonizing Bush for how he has run Texas (debatable) to the number of criminals executed during his tenure (uh, Gore is also pro-death penalty) to Bob Jones University (old and, plus, I wrote a column in March that annihilated that argument.)

Gore himself has used class warfare, trying to portray himself as a man of the people and Bush as an elitist millionaire. Well, Gore went to Harvard, and is by all accounts a fairly wealthy guy. Gore has attempted to paint Bush and VP candidate Dick Cheney as puppets of Big Oil, capital letters used to emphasize their inherent evilness. But neither Republican candidate has any current ties to the oil industry; Gore owns a bunch of shares of Occidental Petroleum.

Moreover, their experience could help them in dealing with matters of the Persian Gulf; Gore's lack of knowhow was obvious when he thought that a 30 million barrel release of oil would do anything to alleviate the big numbers at the pump or the little numbers at his poll.

Gore has used scare tactics against every one of Bush's issues. Apparently according to Gore, America under a Bush administration would look something like this:

Uneducated children who couldn't benefit from school vouchers because they're not rich would run around in the streets.

Meanwhile, the wealthy would take their massive tax refunds and go skitter-

ing around in yachts eating caviar, because everyone knows the rich do nothing to aid the American economy. Seniors would be forced to take medicine for dogs as representatives from their HMOs would look on and laugh devilishly.

The U.S. government would declare bankruptcy because the "risky schemes" of tax cuts and Social Security reform would drain all of the federal funds.

And poor 'Dubya' would be a hostage in the Oval Office to the NRA, Big Tobacco, Big Oil, Big Pharmaceuticals, Big Polluters, Big Business, Big Boy, Big Ben and Big John Studd, while armies from every enemy of the United States march on Washington outside because George has no foreign policy experience and, of course, the fact that Clinton had zip in '92 means nothing.

All of this scheming, definitely backed by a feeling of desperation to avoid being shut out of control by the Republicans, has given Al Gore just enough traction to be noticed by the American populace as an actual human and not the talking slab of Formica he's been portrayed as for the last seven years. This massive mean-spirited demagoguery campaign might have bought Gore a few votes, but his rhetoric and overall demeanor of late has pushed his unfavorable numbers past his favorable rankings in opinion polls. You can't get elected when more people hate you than like you.

Meanwhile, the most vicious Bush ever was Friday was a poke at eight years of unfulfilled promises of President Clinton and Gore on medicare reform: "My opponent says, 'You ain't seen nothing yet,' ... and he's right!"

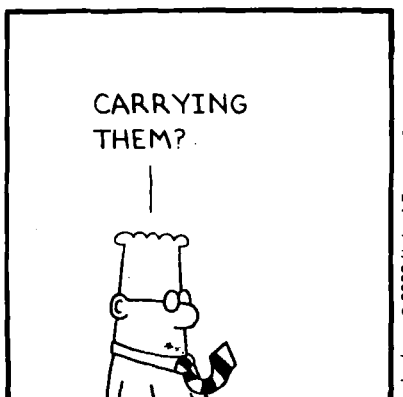
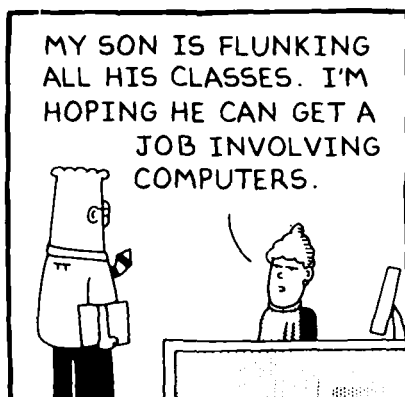
He followed it up with a oft-repeated phrase from the convention: "Mr. Vice President, you've had your chance. You have not led. We will."

America is catching on to George W. Bush's positive and future-oriented message. Al Gore is eight days away from being toast. But at least Joe Lieberman will still be the Senator from Connecticut.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Too bad 90 percent of the politicians give the other 10 percent a bad reputation."

Henry Kissinger
former secretary of state

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Offering a progressive alternative

This election, voters have a choice. We can use our nation's economic prosperity as a cover to dismantle our social programs, increase corporate welfare and give tax cuts for the rich, or we can invest our prosperity in working Americans and build a just society.

Taking a look at the candidates, there are many students who will choose to vote for Gore and with reason. The Democrats are the party of the upper-middle class, putting a liberal face on a system of profound injustice. They offer mild reforms to ease our consciences, while tens of millions of Americans continue to live in poverty, without health insurance, lacking decent housing and public education — all while the rich get richer. Some students who are more honest about their interests, and/or who hope to reach the top 5 percent of America thanks to a Notre Dame education, will vote Republican.

Now, for the remaining students who actually believe in a preference for the poor and oppressed, fortunately this election you have a decent alternative.

The Green party ticket of Ralph Nader and Winona LaDuke stands in sharp contrast to the other two parties due to its profound support for progressive social change. On taxes, the Republicans focus tax relief on the rich (for example, the estate tax), the Democrats would enact a complicated plan that only fine-tunes an unjust system, but the Greens would support a negative income tax that will be designed to totally eliminate poverty. For at least 40 years, if not longer, the U.S. has had the financial resources to reduce poverty (currently at 12 percent — unchanged since 20 years ago) to a couple percent. But as corporations and the rich have controlled our government, it has failed to act. Greens believe that the elite who benefit from our economy should pay their fair share and they believe in using tax policy to ensure economic justice.

The Republicans and Democrats would fiddle with health care, but the Greens would implement national single payer health care. This would save the economy hundreds of billions of dollars through efficiency gains and insure over 40 million people who are not covered.

While the Democrats outdo the Republicans in promises to increase military spending, the Greens recognize that the Cold War is over and that the U.S. already spends several times that of all its possible adversaries. The Greens would transfer military spending to human needs, like housing and education.

Again the two main parties cooperate to implement corporate-sponsored globalization, placing power in the hands of unaccountable international bodies like the WTO, IMF and World Bank. There is a "race to the bottom" with corporations moving production to countries with the lowest wages and environmental standards in the world. Instead the Greens support fair trade, using trade to lift wages and uphold minimal environmental and labor standards.

How are the Greens able to stand up for justice? By refusing corporation contributions, the Greens are the only significant independent political party in the United States. It is a grassroots party that is run by its members. As the only party that supports real campaign finance reform (publicly funded campaigns), the Greens would help others to also break away from their reliance upon the support of the power elite.

Of course, Nader was intentionally excluded from the debates so that now standing at 5 percent in the polls he has no chance of winning. However, voting Green is a long-term strategy. On Nov. 7 the Greens will do better than any progressive presidential campaign since 1924. As Greens chapters spring up all over the country, some Greens will win local elections, several will get into state legislatures and eventually a couple might break through into Congress. If the Greens get 5 percent, then they will qualify for millions of dollars in public funding in 2004. It's also possible that the Greens will merge with other progressive third party efforts like the New Party, the Socialists and the Labor Party and a new alternative will emerge. In the worst case, even if progressives fail to create a strong party, we can be assured that the Democrats will steal parts of our platform.

In terms of integrity, Nader has devoted his life to working for the common good, working for consumer and environmental protection that has saved thousands (if not hundreds of thousands) of lives. For 30 years he has donated half of his income to support non-profit organizations. Unlike Bush and Gore who spout off meaningless well-rehearsed applause-lines, Nader shuns these lines to focus on his message of replacing corporate dominance with a democratic civic culture which will engage people in politics.

Vote Nader to walk with the poor and oppressed. And if you vote in Indiana, where Nader is a write-in, be sure to request a write-in ballot after you sign in and before you enter the voting booth.

Aaron Kreider is a class traitor and last saw Nader speak while protesting his exclusion from the Oct. 17 presidential debates. His column appears every other Monday.

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Aaron Kreider

*Think,
Question,
Resist*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Choosing as Christians

The inscription above the memorial door on the right side of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart may proclaim "God, Country, Notre Dame," but the relics of the saint beneath the main altar starkly challenge that motto.

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Marcellus, a saint and martyr who was a centurion in Northern Africa at the end of the third century under the Roman Emperor Diocletian. While at a celebration of the emperor's birthday in Tangiers, Marcellus decided that as a Christian, he could no longer be a soldier. Marcellus dropped his soldier's belt, the legion's standard of allegiance, threw down his vine-switch, the symbol of an officer and threw down his arms. "I serve Jesus Christ, the Eternal King," he said, "from now on I serve your emperors no more."

Following his arrest, Marcellus found himself in court facing charges for his actions to which he stated, "I did throw down my arms, for it is not right for a Christian who serves the Lord Christ to serve also the demands of the world." Upon his condemnation to death, Marcellus answered those who passed judgment on him with the words, "May God bless you." On Oct. 30 in the year 298 A.D. he was beheaded.

The relics or bones, of saints and martyrs like Marcellus are vitally important, for they serve as a reminder to us that the glory of God is not beyond human history but among us, present and active in our lives. The relics of Marcellus are a tangible reminder to us that we as Christians are called to lives of love that are contrary to the ways of the world. They also show us that living for God entails dying to one's self and that some-

times that death is not simply metaphorical.

Notre Dame is a school that is concerned with tradition. Father Sorin himself sent for and secured the relics of Saint Marcellus in 1847 having them transported across the Atlantic so that they might find a place here at the heart of Our Lady's University.

So let us then honor the life and death of the martyr Saint Marcellus by evaluating our own allegiances. Let us ask hard questions about what "God, Country, Notre Dame" really means to us and to our University community and what that should mean to us as Christians. Let us also realize our implication and participation in human systems of domination that utilize and perpetuate violence, injustice and oppression, both personal and institutional, to gain wealth and power. Let us seek forgiveness for those times when we have served and worshiped the "gods and emperors" of this world. Most importantly, though, let us also recommit ourselves everyday to service of and total allegiance to Jesus Christ, the Lord and true King of all the Universe and all of history.

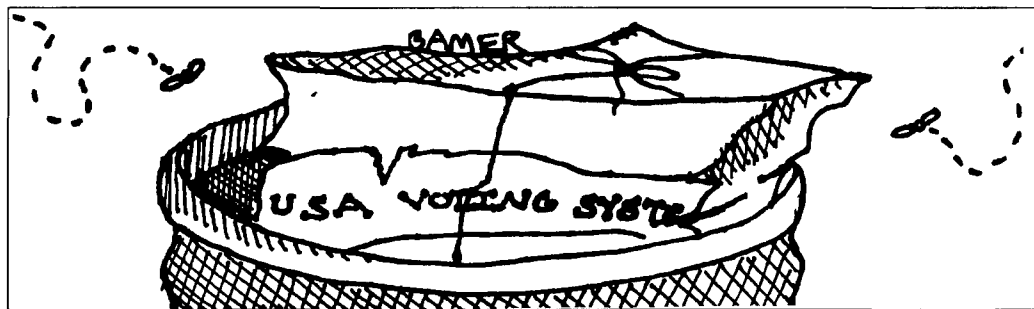
The entire University community is invited to gather together and celebrate the life and death of the martyr Saint Marcellus as our Lord taught us to celebrate, by attending Mass at 5:15 p.m. on Monday in the place where the relics of this prophetic voice reside, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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October 29, 2000



Changing the system

If Americans can take anything from the 2000 campaign season, it is several lessons about the inadequacies of our political system. While we are fond of bragging to the world of our strong, participatory democracy, a closer look reveals several flaws in the system. Here are five necessary democratic reforms that will strengthen American democracy.

First, shorten the campaign. Simply put, we get tired of these guys. The campaign no longer begins with the primaries. Bush and Gore declared their candidacies in early 1999. Sixteen months of hearing politicians is too much for us to bear and too much for anyone to afford. We should follow Canada's example: on Oct. 22, the election season began for a vote scheduled for Nov. 27.

Second, eliminate the electoral college. Our current system elects not a President of the United States but a President of swing states. The candidates spend their time in and tailor their message to, a handful of close, electorally-rich states while ignoring smaller or predetermined states altogether. A direct vote in which one candidate must receive more than 50 percent to win is the best option; a compromise might be a system in which the electoral college remained, but its votes are divided according to the percentage in each state (like Nebraska and Maine now).

Third, voting should be required by law. Americans are, in large part, removed from the political system and spoiled. This doesn't

mean all Americans must vote; they can simply show up and leave their ballot blank. It does mean they must participate in the most important part of citizenship in a democracy. Voting is more fundamental than paying taxes or jury duty and those are required by law.

Fourth, either the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November ought to be made a national holiday or election day should be moved to Sunday, as is the case in most European democracies. Part of the reason voter turnout is so low is that many Americans can't or don't have the energy to make it to the polling place on a workday.

Finally end opinion polls 10 days before election. While opinion polls are meant to reflect the voters' feelings on the candidates, they often influence them just as much. Many nations cut-off opinion poll publication as far as two weeks in advance of election day. This allows voters to decide for themselves, free of bandwagon tendencies, who they will select. This year's election is a perfect case in point: if opinion polls had been stopped on Oct. 27, no voter could have been influenced by a seemingly neck-and-neck race.

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October 28, 2000

Just when you thought it was safe

Halloween spawns spooky memories of haunted halls and Gipper's ghost

More Spooky Stories

◆ Few people may know about the creepy chronicles of night workers in the Main Building, but the night staff in the building can assure you that strange things are happening. According to Nancy Franklin, a night custodian, there is one room on the third floor of the golden domed building, that remain freezing cold at all times even though the thermostat is set at approximately 70 degrees, the same temperature as the rooms surrounding it, which remain warm and comfortable.

◆ It is rumored that a priest or brother fell from the third floor rotunda of the main building and died. One security staff member has seen a young priest dressed in black, wearing an old-fashioned collar around his neck. The man was standing next to the rotunda.

◆ A peculiar event occurred in Farley Hall this summer when it was housing a group of 14-year-old girls for a session of volleyball camp. After one young camper entered her room and saw a girl approximately 18-years-old she immediately ran to the rectress, Sister Carrine Etheridge to report she had seen a ghost. After she had calmed down the girl and sent her back to her dorm room, Carrine turned on a news show. The report announced that this day, July 17, was the anniversary of TWA Flight 800. Patty Kwiat would've been a senior in Farley in 1996, but she went down on flight 800, Carrine said. Prior to her departure for France, Kwiat lived on the second floor the same place as the sighting.

◆ Don't shed tears while you are working on tedious homework assignments — one young female ghost is rumored to be perpetually weeping for all students in the Hesburgh library.

By CHRISTINA MARTINI
Scene Writer

A student wanders through the darkness in the middle of the night and makes his way to the outdoor hand-pump outside Washington Hall to quench his thirst. He glances up from his drink and his blood freezes as he sees a ghostly white form immerse from a dark cluster of trees.

The misty shape heads for the steps of Washington Hall and as it inched closer, the student believes he can make something out.

It's none other than football great George Gipp atop a white horse riding up the steps of Washington Hall. When the student looks again, the image has vanished.

The ghostly ride of Gipp is just one of the many ghost stories surrounding Washington Hall.

Hair-raising rumors of ghosts in Washington Hall have been attributed to a number of sources, though the legend that the ghost of All-American football player George Gipp is a favorite of most Domers.

After returning home late from a night at the bars, Gipp allegedly slept on the steps of the hall to avoid problems with his rector. Unfortunately the extreme cold caused him to contract a fatal illness. He died only a short time later on Dec. 13, 1920.

Only a week after his death, the eerie incidents began. According to a 1977 article in the South Bend Tribune, a student was writing his thesis late one night in Washington Hall when he was distracted by a rustling noise from under his door. He quickly locked it and grabbed his rosary beads.

The following week the sighting of the Gipp on the white horse occurred on the lawn of Washington Hall. When this story was recounted, some students laughed, but more began to wonder.

Though the ghost of the Gipper was the first thing that came to mind, many other theories began to surface. In 1919, one year before the death of Gipp, a student professor and very talented trumpet player, Jim Minaui, died in his room. His death was not given much afterthought, until the events that followed the sighting of the night-riding Gipp.

Around 3 a.m. one night, Joe Cassanta, one of the most famous Irish band directors and a resident of Washington Hall in 1920, was awakened by the sound of a trumpet. The music was followed by the sound of pattering feet next to his bed.

Feeling the presence of someone in the room, fear came over Cassanta and he froze in his bed. Two nights later, another young man was awakened in the same manner. He was so afraid that he could not muster up the courage to call on his roommate.

There has been much dispute as to what the musical sounds may have actually been, but it is

said that they continued in the hall for six months. Some say the music note was distinctly that of an E flat tuba.

In addition to the story of Minaui, the tale of Brother Cajetan, who had played fourth alto horn in the hall surfaced. It had been said, "When he's dead and buried his spirit will return and play the peck-horn."

Others had their own suspicious speculations. It is rumored that one student confessed on graduation day that he had been behind this elaborate scheme and was creating the trumpet sounds for the past six months. He said he connected a rubber hose to a trumpet mouthpiece in the band room and then threaded the hose through a hole in the wall all the way to outside. He was able to blow into the hose and create the notes.

Many do not believe that this confession is enough to dismiss the uncanny events of that year. In 1978, Clarence Manion, a '21 graduate told The Observer his version of the ghost stories.

Manion did not feel that the confession on graduation day was a valid explanation of the freaky episodes.

"He couldn't have done it; it wouldn't add up," Manion said. "Nothing was piped through the wall. We had janitors and plumbers check through the building."

Manion insisted that as far as he knew, almost all the incidents were real.

"We couldn't exaggerate; there were too many witnesses to the thing," he said.

He continued to say that they were never able to explain the door slamming and the walking down the stairs since the door was always locked.

Manion also believes that the noise he heard was "a perfect B flat on something maybe a clarinet" that could be heard anywhere in the hall.

"The horn blowing became so

commonplace that no one thought anything of it. It was just like a squeaking door," he said.

Brother Maurilius, a resident of Washington Hall in 1920 was once awoken in the middle of the night by "enough noise to wake the dead," according to Manion. After the loud banging sounds, Maurilius heard the loud sounding of a horn. Maurilius jumped from bed in hysterics. He refused to go back to sleep for the entire night and spent the wee hours of the morning praying in the chapel.

Maurilius rushed to Provincial Charles O'Donnell's office the next morning and demanded an exorcism of the entire hall.

"Somebody came over there with holy water one day," Manion said.

Though Maurilius was scared out of his wits, Manion is quick to admit that this episode did not happen exactly the way Maurilius remembers it.

According to Manion, Maurilius used to answer the ghost claims with, "These people drink too much coffee. I've lived here for five years and I've never heard the scratch of a pin." It was the disbelief of Brother Maurilius that sparked what Manion calls "the only feature about the whole thing that was fake."

The students were tired of the Maurilius' skeptical attitude and were frustrated that the ghost was not making his presence known to him.

"We couldn't depend on the ghost; he wouldn't cooperate. We knew we had to do it in our own way," he said.

The students in Washington Hall brought iron dumbbells back to the dorm and stored them in the dorm room right above Maurilius' bedroom. Late one night the guys strategically placed the dumbbells on the top bunk bed and at just the right moment pushed them onto the floor. Joe Cassanta planned to

play the clarinet at just the right time.

"Maurilius was in bed snoring," Manion laughed.

Though Maurilius was duped Manion did claim that after the exorcism, the frightening ghost visits promptly ended.

Claims of daunting visions and noises in the hall are not only limited to the 20th Century. Until today spooky sightings have startled many.

Roger Allee, a member of the nighttime custodial staff in Washington Hall has had his own experience with the ghost. Around July 15 this summer, Allee was resting in the worker break room located backstage in the hall and he claims to have felt a presence. He quickly turned around the doorway and saw a transparent older man with a big grin. Allee asked him how he was doing and the man disappeared.

Rumor is that most of the nighttime workers in Washington Hall have had some spooky experiences. As Allee was cleaning a few years ago, he saw a shadow on the wall.

"I looked back and there was no one there but the shadow kept getting bigger and when I looked at the shoulders I knew it had to be a football player," he said.

He said to the ghost: "I'm just doing my job. This is your building and I'm just keeping it clean." The ghost did not bother him anymore that night.

Though these ghost stories can never truly be explained, Father Robert Austgen, the chaplain of health services at Notre Dame is on the trail of the ghouls and spirits that have been sighted.

Austgen began collecting ghost stories this summer and has already accumulated approximately 20 anecdotes.

He has even discovered the identities of some of the ghosts. He has shown pictures to the people who have sighted the ghosts and they have identified the image in the picture and their ghostly visitor as one in the same on two separate occasions.

The most he would reveal is that the ghosts are people who have been here before, such as graduates and faculty, who are now dead.

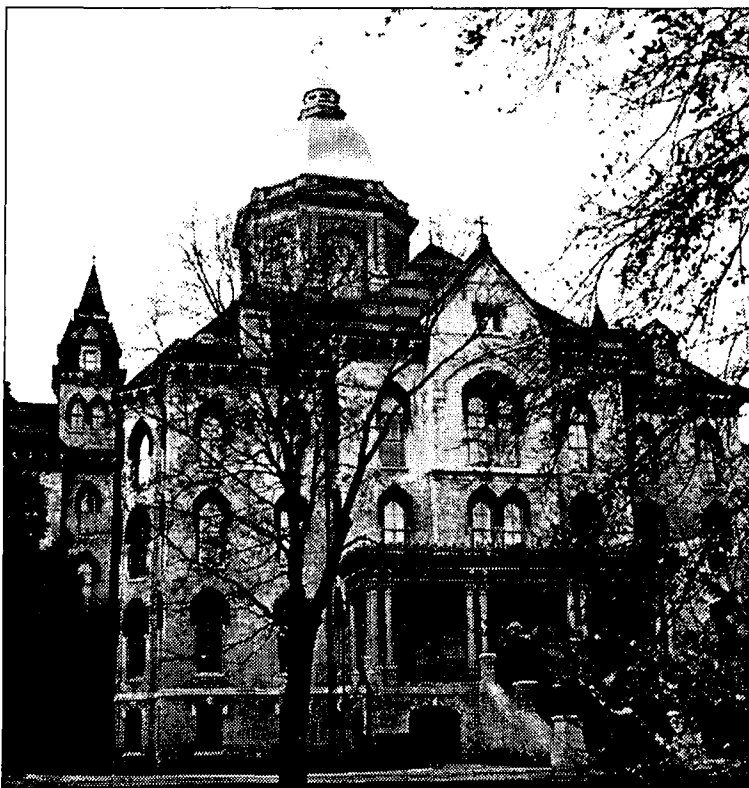
Austgen does not believe that it is the Gipper who haunts Washington Hall.

"I know he isn't the ghost. There are many stories about the students just playing around," he said.

Perhaps Manion summed up the idea of the haunted halls of Notre Dame the best when he described what he felt about his experience in Washington Hall.

He said, "It was just an unexplained phenomenon. We could never explain the door slamming and the walking down the hall, they were just occurrences that we heard, as real as anything."

Information for this story was collected from the Notre Dame Archives, The Observer and the South Bend Tribune.



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

The Administration Building is home to many of Notre Dame's unexplained occurrences.

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Notre Dame vs. Air Force



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior flanker Joey Getherall dives into the end zone on one of his three touchdowns in Notre Dame's 34-31 victory over Air Force Saturday. Getherall's efforts allowed the Irish to keep hopes of a Bowl Championship Series game alive.

Getherall's offense grants Irish 34-31 victory

By TIM CASEY
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As a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dave Adams spent many Saturday afternoons rooting for the University of Miami football team. So when "Air Force 20, Notre Dame 17" scrolled across the bottom of the television screen in the early evening hours of Oct. 19, 1996, the 17-year old high school senior was elated.

"I despised Notre Dame," Adams said. "Growing up a Hurricanes fan, you always wanted Notre Dame to lose."

On Saturday, Adams, now Air Force's place kicker, had a chance to shatter the Irish's Bowl Championship Series chances and provide the Falcons with another South Bend afternoon to cherish. With three seconds remaining in regulation and the game tied at 28, the senior lined up for a 28-yard field goal in the south end zone. Four years earlier, Dallas Thompson (Air Force's current punter) nailed a 27-yarder in overtime for the win.

"The kick was from the same exact spot and from the same exact end zone," Adams said.

The result was the exact opposite. Glenn Earl, who was supposed to watch for a fake, instead leapt high in

Earl blocks Adams' field goal attempt to force overtime

the air and blocked Adams' attempt. And after Joey Getherall's 9-yard touchdown run in overtime, an untouchable thriller in a 34-31 Irish victory. Notre Dame stands at 6-2 on the season with three games remaining and moved up to No. 15 in the Associated Press poll and No. 16 in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll.

Excitement? Relief? Disbelief?

All three emotions (and several more) came to the minds of Irish players and coaches following the 25th meeting between the two teams. Ahead 28-10 with less than 12 minutes left, Notre Dame allowed two touchdowns, a field goal and the legion of Irish fans to again question coach Bob Davie.

Did the defense "collapse," Coach?

"I don't know if that's a collapse," Davie said. "I think that's a pretty good offensive football team."

It was the same unit that gained 213 yards in the first three quarters, including just 37 during the third. Air Force's option running game, ranked fourth in the nation entering Saturday, managed 206 yards, 70 yards below their average.

But three days before Halloween, the unlikely combination of quarterback Mike Thiessen and 6-foot-5 receiver Ryan Fleming tricked the Irish defense and spooked the 80,232 in attendance with a memorable fourth quarter performance.

Forget the B-52 Bombers flying over the Stadium on Saturday. The Air Force tandem may have put on the best aerial show seen this season.

A trio of plays in the final 15 minutes sparked the Falcons. On the first drive of the quarter, Fleming's 10-yard reception on 3rd and 11 allowed his team not to have to punt on fourth down.

Two plays later, Air Force narrowed the lead to 28-17. After scoring another touchdown on the next possession, Air Force got the ball back at its own 5-yard line. With 5-foot-9 Irish cornerback Shane Walton covering him, Fleming made a one-handed grab along the left sidelines for a 42-yard reception.

Adams' 34-yard field goal just over two minutes later tied the game.

Then on the final possession of regulation, Thiessen and Fleming hooked

up once again on first down for a 46-yard gain.

For the game, Thiessen completed 17-of-29 passes for 265 yards and two touchdowns. Fleming gained 163 yards on eight catches.

"The kid was unreal," Adams said of Fleming. "He played like an All-American."

Said Fleming: "To be honest, I really wasn't all out there. I was just going through the motions. I guess I just got in a zone."

Notre Dame's offense did not help a defense that allowed 258 fourth-quarter yards. In the fourth quarter, the Irish failed to gain a first down and had 15 total yards, including an illegal procedure penalty.

Although Julius Jones gained 118 yards and Matt LoVecchio threw for 171 yards, the offensive hero for the Irish was Getherall.

When his team needed a score, the 5-foot-8, 170-pound senior delivered. During a timeout, receivers coach Urban Meyer told Getherall, who already had two touchdowns, that they would run a "Z-reverse."

"Coach Meyer looked at me and said you're getting the ball," said Getherall, who had four catches for 116 yards and carried twice for 22 yards. "[Meyer said], you better be ready."

He was. And thanks to the speedy Getherall, Notre Dame's BCS hopes are still alive.

player of the game

Glenn Earl

The sophomore safety blocked David Adams' 28-yard field goal attempt with three seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

quote of the game

"At the end of the third quarter, the mindset was, 'We're all finished. We just have to run the time out.'"

Tony Driver
Irish free safety

stat of the game

Falcons: 272 yards 4th quarter offense
Irish: 45 yards 4th quarter offense
The Irish had the game in hand, but nearly gave away the win by collapsing on offense and breaking down on defense.



report card

- B-** **quarterbacks:** LoVecchio threw three touchdown passes but completed only 40% of passes. The most important statistic? LoVecchio's 4-0 as a starter.
- B** **running backs:** The Irish returned to a one-man backfield and Jones delivered with 111 yards. Two reverses for touchdowns were a plus but consistency was a problem.
- A-** **receivers:** Getherall's the most unlikely go-to receiver in the country. Givens had another solid game. Fisher and Givens each dropped a pass.
- C+** **offensive line:** Paved the way for 212 yards on the ground. But several times, Jones was stuffed on first down between the tackles. Maybe the predictability led to the lack of success.
- B** **defensive line:** Contained the option attack as the Falcons averaged just 3.9 yards per carry. Pressured Thiessen consistently until the fourth quarter. Scott and Legree each had 6 tackles.
- B-** **linebackers:** Denman again led the team with 11 tackles. The senior also recorded two sacks and forced two fumbles. Boiman had the other Irish sack.
- C** **defensive backs:** Even without Clifford Jefferson, the backfield played their worst game of the year. Thiessen and Fleming made Air Force look like Florida's 'Fun N' Gun' passing game.
- A-** **special teams:** Without Earl, the Irish haters would have multiplied. The kickoff return team is as good as any in the country. The unit has saved the team all year.
- C** **coaching:** Blame the defense or coaching on the fourth quarter collapse? Both. The "this was an excellent team" line by Davie when referring to Air Force does not help his public perception.

2.79 **overall:** The Irish won despite numerous slip-ups, keeping their BCS hopes alive for another week.

adding up the numbers

number of overtime games won by Notre Dame prior to Saturday. **0**

1 fumbles lost by the Irish, the first of the season.

points allowed by Notre Dame in the fourth quarter. **18**

258 yards yielded by the Irish in the fourth quarter.

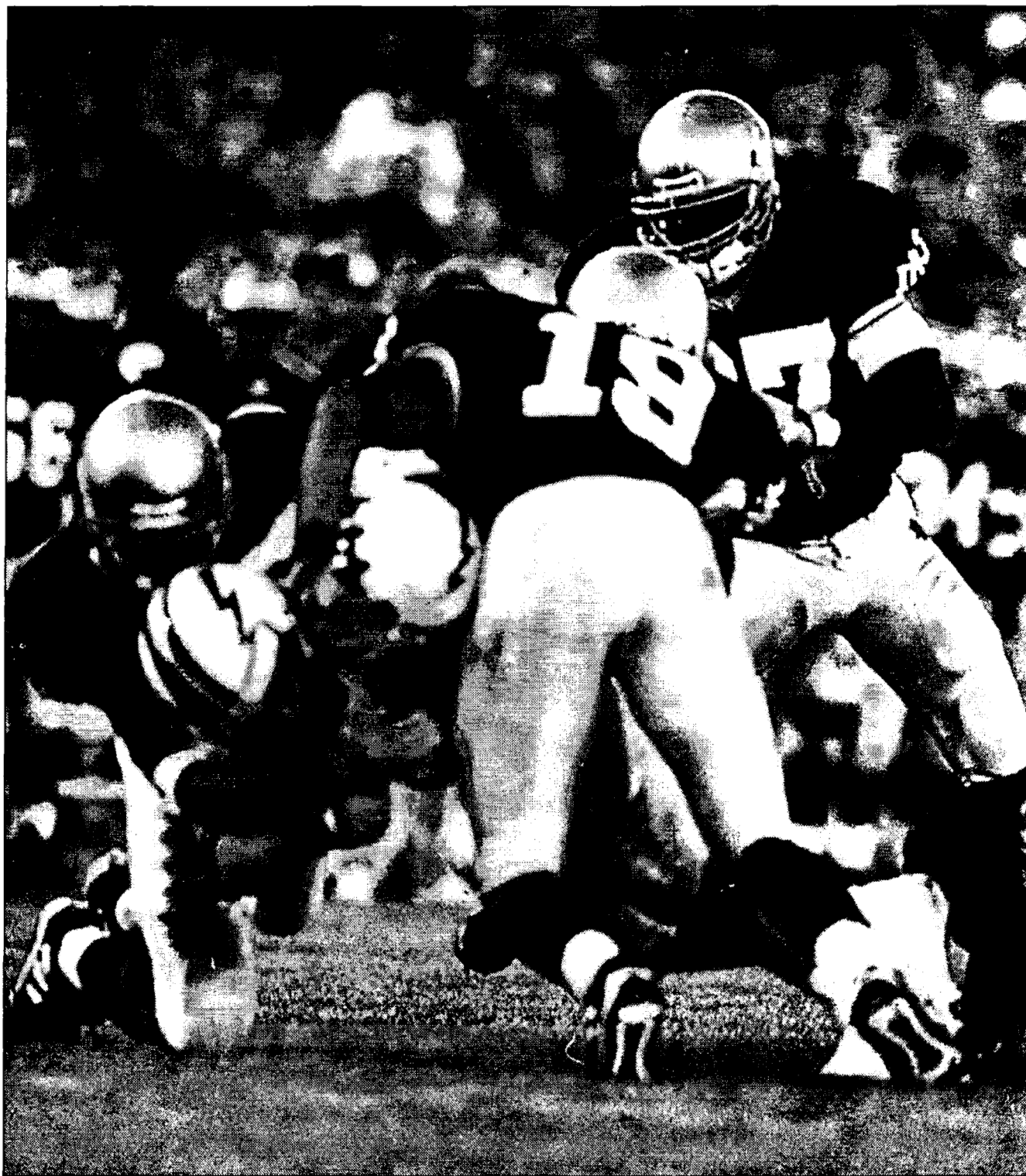
yards gained by Air Force in the first three quarters. **197**

3 number of B-52 Bombers that flew over the Stadium.

percentage of carries by Julius Jones, of the 47 total Irish carries. **57**

5 number of touchdowns by Notre Dame wide receivers, accounting for all the scores.

INSIGHT



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Sophomore safety Glenn Earl (19) didn't follow directions Saturday, but head coach Bob Davie didn't mind. Instead of sitting back and watching for an Air Force fake, Earl dove through the line to block the field goal. Thanks to Earl, Notre Dame preserved the tie and sent the game into overtime.

Bottom line: Irish win despite mistakes

Every time the Irish step on the field they are graded. Each play they make is analyzed by their fans and critics alike.

So how will Glen Earl's game-saving field goal block on Saturday against the Falcons of Air Force be graded?

As a missed assignment if you want to get technical.

"I wasn't the designated leaper," Earl said. "I was supposed to give Tony Weaver a push and look for a fake. So I guess I'll get a misassignment for that. I got a little excited, but I'll take it."

If Bob Davie and his coaching staff want to play by the rules, they will grade Earl's play for precisely what it was and dock him the five points on the special team's production board for not completing his designated task.

"We get graded on how well we produce on special teams," Earl said. "I really hope they don't dock me for blocking the kick. But that board might be minus a couple points from Wednesday."

It could be, but it shouldn't be. Forget subtracting five points for missing an assignment. Give Earl the

three points for a key block, another three points for a great effort and multiply that number by 100 for saving not only the game, but Notre Dame's season and Bowl Championship Series bid hopes.

Notre Dame's fourth-quarter performance in its 34-31 overtime win against Air Force is telling of Notre Dame's entire season: struggling at first, seeing a potential loss in sight and then pulling out all the stops when it counts. It makes fans want to tear their hair out, but leaves them smiling in the end.

Irish starting quarterback Arnaz Battle breaks his wrist and is out for the season, throwing a huge kink in the Irish offensive scheme. But back up quarterback Gary Godsey saves the day with a solid performance and Nick Setta kicks the game winning field goal as time expires in a huge win over Purdue.

Godsey's limited style later cripples the Irish offense. Leaving no one but quarterbacks with only high school experience to take the helm, the offensive ailments seem incurable. But freshman Matt LoVecchio steps into his role like a veteran and has not lost a game since he started.

Stanford ruins what would be an easy win for Notre Dame when it scores with just over a minute remaining to bring the game within six points and uses an onside kick to try to keep its offensive crusade alive, but Jabari Holloway recovers the ball to preserve the Irish win.

The Irish step on the field at

Morgantown and allow the Mountaineers to run over the Notre Dame defense, giving up a touchdown on West Virginia's first possession, but then step it up when it counts to bring home a decisive victory.

Struggling at first, seeing a potential loss in sight and then pulling out all the stops when it counts.

Davie called Saturday's game a "great college football game" and said "You gotta love it, gotta love it." Not everyone would agree.

So if you want to get technical, grade Notre Dame's performance Saturday as sub-par. The Irish were flat in the first half, scoring only seven points before having a stellar 21-point third quarter. They blew an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter, allowing an Air Force team that had no business being close at the end to push the game into overtime.

But if you want to look at the big picture, even though the Irish should never have been in that position, they dug in their heels and came up with the necessary play to pull out a win. Bottom line: they got the job done.

If you want to get technical, dock Earl the five points for not doing his job. When he should have been watching for an Air Force fake, he was doing Tony Driver's job and blocked the field goal. Bottom line: he got the job done.

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Kerry Smith

Sports Editor

Defense crumbles in final period against Falcons

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

For the early part of this season, it was solid defense that won games for the Irish. It looked like that was going to be the case for the first three quarters of Saturday's game against Air Force.

In the first three quarters, Notre Dame's defense allowed 10 points, three passing plays for more than 10 yards and 199 total yards. It looked like the ever-consistent defense was going to hold on for another solid victory. At the beginning of the fourth quarter, the offense had scored 21 unanswered points, and it appeared that the Irish were on their way for another easy win. The game was a lock, or so everyone thought. Even Tony Driver.

"At the end of the third quarter, the mindset was 'we're all finished, we just have to run the time out,'" Driver said.

Then the fourth quarter began. The Falcons scored 18 points, completed nine pass plays for 10 yards or more and gained 272 yards in total offense.

When asked about the apparent breakdown of the defense in the fourth quarter, Davie attributed it to solid offensive play by the Academy, not a defensive collapse.

"I wouldn't say we just collapsed and turned wide open," Davie said. "I saw a bunch of guys playing pretty darn hard out there. And give this Air Force team a little bit of credit. To say we collapsed would be taking credit away from an Airforce team that gave a tremendous effort today."

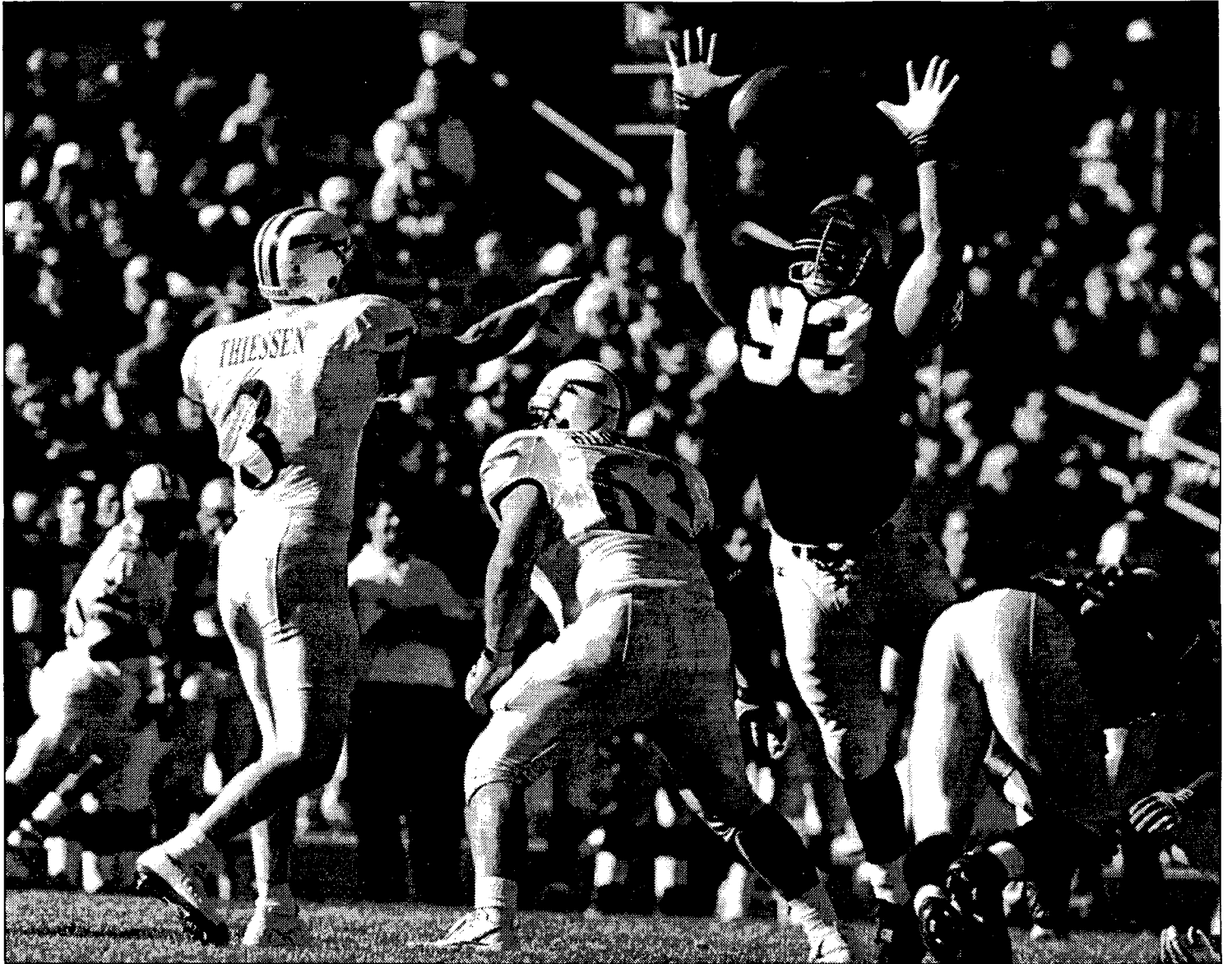
Whether it was an Irish defensive collapse or brilliant offense by the Falcons, the fact remains that the Falcon offense took control of the game in the fourth quarter.

After allowing only 34 yards in total offense in the third quarter, the Irish defense gave up three plays that went for 30 yards or more in the fourth quarter.

Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry was not sure what made the fourth quarter different from the rest of the game.

"They [the Irish] played very, very well," DeBerry said. "I don't know if their guys got a little bit tired or not, but I thought our guys were very determined in what they were doing."

Much of the Falcons' offensive success in the fourth quarter was due to



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Defensive lineman B.J. Scott leaps into the air in an attempt to block a pass from quarterback Mike Thiessen. The Irish defense fell off in the fourth quarter to allow 272 yards of Falcons' offense.

their 6-foot-5 wide receiver, Ryan Fleming. In spite of a dislocated shoulder, Fleming fooled the Irish secondary throughout the game, especially in the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarter alone, Fleming caught 120 yards in passing, including two passes that went for more than 40 yards. Fleming's success went hand in hand with a high number of completions by senior quarterback Mike Thiessen. Thiessen threw for 195 yards in the fourth quarter alone, and gained 265 yards in the air overall.

"He's probably the best throwing quarterback we've seen all season," senior Anthony Denman said.

Driver covered Fleming for most of

the afternoon, and explained that it was Fleming's athleticism that allowed him to gain so many yards in the fourth quarter.

"That receiver was 6'5" with some hands on him," Driver said. "He's a good player. He had decent speed and we played man-to-man. It's hard guarding that."

His height proved to be too much for the Notre Dame defense at the end of the game, and Fleming provided the spark that Air Force needed to send the game into overtime.

"We kind of had a mismatch with [Fleming], a really tall receiver," defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said. "They were really on today."

Improving the secondary will be a goal for the Irish in their aim for a bid at a Bowl Championship Series game.

"We're concerned about (coverage)," Davie said. "We have to get better defensively. I think we have a realistic view of where we are. We've got some guys who are playing extremely hard. But we just have to continue to get better and particularly on defense right now to make a run these last three games."

The defense pulled through as the clock ran out, but the team agreed that they need to close games in the future.

"We've got to start putting pressure on them, offensively and defensively early," Driver said.

AP poll

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	7-0	1,749
2 Virginia Tech	8-0	1,633
3 Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,602
4 Florida State	8-1	1,539
5 Nebraska	7-1	1,425
6 Florida	7-1	1,395
7 Oregon	7-1	1,378
8 Washington	7-1	1,262
9 TCU	7-0	1,150
10 Clemson	8-1	1,071
11 Purdue	7-2	1,017
12 Michigan	6-2	925
13 So. Mississippi	6-1	897
14 Oregon State	7-1	893
15 NOTRE DAME	6-2	674
16 Ohio State	6-2	563
17 Georgia	6-2	544
18 Mississippi State	5-2	515
19 Kansas State	7-2	443
20 Texas	6-2	399
21 Northwestern	6-2	391
22 South Carolina	7-2	283
23 Auburn	7-2	274
24 Texas A&M	6-2	240
25 Georgia Tech		178

other teams receiving votes: Colorado State 145, Western Michigan 50, Pittsburgh 25, LSU 21, N.C. State 21, UCLA 15, Tennessee 13, Mississippi 6, Toledo 5, Arizona State 4, Arizona 2, Iowa State 2, UTEP 1

scoring summary & stats

scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
<i>Notre Dame</i>	0	7	21	0	6	34
<i>Air Force</i>	0	10	0	18	3	31
team statistics	ND					AF
<i>first downs</i>	19					27
<i>rushes-yards</i>	47-212					53-206
<i>passing-yards</i>	171					265
<i>comp-att-int</i>	10-25-0					17-29-0
<i>return yards</i>	164					88
<i>punts-yards</i>	7-264					6-224
<i>fumbles-lost</i>	1-1					3-1
<i>penalties-yards</i>	6-52					3-14
<i>time of possession</i>	29:08					30:52
individual statistics						
<i>passing</i>						
ND — LoVecchio 10-25-0-171 AF — Thiessen 17-29-0-265						
<i>rushing</i>						
ND — Jones 27-111, Givens 1-37, Getherall 2-22, Fisher 8-21, LoVecchio 7-18, Howard 1-4						
AF — Thiessen 17-55, Brown 11-42, McKay 6-41, Becker 9-35, Palmer 6-21, Beard 3-8, Amezcaga 1-4						
<i>receiving</i>						
ND — Getherall 4-116, Hunter 2-26, Givens 2-16, Fisher 1-7, Jones 1-6						
AF — Fleming 8-163, Brown 2-19, Palmer 2-17, Jessop 1-30, McKay 1-14, LaBasco 1-12, Amezcaga 1-5, Beard 1-5						
<i>leading tacklers</i>						
ND — Denman 11, Williams 9, Walton 8, Earl 8, Bolman 8, Scott 6, Legree 6						
AF — Pommer 11, Zanotti 10, Pendry 9, Meinrod 8, Johnson 8, Glisson 7						

scoring summary

1st	no scoring
2nd	ND — 12:52 Hunter 10-yd. pass from LoVecchio, Setta kick 7-0 AF — 8:07 Palmer 23-yd. pass from Thiessen, Adams kick 7-7 AF — 3:06 Adams 27-yd. FG
3rd	ND — 12:04 Getherall 28-yd. pass from LoVecchio, Setta kick 14-10 ND — 3:17 Givens 37-yd. run. Setta kick 21-10 ND — :46 Getherall 68-yd pass from LoVecchio, Setta kick 21-10
4th	AF — 11:10 Jessop 30-yd. pass from Thiessen, Adams kick 28-17 AF — 6:09 Giovanetti 0-yd. fumble recovery, McKay rush 28-25 AF — 1:56 Adams 34-yd. FG 28-28
Overtime	AF — Adams 26-yd. FG ND — Getherall 9-yd. run

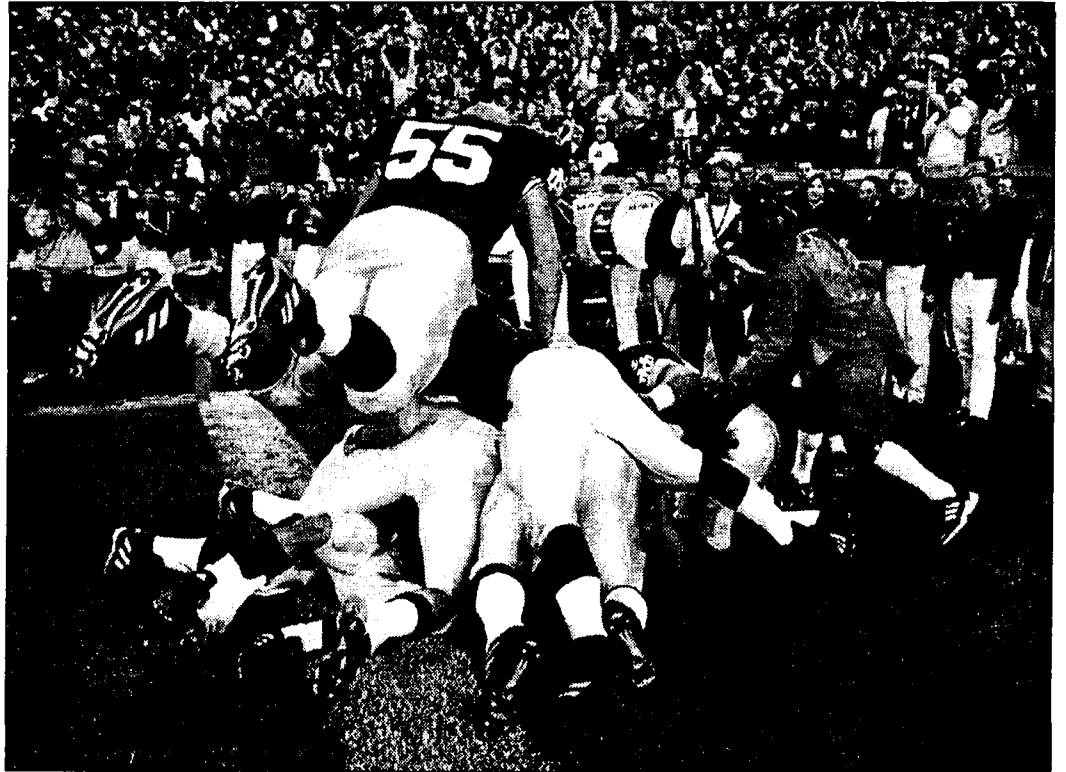
ESPN/USA Today poll

team	record	points
1 Oklahoma	7-0	1,470
2 Virginia Tech	8-0	1,403
3 Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,324
4 Florida State	8-1	1,289
5 Florida	7-1	1,217
6 Nebraska	7-1	1,180
7 Washington	7-1	1,076
8 Oregon	7-1	1,047
9 TCU	7-0	984
10 Clemson	8-1	964
11 So. Mississippi	6-1	805
12 Michigan	6-2	779
13 Purdue	7-2	777
14 Oregon State	7-1	646
15 Kansas State	7-2	590
16 NOTRE DAME	6-2	489
17 Georgia	6-2	486
18 Mississippi State	5-2	445
19 Ohio State	6-2	444
20 Texas	6-2	426
21 Colorado State	7-1	233
22 Auburn	7-2	222
23 Northwestern	6-2	201
24 South Carolina	7-2	184
25 Texas A&M	6-2	151

other teams receiving votes: Georgia Tech 82, Western Michigan 51, Tennessee 50, Mississippi 20, North Carolina State 20, Arizona 17, UCLA 17, Iowa State 16, Texas El-Paso 14, LSU 12, Pittsburgh 12

The Irish staved off a pesky Falcons' team despite a defensive letdown in the fourth quarter. It took a blocked field goal by Glenn Earl and an overtime touchdown by Joey Getherall to preserve the victory. With the win, Notre Dame improved to 6-2 and became bowl eligible. It wasn't pretty, but it was a win.

TOUCHDOWN JESUS SMILES ON IRISH



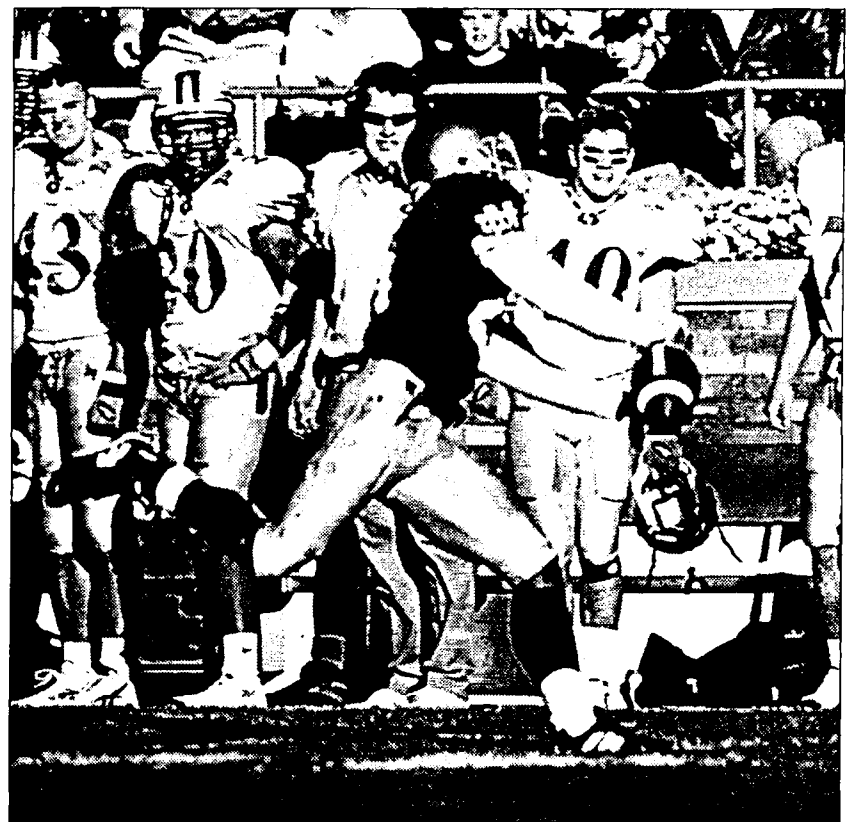
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5-foot-7 receiver Joey Getherall gets pounced on by a slew of Irish teammates, all celebrating his game-winning touchdown. Leprechaun Mike Brown stands by ready to get in on the action.



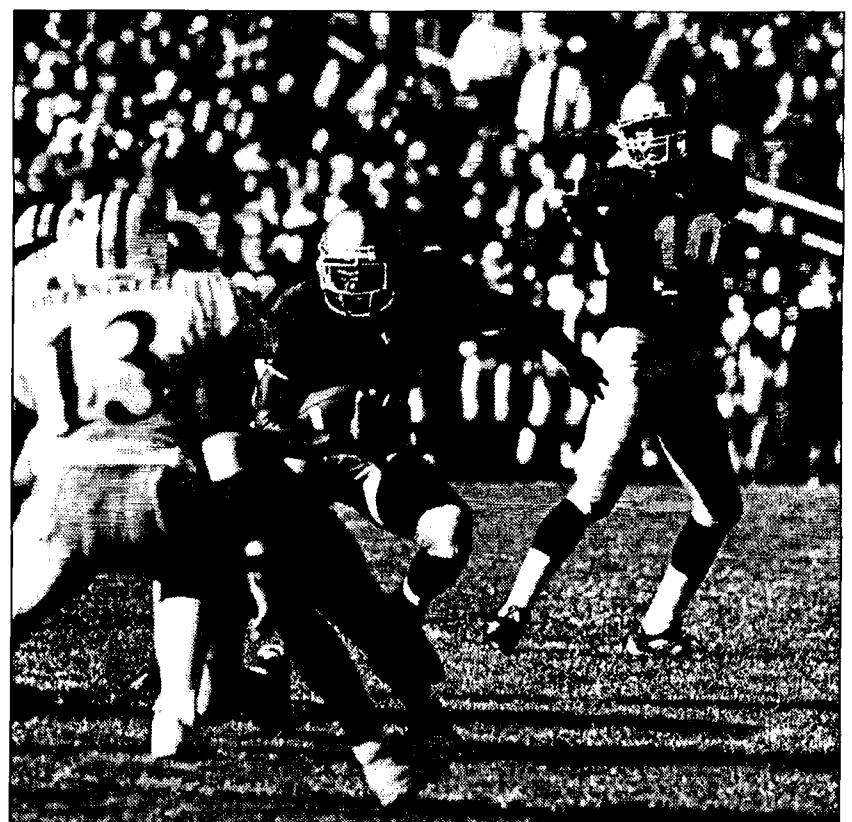
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Senior receiver Joey Getherall was one of the heroes of the day for the Irish. He scored three of Notre Dame's five touchdowns Saturday. After zipping into the end zone with the game-winner, teammates carried him off the field.



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A perfect toss by freshman Matt LoVecchio slides through receiver Javin Hunter's hands. Hunter made up for the missed catch by grabbing a touchdown pass.



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Sophomore tailback Julius Jones (22) takes off after a hand-off from quarterback Matt LoVecchio. Jones rushed for 111 yards on 27 carries in Notre Dame's thriller victory Saturday.

to return to your dorm room...

The ghosts of Saint Mary's continue to watch over campus

By LAURA BOST
Scene Writer

Fog settles upon the lake and masks Saint Mary's College in a shroud of mystery. The illuminated bell tower of Le Mans looms over campus creating an ominous atmosphere. As the lights dim after parietals, the old buildings fill with creaks and groans. A bang and a cry are audible in the night. A woman turns to her roommate, "What was that noise? Did you see that?" she questions.

Are these phenomena merely figments of the imagination? Many students and alumni urge the skeptics that these truly are the bewitching hours.

For years the weaving of ghost stories has been a favorite pastime at Saint Mary's. The rich historical tradition of the College encourages these tales. In addition, Saint Mary's boasts a collection of unusual events and mysterious deaths.

"In order to explain events where there are no explanations, students create justifications in the form of ghost stories," said Saint Mary's archivist John Kovach. "Whether or not you believe these ghost stories is up to you, but they are part of the College's oral tradition."

Kovach recounts the tale of a student buried in the graveyard behind Regina Hall. This cemetery is usually reserved for nuns, but in 1870, 20-year-old Zellie Selby was buried there. Her death was attributed to a sudden illness.

Selby's father was a traveling Tennessee judge and failed to establish a residence, so her body was never sent home. Selby was put to rest under a huge monument, but after a closer examination it appears that this is not an ordinary gravestone. It seems as though a young woman's silhouette is outlined on the base of the monument. Some say it is just from the "aging" of the stone,

but others claim that the silhouette is more than a mere coincidence. Students believe she watches over Regina Hall and that her spirit will remain on campus indefinitely.

Presently, Saint Mary's students claim the ghosts have been appearing less often, but the effects of their hauntings have become more frequent. Residents of Le Mans and Holy Cross claim doors open and close by themselves and pictures securely fastened to the wall suddenly fall off. Students have even seen forms emerge from walls and posters. Strange banging sounds on the frames of bunk beds, the ringing of unplugged phones and the skyrocketing volume of stereos have also been reported.

Nicole Mann of Le Mans said that clothes, videotapes and food disappear from her room and then reappear a few days later. "My friends and roommates have sworn they are not responsible for the disappearances," she said.

Nicole's roommate, Quinn Smith, has even started leaving out piles of Wurth's Originals candy for their ghost.

SMC Senior Mariecruz Cegura, also from Le Mans and Amy Lazzorotto from Holy Cross Hall report oddities as well. Cegura maintains that her television independently turns on and always to channel 95. Lazzorotto said that her snow globes play music without being wound.

Additional strange events have taken place in Le Mans. Sophomore Alex Parilli says her roommate's mother saw someone walk into their room. When she swung the door open no one was there.

This comes as no surprise to Alex, for another mysterious event happened earlier in the year. Alex's shorts became streaked with a red substance after ironing them. She turned over the iron and found it covered with a red film. In vain Alex tried to scrub it off and

found the substance impossible to remove. A few days later, she pulled out the iron and the red had disappeared. Alex's roommate attests she did not clean the iron.

The second floor of Le Mans also boasts unexplained noises and sightings. Between rooms 274 to 273, an RA claims to have seen a strange blob floating down the hallway. Students say it is the ghost of "Mary" who hung herself in room 274. In support of these rumors, a couple of years ago an alumnae in her 80s visited room 274 and told the girls that it was her roommate who hung herself. Saint Mary's has no record of this particular incident on file.

Also, many women claim they have heard a crying baby in the showers of Queen's Court. Archivist John Kovach says someone died in the Le Mans during the early 1970s. It is rumored that this death was a stillborn baby left in the bathroom. For confirmation of the death, students will have to wait 75 years until the coroner's reports are open to the public.

According to the Saint Mary's Archives Narrative on Dec. 6, 1990 a student's body was found at 7:30pm in her room. Popular belief pinpoints the room of the suspected suicide to be on the fourth floor of Le Mans. It is said that this student along with the crying baby dwell in the shadows of Le Mans Hall.

Unlike Le Mans, Regina is a newer residence hall, yet still has places where its residents say ghosts haunt. The Regina women know the basement is the ghosts' favorite abode. Every night before a break, students have gone to the basement to retrieve their suitcases.

During the early morning hours, when only one student was in the basement, unexplainable slams of wardrobes opening and closing could be heard. If a student stayed long enough to listen, barely audible voices broke the eerie



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The silhouette of St. Mary's student Zellie Selby, who died in 1870 at age 20, appears to be outlined on the base of her grave.

silence.

Regina women resorted to banding together to retrieve suitcases. Others had their courageous Notre Dame guy friends go down to the basement and consequently made believers of them too. After accompanying his Saint Mary's friend, a once fearless Notre Dame male said, "There is something definitely messed up about that place."

Along with recent hauntings, there are the classic ghost stories of Saint Mary's. Every freshman knows the rumor that someone hung his or herself in the Le Mans bell tower. Was it a construction worker or a disgruntled student? In any case, they too haunt Le Mans with the women with the red cape and the man in the denim overalls.

The woman in the red cape is a nun who was reported to extinguish the candles in the chapel. When students asked about her, the college said there was no woman employed to tend to the candles. Still, students claim to occasionally see an apparition of her.

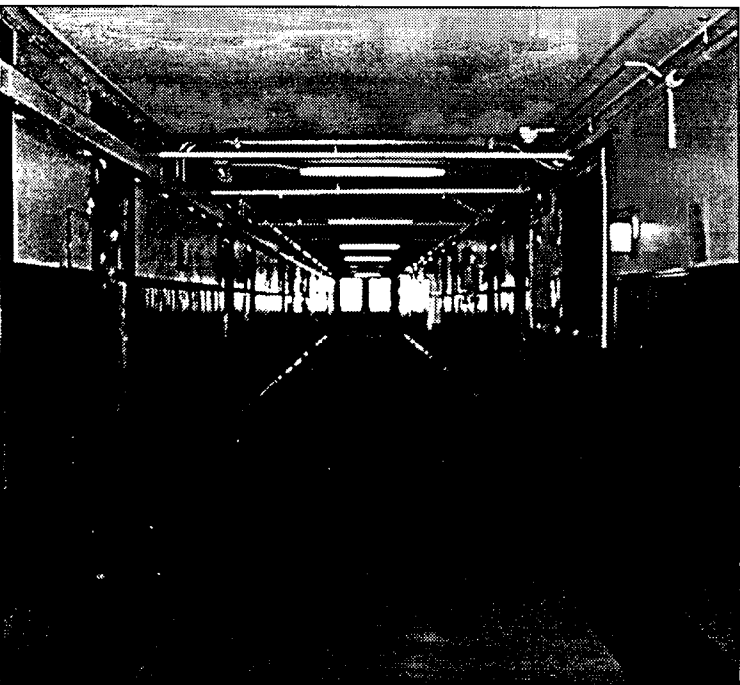
The man in the denim overalls has been sighted around 401 Le Mans. Former residents in 1995, Maureen Bransfield and Michaela Corcoran, say he is responsible for incessant rhythmic banging. These noises began every night after midnight. After examining the

crawl space above their room, even Saint Mary's security could not attribute the noise to pipes or rodents. These women also reported the appearance of a mysterious black glove and disappearance of an angel pin and an Italian glass pendant. The ghost may be one of the farmers whose grave was relocated during the construction of Holy Cross Hall in 1902-03. According to archivist John Kovach, "Some say ghosts wander because their graves have been disturbed."

These haunting stories have solely survived through oral tradition, but now three Saint Mary's students, Veronica Kessenich, Shelly Houser, and Kristen Matha, are compiling a book of Saint Mary's ghost stories. These students received a grant from The Leaders of a New Indiana. They hope to have the book published by the week after spring break. Veronica explains, "This book is historically based and will weave both the history of SMC and urban legend together."

Any students or alumni with ghost stories are encouraged to immediately send their tales to quiethours@saintmarys.edu.

In the meantime, if you desire more chilling stories take a walk through the residence halls as darkness envelops the campus. Maybe the spirits will grant you a tale of your own to tell.



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Ghostly happenings, such as disappearances and strange noises, have been said to occur in the halls of Le Mans.

WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Veselik leads Howard past Cavanaugh in round 1 action

By LIA MILHOAN and SUSIE CARPENTER
Sports Writers

Howard Hall avenged its regular season loss to Cavanaugh and came away with a 20-13 win Sunday to send the Ducks into the semi-finals.

"We were led by our offensive line, said Howard coach Brad Untiedt. "They led us with a solid game."

The Howard offense struck first. Led by quarterback Jill Veselik, Howard marched down the field. Veselik ran for a first down and completed three passes to receiver Elizabeth Klimek to put Howard at Cavanaugh's one-yard line. Veselik threw her first touchdown pass of the day to Vanessa Nero and completed a pass to captain Jeanne Trelease for the extra point which put Howard ahead 7-0.

But the Cavanaugh offense wasted no time in responding. Quarterback Mandy Reimer completed a 15 yard pass for a first down to move the Chaos to their own 30. On the next play, Reimer dodged defenders at the line of scrimmage and sprinted past them 50 yards for a touchdown. Cavanaugh converted on the extra point attempt as Megan Land hauled in a pass from Reimer to even the score at 7-7.

The Ducks again systematically worked their way down the field led by the savvy of Veselik. The offensive line gave Veselik protection all game and allowed her to find her receivers up field.

After running for the first down, Veselik completed passes to Klimek as Howard came knocking on the door once again. On second and goal at the Cavanaugh one-yard line, Veselik completed her second touchdown pass of the day to Vanessa Nero. Klimek scored on the extra point to give Howard the lead at 14-7.

As the close of the first half approached, quarterback Lynn

Olszowy led

Cavanaugh one more offensive attack. Olszowy passed to Mandy Reimer for a first down. Olszowy then threw to a streaking Melissa Marcotte along the right sideline. Marcotte tipped the ball over the head of a Howard defender, hauled in the pass, and ran to the 10-yard line. From the 10, Olszowy ran the ball in to close out the first half scoring leaving Cavanaugh down by only one, 14-13, at halftime.

In the second half, Howard offensive stayed focused and Veselik engineered another scoring drive. After completing passes to Klimek and Emily Borg, Veselik ran 15 yards to the Cavanaugh 22. She then hooked up with Klimek who made a diving catch at the one-yard line. Veselik then threw to Klimek for her third touchdown pass of the game.

Cavanaugh refused to back down and worked the ball to Howard's 32-yard line with just under three minutes remaining. However, on second down, Lynn Olszowy's pass to the end zone was intercepted by Howard's Emily Borg. Howard ran out the clock to secure the 20-13 victory.

"We had a great season," Cavanaugh player Mandy Reimer said. "We hate to see our season end to a team we beat in the regular season. There were some penalties that hurt us and we couldn't recover. Overall, we played well and made good decisions on offense."

Coach Bart Bruckert offered a similar view. "It was a tough loss," he said. "We played hard but ran into a tough Howard team. Our girls are a great bunch to work with. It's too bad we had to lose, but congratulations to

Howard. We'll be back next year."

After losing in the first round of the playoffs last year, Howard takes one big step toward reach-



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Off-Campus quarterback Jamie Stouffer prepares for a pass earlier this season. Off-Campus defeated Badin 6-0 to advance to the women's interhall semifinals.

ing the stadium this year. "Our main goal is the stadium, but we're taking it one game at a time," said Kate Cawley.

Off-Campus 6, Badin 0

The Off-Campus Crime stole another win as they defeated the Bullfrogs of Badin yesterday afternoon in a score of 6-0.

"It was a little bit closer than what we would have like, but we picked it up," said Crime co-captain Marita Keane. "We dominated throughout the game, and, at the end, we finally broke them down."

The two teams played each other earlier in the season, resulting in a 12-12 tie. However, there are no ties in playoff action. In this first round, with victory a necessity to avoid elimination, the intensity was high for both Off-Campus and Badin.

The Crime's offense was determined to move down the field. Throughout the game, the running back or receiver was

about to be tackled, yet, she would simply toss the ball back to her teammate who ran for extra yardage. Running back Francesca Delayo evaded multiple tackles and gained several first downs for her team.

However, Off-Campus had difficulty converting their trickery into a touchdown. Badin's defense muscled through the defensive line to apply pressure to quarterback Jamie Stouffer. Molly Norton and Lindsey each had a sack on the day and forced Stouffer to scramble on numerous plays.

The story was the same for the flip side: the Badin offense and Off-Campus defense. Quarterback Prissy Clements was confident in the pocket thanks to good pass protection her line. She lofted up a couple of passes for receiver Betsy Cavo, but Off-Campus had very effective hassling techniques, batting down pass after pass and preventing the receivers from getting open.

With such aggressive play from Badin and Off-Campus, the game remained scoreless at halftime and through the majority of the second. However, with only a couple of minutes remaining on the clock, Stouffer threw a pass to Keane for the touchdown.

Despite a tough loss, Badin coach Brett Gansen was proud of his team and credited The Crime for their strong performance. "It was a good game overall and you have to give credit to their defense," he said. "We played well, but we didn't get the one big play that we needed."

The Iron Women of Off-Campus now look to their game against Howard next weekend. Coach Dan Laughlin acknowledged the talent of the Ducks, but the Crime are optimistic about their chances. "If we execute well and play to our potential, we can win. We are pretty fired up," said Coach Chris Mudd.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Walsh takes PW into triple overtime with 25-18 win

By LAUREN CONTI and
COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh Hall eliminated the PW Purple Weasels 25-18 in triple overtime in the first round of the Women's Interhall Playoffs on Sunday at McGlinn Field.

The thrilling match-up was finally terminated when PW failed to answer a touchdown by Walsh's Gretchen McIntyre.

"It was incredible," said Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger of the intensely competitive game. "It really could have gone either way, but obviously we're glad we came out on top."

The 6-6 score that necessitated overtime was decided within the first five minutes of play. On

the Purple Weasels' first possession at their own 20-yd line, quarterback Leslie Schmid found receiver and captain Amanda Gallen, who ran it in for the touchdown.

"Amanda's catch was just great there — it gave us an early edge," said PW co-captain Kelly Dries.

Walsh's Angela Polsinelli managed to thwart the ensuing one-point conversion, however, and Walsh answered quickly on their following possession. Alternate quarterback Gretchen McIntyre handed off to quarterback Lauren Walsh, who then threw a 20-yd pass to receiver Anne Bodnovich. Receiver Kay Scanlan then put the Wild Women up on the board.

"Lauren and Kay had a really terrific game together," said

Dillenburger.

"I was really impressed with our offense," said Walsh captain Melissa Beiting. "I thought they showed that they can move the ball at will against a pretty tough defense."

The second half was characterized by gridlock play. The teams appeared evenly matched, and neither was able to gain enough momentum for a successful scoring drive.

When the clock ran out, the score was still tied at 6-6. The Purple Weasels, starting from their own 10 yd line, scored on the first down with a pass to senior Kori Yelle, but were unable to make the 1 pt conversion. Walsh's ensuing possession was riddled with penalty calls against both the offensive and the defensive squads, but the Wild Women still managed to tie the score courtesy of a Walsh pass to Scanlan.

"[The penalties] were frustrating," said Beiting. "I know sometimes we were making the errors, but it seemed sometimes that just as soon as we'd get some momentum, we'd get a penalty. I give credit to the coaches for making sure we kept our heads in the game."

As play trailed into the third and final overtime, extending nearly a full half-hour longer than regulation time, energy on the field had reached an all-time high. Walsh had first possession, and the Wild Women were finally able to fully capital-

ize as Walsh threw to McIntyre for a touchdown. The Wild Women then completed the first successful conversion of the game with a pass to receiver Jen Lynch.

The Purple Weasels were unable to answer this final scoring drive.

Schmidt's first pass attempt was batted down by Kahn, who also managed to take down Yelle on the following play. PW's fourth down and final chance to score was thwarted when Walsh defender Karina Mayorga intercepted the pass in the end zone.

"We give a lot of credit to Walsh," said Baranowski. "It was a tight game. We're real proud of our team, though. They never quit."

Walsh will advance to the second round of the playoffs next Sunday, facing off against Welsh, a team many have deemed a shoo-in for the title. "I'm looking forward to Welsh," said Kahn. "If we go in there and play like we have been, watch out!"

Welsh 14, Lyons 0

It wasn't pretty, but top-seeded Welsh Family Hall played well enough to win their first round playoff game against eighth seed Lyons on Sunday.

On a day when neither team seemed ready to take control of the game, it was the Welsh defense that finally determined

matters, intercepting three

Lyons passes and generally creating havoc on the opposing side of the ball.

"Our defense gave an awesome effort today. On the whole, they were outstanding," said Welsh coach Casey Bouton.

Defense seemed to be the prevailing theme in the opening minutes of the game. Both offenses came out flat, dropping several passes and failing to gain any significant yardage.

After trading several scoreless possessions, the Welsh offense finally got on the board late in the first half on a 15 yard pass from Katie Rak to receiver Vanessa Lichon. The score gave the team some breathing room and a lead their defense would never relinquish.

After Welsh intercepted Lyons quarterback Sarah Jenkins on the first possession of the second half, Rak found Lichon deep in the endzone once again.

This time, the pass deflected off the fingertips of two Lyons defenders and into Lichon's waiting hands.

"That catch was probably more luck than anything else. I was surprised to actually hang on," she said.

Despite the disappointing result, the Lyons team was not displeased with their play.

"I couldn't be prouder of our team," said Lyons captain Lisa Thomas. "I don't think Welsh was expecting such a tough game."

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HOCKEY

Spartans sweep Irish 3-2 with last-second goal

By MATT ORENCHUCK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team on Friday evening came close to an upset, but fell 3-2 to Michigan State on a last-second goal.

After falling to Michigan State on Thursday night, the Irish took to the ice with a new goaltender in net and a new attitude. They cut out the penalties, and dominated the second and third periods.

Jeremiah Kimento had been a Notre Dame starter for the past five games, but when the teams came out of the locker room, it was sophomore Tony Zasowski in between the pipes. Zasowski started 29 games last year and the first two games of this season, but was pulled after being ineffective in early season losses to Minnesota and Boston College.

The first period appeared to be a repeat of the Thursday night game, with Michigan State again taking advantage of Irish penalties.

A Notre Dame penalty at 15:37 of the first period gave MSU their first power play opportunity, and they didn't disappoint.

A minute into the Irish penalty the puck was shot out in front of Zasowski where Spartan senior Rusty Dolny slapped the puck past the Irish goalie, and MSU took a 1-0 lead.

It took Notre Dame seven minutes to answer the MSU goal. Dual roughing penalties at 8:11 in the first period made it 4 on 4 hockey.

Notre Dame took advantage of the free ice when freshman Rob Globke fired the puck past MSU goalie Ryan Miller. Michigan State had another power play towards the end of the period. The Spartans seemed on the verge of scoring with a flurry of shots on Zasowski with two minutes remaining.

Then Notre Dame freshman defense men Tom Galvin knocked the goal off its pegs, and was whistled for a delay of game penalty.

"The kid [Galvin] dived on the ice and made a good play.

He was blocking the shot. That is a very difficult call to make to put us in a five on three situation," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said.

Michigan State took advantage of the situation. With 36 seconds left in the period Adam Hall put one right through the legs of Zasowski, and the Spartans went into intermission with a 2-1 lead.

The second period was a quick one due to clean play, and not a lot of delays. Each team couldn't convert on a power play.

With 3:39 left in the period Irish senior Ryan Dolder gave the Notre Dame faithful something to cheer about when he slipped a shot past Miller. That tied the game 2-2, and got the crowd into the game. The Irish mostly dominated the second period, as they outshot the Spartans 19-10, and kept offensive pressure on MSU goalie Miller.

This momentum carried over to third period. Neither team got anything going offensively for most of the period.

Notre Dame's best scoring chance in the period came 12:20 left. Zasowski

made a nice stick save, and the puck bounced to a streaking Dan Carlson.

The Notre Dame senior skated towards the Spartan goalie, and the crowd roared in approval.

Michigan State sophomore Steve Jackson caught Carlson from behind and took him down before he could get a shot off.

The Irish argued that it should have been a penalty shot, and the home crowd

agreed, but refs only gave Jackson a 2:00 minute tripping penalty.

"That was a difficult call to make [with Carlson flying up the ice]. That is the very definition of a penalty shot, but the refs said that the MSU player caught Carlson," Poulin said.

The Irish couldn't convert the ensuing power play, and the game stayed a tight defensive battle until late in the third period.

A defensive breakdown by

the Irish gave Michigan State the scoring opportunity they wanted. Senior Sean Patchell put away a nice pass in front of Zasowski, and the Spartans held on for a 3-2 win.

"That was a breakdown for Notre Dame, and we took advantage. It was a nice pass in front of the net. You aren't going to miss many of those opportunities like that," Spartan head coach Ron Mason said.

The game had a disappoint-

ing ending for the Irish, but Poulin said he felt like they had made a lot of progress from earlier in the season.

"We gave up one five on five goal all weekend, and we didn't take a lot of penalties," Poulin said. "We had countless scoring opportunities in the third period. We have to find a way to win that game, and eventually we will."

The Irish will try to build on their momentum with an away series next weekend against Miami of Ohio.



Carlson

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to have a good race and stick to it."

A championship would have been a real stretch for the Irish, who are unranked. But they hoped to finish in the top four to five to skirt into the ranks of contenders for nationals in late November.

The Irish were never in the race for the top several spots, tallying 160 points, 69 more than the nearest competitor.

Seventh-ranked Boston College dominated the meet, scoring just 38 points in a sport where less is more. No. 17 Providence outnosed No. 10 Georgetown 71-72, closely followed by Villanova and West Virginia.

The sixth place finish didn't completely erase Irish hopes of a return to nationals.

"We can still go in and be third in the region," Connelly said.

2000 Big East XC Championship

1	PROVIDENCE	39
2	GEORGETOWN	46
3	VILLANOVA	97
4	NOTRE DAME	100
7	Luke Watson	23:44
8	Marc Striowski	23:50
21	Patrick Conway	24:23
26	Todd Mobley	24:38
38	Sean Zandersen	25:12
48	David Mertens	25:31
49	Tom Lennon	25:35
5	WEST VIRGINIA	146
6	BOSTON COLLEGE	153
7	CONNECTICUT	213
8	VIRGINIA TECH	220
9	RUTGERS	272
10	SETON HALL	272
11	PITTSBURGH	328
12	MIAMI	331
13	SYRACUSE	339
14	ST. JOHN'S	390

MEN'S TEAMS
WOMEN'S TEAMS

1	BOSTON COLLEGE	38
2	PROVIDENCE	71
3	GEORGETOWN	72
4	VILLANOVA	81
5	WEST VIRGINIA	91
6	NOTRE DAME	160
18	Chrissy Kuenster	17:48
31	Jennifer Handley	18:15
32	Rachel Endress	18:18
39	Megan Johnson	18:22
40	Jennifer Fibuch	18:22
41	Kari Eaton	18:24
44	Hilary Burn	18:36
7	VIRGINIA TECH	248
8	CONNECTICUT	271
9	RUTGERS	281
10	PITTSBURGH	307
11	ST. JOHN'S	324
12	MIAMI	328
13	SYRACUSE	337
14	SETON HALL	393

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third; we only lost to Villanova by three points," Marc Striowski said. "Conway and Mobley both ran well. We just need to pull it all together."

The course began quickly with a short uphill and then wound into the woods. The entire team managed to pack together for the first mile, and then slowly split apart. Watson and Marc Striowski headed up the Notre Dame runners, and stayed near the front group of runners.

"The race went out really fast, and it seemed more like a time trial than anything," Watson said. "Everyone started the race as fast as they could from the beginning. There was a pack right ahead of Marc and I, and we needed to stay with them and not allow them to break us."

The first mile of the race was faster than any other race the team had run all year long. Watson and Striowski went through the first mile in a blistering 4:32; the fastest first mile that Watson had run this season was 4:49. This fast start took its toll on the Irish runners.

"Our team is more strength oriented," said Watson. "We tend to run better on hillier courses. This course was flat, which proved to be to our disadvantage."

As the race progressed, the team became more spread out. Watson made a surge at the final mile, and tried to put himself in a position to finish in the top five. Unfortunately, as he neared the finish line, another runner passed Watson.

"The last mile was really disappointing," Watson said. "I tried to finish in the top four or five, but got passed at the finish ... Two years ago, I finished this race nearly 35 seconds slower, and finished in the same place as today ... This conference has really developed into one of the best in the nation."

Striowski finished several seconds behind Watson, and gained a personal record.

"Last year, I finished 11th and ran 90 seconds slower," Striowski said. "I am pleased with my personal performance."

As the Irish face the final stretch of their season, they are very optimistic about their potential.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish seniors earn 2-0 win in final home game

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

In a game that honored the team's six graduating seniors, the Notre Dame men's soccer team pulled out a 2-0 victory Friday over West Virginia behind the strength of two freshmen.

The Irish scored two goals in the contest — one in the first half by Justin Detter and another in the latter half by Chad Riley — to earn the victory in the final Big East conference game for both teams. Notre Dame's final record in the conference falls at 4-7-0, good for ninth place — one place short of qualifying for the Big East tournament.

"You don't want to close your season out anytime with just losses," said senior tri-captain Dustin Pridmore. "Being that it was our last home game, you want to walk away from your home field with a win."

The game marked the final career home game for the six seniors on the Irish roster. As a reward for their years of dedicated service, head coach Chris Apple juggled his lineup so that all six veterans — defensemen Connor LaRose and Steve Maio; midfielders Griffin Howard, Dan Storino and Pridmore; and forward Reggie McKnight — could start the game.

"These are the guys who you come in with as freshmen, you play all four years with and for all of us to start the game together, it was really a good feeling," said Pridmore. "It was a perfect way to close out our careers here."

The start was especially satisfying for Storino, who earned his first minutes on the field all season. After dealing with a devastating knee injury as a freshman as well as missing last spring's season while in Washington,

D.C., the start rewarded the senior for his years of hard work.

"Coach told me that he didn't start me as a favor, he started me because I'd played for years for the team and worked hard and deserved to start," said Storino. "That way it's more something I deserve and not something I was given. I was very pleased with the whole situation and how Coach Apple handled it."

While the seniors got to share an emotional time in their final games at Alumni Field, it was newcomers Detter and Riley that put the Irish on the board.

"Being that it was our last home game, you want to walk away from your home field with a win."

Dustin Pridmore
Irish tri-captain

Exactly four minutes into the game, McKnight passed the ball off to sophomore Andreas Forstner, who found Detter open 20 feet in front of the net. Detter blasted the ball past West Virginia's Kyle Swarts for the game's first score.

The Irish controlled the ball the remainder of the half, but were unable to put any of their seven other shots in. In the second half, the Irish again set the tone early, as Pridmore found Riley open in front of the net at the 57:12 mark. Riley's goal — giving him 12 points on the season to lead the Irish — was the final score of the game.

On both of the goals, a senior assisted a freshman for the score. The statistic is symbolic of the role that the seniors have played for the team this season. While every player would like to get the glory of scoring a goal, the veterans realize that unselfish play leads to success.

"We might not get all the glory with the goal, but I think it shows we've realized over the years that it takes the whole team," said Pridmore. "When it comes down to it, a win's a win no matter who scores."

The Irish conclude their season Tuesday evening when they take on IUPUI in Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish beat Miami without Nixon

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Last season's Big East swimmer of the year Carrie Nixon watched the Irish swimming and diving team's 199-101 routing of Miami University from the sidelines Friday instead of taking her customary position in the center lane.

Plagued by shoulder problems that have kept the senior sprinter on the bench for the start 2000-2001 season, Nixon could be on the sidelines for the rest of the year, coach Bailey Weathers said Sunday.

"She's been dealing with some soreness in her shoulder, and we're trying to evaluate what's going on on the off-chance she may need surgery," Weathers said.

At the very least, Nixon will stay out of competition until the extent of her injury is determined, mostly to protect her year of eligibility, Weathers said. She is scheduled for a MRI Wednesday.

"Right now, the main thing is for her to get healthy. We'd rather not make a mistake and have her lose a year of swimming. But of course, it is nice to have someone that was fourth at NAAs in your lineup."

Nixon's absence in the water left no handicap on the Irish at Friday's duel, however, as several key performances helped Notre Dame surge to a 104-27 lead at the half.

Ranked No. 18 entering the meet, the Irish swarmed a surprised No. 17 Hurricane squad with four swimmers powering to multiple victories during the meet, and capturing 12 of 14 events.

Some of the toughest Big East competition, Miami placed behind Notre Dame at the Big East championships last February, and were seeded ahead of Notre Dame in

the preseason rankings primarily because of a higher NCAA finish. But the polls aren't necessarily an accurate means of assessing the competition, Weathers said.

"The national rankings are deceiving at this point," he said. "We thought we could beat them going into the meet, but we didn't realize they were as weak as they were in some events."

The Irish struck at the Hurricane's weaknesses through junior Kelly Hecking's sweep of both backstroke events. Hecking wrapped up the 100-yard backstroke in 56.90 seconds, and the 200-yard backstroke in 2:04.90. Senior Kristen Van Saun dominated the middle distance freestyle events, sweeping the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.30) and 500-yard freestyle (5:00.06).

Individual event victories were also notched by junior Allison Lloyd in the 100-yard breaststroke, freshman Lisa Garcia in the 200-yard butterfly and sophomore Amy Deger in the 100-yard

butterfly.

The team of Hecking, Lloyd, freshman Sarah Bowman and Hulick also posted a relay win for the Irish, soundly defeating the Hurricanes by more than five seconds with a 3:52.86 finish.

Newcomers Marie Labosky and Danielle Hulick also turned in solid performances Saturday. Labosky clinched the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:05.00, and repeated her first-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:07.05. Hulick, standing in for Nixon in the sprint events, won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.68, and the 100-yard freestyle in 53.02.

The freshmen's races were critical, according to Weathers. "They'll take on a big role [on this team]," Weathers said. "The talent level is pretty incredible. They can cover every event, which adds a whole lot of depth and strength."

The Irish face off in a tri-meet against Pittsburgh, Kenyon College and Miami of Ohio in Oxford, Ohio Friday at 4 p.m.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Divers make big splash for Irish in win over Kalamazoo

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

The numbers speak for themselves and the message is dominance.

Last Friday, the men's swimming and diving team were pushed to a 148-93 victory over Kalamazoo as a result of the diving team, who have been a force in each meet for the team this season. In the three meets this season, the divers have scored 90 points out of a maximum of 96 points.

"Diving has been our strongest event and the one we have been most dominant," said head coach Tim Welsh. "A big part is that we have a masterful diving coach in Caiming Xie and our three sophomores improved at such a steady rate in their first year here that we were able to pick up where we left off last year. We still have several meets to go and we know that we can continue the improvement to get better yet."

Divers Herb Huesman, a fifth-year senior, won the three-meter event, and sophomore Tony Xie won the one-meter event in last Friday's meet.

A relatively young contingent with three sophomores and a fifth-year senior, the sophomore divers have benefited from

having a year of experience under their belts.

Sophomore diver Andy Maggio, who won the one and three meter diving events versus Virginia Tech and one meter event versus West Virginia, said experience has made all the difference this season.

"The experience helps a lot," said Maggio, who focused on weight lifting in the off-season to improve his diving. "It helps to know what to be able to expect at meets and not to have the added distraction of doing something for the first time. It's nice to be able to concentrate on diving."

The ability to concentrate on diving is leading to the continued improvement Welsh and his divers expect to see throughout the season.

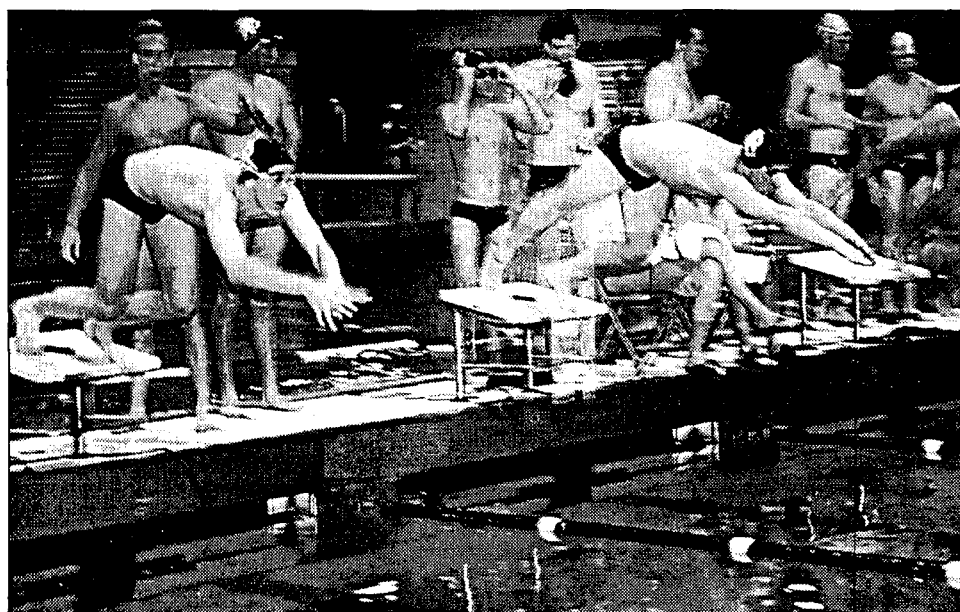
The key to the team's season is the level of improvement that occurs from week to week, said Welsh.

Maggio agreed.

"At this point, we're trying to get stronger and learn new dives so that when we hit the final stretch of the season, we can continue this trend of winning," said Maggio.

Huesman is optimistic regarding the rest of the season, particularly since the divers have gotten off to a strong start not losing a dual-meet competition yet.

"I think we have a good chance at winning every meet up to the Big East championship," said Huesman. "The team is a lot stronger this year because having the three other divers having a year of experience is helping a lot."



LISA VELTE/The Observer

The Notre Dame men's swimming team handily defeated Kalamazoo Friday with a 148-93 win. The divers had another stellar meet, earning 90 out of 96 points.

His diving is also improving with every meet, said Huesman.

"I've been diving better this past week," he said. "It's a matter of getting back into the competition mode the first few weeks and shaking the rust off."

The depth of the team and the performances of three freshmen also contributed to the Irish's win over Kalamazoo, said Welsh.

The trio of freshman Lucas Wymore, JR Teddy and Matt Obringer pulled in victories in three individual events for the Irish with Teddy beating senior teammates Ryan Verlin, Austin Anderson and Grant Burrall in the 500 freestyle event.

"We were all excited to see how well the freshman performed," said Welsh. "We needed freshman to come in and pick up where the graduating seniors left off. These three [Wymore, Teddy and Obringer] have claimed their place as key parts of the team."

Obringer, who specializes in backstroke and freestyle had won the 200 freestyle at the Virginia Tech meet and the 1000 freestyle versus West Virginia. Obringer continued his string of first-place finishes with a win in the 200 backstroke versus Kalamazoo.

"Matt has won a differ-

ent event at each of the three meets," said Welsh. "We are prepping him with longer distances so we had him swim a longer distance in the backstroke at this meet in hopes that he might swim the 100 backstroke at the Big East championships."

Obringer said he has eased into swimming at the collegiate level.

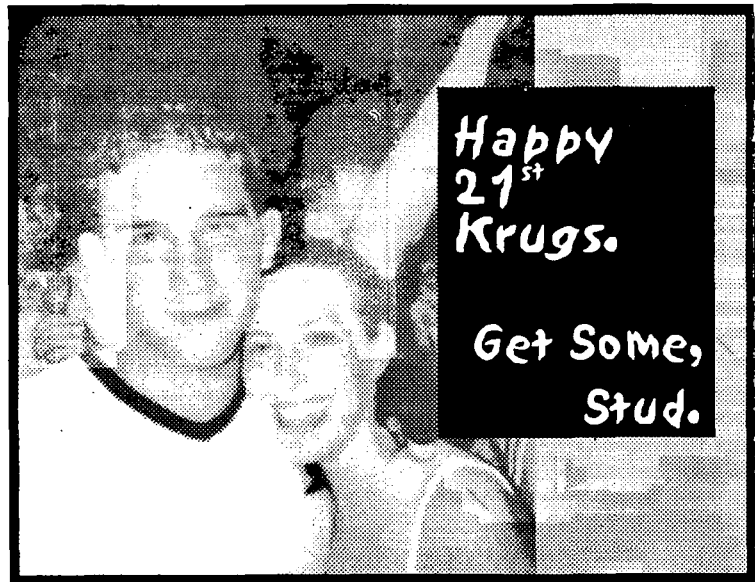
"It's been good to be able to swim some different events that I haven't had a chance to swim," said Obringer. "And anytime you win, it always gives you more confidence."

Since Kalamazoo is not a major conference rival, the Irish had more leeway with placing swimmers in different events.

"No one was in an event that was frivolous," said Welsh. "But we are thinking ahead to the Big East championship when each swimmer can compete in three events so we want them to be able to experience several events."

The depth of the team also contributed to the team's winning effort.

"The depth of the team is an issue and it is a blessing when we can afford to race people in events that could help them prepare for the Big East championship," said Welsh. "Overall, I was pleased with the effort of the team and with the balance. We had more people enter into the scoring column and more moving into higher scoring positions in this meet and we are seeing more depth emerge."



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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Junior Watson emerges as leader on men's squad

By NATE PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

BOSTON, MA

As the cross country season heads into the home stretch, junior Luke Watson has emerged as Notre Dame's front-runner and team leader.

Watson, an All-American track runner, represents the Irish not only as one of the nation's premiere runners, but also embodies a truly down to earth and grounded approach to the sport.

Watson started his running career in seventh grade. Like many other middle school runners, cross-country served as a social arena for Watson.

"I was initially attracted by the social aspects of the sport," Watson said. "A lot of my friends ran, and so I figured that I should give it a shot. It was a social activity, that allowed me to stay in shape."

Watson, a native of Stillwater, Minn., had the privilege of entering a high school with an impressive running history. The team was nationally ranked, and was coached by one of the nation's most prestigious high school coaches, Scott Christianson.

"I didn't really begin running seriously until the ninth grade," Watson said. "I began to train pretty intensely in high school."

Christianson insisted that the teamwork hard and Watson began running about forty miles a week. Watson began to realize that he had a natural gift for the support, and that he really

enjoyed the competition in the races.

"The greatest thing about running is that you are always competing not only with others, but also with yourself," Watson said. "I loved competing, while at the same time extending myself and learning my own limits."

Watson gained a national reputation as his high school career continued. His Stillwater high school team was ranked first in the nation his senior year and individually he excelled. Not only did he run cross country and track, but Watson also dedicated his winters to Nordic skiing.

"Luke is almost as good a Nordic skier as he is a runner," said Notre Dame cross country and track coach Joe Piane.

Watson earned 12 letters combined in all three sports, and went undefeated his senior year in cross country and track. By the time that he graduated, Watson had five state titles; four in track and one in cross country. He won the 1600 and the 3200 in the state meet both his junior and senior years, and came out of high school as one of the most highly recruited runners in the nation.

"I was recruited by number one ranked Stanford coming out of high school," Watson said. "But, I was immediately drawn to Notre Dame."

"When I began recruiting Luke, I noticed that he not only was he a great runner, but he had a great work ethic as well," Piane said. "He doesn't cut any corners."

"I just love the people here," Watson said. "There is a great

team atmosphere, and I just saw great potential and opportunities. I also knew that I would immediately be able to contribute to the team, which was something that I was looking for."

Watson, who trained by doing more strength work than speed work in high school, was immediately attracted to Piane's coaching style.

"The Notre Dame program is distance based, which was perfect to my style of running," Watson said.

Watson immediately made an impact on the Notre Dame team, and began a string of highlight performances. As a freshman, he won the 1999 U.S. Junior Cross Country Championship. He ran the 8K race in 23:26 at the Lake Spanway Golf Course in Tacoma, Washington. This gave him the opportunity to compete at the World Junior Cross Country Championship in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He was the third American to finish, and ended up 34th in a field of 155.

His sophomore year, Watson helped lead the team to a first-place finish at the Big East championships. In indoor track, he focused primarily on the mile which he ran in a personal best time of 4:06.75. Outdoors, Watson won the Big East championship in the steeplechase. He broke the school record in the steeplechase, which qualified him for nationals. Also, Watson earned All-American honors in this distance medley at the NCAA championships.

With all of these achievements under his belt, Watson continues



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish junior Luke Watson battles for position during Friday's Big East Championships in Boston.

to look towards the future.

"I really would like to be an All-American in cross country this season," said Watson. "On a good day, I could see myself finishing somewhere in the top fifteen in the nation."

"I would like to see Luke be an All-American as well," said Piane. "He was forth at Pre-Nationals this season, and I can see him doing it."

Despite all of his accomplishments, Watson says that the relationships he has formed on the team have been the best parts of his running career.

"There is just so much support from the team," said Watson. "It really helps keep me internally motivated."

"He clearly is a leader on the team and right now is our number one runner," said Piane. "He leads not only by only verbally, but also by example."

As the district and national meets approach, Watson is confident of the team and in himself.

"I have the potential to be good and to excel. I just love running, and I always have," Watson said, as he added with a laugh. "Being good doesn't hurt."

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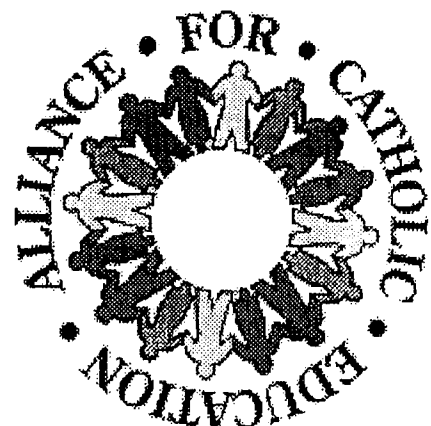
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Senior Anne Makinen dribbles past a Seton Hall defender during Notre Dame's 6-0 victory over the Pirates on Sept. 29. The Irish take on Boston College in the Big East semifinals Friday night.

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gave the team a couple of days off this week and that helped."

Waldrum is hopeful the remainder of the schedule will be conducive to his team's health. The Irish, with the exception of next weekend's semifinals and finals of the Big East tournament, will play a just one game each week through the NCAA tournament.

"Hopefully, that will allow us to get back to where we need to be health wise," said Waldrum. "We hope to get Amy [Warner] back to the point where we can get a full game from her."

Though last year's Notre Dame squad advanced all the way to the NCAA finals, Miami coach Jim Blankenship feels this Notre Dame team is even better, a thought that should terrify potential Irish opponents.

"Certainly they're younger, and I think they're a bit more dynamic," he said. "I think went they got into rhythm they were pretty much unbeatable. Notre Dame is as good as anyone in the country."



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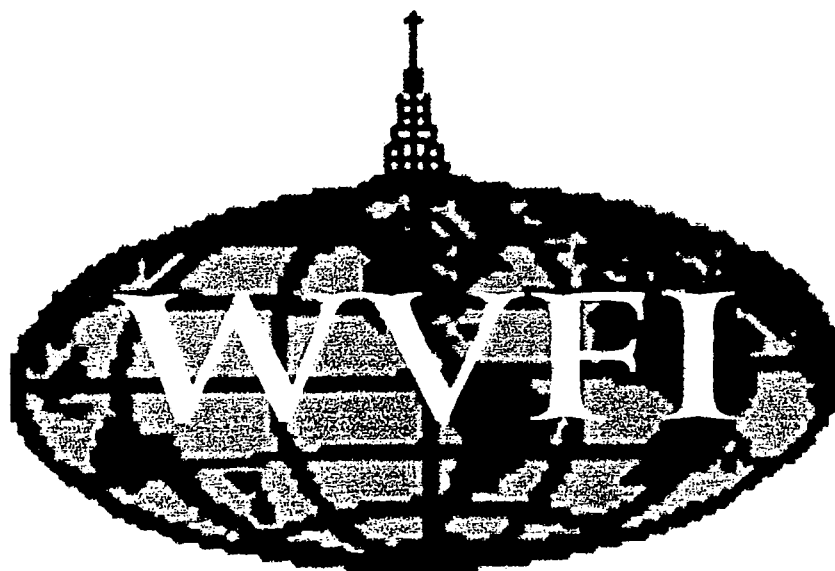
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CREW

Irish earn 4 golds, second at regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's varsity rowing team completed one of its most successful days in the program's short history as a varsity sport Sunday by securing four gold medals at the Head of the Elk regatta Sunday.

Combining with the novice and men's club programs, Notre Dame as a whole finished second behind Michigan in the overall team title. The Irish women won the open eight event, both open fours races and defended their lightweight four title on a clear and calm day on the St. Joseph River in Elkhart.

Coach Martin Stone recognized the potential impact such a performance could have on his young rowing squad as they completed the fall season.

"Emotionally this will get the kids hyped up," he said. "When they're training this winter and wondering why they do it, they can remember today."

The Irish wins did not come without struggle, however. As the day reached mid-morning, the Irish were facing a problem. One of Notre Dame's top rowers, Ashlee Warren, was battling illness, and Stone made the decision to hold her out of the open fours event in hopes that she would conserve her energy for the open eight race later in the day.

Casey Buckstaff moved from the B boat to the A crew to replace Warren. Stone called on freshman Annie Starks to replace Buckstaff in the B race.

The Irish didn't miss a beat. Both boats won their events, with the A boat edging Indiana by two seconds. As for the B crew, 21 seconds separated them from the nearest competition.

"Looking at it, I knew we

could win both open fours events," said Stone. "It was preparation for the open eight event."

The highlight of the day of racing came at the end, in the 28th and final event of the regatta, the women's open 8 event. The Irish, who started 15 seconds behind Purdue in the chase format, roared past the Boilermakers with 300 meters left in the 2.5 mile course as coxswain Clare Bula screamed for the Irish to finish strong.

After exiting the water, it was a nervous hour as the Notre Dame squad of coxswain Bula, stroke Jaime Szeft, Katherine Burnett, Warren, Becky Luckett, Buckstaff, Julia Kelly, Melissa Alberding and bow seat Ann Marie Dillhoff waited for the race results.

Later, when the official results confirmed the race was won by Notre Dame, the crew gathered for the traditional throw-the-coxswain-in-the-river ceremony, and the senior captain Bula went head first into the St. Joseph, her second soaking of the day.

The open eight was not all the glory Notre Dame would have Sunday, however. The lightweight four boat, coxed by senior captain Erin Kiernicki, defended its Head of the Elk title successfully.

The open doubles event, which involved sculling rather than the standard rowing of most events, featured Allie Spacht and Tara Driscoll. Though both experienced scullers, neither had rowed in a double scull recently, but it would not seem so by watching them cruise to a fourth-place finish.

"We only practiced three times, but we worked well together," said Spacht. "Our main goal was to beat Indiana, and we did by two minutes. We were really excited. We couldn't ask for anything better."

FOOTBALL

Davie moves Godsey to tight end

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame fans will now have to trust in Gary Godsey, the tight end. On Sunday, the month-long speculation became official: Godsey, who started two games at quarterback has been moved to tight end.

"Gary Godsey is really a good quarterback," coach Bob Davie said at Sunday's press conference. "But in our system, we need mobility out of our quarterback."

With the week off before the Nov. 11 Boston College game, Davie also has an opportunity to work with freshmen Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday, who will serve as the second and third string quarterback, respectively, behind Matt LoVecchio for the remainder of the season. Davie said that he would play Clark this season and forfeit his fifth year of eligibility if necessary.

"We have a clear picture and a clear focus of where we want to go," Davie said. "Now is the time to do it."

With Jabari Holloway hurt with an ankle injury, Davie expects Godsey to play at tight end sometime in the three remaining games. When captains Dan O'Leary and Holloway graduate in May, Godsey will join Gerald Morgan in competition for the starting job.

"Deep down, I think he feels and I feel that his future is at tight end," Davie said. "I love the kid and I want to put him in a position where he can have success. I just feel in my heart that it's the best thing to do."

For a few days in September, after Arnaz Battle's navicular

bone injury sidelined the Irish starter, Godsey was on top of the college football world. With Notre Dame trailing No. 13 Purdue 21-20 late in the fourth quarter, Godsey led the Irish downfield, culminating in Nick Setta's 38-yard field goal as time expired.

One week later, Godsey was criticized for his 6-foot-6, 235-pound frame and lack of speed following a 27-21 loss to Michigan State. In that game, Godsey completed just 4 of 15 passes for 20 yards and ran two times for negative one yard. He was replaced in the third quarter by LoVecchio and alternated the remainder of the game.

Godsey played sparingly against Navy after the Irish built a commanding lead. He has not seen action in the past two games.

Whereas other teams wanted him as a signal caller, Notre Dame recruited Godsey as a tight end coming out of Jesuit High School in Tampa, Fla. He spent all of last season at that position before being switched to quarterback in the spring. At the time, he was one of only two (along with Battle) scholarship quarterbacks on the Irish roster.

But with three freshmen coming in this fall, Godsey's opportunities were limited. He spent the summer camp and the first weeks of the season as the backup and then the starter. As the season progressed, the coaching staff decided the first-year players fit in better with the offense.

Davie spoke with Godsey and his father last week about the switch.

"It's a difficult situation," Davie said. "But I think being dead honest is the only way to

go about it."

For the season, Godsey connected on 19 of 41 passes for 224 yards and carried nine times for two yards.

He threw for two touchdowns, ran for another and tossed two interceptions.

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When David Givens caught a pass from LoVecchio in the right corner of the south end zone in overtime on Saturday, many in attendance thought the Irish clinched their 6th victory.

So did Davie. "That was a touchdown," Davie said on Sunday.

Because of that call and several other close decisions, Davie made a "significant and lengthy" video tape that he will send to Dave Parry, the Big Ten's supervisor of officials.

He may then send the tape to the Mountain West Conference, depending upon Parry's recommendation.

"I made a tape of all of the calls on the game that affected both sides," Davie said.

On the first series of the fourth quarter, Davie thought the Irish "got clipped twice." Also, on the final Notre Dame series of regulation, the Irish were called for a five-yard illegal procedure penalty "which is kind of difficult to see on tape," according to Davie.

"I don't gain anything from sitting here right now and just saying what my opinion of the officials was," Davie said. "I just think people have to be accountable. Coaches are accountable. Players are accountable. We all get critiqued. I'm going to handle it the right way and I'm going to see where that leads."

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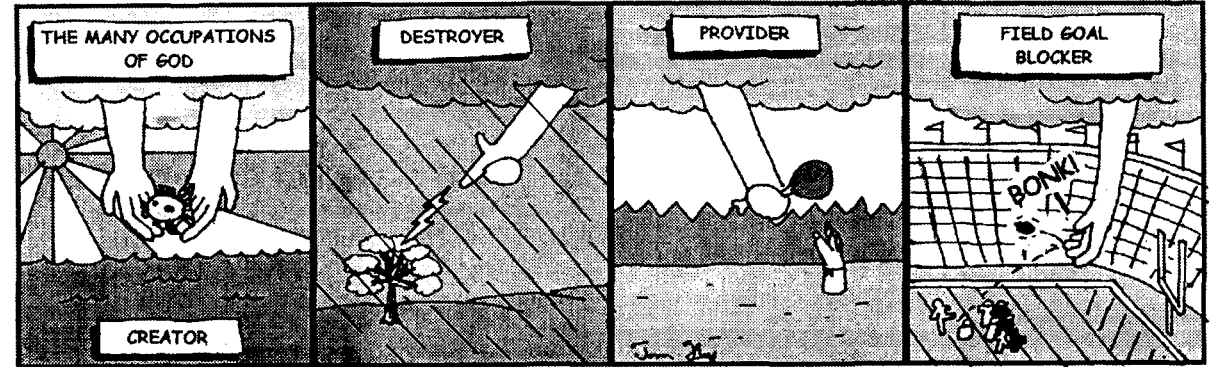
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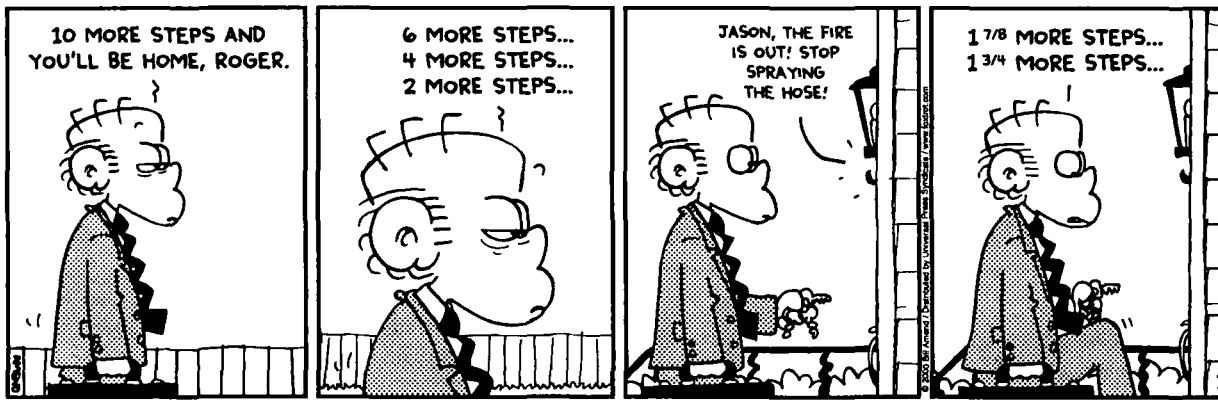
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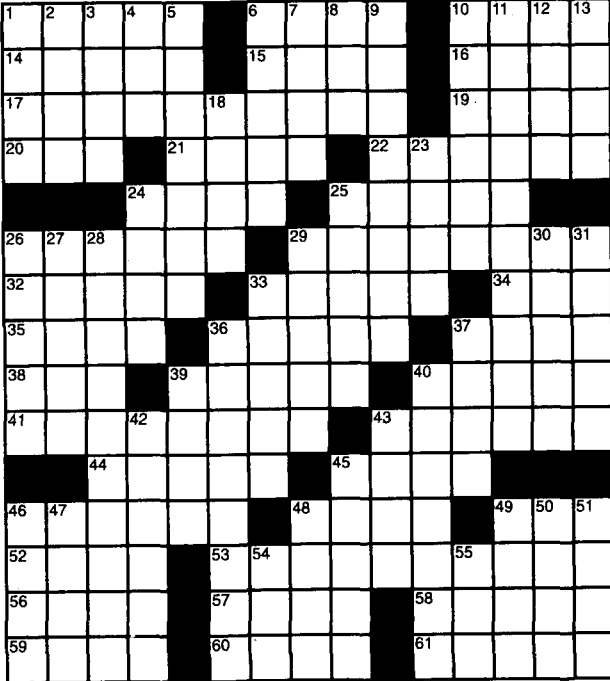
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- 10 Coined money
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CROSS COUNTRY

Runners take fourth, sixth at Big East Championships

♦ Watson places No. 7 overall in "mediocre" men's performance

By NATE PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

BOSTON, MA

The Notre Dame men's cross-country team entered Saturday's Big East championships in Franklin Park in Boston on Friday with high hopes.

As the defending champions, the team faced a tough field with three nationally ranked teams and high expectations. Unfortunately, the optimism was not completely realized, as the team finished fourth with 100 points, just three points away from Villanova.

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"The team really had a mediocre performance," said Coach Joe Piane. "If you ask every man, each of them will tell you that they could have run better. We wanted to shadow Villanova, and we thought that if we beat them man-to-man, we would win."

Keith Kelly led Providence to a team win, with a personal victory in the 8,000-meter race in a course record time of 23 minutes, 22 seconds.

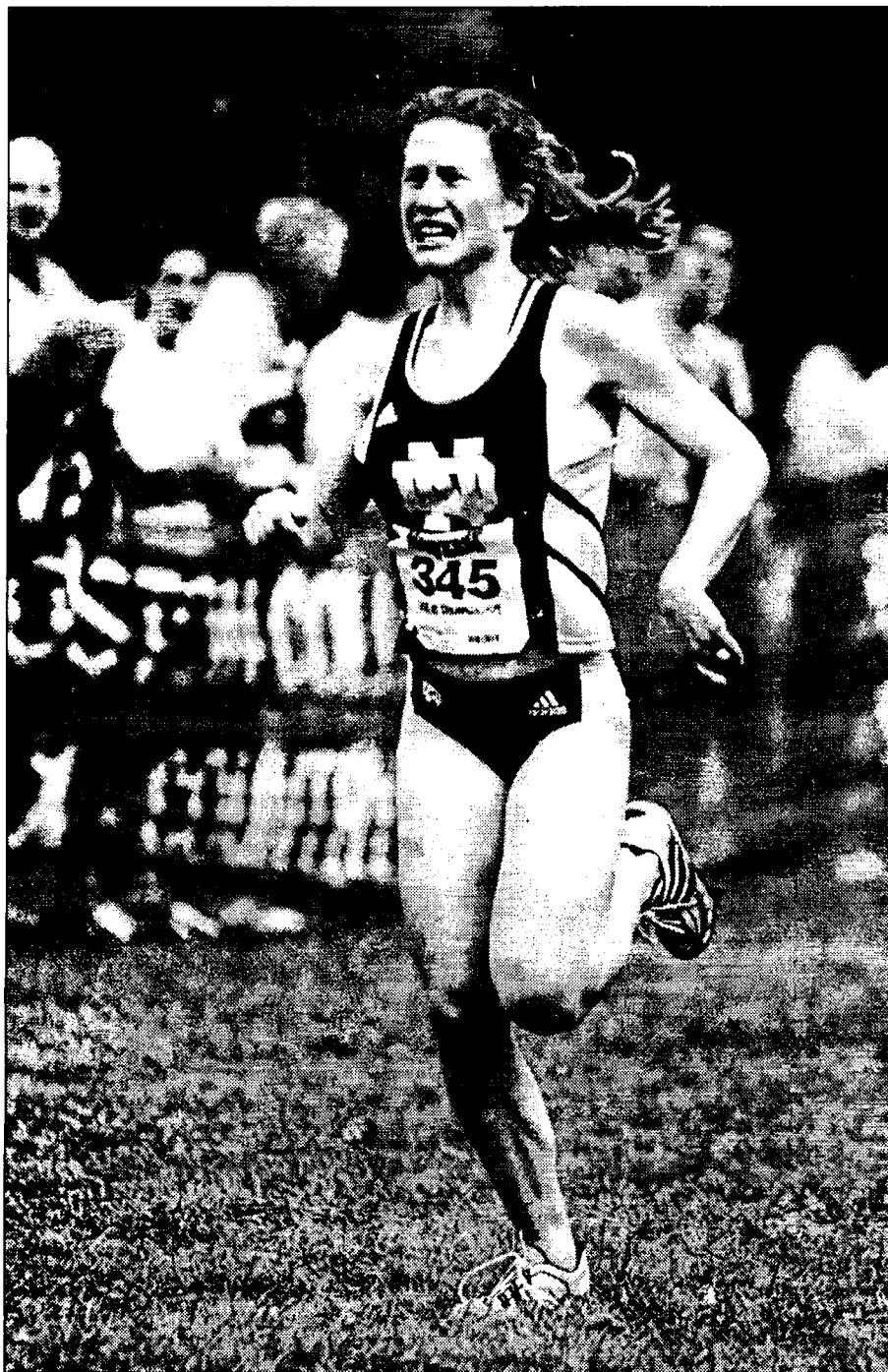
The time was 15 seconds faster than the old record from 1998.

For Notre Dame, junior Luke Watson led the Irish with a 7th place time of 23:44. Marc Striowski finished in a close eighth place time of 23:50. Pat Conway finished 21st, freshman Todd Mobley 26th and Sean Zanderson finished 38th.

"Marc and I wanted to stick together throughout the race," said Luke Watson. "Pat [Conway] and Todd [Mobley] were also planning on running together."

"The team really could have taken

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ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Irish senior Chrissy Kuenster competes at Friday morning's Big East Championships. Kuenster was Notre Dame's top finisher, placing 18th.

♦ Kuenster leads women's squad, finishes 18th

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

BOSTON, MA

The Notre Dame women's cross country team hoped Friday would be the day every runner on the squad would break out with her best performance of the season.

Nothing less would push the Irish into the running for a Big East championship. Unfortunately, it wasn't in the cards, as they finished sixth in the conference meet held at Boston's Franklin Park.

"You can't have your best athletes not compete well," head coach Tim Connelly said.

Several runners stepped up to the plate for Notre Dame, with senior Chrissy Kuenster leading the way in 18th place.

"It was the first race that I felt reflected the potential of my workouts," Kuenster said of her 17 minute, 48 second time.

Kuenster moved up as she worked her way through the 5,000-meter course.

After Kuenster's top-20 finish, the rest of the Irish squad finished in a close pack. The second through seventh runners for Notre Dame placed between 31st and 44th within a 21-second span of one another.

"Running in a pack's a nice theory," Connelly said, "but unless you have people penetrating and getting low numbers, you're not going to beat teams that are worth beating."

Sophomore Jen Handley lost ground during the last mile for Notre Dame, but still managed to be Notre Dame's second-best runner. Two freshmen, Rachel Endress and Megan Johnson, turned in solid races for Notre Dame as the third and fourth finishers.

The Irish got a big race out of sophomore Jennifer Fibuch, who covered the relatively flat course in 18:22.

"Jenny's a kid that was a 12-minute two-miler coming out of high school," Connelly said. "She's worked like crazy to get better."

The sixth and seventh runners for Notre Dame were Kari Eaton and Hilary Burn.

"I think we improved from the last race, but I still think we could do better," Kuenster said. "Everyone has to figure out what they need to do

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Warner's return sparks 3-0 calming of Hurricanes

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame offense found the edge it needed when freshman Amy Warner returned for her first significant action in more than a month, sparking the Irish to a 3-0 win Sunday against the Miami Hurricanes in the Big East quarterfinals.

Undefeated, and ranked No. 1, the Irish were the favorite entering the game, but for 35 minutes the teams looked like equals. The

Irish had trouble finding seams in a solid Hurricane defense, their only real chance coming when junior defender Lindsey Jones boomed a shot that sailed just over the bar from 30 yards out.

With his team not making any headway, Notre Dame head coach Randy Waldrum brought in Warner off the bench. Relegated to spot duty since she is still nursing a tender right knee, Warner proved to be the tonic the sagging Irish offense needed.

Taking a pass from classmate Randi Scheller, Warner broke

down the right side, before darting back to her left and beating the keeper with a hard low shot for a goal that gave Notre Dame a 1-0 lead.

"That goal was big," said Miami head coach Jim Blankenship. "They really established a rhythm after that. On one leg, Amy Warner is still phenomenal. She makes a world of difference."

The Irish controlled the game from that point on. Midway through the second half, Meotis Erikson sent a short cross across the goal box, to fellow senior and

player of the year candidate Anne Makinen who drilled home her 12th goal of the season to increase Notre Dame's lead to 2-0.

Amanda Guertin scored the final goal when Scheller lured two defenders her way and crossed the ball to the wide open freshman who tapped home her 10th of the year.

"I was really happy with the way we played," said Waldrum. "We were in a pretty good rhythm."

Most evident from the game

was Notre Dame heightened energy level. After sagging throughout a long late-season road trip, the Irish were clearly back where they wanted to be in terms of intensity.

"The last few games of the season we didn't have a lot of energy," said Waldrum. "Today I was happy with the effort. We gave the team a couple of days off this week and that helped."

Waldrum is hopeful the remainder of the schedule will be

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Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.



Big East Semifinals
vs. Boston College
Friday, 7 p.m.



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Friday, 7:35 p.m.



Women's Swimming
at Miami (OH) quad meet
Friday, 4 p.m.



Men's Swimming
at Oakland
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Boston College
Saturday, Nov. 11
3:30 p.m.