

Flying high

On a three-game winning streak, will the Irish soar into the contest with Air Force and pass with flying colors? Check inside for details.

Irish Insider

Curbing underage drinking

In light of the recent bust at Finnegan's, The Observer editorial suggests one solution to the problem of underage drinking.

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Ushering in the end of an era



Stadium usher hired by Rockne at age 12 to retire after 60 years at ND

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

At the end of the football season, one man will retire after 60 years of greeting Notre Dame fans eager to see Fighting Irish teams battle opponents on the field.

Victor Couch, 86, started working as an usher when Knute Rockne hired him in 1926 to usher in Cartier Field at age 12. Although Couch was not old enough to usher when Notre-Dame Stadium was erected in 1930, Couch was hired as a stadium usher in 1941 after a few years on the waitlist. Since then Couch has remained on the 850-member team of stadium ushers, waking up every football Saturday for his part-time job at Notre Dame.

"He's sort of a fixture at Notre Dame like the Golden Dome and the Grotto," said Russell "Cappy" Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel.

"Everybody is so nice and so considerate. You just can't help but love what you're doing," said Couch.

Although, he was a stadium usher for 60 years, Couch, since his job at Cartier Field, has been affiliated with the University for 74 years.

Couch has seen many Irish football teams, head coaches and a renovation in the Stadium, but the change he identified as the largest was the expansion of parking.

"I would have to rush over to [the campus after work] on Saturdays," said Couch about earlier years of ushering. "That's when you could get a parking space."

Though parking is more limited, Couch still manages to get on campus and said he always enjoys the games.

Couch now works in an alumni-filled section of the stadium, but he once ushered in the student section, where he said he enjoyed the energy of the students even if at times it

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photos by PETER RICHARDSON

After more than 60 years of greeting Notre Dame football fans and helping them to their seats, 86-year-old Victor Couch will retire from a position which he first held as a 12-year old. Couch has been affiliated with the University in one way or another for over 74 years.

NEWS ANALYSES

Lieberman's Jewish faith concerns some voters

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Though polls have shown that the vice presidential pick of the candidate rarely affects voters' choices in presidential elections, Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman's strong faith in Judaism has raised concerns from voters who wonder what impact his faith will have on the nation.

"I think that there are people that probably have profound suspicion of Lieberman because of his Judaism," said Rabbi Michael Signer, University theology professor.

Signer said that Lieberman refers to himself as an "observant Jew," which is different from liberal Judaism, but not necessarily strictly Orthodox as he has been categorized. This distinction, Signer said, brings about a difference in

the way that he can handle the affairs of a vice president on the Sabbath.

"He recognizes in this Orthodox Jewish community that there are people that hold higher standards of observances than he does," said Signer.

Observant Jews rarely venture beyond their homes and the synagogues on the Sabbath and usually avoid using modern modes of transportation among other things.

However, Lieberman, the senator of Connecticut for eight years, has often fulfilled certain senatorial duties on the Sabbath if necessary.

"He will walk to the Senate to engage in voting on the Sabbath," said Signer.

Even in the case of a crisis within the

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First Lady may be in 'dead heat' in NY Senate election

By ERIN LaRUFFA
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One of the country's closest-watched Senate races is a statistical dead heat, according to the most recent Zogby International poll.

According to the poll, First Lady Hillary Clinton has 42.2 percent of the vote while her Republican opponent, Congressman Rick Lazio, has 42.7 percent in New York's Senate race. With the poll's 4.5 margin of error, who's leading is anyone's guess.

However, another poll by Quinnipiac University indicates that Clinton leads Lazio by a 50 to 43 percent margin.

"It's going to be an interesting race," said Notre Dame government professor Christina Wolbrecht.

The polls, however, are not the most interesting story of this campaign.

Even before the Democrat Clinton declared her candidacy, speculation was rampant that she was going to run for the Senate seat being left vacant by the retiring Daniel Patrick Moynihan. However, having spent years living in Arkansas and Washington, D.C., Clinton only recently established her residency in New York State. As a result, many of her critics have labeled her a "carpetbagger."

"I don't really think that that's a problem if she can maintain that she's become knowledgeable about the issues," said Notre Dame philosophy professor Jim Sterba, who also teaches within the gender studies program. He added that Robert Kennedy also set up residency in New York to run

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INSIDE COLUMN

Luck of the Irish

Unlike many Notre Dame or Saint Mary' students, I was not weaned on Notre Dame football. I would say I watch the games to appreciate all the hard work the athletes put into their game, not because I'm a rabid fan.

My interest is partially due to the fact that my younger brother also plays on an Irish team for his high school. A team that, like the Irish of Notre Dame, has struggled at times.

Sarah Rykowski

Saint Mary's News Editor

In 1997, the Father Gabriel Richard Fighting Irish were 0-9. A year later, under new head coach Ed Maloney, they went 3-6. Last year I came home for Fall Break only to watch his team win their ninth straight game.

For the first time in years, the Irish were undefeated. No one can remember when they last accomplished this feat.

That year, in the fall of 1999, I bought one of those underground T-shirts that students sell before the games, one for the Kansas game.

Then I brought it home as a souvenir for my brother. He wore it to every single practice and every single game during his junior season. And they won every single game he played in.

The Richard squad earned the Catholic League Class C championship and a trip to the Silverdome to play in the Catholic League PrepBowl, only to lose by two touchdowns for their first loss of the season. They won their first playoff game, and lost the second to end the season at 10-2.

My brother did not play in the PrepBowl except to take the kickoffs, after spraining his ankle in the final regular season game. He missed the second playoff game because my parents had scheduled a trip to Israel, not thinking that the Irish had a chance to make the playoffs.

So I would like to think that the shirt had something to do with it. That somehow, the spirit of the Irish after that opening victory rubbed off on the shirt and transferred to my brother and to his Irish teammates.

My city was as shocked as I was to see them do so well. The newspapers called them a Cinderella team over and over. Perhaps I am doing his team an injustice, going on about a shirt when in fact it was more likely their hard work and skill that did the trick. Still, something different was in the air around the Irish of Ann Arbor, something that seemed to be missing from the Irish of South Bend.

I wanted to test my hypothesis this year, but I didn't manage to get him a shirt until fall break. By then they were 2-5 overall and struggling, after losing most of their offensive line to graduation. Most of the seniors and some of the juniors were playing the whole game to fill the holes. Suddenly, on the same day the Irish walloped Navy, coach Maloney decided to move his senior quarterback to wide receiver and let his sophomore signal-caller start. Sound familiar? It worked.

That evening I watched the high school Irish pull through a nail-biter to improve to 3-5. Richard's final game of the season was the night before the West Virginia game. It was a blow-out. They scored on the opening kickoff and went from there. After ending his junior season on a lackluster note, my brother scored two touchdowns in the final game of his career to help his team to a 46-12 victory.

So was all of this an eerie coincidence? I prefer to think of it as the luck of the Irish at work.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

WSND studios victims of theft
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Over \$1,600 in electronic equipment was reported stolen from the studios of WSND-AM/FM, but there was no forcible entry. The theft had apparently occurred between 7 p.m. and midnight Oct. 28. In what appeared as a "quick in-and-out theft," a tape recorder valued at \$1,450 was taken from the station's production studio in O'Shaughnessy along with \$200 of other equipment.

The making of a 'friendly' rivalry
Oct. 27, 1995

Boston College. Screaming Eagles. These four words have the ability to rile up the Fighting Irish more than most others. Mark Mitchell, the student government chief of staff, developed the idea to create a traveling trophy between the two schools that would belong solely to their student bodies. The trophy will travel between the victors of the ND/BC football games for at least the next 10 years.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Injury leads to amputation for San Jose safety

SAN JOSE, Calif.

Neil Parry, a sophomore safety on the San Jose State football team, who suffered a compound fracture during a 47-30 loss to Texas-El Paso on Oct. 14, underwent surgery Monday to amputate below his right knee.

Surgery was needed to stop an infection in Parry's right leg that began Oct. 18, according to San Jose State head physician Martin Trieb.

"It became evident Saturday that there was so much destroyed tissue that there had to be an amputation," Trieb said.

The amputation, which was done three inches above the ankle, was performed successfully at the Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, according to Trieb.

"The knee is in good condition,"

"It became evident Saturday that there was so much destroyed tissue that there had to be an amputation."

Martin Trieb
San Jose State physician

Trieb said. "There was no infection left in the remaining portion." Trieb said the fracture infection was highly unusual in 20-year-old Parry's case.

"There are motorcycle accidents where a person's leg scrapes along the cement, picks up dirt and there's no infection," he said. "This particular infection has not happened many times. We don't know why it happened. The lack of blood supply to

tissue was a critical factor."

Parry, an undecided major, was a starter on the Spartans special teams.

The injury occurred on a kickoff return in the third quarter when a UTEP player knocked down a member of the SJSU team, who then rolled into Parry's leg.

Spartan head trainer Charlie Miller said the open fibula fracture was visible through the sock.

"It was an angulated fracture where the lower leg was out of alignment," Miller said. "There was extensive bleeding through the sock."

Parry was immediately taken to the hospital where surgery was performed to put a rod into his leg. The goal of the surgery Saturday was to stabilize the right tibia, Trieb said.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

'Love' display draws hazing inquiries

DEKALB, Ill.

A Northern Illinois University student, bound naked to a tree and covered in human waste, has drawn the attention of NIU officials and DeKalb police for what he claimed was a voluntary incident. At 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, Todd Mattran was found by DeKalb police officers in front of his girlfriend's sorority house, Alpha Phi, 920 Hillcrest Drive. Members of the organization KEG, a Greenbrier Road fraternity chapter unrecognized by NIU, had been saving their urine and feces for the previous week by putting it in pots and other containers, said Rick Clark, university programming and activities director. KEG members are formerly of Sigma Chi, a fraternity booted off campus for a host of violations earlier this semester. "I want to make it clear that the Greeks are appalled by this," Clark said. "They don't want the community to think they were associated with this incident at all." Alpha Phi vice president Carrie McCarren said the situation was part of a tradition of lavaliering, in which a male professes his love for a sorority member.

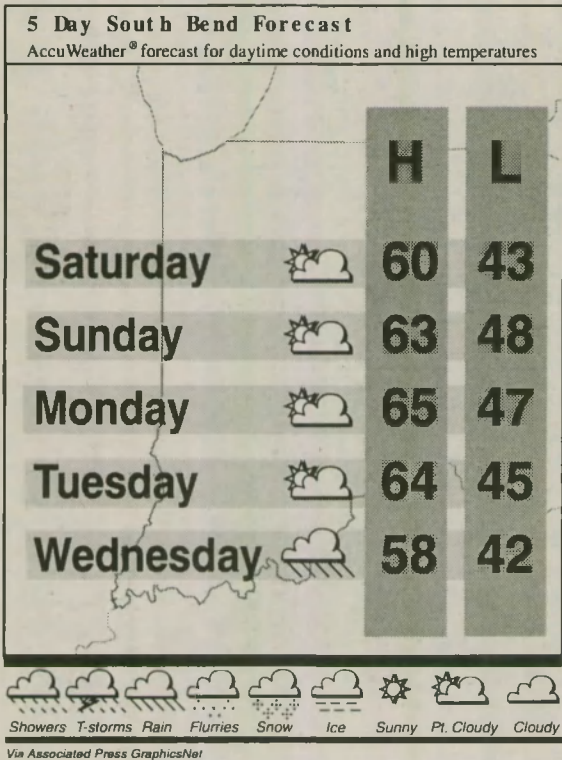
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USF suspends basketball coach

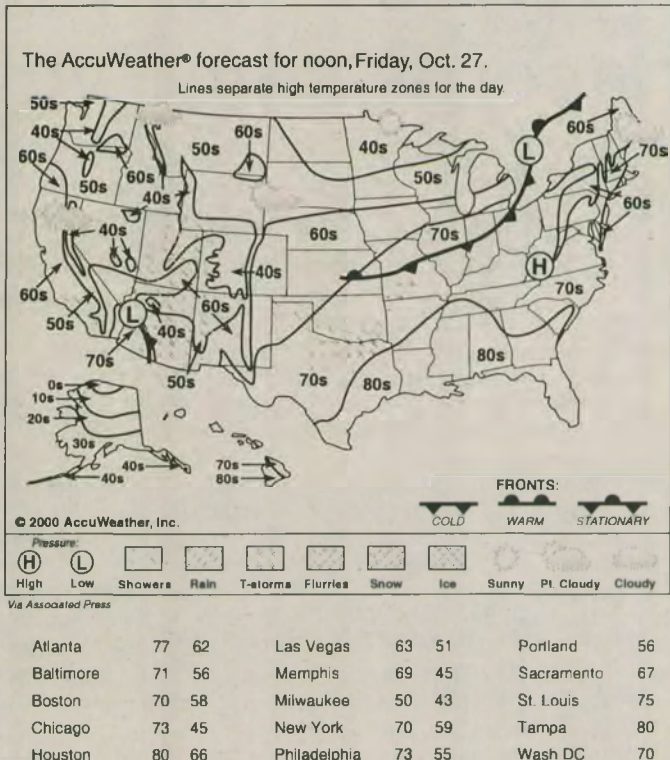
TAMPA, Fla.

The University of South Florida suspended women's basketball coach Jerry Ann Winters Wednesday after an investigation said there was "reasonable cause" to believe she retaliated against former player Dione Smith after Smith complained about racial discrimination to university officials. "Examination of the evidence indicates that the complainant [Smith] would not have been dismissed from the basketball team was it not for her participation in a discrimination complaint," said assistant vice president for human resources Edouard Piou in a letter to Smith and Winters. Winters is suspended with pay for the duration of the appeal process, which will be more than a month. Assistant coach Jose Fernandez is the acting coach. "I believe that is the appropriate course of action," Athletics Director Paul Griffin said. "This will give her time to consider her options, which include an appeal. She actually asked to have time to concentrate." Winters said in a statement she would appeal and that the final investigation was "wrong and is defective on its face."

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Cited students receive advice

♦ Students busted in Finnigan's raid hear legal options

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

Three Notre Dame students with knowledge of the St. Joseph's County legal system and the Notre Dame Residents Life system spoke to students cited at Finnigan's Irish Pub on Oct. 13 to discuss their legal options.

"I guess I am glad that I am part of this Notre Dame tradition. We had Bridget's and you guys have Finnigan's," said Rudy Monterrosa, student bar president of the Notre Dame Law School and an assistant rector in Siegfried Hall.

Monterrosa, the coordinator of the public defender program at the Law School, told approximately 50 of the 147 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cited at Finnigan's what to expect when they go to the St. Joseph's County courthouse.

"This is really just to demystify the process," he said. "I know most of you have never been in court before and have never been in trouble with the law."

He said the prosecutor's office will most likely give the Finnigan's 147 the option for a pretrial diversion. If students select a pretrial diversion they will most likely be required to pay a \$220 fine, perform 40 hours of community service and be placed on probation for one year. If students remain out of trouble for that one-year period, the citation will be wiped from their record.

He said the prosecutor's office

is not interested in slamming the students with heavy punishments because it has so many cases to handle at once. Most of the students at the information session had court dates today.

"They are really worried about you folks coming over [Friday] because they are understaffed," Monterrosa said. "It's not everyday that they bust that many people so they are going to speed up the process. The pretrial diversion process is the best way to get this off your record."

If a student has prior offenses on his or her record, however, pretrial diversion may not be an option. If a student is not given the option of a pretrial diversion,

Monterrosa recommended seeking a plea bargain with the prosecutor but also encouraged students to consult with a lawyer.

"I think [a pretrial] diversion is pretty much what everybody is going to get but everybody has different circumstances so your penalty may vary," said Monterrosa who planned to be at the courthouse today to give students advice.

While Monterrosa outlined exactly what the charges against the students meant, student government chief of staff Jay Smith told the students how the procedures at the courthouse actually work.

Smith spoke from personal experience. He was one of the 165 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cited at Bridget McGuire's on Jan. 30, 1998.

Smith encouraged students to

show up for their hearings early and dress appropriately.

"It's early. It's Friday. It sucks but get there early," he said. "You don't want to give them any reason to mess with you."

In addition to punishment from St. Joseph's County, several students at the meeting were also concerned with possible punishment from ResLife.

Tony Wagner, president of the judicial board and a peer advocate, said all the Notre Dame students but three would receive conferences with ResLife and not ResLife hearings.

A conference is a one-on-one meeting with an administrator and usually less serious than a hearing. At a hearing,

a panel of administrators interrogates the student about the violation and usually hands out harsher punishments than a conference. Student may request a peer advocate to assist them with a hearing but peer advocates do not usually participate in conferences, Wagner said.

While students cited at Bridget's did not receive further discipline from ResLife, Wagner suspects that the students cited at Finnigan's may be disciplined more seriously. With the Board of Trustees examining the alcohol policies at Notre Dame, Wagner thinks students might be treated more harshly than in the past.

"They may be taking this thing more seriously than in the past," Wagner said but he didn't know what those punishments might be. "I can't even begin to understand their minds."

"They may be taking this thing more seriously than in the past."

Tony Wagner
judicial board president

Students kick off free speech group

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

Twenty-two students and one faculty member brainstormed ideas to promote free speech in a meeting for the newly formed coalition for free speech Thursday night.

Though not an official University group, participants at the meeting were members of various student organizations that wanted to discuss the issue of free speech and how it is implemented on campus.

"If you want to advance as an academic institution, we must be able to speak freely," said Dillon senator Brendan Dowdall who came along with other student government representatives to the meeting.

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) were on hand to suggest different ways in which they could effectively send messages to both students and the administration about the importance of and necessity for free speech.

"As a coalition we need to do constructive work and brainstorm ideas," said senior Sarah Greeman of PSA.

Students said they would make a strong effort to work with administrators to collaborate on free speech issues. However, if that method did not work, many also said they

would consider other forms of getting the issue heard such as petitions, forums and rallies.

Graduate student and PSA member Aaron Kreider cited several examples in the past in which the University affected free speech, especially pointing out incidents when it censored student media as well as student organizations.

"Threats like this are nothing new," said Kreider referring to recent debate about The Observer's status as an independent paper free to choose its own advertisement. "The administration systematically violated freedom of speech."

"If you want to advance as an academic institution, we must be able to speak freely."

Brendan Dowdall
Dillon Hall senator

Philosophy professor Edward Manier, a graduate of the class of 1953, shared with students his experience as an undergraduate student at the University saying students were under even

more restrictions in regards to free speech.

"I'm sort of an old Domer with a chip on his shoulder," said Manier.

He said that compared to many other academic institutions, the University often limits free speech here, usually on the grounds that statements or actions go against Catholic doctrine.

"People in power like to exercise that power," said Manier. "If they can support those decisions with Catholic doctrine, they'll do that."



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Clinton

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for the Senate.

Originally, Clinton's opponent was New York City mayor Rudy Guiliani. However, in May, the mayor withdrew from the race after being diagnosed with cancer.



Clinton

Lazio, a young Congressman who grew up in the New York suburbs, quickly jumped into the race.

After nearly eight years as first lady, Clinton is the better known of the two candidates.

"Everybody knows who she is," Wolbrecht said. "They know a lot about her."

Notoriety could either help or hurt Clinton.

Candidates want voters to recognize their names on the ballot, but in Clinton's case, with name recognition also comes the fact that people know details of her life that they do not particularly like, according to Wolbrecht.

Some of Lazio's support, according to Sterba, comes from simply running against Clinton, not because of some characteristic of his own. In fact, when asking for money from out-of-state donors, he pointed out the fact that he was running against Clinton, Sterba said.

"I think he has to down play that a little in New York because he has to talk about the issues," Sterba said.

"She's a really polarizing figure, like her husband," Wolbrecht said, adding that most Americans either love or hate the Clintons.

"I don't understand the hatred toward her through-

out the county," Sterba said. "It may well be that she is a First Lady who has stepped out of the traditional role."

In fact, this is the first time the first lady has run for political office on her own.

"It will be a nice precedent for the future," Sterba said. "Hillary represents the future and not the past."

"Certainly, she is stepping out of a traditional gender role," said Wolbrecht, adding that some voters may be uncomfortable with Clinton's candidacy as a result.

"There's just a percentage of people opposed to a woman being president, and I think that filters down to governors, senators — any higher political office," Sterba said.

However, Sterba pointed out that many women now have careers of their own.

"Most women now work outside the home and there are a lot of two-income families," Sterba said.

"Maybe there will be a woman president and her husband will be a lawyer somewhere," he said. "[Any president's spouse] has to put their career on hold a little while their husband or wife is president."

However, there is also an assumption that woman voters will naturally favor female candidates, Wolbrecht said.

"The press likes to talk about it a lot," Wolbrecht said. "I don't think a lot of really good studies have been done."

Some people, however, may simply be opposed to Clinton's husband or the fact that she has stayed with him despite his marital infidelities. Nevertheless, President Clinton has been out campaigning on behalf of his wife.

"The President is still very popular among different constituent groups," Wolbrecht said. "It looks kind of strange [if your husband doesn't campaign for you]."



PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Veteran stadium usher Victor Couch said that even after 60 years at the University he still takes much pride in his job as an "ambassador for Notre Dame."

Usher

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was hard to control the section.

"They were full of pep all over the place," said Couch. "You couldn't get them to sit down like they were supposed to."

Clark said that alumni who knew him as students have come back for games and encouraged him to continue to usher. Others, Couch said have asked him, "When are you going to call it quits?"

"It makes me proud to be an usher at Notre Dame," said Couch and said he will remain an avid Notre Dame fan after he stops ushering.

Before Couch retired, he worked as a road driver for Latheworks in South Bend for 15 years. Often during the

week, Couch would eat in South Dining Hall with his wife who was a clerk in the old University bookstore.

Gagnon, who has been the head of stadium ushers for six years, said Couch represents the usher mission, which is to be "ambassadors for Notre Dame."

As ambassadors, Gagnon said the ushers have to be well-groomed, with white collared shirts, dress slacks and ties — but the dress code is not the only defining characteristic of the "ambassadors."

Gagnon said while the ushers are allowed to be — and overwhelmingly are — Notre Dame fans, they need to be objective in the stadium so as not to seem biased to guests from other teams.

"Can you put your fanship aside a little bit and instead be a host for a little bit?" Gagnon

said, asking a common question that he wants the ushers to answer affirmatively.

Gagnon said this policy has worked and people often call him to complement the ushers.

The stadium ushers — 500 of whom are unpaid volunteers — come from various places and backgrounds to work at Notre Dame football games. These include Tim Schwartz of Louisville, Ky. who drives to South Bend starting at 12 a.m. Saturdays and arrives at 6 a.m. Gagnon said as an early shift usher, he offered Schwartz pay, but he wouldn't except it.

"We have so many people who work for free just to be part of Notre Dame," said Gagnon.

Another traveling usher is a physician from Washington, DC who is not ushering this season because of his job. However, he used to fly to South Bend for games regularly.

Gagnon said he was thoroughly impressed with Jim Hall, an usher at the wheelchair entrance who uses a wheelchair himself. At the Texas A&M game, Hall gave up his wheelchair so that senior citizens that had trouble moving quickly in the 100 degree-plus weather could get to their seats more easily.

"I think that's an incredible act of kindness," said Gagnon.

Couch said that he has not seen any stadium with the amount of ushers that Notre Dame has nor the quality of service they provide.

After the final score decides the winner of the last home game of the season against Boston College on Nov. 11, the stadium ushers will lose a staff member, but retain a man who intends to remain an ambassador for Notre Dame forever.

"I love Notre Dame very, very much," said Couch.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

FBI threatened in USS Cole probe: Machine-gun mounted military vehicles surrounded a port-side hotel and civilian traffic was kept away Thursday after a bomb threat targeted Americans investigating the attack on the USS Cole. American forces in Bahrain, Qatar and Turkey are on heightened alert because of new evidence of terrorist threats in the region.

Ivory Coast celebrates president: Opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo was sworn in as president, ending two-days of protests by Gbagbo's supporters after Gen. Robert Guei, the country's now-ousted military leader, suspended the commission overseeing presidential elections and declared himself the winner. Dozens were killed before Guei reportedly fled to Benin, and Gbagbo took office.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Man sentenced to four centuries: A Washington man who confessed to killing 13 people and one attempted murder dating back a quarter century to avoid the death penalty asked God to right his wrongs as he was sentenced Thursday to 408 years in prison. "I pray that God will right the wrongs that I have committed and that justice will bring closure," Robert L. Yates Jr. told a small courtroom packed with sobbing relatives of his victims.

County bans cell phone use in autos: New York's Suffolk County, home to the Hamptons and other playgrounds of the wealthy, has banned drivers from using hand-held phones. "We are targeting a careless driving habit that didn't exist 10 years ago," County Executive Robert Gaffney said Thursday. Violators will be fined \$150. Emergency calls are exempt.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Manager admits faking robbery: The manager of a Christian bookstore, who tripped and hit his head while stealing money from the store, tried to fool police into believing he'd been battered and robbed. Sgt. Matt Myers of the Columbus Police Department said police were dispatched to the Family Christian Store early Tuesday morning on a report that a robber had beaten the store's manager. Gilbert "Tony" Matteucci, 28, of Greenwood, was manager of the store for less than three weeks. Myers said Matteucci told police he was in the store and was coming out of the restroom when he was knocked unconscious by a blow to the head. Employees found him shortly after 7:30 a.m. lying on the floor with a small abrasion on his face. He told them he had been robbed and they called police.

RUSSIA

Officials find 23 survived Kursk accident

Associated Press

MURMANSK
Huddled in a destroyed submarine on the sea floor, a Russian sailor wrote a terse account of how he and 22 comrades tried in vain to escape, then scrawled a last message to his family, Russian naval officials said Thursday.

The note was found in the pocket of Lt. Dmitry Kolesnikov, whose body was one of the first to be recovered from the nuclear submarine Kursk that sank Aug. 12 with 118 men aboard. The message was the first firm evidence that any of the crew initially survived explosions that shattered the submarine.

Written a few hours after the sub plunged to the bottom of the Barents Sea, the note tells a horrifying story in eerily straightforward sentences.

"All the crew from the sixth, seventh and eighth compartments went over to the ninth. There are 23 people here. We made this decision as a result of the accident," Russian navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov quoted the note as saying.

"None of us can get to the surface," the message continued.

Kolesnikov's handwriting in the first part of the note was neat, Kuroyedov said during a meeting with the victims' relatives. But after the submarine's emergency lights went out, the 27-year-old seaman from St. Petersburg began to scrawl and desperation set in.

"I am writing blindly," Kuroyedov quoted the latter part of the note as saying.

The rest of the note was private and would be shown to Kolesnikov's family, said Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, the Northern Fleet chief of staff.

Most of the Kursk's crew apparently died instantly in the explosions that tore open the Kursk's first six compartments or within minutes as water roared into the submarine.

But the knowledge that some remained alive for hours revived the horror that gripped the nation after the sinking.

"I feel pain, enormous pain," Kolesnikov's widow, Olga, said on the NTV television channel. "I had a premonition my husband didn't die instantly. The pain I felt then has come true."

In excerpts of a documentary shown on NTV Thursday, Olga also said her husband had penned her a mournful poem in the days before he went on the Kursk's final voyage and left it.

"Shortly before he went to sea, he



AFP PHOTO

Russian specialists inspect a piece of the Kursk's inner hull cut out by divers aboard the mother ship Regalia in the Barents Sea. During recovery efforts, divers found a note written by a sailor which said 23 seamen survived after the submarine sank.

wrote a poem to me that says 'When the hour to die will come, although I try not to think about it, I would like to have time to say, 'My darling I love you', she said in a documentary made by Norway's TV2. Parts of it were shown on NTV Thursday.

The recovered bodies are to be flown on Saturday to Severomorsk, the Northern Fleet's main port, for a memorial service. However, fierce winds forced the divers to suspend operations Thursday and it was unclear when bodies could be brought to the surface, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Russian government has been

widely criticized at home for a slow and seemingly confused response to the disaster. Russian mini-submarines tried unsuccessfully for days to open the Kursk's escape hatch. There were reports that noises from the wreckage could have come from trapped sailors banging on the hull.

Two days after the Kursk went down, Russia made the sinking public. Although Western countries quickly offered to help, it was another two days before a Norwegian diving team was asked to assist. The Norwegians quickly opened the hatch but determined that the sub was flooded and the crew dead.

CHINA

Government jails sect members

Associated Press

BEIJING
The 11 Falun Gong followers eating stewed pork and spicy peppers in a private room at a Beijing restaurant knew it could be their last supper before a long detention in prison.

Mostly strangers, they introduced themselves in hushed voices and shared their anger over a Chinese government crackdown on their sect.

It was a scene replayed throughout

Beijing on Wednesday night, a day before at least 100 sect members were detained during one of Falun Gong's largest demonstrations since it was banned 15 months ago.

Thursday's events at Tiananmen Square were brief but violent, like most of the sect's previous demonstrations. No sooner had small bands of Falun Gong members begun to unfurl banners or throw leaflets than dozens of police rushed to pummel them and drag them to waiting vans.

One man, thrown to the ground,

was kicked in the stomach and head until blood ran from his mouth onto the gray flagstones. An elderly woman was dragged by her hair for several yards as bystanders pleaded with police to stop.

Order was restored only after police closed China's best known public monument for almost a half hour. One witness said 30 police vans filled with protesters drove off the square, which could put the numbers detained over several hundred.

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nation, Signer said that Lieberman could work around the rules of the Sabbath.

"[Lieberman] sees this as something extremely important," said Signer. "The Sabbath laws can be set aside for saving a human life."

The most recent issue that has continued the debate about Lieberman's religious influence on policies is the continuous and increasingly violent outbreaks in the West Bank, which are impeding the process of negotiation between Israelis and Palestinians difficult. Many have protested Lieberman's presence on the ticket saying that he would be biased when dealing with Middle East officials.

"When you go to the bargaining table you have to be fair," said freshman Dan Tyszka, member of the College Republicans. "Lieberman's views could be biased."

Tyszka said that he could not specifically predict Lieberman's actions but he thinks that Lieberman would push for a Jewish state in the Middle East.

"I don't know what he would do directly other than he would not be a very good person to send to the bargaining table for the United States," Tyszka said.

However government and international relations professor Alan Dowty said that foreign policy is not a large enough issue to sway the vote significantly against Lieberman.

"Foreign policy is still a minor concern and Lieberman's attitudes are not different from Gore's or from the other candidates," Dowty said.

Signer pointed out that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who is also Jewish, held his office in another time of unrest in the

Middle East.

"There's someone who on a daily basis had to deal with the Middle East," said Signer.

Signer said that as Kissinger handled the situation, Lieberman could also.

In addition to comparisons to Kissinger, some have compared the situation of Lieberman to that of President John Kennedy in 1960 when Kennedy became the first Catholic U.S. president. If Lieberman should be elected with Gore, he could introduce yet another religion to the executive office.

Dowty said the comparisons are similar because both politician broke significant political barriers.

"In a sense, it represents a kind of breakthrough for a particular religion, Catholicism then, Judaism now," said Dowty.

"If anything it's a positive factor," said Dowty of Gore's choice of Lieberman for his ticket.

Tyszka, however, said if there was a conflict in Northern Ireland in 1960, he feels that Kennedy would hold the same bias and therefore be a poor representative in negotiations.

"Even as a Catholic I would say that he would have to stay away from that bargaining table as well," said Tyszka.

However, some question Lieberman's religious bias, many hold the belief that his faith is not a significant issue.

In an August ABC/Good Morning America telephone poll, 89 percent said they're "not concerned that Lieberman's faith would interfere with his duties as vice president."

Monday Lieberman said during his lecture on "Faith and Values" that he did not see a radical difference among the religion's influence in U.S. society, but he noted society has become divided into two sides: secular and religious. He made it clear that he supported the religious side because he

thinks that all U.S. people can benefit from religious values.

"The core of those original values — faith, family and freedom; equal opportunity, respect for the basic dignity of human life; and tolerance for individual differences — clearly had their roots in the Judeo-Christian ethic of the Founders. But they were not, and are not, exclusive to any one religious denomination," said Lieberman.

Dowty said by including all religions, Lieberman has not been divisive. Instead, he has used religious values like faith to appeal to all people in the U.S.

"His candidacy has represented an appeal to basic religious values that look beyond any specific religion," said Dowty.

However, Lieberman did acknowledge during the lecture that he had received criticism for his religious rhetoric, but said it would not discourage him from talking about religion.

"Some friends and foes alike discouraged me from speaking about religion any more. But my resolve has only been strengthened," said Lieberman. "The experiences I have had in this campaign convince me that this is a conversation that we as a nation need to have, for I believe that we are still struggling to regain our moral balance in part because we are still struggling to regain our spiritual balance."

One way that Lieberman showed his moral views to the American people was during the Clinton impeachment trial when he publicly criticized Clinton for his relations with Monica Lewinsky.

To many people this was a bold action and in the August poll, 72 percent thought favorably of his criticism of Clinton.

For Lieberman, morality and spirituality work inextricably together, but he said that he would make sure that while trying to raise morale in the U.S. he would guard against excluding others who do not share his beliefs.



Lieberman

"... I believe we are still struggling to regain our moral balance ..."

Joseph Lieberman
vice presidential candidate

ND plans 'one can' food drive

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Alumni Association, Center for Social Concerns and other University representatives are sponsoring the "One Can Make a Difference Food Drive" today and Saturday.

The event is being held in conjunction with "Make a Difference Day."

Officials are asking that each student, faculty and staff member donate to the effort one can of a non-perishable food item.

The intent is to demonstrate to the community the impact that one person's contribution can make.

The cans collected from the drive will benefit the North Central Indiana Food Bank in South Bend.

Collection points will be located outside the LaFortune Student Center and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore today and Saturday. Another collection site will be located at Gate 10 outside the Joyce Center before the pep rally today.

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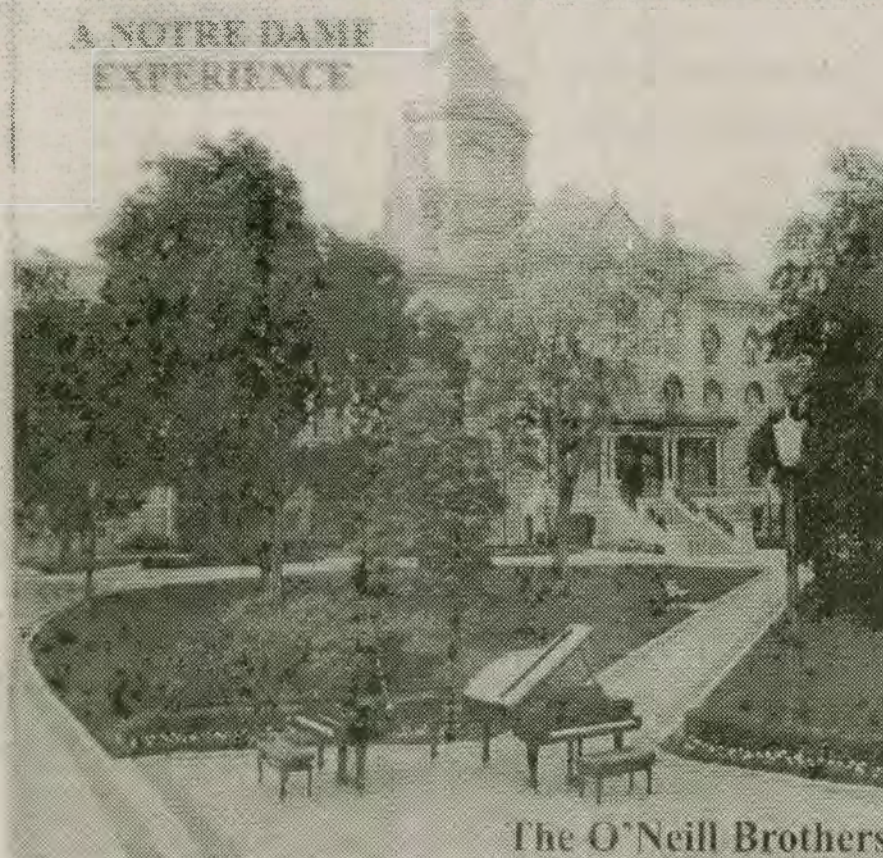
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College Park may allow fewer students in each unit

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

College Park, the all-student apartment complex on Bulla Road, is considering limiting the number of students allowed in each of the 52 units, said College Park manager, P.R. Gibson.

Instead of permitting three to four people in each apartment, Gibson said that the apartments, owned by Southwest Corporation in Fort Wayne, might limit each unit to two or three students.

"Three is being talked about," said Gibson. "It seems to work out better, but none of it is carved in stone."

Past experience is the primary reason for the cap on the number of students per apartment said Gibson. Although each College Park apartment has only two bedrooms and two bathrooms, most current residences have three or four

students living in each unit.

Although Gibson believes that limiting students would have little effect on next year's potential residents, students who have heard the rumor are concerned about higher living expenses. This year's College Park students paid \$915 for a lower apartment and \$940 for an upper apartment per month.

"I don't think they'll find many people who can afford it," said senior Matt Schoettler, a College Park resident who lives with three other roommates on the second floor. Schoettler said he and his roommates might not have lived at College Park if they were limited to three people.

Gibson, however believes that splitting the rent among three people is a reasonable request.

"I'd like to know where else you can rent for \$300 a piece," said Gibson. "If that is too high, somebody has a real



MICHELLE ROESER/The Observer

Although College Park, located on Bulla Road, has been a popular choice for Notre Dame students wishing to live off campus, the apartment complex is currently considering limiting the number of tenants in each of its 52 units to no more than two roommates.

problem."

Gibson said College Park

currently has a few students who have chosen to either live

alone or with only one other person.

"That would be the ideal situation," Gibson said in reference to maintaining two people per apartment.

Erin Place, a senior Finance major who lives at College Park, said that the rent would be obscene when split between only two students.

Although Gibson was clear in pointing out that the cutback was speculative, Notre Dame juniors Colleen Flood, Kate Diaz and Mandy Reimer were told by Gibson that for next year, only three were allowed in the bottom apartments and two were allowed in the upper apartments. Flood, Diaz and Reimer instead decided to rent from Ann Ward who bought some of the units within College Park and is allowing the three women to live in an upper apartment.

It is not clear at this point what the ramifications could mean to students wanting to live off-campus.

Despite the circulating rumor, Gibson said that College Park will continue to remain a student only apartment complex, regardless whether the maximum number of residences per apartment is reduced.

"We'd like to think we have the best place in town," said Gibson. "The kids tell me so."

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
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Concern raised over truck tires

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Officers at the Arizona Department of Public Safety were so worried about dangers associated with Firestone truck tires that in 1998 the agency's director had them replaced on all vehicles.

But while the agency voiced concerns over accidents and tread separation blowouts to Bridgestone/Firestone Inc., it did not alert federal regulators or the public. When Bridgestone/Firestone gave the agency a \$42,000 replacement credit, it accepted the tire maker's characterization of the problem as "customer dissatisfaction" rather than faulty tires, an investigation by The Associated Press found.

"It seems that they took a very short-term, practical approach to this and didn't look at the safety ramifications," said Grant Woods, who was the state's attorney general at the time. "It's one thing for a private citizen to do it. It's another for a government agency to do it. A government agency shouldn't do it."

Joan Claybrook, director of the consumer watchdog group Public Citizen and a former head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said agencies like Arizona's public safety department, which have large fleets of vehicles, skilled drivers and consistent maintenance programs, are in the best position to recognize tire safety problems first.

"When you have the responsibility of public safety, you always have to be thinking of the public," she said. "My God, it seems like corporate behavior not public behavior."

Joe Albo, the agency's director at the time who ordered the switch to tires made by The Goodyear Tire Rubber Co., said the risk management unit of Arizona's Department of Administration was told about its tire problems. No one from the state filed any complaints with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, according to the federal agency's records.

Gov. Jane Hull's spokeswoman, Francie Noyes, said the administration is reviewing the tire problems and the agency's response.

"We've just become aware of the issues you raise and we're looking into it," Noyes told AP.

Federal regulators are investigating 3,500 complaints and 119 traffic deaths in connection with tires made by Nashville, Tenn.-based Bridgestone/Firestone. Some of the complaints were about tread separation.

Arizona was one of four hot-weather states where most of the initial tread-separation complaints about Firestone tires originated.

In 1997 and 1998, Arizona public safety officers were involved in at least five accidents caused by tread separations, according to the agency's documents.

Spending bill would nullify state food laws

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The food industry wants to use a must-pass spending bill to nullify state laws that require warnings on food products and dietary supplements and impose other regulations on processors.

The food regulation measure was on a list of items Thursday that Republican Senate leaders planned to attach to the last appropriations bill that Congress is expected to pass before going home for the elections.

The measure, opposed by state regulatory agencies and the Clinton administration, would bar states from imposing labeling and food safety standards that are more stringent than the Food and Drug Administration's. States

would have to petition FDA for exemptions from the law.

"This legislation is needed so that we have a unified, common-sense system of labeling in the United States and not a patchwork quilt of states trying to usurp the authority of the FDA," said Gene Grabowski, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

The legislation is sponsored by at least three dozen senators, many from farm states, including Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South

Dakota.

Opponents of the legislation say it would effectively block state efforts to act in areas where FDA has been ineffective or to

goad the agency to regulate products it has not.

The food industry has been trying for 12 years to get out from under a California law, known as Proposition

65, that requires a warning label on all products that contain cancer-causing

agents or substances that are toxic to the reproductive system.

Manufacturers typically remove or alter products rather than face the negative publicity from a warning label. Because California is such a large market, whatever companies do there they are likely to do nationwide. The state used the measure to force manufacturers to reduce lead levels in calcium supplements.

"The Republicans are going against the wishes of California voters with this anti-environmental rider," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

She and other Democrats opposed to the industry-backed legislation sent a letter to the White House urging President Clinton to veto any bill to which it was attached.

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Israelis forces brace for more violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM Israeli security forces poured reinforcements into east Jerusalem on Friday amid fears of new violence after a Palestinian suicide bomber struck a military outpost in the restive Gaza Strip. Police planned to restrict Palestinians from weekly Muslim prayers at Jerusalem's main holy site. Only men over 35 would be allowed to attend the noon prayers at Al-Aqsa mosque, Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

It was at the site — the flash-point hill known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount — that violence was sparked a month ago by a visit by hard-line Israeli politician Ariel Sharon. Since then, clashes has left almost 130 people dead, mostly Palestinians.

Security forces also feared a fresh outbreak of violence in the West Bank and Gaza. Israeli reports said Muslim militants have called on Palestinians to turn each Friday into a "day of rage" and attack Israelis after the midday prayers.

Israeli officials were also concerned about an escalation after the first suicide bombing since the wave of clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinian protesters began.

On Thursday, Nabil Araeer, 24, loaded his backpack with explosives and rode his bicycle

to an army outpost in Gaza. There, Araeer set off the charge, killing himself and slightly injuring an Israeli soldier. The radical Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility.

"He shouted 'Allahu Akbar' [God is Great] and blew himself up," an Israeli guard at the outpost told Israel television.

"We have been warning that these kinds of attacks were in the works," said army spokesman Col. Raanan Gissin.

A wave of bombings on buses, markets and other public places left scores dead in the mid-1990s. But the number of attacks went down sharply especially since the May 1999

election of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. That was attributed to the Israeli-Palestinian peace moves and the sides' security cooperation.

With peace efforts now in ruins, Israeli security officials warn of an escalation of the conflict. They point out that Palestinian authorities have released dozens of Islamic militants from jails and have put security links on hold.

While the army blocked the main road in Gaza with a tank and uprooted olive trees that Palestinians could use for cover to fire on the isolated base, hundreds of people descended on the Araeer family home in Gaza City to offer condolences.

Elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza, sporadic clashes were reported Thursday, involving youths.

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Israeli guard

LA County, union agree on contract

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County and the union representing 47,000 public service workers have reached tentative agreement on a contract covering a majority of the union's members.

Clerks, welfare workers, hospital technicians, road maintenance laborers and other employees will receive raises that start at 9 percent over three years, union and county officials said Thursday. Most will see their pay increased between 11 percent and 14.5 percent over the life of the contract.

County negotiators had held firm on a 9 percent across-the-board increase, while union officials originally sought 15 percent.

"This is a huge victory. Our members, especially the ones that have been around for awhile, are saying this is the best contract they've seen in their lifetime," said Bart Diener, assistant general manager for Service Employees International Union Local 660. "It

comes after a long, difficult struggle, but the struggle has paid off and was worth all the sweat and tears."

The agreement covers 39,000 employees and comes after county workers staged a series of one-day walkouts and a general strike Oct. 11. They went back to work the following day, and negotiations renewed at the behest of Roman Catholic Cardinal Roger Mahony, who said the strike hurt society's most vulnerable.

"This agreement helps ensure that the county continues to be a desirable, competitive employer that pays each of its employees a wage that is commensurate with their duties," county Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen said.

Still to be resolved are contracts with about 8,000 librarians and health care workers, including registered nurses and clinical psychologists.

Pay varies for the county's unionized employees. Many health workers make \$50,000 or more a year, but the union says about 60 percent of the county's employees make less than \$32,000 annually.

State may takeover Philly schools

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

As Philadelphia teachers prepared to walk off the job Friday over stalled contract talks, the governor said he would consider a state takeover of the city schools if the mayor requests it.

Gov. Tom Ridge and Mayor John Street prefer a negotiated settlement but are not likely to tolerate a lengthy strike. The two met this week about the possibility of a takeover.

"I told the mayor I would have to give it very, very strong consideration if he asked me, and I assured him that it would certainly be friendly," Ridge said.

Contract talks ended late

Thursday night without an agreement.

Earlier Thursday, the mayor had expressed optimism that a deal would be reached by the time children are to return to school Monday. But a Philadelphia Federation of Teachers official said the sides remained far apart.

The teachers' old contract expired Sept. 1, and they have been working under terms imposed by the city.

The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers is chafing at the new rules, which raise co-payments and deductibles for health insurance. The teachers also oppose the district's decision to lengthen the work day and school year starting next

September.

Street has asked the City Council to allot up to \$45 million from the city's surplus for an enhanced teachers' contract.

State law allows the governor to take over the city's schools if the school board does not produce a valid budget or state officials determine that the city is not adequately educating pupils.

Ridge wants a contract that includes significant education reforms, saying it will help the city make its case for winning more school funds from the state Legislature.

Teachers announced Monday that they plan to walk off the job at the end of the day Friday unless a contract agreement is reached.

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Lieberman refuses to drop Senate bid

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Come Nov. 8, in all likelihood, Joseph Lieberman will still have a government job. With his refusal to drop his Senate re-election bid, the only question is whether it's the job of vice president or that of a United States senator.



Lieberman

Friday was the legal deadline for him to drop from the Connecticut Senate race and make way for another Democratic candidate on the ballot. But Lieberman, who is way ahead in the polls, said emphatically that he would not drop out.

"I really think it would, in many ways, be an act of bad

faith if I pulled out at this point," Lieberman said Thursday, noting that absentee ballots had already gone out in Connecticut. "I promised no October surprises, and there will be none."

Waterbury Mayor Philip Giordano, the Republican challenger, called the decision "selfish."

"I think the people of the state of Connecticut ought to stand up and take notice that this man is not only being selfish in running for two offices, but he has taken the voters of Connecticut for granted by not participating in the democratic process," Giordano said Thursday.

Lieberman has campaigned one day in his home state, August.

Giordano has taken to calling Lieberman "No Show Joe" and last week staged a mock debate with a cardboard cutout of Lieberman.

Report: Hackers break into Microsoft network

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Hackers reportedly broke into Microsoft Corp.'s computer network and may have stolen blueprints to the latest versions of the company's Windows and Office software.

Microsoft and the FBI are investigating the break-in, which was discovered Wednesday by the software giant's security employees. The Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site Friday, citing people familiar with the situation.

Security employees discovered that passwords used to transfer the source code behind Microsoft's software were being sent from the company's computer network in Redmond, Wash., to an e-mail account in St. Petersburg, Russia, the Journal reported.

A Microsoft spokesman confirmed that the company's corporate network had been hacked and said "the integrity of Microsoft source code remains secure," the newspaper reported.

The identities of the hackers are unknown. They are believed to have had access to the software codes for three months.

A person familiar with the break-in told the Journal that it appeared the hackers accessed Microsoft's system by e-mailing software, called QAZ Trojan, to the company's network and then opening a so-called back door through the infected computer.

Microsoft was planning to investigate the break-in without help from U.S. authorities, the Journal reported, but the company contacted the FBI on Thursday.

Clinton, GOP in tax cut battle

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans warn that if President Clinton delivers on his promise to veto a tax-cut package and a spending bill

that revamps immigration laws it will hurt Democrats' prospects in the Nov. 7 elections.

Defiant GOP leaders hoped to push both measures through the Senate on Friday, a day after a divided House approved the spending bill by 206-198 and the tax legislation by 237-174.

Both votes fell short of the two-thirds majorities needed to reverse a presidential veto. Even so, the brewing confrontation seemed likely to draw public attention to this year's long-running budget fight, just as it was looking as if Congress might finally complete its business and adjourn quietly — less than two weeks from Election Day.

Clinton's veto threat on a \$39.9 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State for 2001 focused on the GOP's failure to overhaul immigration laws as broadly as Clinton wants.

The president would grant amnesty to all aliens who arrived illegally before 1986, while Republicans would ease restrictions for some close relatives of permanent residents and let others with long-running disputes over their immigration. "Hispanics who are here legally abhor aliens who

are here illegally," House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, told a reporter. "You're going to see the (poll) numbers in California go just like this," he added, moving one hand up and the other down.

Most public opinion polls in California show Democrat Al Gore leading Republican George W. Bush by a tangible but shrinking margin in the presidential race.

Clinton said the GOP fell short.

"Current Republican proposals would not help most of the people who need relief and would perpetuate the current patchwork of contradictory and unfair immigration policies," he said in a letter to GOP leaders.

Besides seeking amnesty, Clinton wants permanent residency for political refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti. He also would let some applicants for permanent residency avoid having to return home to await a final decision.

Clinton also complained that the bill ignored his plans to pay legal costs of the government's lawsuit against the cigarette industry and to expand hate crime protections to cover victims chosen for their sexual preference.

The tax bill would cut taxes by \$240 billion over the next 10 years for some small businesses, people saving for retirement and others, and gradually raise

the \$5.15 hourly minimum wage by \$1 by January 2002. It also would erase \$30 billion in cuts planned for the next five years in Medicare reimbursements for health-maintenance organizations, hospitals and other health care providers.

Clinton said the tax package contained less than he wanted for bonds financing school construction, breaks for helping people afford health care and long-term care of relatives, and pension provisions. He also said HMOs would be treated too generously without being required to remain in Medicare, which some of them would like to leave.

"You chose to put forward a partisan legislative package that ignores our key concerns," he wrote.

In a brief interview, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said that if Clinton vetoed the tax measure, it probably would not be resurrected, spelling the

end of popular provisions for the minimum wage, health care, and more generous pensions, individual retirement accounts and 401(k) accounts.

"That's a lot of good stuff,"

"Current Republican proposals would not help most of the people who need relief and would perpetuate the current patchwork of contradictory and unfair immigration policies."

Bill Clinton
president

Hastert said.

The spending bill provides \$618 million for land conservation and wildlife programs for coastal states as well as millions of dollars for the fishing industry, and provisions helping broadcasting and telecommunications interests.

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Gore saves \$23M for final push

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Al Gore put away \$23.1 million to spend during the final stretch of the campaign, hoping to offset the Republican Party's cash advantage over the Democrats.

In the last look at campaign spending before the Nov. 7 election,



Gore

Gore reported to the Federal Election Commission on Thursday that he spent \$18.1 million between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18 — \$1 million a day — with two-thirds of that, or \$12.6 million, going for television commercials. He had \$23.1 million left of the \$67.6 million in federal funds he received for the fall campaign.

Spending figures for George W. Bush were not immediately available.

At the same time, the Republican National Committee reported that it had \$32 million in the bank on Oct. 18, with \$24.6 million of that raised under federal contribution limits, meaning that it can be used to directly aid candidates.

The party raised \$19 million during the first 18 days of the month, or more than \$1 million a day, from 300,000 contributors.

"Governor Bush's positive message is resonating with Americans and their contributions to the party and the ticket are the proof," Republican National Chairman Jim

Nicholson said.

The Democratic National Committee did even better than the GOP in raising money, taking in \$22.6 million between Oct. 1-18. But the party still trails the Republicans in the size of its bank account. The DNC reported a bank balance of \$27 million, of which \$18.1 million was raised under federal limits. The party also had debts of \$5.8 million, giving it a net surplus of \$21.2 million.

The DNC raised another \$3.5 million Tuesday at a concert held at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus, Tony Bennett and Patty Loveless. Both Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman attended.

"While we will never have as much money as the Republicans, this election is about issues and getting your message out to the voters," DNC spokeswoman Jenny Backus said.

Even so, Gore campaign aides said the vice president had put away money for the final push, concerned about the Republicans' cash advantage.

In the competitive race for the House, where the Democrats need just eight seats to guarantee that they will pick the next speaker, the National Republican Congressional Committee reported having \$25 million in

the bank as of Oct. 18, including \$13.3 million raised under federal limits. Since then, the Bush campaign contributed \$1 million and vice-presidential nominee Dick Cheney headlined an Ohio fund-raiser Thursday that brought in another \$600,000.

Helping to fill the coffers were members of the House GOP majority, who more than met their fund-raising goal of \$16 million, contributing more than \$18 million to the NRCC.

Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee officials did not make their fund-raising figures available Thursday.

"While we will never have as much money as the Republicans, this election is about issues and getting your message out to the voters."

Jenny Backus
DNC spokeswoman

On the Senate side, the National Republican Senatorial Committee reported a bank balance of \$3.6 million, two-thirds raised under federal limits. The NRSC also received \$1 million this week from the Bush campaign.

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee had \$2.8 million in the bank on Oct. 18, half of it raised under federal limits.

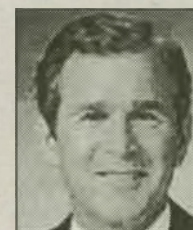
Spokesmen for both committees said the balances were so low because they already had bought most of their advertising time for the election. But they also had enough funds for some last-minute purchases; the NRSC on Thursday spent \$600,000 on ads in support of Rep. Bob Franks of New Jersey, running for an open Senate seat against millionaire Jon Corzine.

Republicans criticize anti-Bush phone calls

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich.

Michigan residents are getting taped phone calls from Texans and actor Ed Asner saying George W. Bush breaks promises and would harm Social Security — calls that GOP leaders say show a desperate Al Gore.



Bush

In one call, Charlotte Cherry of Houston says that "Governor Bush has accepted \$1.3 million from corporate polluters and he's allowed them to keep polluting while my kids suffer."

In another, Ann Friday of Arlington, Texas, says that her husband died after neglect in a nursing home four years ago and that Bush has signed legislation that has weakened rather than strengthened nursing home regulations.

Asner's calls say that "George W. Bush has a proposal that would undermine Social Security, even scuttling current benefits."

GOP Gov. Engler called the phone calls "a stealth campaign designed to be below the radar and designed to appeal to fears or prejudices."

"These are not advocacy calls," he said. "These are designed to put a bad taste in someone's mouth."

The Michigan Democratic Coordinated Campaign paid to

have the calls by Cherry and Friday recorded and sent automatically to Michigan voters' phones, said spokesman Chad Clanton.

The Asner call, which is not being made anymore, was sent out by the Democratic National Committee and Michigan Democratic Party.

The so-called "push calls" are the first in Michigan during this year's general election, but they are not the first in the state this year.

In the days leading up to the Feb. 22 Republican presidential primary, the campaign of Sen. John McCain of Arizona paid for calls suggesting Bush was anti-Catholic after Bush spoke at Bob Jones University.

At the same time, Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson made taped phone calls to Michigan households accusing a top McCain adviser of being "a vicious bigot" who called conservative Christians "anti-abortion zealots, homophobes and would-be censors."

McCain won the Michigan primary, and some analysts said the phone calls backfired.

A poll released Thursday by EPIC/MRA of Lansing and conducted for the Detroit Free Press and WXYZ-TV in Southfield had Gore at 44 percent and Bush at 42 percent two weeks before the election, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Cherry, who taped the current phone call on pollution, said in a telephone interview that she has voted for both Republicans and Democrats in the past.



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Friday, Oct. 27 from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, University of Notre Dame President **Father Malloy** will be signing copies of his book, *Monk's Reflections*.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, Professor **Robert Burns** will sign copies of *Being Catholic, Being American: The Notre Dame Story, Volume 2*.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from **9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**, former Notre Dame Coach **Dan Devine**, with co-author **Michael Steele**, will sign copies of *Simply Devine: Memoirs Of A Hall of Fame Coach*.

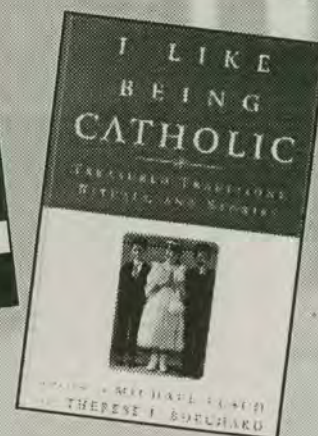
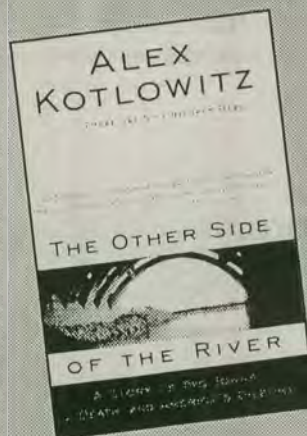
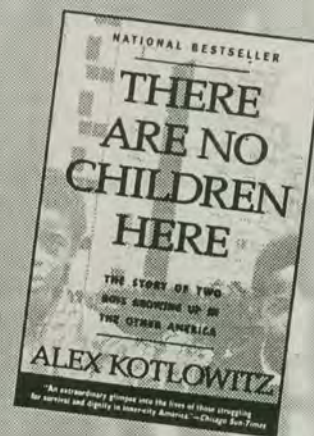
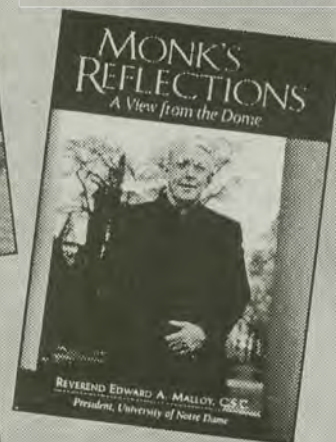
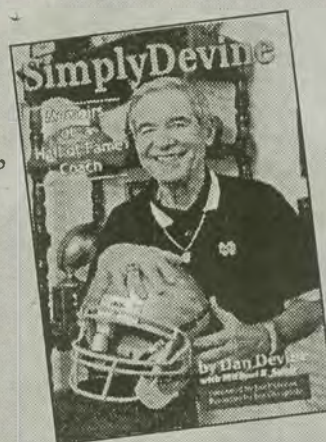
Saturday, Oct. 28 from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, Irish born **Sarah Kirwan Blazek**, now a teacher in Chicago, will read in her charming accent, *An Irish Hallowe'en*. Her book signing will also include *An Irish Night Before Christmas* and *An Irish St. Patrick's Day*.

Monday, Oct. 30 from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, acclaimed author **Alex Kotlowitz** will discuss and sign copies of *There Are No Children Here* and *The Other Side of the River*.

Monday, Oct. 30 at **7:00 p.m.**, **Therese Johnson Borchard** will discuss and sign copies of *I Like Being Catholic*, a celebration of treasured rituals that run through the bloodstream of American Catholics. Ms. Borchard holds an undergraduate degree from Saint Mary's College and an M.A. in theology from Notre Dame. She is the author of seven books.

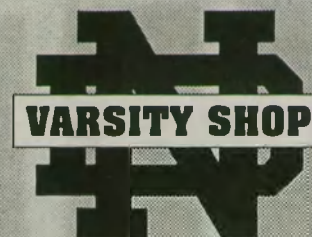
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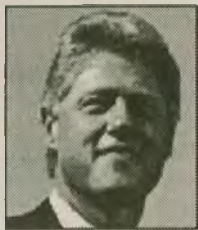
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Senate passes health legislation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate passed a \$919.5 million bill Thursday intended to improve the nation's ability to respond to a bioterrorist attack, modernize federal disease laboratories and move toward placing heart defibrillators in all federal buildings.



Clinton

"This comprehensive legislation contains a variety of public health bills that will help to improve the health and safety of all Americans," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., a physician.

In separate action, lawmakers were poised to send the president a package that boosts outreach programs for the elderly.

But the health care action was overshadowed by

President Clinton's vow to veto a Medicare package. The \$30 billion package aims to boost payments to health care providers who say 1997 budget cuts went too far.

"You insist on an unjustifiable spending increase for HMOs," Clinton said in a Thursday letter.

Clinton complains the measure gives managed care companies too much without enough accountability. The president, hoping to deter HMOs from dropping out of Medicare, wants provisions forcing managed care companies to stay in the program — which benefits elderly and the disabled — at least three years.

The Medicare package faced problems over a provision granting the Congressional Budget Office access to federal census and tax records. The CBO wanted it to make long-term projections about Social Security and Medicare programs.

The Commerce Department maintains it violates census-related privacy protections.

There were also complaints from at least one Republican over a provision added by House Speaker Dennis Hastert to give states more time to end any use of a loophole in the Medicaid law that lets states collect billions in extra dollars.

Illinois is a major benefactor of the loophole, and the Department of Health and Human Services recently issued a proposed rule that phases out the loophole over five years.

Sen. William Roth, the Finance Committee chairman, issued a statement saying, "It makes too many special accommodations to those states that have abused the system."

The "mini-bus" package, a compilation of several health bills introduced this session, passed the Senate by unanimous consent Thursday. The House planned to take it up later in the day.

A major portion of the bill authorizes \$540 million to strengthen the nation's ability to deal with serious public health threats such as antimicrobial resistance and bioterrorist attacks.

It provides grants to study how well public health agencies respond to disease outbreaks, coordinates efforts between federal agencies and authorizes the National Institutes of Health and Centers for Disease Control to develop new vaccines for biological weapons.

The heart defibrillator provision allows the Health and Human Services Department to make recommendations on placing these external devices in federal buildings. It also protects helpers from liability.

PlayStation2 sales cause some scuffles

Associated Press

NEW YORK

When it came to getting your hands on a Sony PlayStation2, it didn't pay to be polite.

With the company already acknowledging it can't meet demand because of parts shortages, consumers resorted to whatever tactics necessary to nab whatever was on the shelves when the widely-anticipated video-game console went on sale Thursday.

In some cases, that meant picking fights with retailers' security guards or pushing their way into the front of the line at 3 a.m. Others mapped out a clear-cut strategy before parking themselves on line, calling around to stores, surfing the Web, and trying to network with friends who work in electronic stores.

Whatever the method, thousands of people, from hard-core gamers in their 20s and 30s to grandmothers looking to buy PlayStation2 for their grandchildren, went home angry — and empty-handed.

Scuffles even broke out at some locations. In Minot, N.D., police were called to a Wal-Mart store after receiving reports of people threatening others waiting in line for the console.

In Woodstock, Ga., northwest of Atlanta, two eager customers were ticketed for disorderly conduct late Wednesday night by police as they waited to buy PlayStation2 at Wal-Mart when it went on sale at midnight.

Most stores tried to do their part to prevent any chaos. Some held midnight openings, inviting those who already pre-ordered. Plenty of others, like Best Buy and Circuit City, issued tickets for those on line on a first-come, first-serve

basis before the doors opened to prevent a stampede.

"We heard that if you didn't get it today, we'll have to wait 'til Christmas. So we need to get it now," said Brian Jones, 24, a game designer from Dallas, who was the first person in line at a North Dallas Best Buy and had been waiting since 6 p.m. the prior evening.

Other shoppers took things in stride and created parties of their own, ordering pizza and watching the World Series on miniature TVs as they camped out all night. Customers themselves tried to keep the peace by organizing the lines and keeping tabs on when people showed up.

"We heard that if you didn't get it today, we'll have to wait 'til Christmas. So we need to get it now."

Brian Jones
Dallas shopper

tight line."

It worked in his favor. Reyes, who describes himself as a game addict, was one of only 10 out of 60 in line who was able to get a PlayStation2.

PlayStation2 signals a new generation of consoles, where consumers can eventually play DVD movies, download music, play games with their friends in another city, and do some surfing — all through their TV sets.

Sony had already warned that a parts shortage would limit its initial shipment of the widely anticipated entertainment system. Sony had to halve the number of consoles to 500,000 units that it could provide to stores on the launch date.

Complicating matters was that many of the stores had pre-sold their orders, leaving few consoles on the shelves for consumers to fight over.

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GERMANY

Stats show rise in anti-Semitic crime

Associated Press

BERLIN

Anti-Semitism is on the rise again in Germany, new statistics confirmed Thursday as authorities took the first step toward banning a far-right party accused of fanning hate.

"A country that had gas chambers for the annihilation of millions of Jews cannot tolerate organized anti-Semitism," Interior Minister Otto Schily said Thursday at a Duesseldorf meeting of ministers from Germany's 16 states.

In Duesseldorf and at a later meeting of state governors in the eastern city of Schwerin, all but two states voted to ask the country's highest court to ban the National Democratic Party.

The action is the government's most visible response to Germany's worst wave of neo-Nazi violence since reunification a decade ago.

A July bomb attack at a Duesseldorf train station injured 10 immigrants, six of them Jewish, and plunged the nation into months of soul-searching about whether Germany has learned the lessons of its Nazi past.

Germany's Jewish community has enjoyed an unforeseen renaissance since the fall of communism, growing to 85,000 from about 30,000 in 1990. Immigrants from the former Soviet Union have been spurred by liberal laws encouraging Jews to return to

Germany.

On Thursday, officials in the western city of Cologne laid a ceremonial cornerstone for the first permanent Jewish theater to be built in Germany since the end of World War II.

But leaders of the Jewish community have said continued violence may cause some to question whether it was right to rebuild Germany's Jewish community.

Anti-Semitic crimes doubled in the three months from June to September of this year compared to the same period last year — from 146 to 291, according to statistics released Thursday in parliament.

The National Democratic Party is implicated in that violence and has become a threat to German democracy, a report from law enforcement officials from across the country said in a 500-page report reviewed by interior ministers.

The party is partly responsible for a climate that creates "the basis for violent assaults by right-extremists on foreigners and other minorities in Germany," said Fritz Behrens, North Rhine-Westphalia state interior minister and host of the meeting.

Seeking a ban from Germany's constitutional court could take years.

Conservative-led Hesse and Saarland states opposed the ban, saying that driving the National Democratic Party underground would not solve the problem.

CANADA

Court hears alleged bomb plot

♦ U.S. may have been target during New Year's fetes

Associated Press

MONTREAL

With the accused staring out of a video screen and a U.S. judge conducting the hearing, prosecutors and lawyers questioned Canadian witnesses Thursday about an alleged plot to bomb U.S. targets during millennium celebrations.

In the unusual proceedings, Ahmed Ressay, 32, sat in Seattle between a lawyer and interpreter, who leaned over to translate the proceedings from the Montreal courtroom.

Ressay, a Montreal resident of Algerian origin who was arrested Dec. 14 while crossing into the United

"This is unusual because there's a lot of civilian witnesses in this case that are from Canada and beyond the reach of the U.S. justice system."

Tom Hillier
Canadian lawyer

States from Canada, watched a video monitor of the Canadian courtroom as seen by U.S. District Judge John Coughenour — rows of lawyers and witnesses.

When Ressay was arrested, bomb-making materials were found in the trunk of the car he was driving.

The charges he faces include plotting a terrorist attack and possessing explo-

sive materials

Government lawyers have accused him and other Algerian nationals of planning to commit terrorist acts during millennium celebrations.

The trial will be held in Los Angeles beginning in March due to extensive pretrial publicity in the Seattle area.

The need to interview Canadian witnesses created the unusual situation of the U.S. judge conducting a hearing under U.S. law on foreign soil as provided under a treaty between the two nations.

"This is unusual because there's a lot of civilian witnesses in this case that are from Canada and beyond the reach of the U.S. justice system," said Tom Hillier, a lawyer for Ressay.

The Canadian folks can subpoena their citizens to come to this court."

On the monitor, Ressay looked small and thin. His dark hair was cut short with long sideburns, and he wore a light button-down shirt and khaki pants. He said nothing

audible over the sound system during the 90-minute session.

Thursday's witness, Bertholiny Eugene, gave confusing and sometimes contradictory information about obtaining false passports for a Cameroon citizen whose name has never come up in the case. Eugene insisted he never had seen Ressay before.

Similar depositions have been taken in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Two alleged accomplices in the case — Abdel Ghani Meskini and Mokhtar Haouari — are awaiting trial in New York on charges of conspiring to support a terrorist group and conceal support for Ressay.

On Wednesday in the Montreal courtroom, Kamal Dahoumane denied that his brother Abdelmajid Dahoumane — who is accused of helping Ressay prepare bomb-making materials in Vancouver — was a terrorist.

Abdelmajid Dahoumane is a fugitive — U.S. officials have offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to his capture.

"I don't think he would like to make bombs in the United States," Kamal Dahoumane said. "It is not true."

When asked where his brother was now, he replied, "Somewhere out there."



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ZIMBABWE

President threatens to try whites

Associated Press

HARARE

With the opposition trying to impeach him and his popularity at an all-time low, President Robert Mugabe has lashed out at Zimbabwe's white minority, threatening genocide trials for all who fought against him in the independence war.

Mugabe told supporters Wednesday that Ian Smith, the white leader he helped overthrow two decades ago, and all whites who fought against black guerrillas would face trials for war crimes.

"Ian Smith and his fellow whites committed genocide during our liberation war. They will stand trial for their crimes," Mugabe said.

Smith, 81, was the last white leader of the former British colony of Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was known before independence.

He was in Britain on a lecture tour Thursday, his son Alec said.

Mugabe said the nation's 70,000 whites — less than 1 percent of the population of 13 million — mostly opposed his government and had spurned offers of forgiveness and reconciliation.

"National reconciliation is greatly threatened by the whites. We should revoke it. After all, in Europe they are still hunting for those behind Nazi war crimes, and Zimbabwe cannot be an exception," Mugabe said.

About 40,000 mostly black fighters died in the seven-year bush war that led to independence in 1980.

Namibian President Sam

Nujoma declared his support Thursday for Mugabe's plans during a press conference in Botswana.

Nujoma said the root of Zimbabwe's problem was that Britain had reneged on its promise to give the country funds to buy land from white farmers for redistribution to landless blacks.

Britain, which pledged nearly \$55 million for land reform at independence in 1980, delivered nearly 90 percent of that money before freezing the fund in 1990.

It said Zimbabwe violated the agreement by forcing unwilling farmers to sell their land to the state.

Opposition leaders condemned Mugabe's statements and said he could hold trials only after repealing independence-era amnesty clauses in the constitution, a move that could backfire.

"This opens a Pandora's box," said David Coltart, a white lawmaker for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. "The abuses by the guerrilla forces would have to come under equal scrutiny."

Mugabe specifically named Coltart — a longtime human rights activist who was a harsh critic of the Rhodesian government — as one of those who should be investigated.

Coltart's party on Wednesday asked parliament to impeach Mugabe, the same day a poll

was released showing that 75 percent of Zimbabweans want Mugabe to resign and 51 percent want him prosecuted for human rights abuses.

The government called the impeachment motion "frivolous."

Parliament speaker Emmerson Mnangagwa told lawmakers Thursday he would appoint a committee to look into the impeachment question.

He gave no schedule for debate.

The motion to impeach accuses Mugabe of failing to uphold his presidential oath to observe

the constitution and failing to enforce law and order to end government corruption and to stop political violence surrounding the June parliamentary elections.

At least 32 people were killed and 10,000 were left

homeless by election violence blamed mostly on ruling party supporters.

The impeachment motion also alleges Mugabe committed human rights abuses in crushing an armed rebellion in the western Matabeleland province.

At least 20,000 people, most of them civilians, were killed after Mugabe deployed troops from his majority Shona tribe to crush rebels of the minority Ndebele ethnic group in 1982.

Since February, Mugabe has ordered police not to intervene to end ruling party militants' illegal occupation of 1,700 white-owned farms.

"Ian Smith and his fellow whites committed genocide during our liberation war. They will still stand trial for their crimes."

Robert Mugabe
Zimbabwe president

ENGLAND

Museums search for Nazi-looted works

Associated Press

LONDON

A luminous Degas oil. A darkened miniature from a 15th-century prayer book. A pair of views of a double-masted 18th-century sailing ship.

Britain's museums and galleries, seeking to establish that their collections are free of Nazi-looted art, are appealing for public help in researching the backgrounds of hundreds of works whose whereabouts during World War II are uncertain.

On Thursday, a consortium of institutions — including the British Museum, the National Gallery, the Tate Gallery and the Victoria Albert Museum — posted a list of 600 pieces of art from their collections on the Internet and urged anyone with knowledge of where the works were between 1933 and 1945 to come forward.

"People could have the smallest pieces of information that could be crucial for us in determining where a piece of art was ..."

Sir Nicholas Serota
committee chairman

An exhaustive search of Britain's national museums launched last year has failed to establish that any items in their collections were wrongly appropriated during World War II. But 600 works are under a cloud because no reliable record exists of their wartime history.

Eight months ago, the museums published a list of 350 items whose whereabouts could not be established before and during the

war. Some have since been removed because their pedigrees were established, but others were added in the interim.

The latest additions include a valuable miniature of a crucifix from a 15th-century Latin prayer book, now held by the British Library — one of more than 80 million works in its possession. It was acquired in the mid-1970s from a now-deceased buyer who said he had bought it at an antique shop that in turn had acquired it from a clergyman in southern England.

"We have no reason to believe that ... it ever left the British Isles," said Alice Prochaska, the library's director of special collections.

"But we don't know, and we don't know how it came to be in that antique shop. We don't even know which antique shop it was."

Another mystery-shrouded work is a valuable oil painting by Impressionist master Edgar

Degas, "Lady with a Parasol," painted between 1870 and 1872. It was bequeathed to Britain's Courtauld Institute gallery in 1978. Researchers know it came via a Paris collection, but cannot establish when it changed hands.

Also being investigated is a painting held by the National Maritime Museum, signed by a T. Boone or F. Boone, portraying an 18th-century brigantine, or double-masted sailing ship.

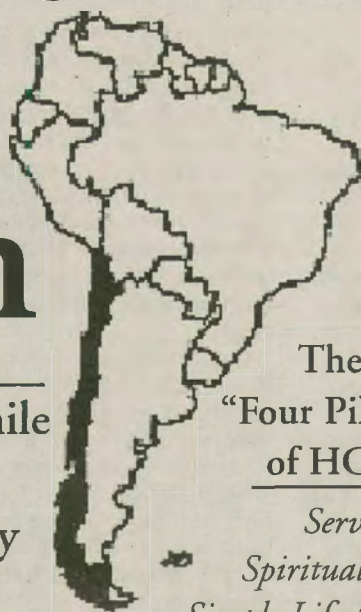
So far, the museums have received only one claim of possible misappropriation — an 18th-century oil painting titled "View of Hampton Court Palace" attributed to Jan Griffier the Elder and held by the Tate Gallery. That claim is being assessed.

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Promote responsible socializing, amend bar law

On Oct. 13, 147 people were issued a minor in tavern citations at Finnigan's Irish Pub. Most of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students in offense will be given "pretrial diversion" which entails a \$220 court fee and 40 hours of community service. Although the students knowingly broke the law and must be punished accordingly, a re-examination of the laws regarding the off-campus social scene could prevent future large-scale arrests and curb underage drinking in off-campus bars.

Finnigan's was more than just a place to drink. It was the place to be for many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students. While many students did procure fake IDs in order to drink underage, many others sought access to Finnigan's as a chance to dance and socialize with their

classmates. Because Indiana laws prevent anyone under the age of 21 from entering a tavern, students were forced to break the law even if they had no intention of drinking.

Indiana should adopt an "18 to enter, 21 to drink" policy to solve this problem. This law would allow social interaction at off-campus establishments without needing a fake ID. Such a law might actually cut down on underage drinking.

Some underage students who drink lightly at the bars might stop drinking if they did not need to use a fake ID to access the bar. "18 to enter, 21 to drink" laws would also cut down on the number of students who have fake IDs but no intention of drinking. If underage non-drinkers could attend off-campus establishments without using a fake ID,

they would not break the law by printing fake IDs.

People attending the bar who are 21 could be given a wristband alerting bartenders that they are legal to drink. Bartenders and establishment bouncers could better regulate the drinking done by minor attendants by checking for wristbands.

While minors within the establishment might still drink by having friends who are legal buy them alcohol or presenting fake IDs, authorities within the bar could more easily detect underage drinkers by looking for wristbands. The absence of such demarcations among those drinking would alert officials of their status as underage drinkers.

The implementation of an "18 to enter, 21 to drink" law would uphold the enforcement and regulation of underage drinking laws while fostering a social environment for adults 18 and older.

The Observer Editorial

Entering the election's home stretch

The late Bob Prince, the Pittsburgh Pirates' legendary announcer, often described a play as, "close as the fuzz in a tick's ear." That description portrays the presidential polls between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush. Barring any major outside developments or October surprises, the outcome of the election should begin to come into focus by Monday.

Elections evolve through cycles. The final phase encompasses the last 10 days when voters tend to decide on their selections and trend lines begin to show in the polls. Today is the first of the final 10 days of the 2000 election. Weekend polling results released on Monday should shed some light on who has the momentum. That candidate will be the winner if outside forces do not interrupt the final days of the campaign.

For Gore, stock market declines or further instability in the Middle East can be an outside force that sidetracks his campaign. For Bush, the recently released Rand report criticizing the Texas educational progress may be the force that unravels his candidacy. President Clinton could also influence reactions favoring either candidate by making a policy mistake that shows him weak or using military force against terrorists that shows him strong and decisive.

At this point in time during the election 20 years ago between President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, the candidates were deadlocked in the polls. However, the voters had begun moving towards Reagan, so much so that Carter's pollster told the president on the Saturday before the election that he had lost. Similarly in

1992, President Bush was told of his fate during the weekend before his loss to Bill Clinton.

Gore has begun a slight rise in the polls this week, overtaking Bush for the first time in many days. Was this rise the start of the final trend breaking for Gore or just a reflection of Gore's further consolidation of the Democratic base? Bush has consistently held his Republican base support in the high 80 percentage levels while Gore has gone from the high 70s into the low 80 percentage levels. Getting those core supporters to the polls will be crucial in this election.

Women who favor Gore's positions have moved back and forth, first to Bush and now back to Gore. They have provided the vice president's advantage thus far.

It appears that as election day looms, many are choosing presidential substance over presidential personality. Gun owners are enthusiastically reacting to the National Rifle Association's massive vilification of the vice president, keeping many of the battleground states into play for Bush.

Closely watch the polls released on Wednesday next week. As the days of the campaign draw short, each day's momentum doubles in importance as more voters break with the final trend. If Gore continues to hold the national lead in most or all of the polls on that day, he will be able to sustain the momentum until election day. If Bush regains his lead in most of the polls, you may be assured that he will win most battleground states the following week.

Gore has the more formidable task in the electoral college. He must win nine of about 14 toss-up states. Election night may be decided early or late, depending if Washington and Oregon come into play.

Given the currently "locked up" states, Gore and Bush have simple tasks. Gore must win four of the following states worth a minimum of 40 electoral votes: Tennessee, Wisconsin, Missouri, Minnesota and Washington. He must

carry Pennsylvania (23), Illinois (22) and Michigan (18) along with New York, California, Maryland, New Jersey, the District of Columbia and Delaware.

In New England, Gore must carry all but one state. Either Maine or New Hampshire (both worth four electoral votes) can go to Bush, but not both. And Gore must carry three of the following five states: Iowa, Oregon, Arkansas, West Virginia and New Mexico.

This scenario concedes Florida (25), Ohio (21), Louisiana (9), Kentucky (8), Arizona (8) and Nevada (4) to Bush. However, should Gore win Florida, he could afford to lose one or two more of the "must states" listed above, but would in fact probably win the election regardless.

Contrary to the belief that Missouri is key to the election, Pennsylvania and Michigan are absolute musts for Gore. Florida is an absolute must for Bush. For once, given that they come in accordingly, the west coast may finally determine a national election with Washington being the most crucial for Gore. Green Party candidate Ralph Nader may tip that state and the election to Bush by pulling enough support from Gore.

For political junkies, this year is heaven. For the staffs of the candidates, it has been a roller coaster ride with enough ups and downs to numb everyone.

For me, my roller coaster will either take a huge surge upward or a depressing dive downward by the middle of next week. I will know the outcome from trending polls and subsequently watch my formula of states fall into place accordingly. My hope is that next week I can use the other famous Bob Prince line describing a Pirate homerun, "You can kiss it good-bye."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A liberal is a person who believes that water can be made to run uphill. A conservative is someone who believes everybody should pay for his water. I'm somewhere in between: I believe water should be free, but that it flows downhill."

Theodore H. White
author

POLITICAL FACE-OFF

Differing approaches to utilize our armed forces

Using the military to uphold American values

The United States flag and all that it represents embody what it means to be American. As if the very words were ingrained in our hearts and minds, generations of Americans have willingly sacrificed their lives to uphold the sacred values we profess each and every time we pledge allegiance to our flag. When these universal rights of justice, freedom and unity are denied to humanity, the United States must act to restore them. Just as the United States remained a beacon of democracy against communism during the 20th Century, the United States must now continue to stand for justice in today's post-Cold War world.

Throughout the last century, the global community and the United States has striven to create the mechanisms necessary to promote and uphold basic human rights of justice, freedom and security through the establishment of the United Nations, scores of nuclear treaties, strategic alliances and democratically elected governments. With the rise of terrorism and civil conflicts since the collapse of the Soviet Union, these mechanisms have undergone strain and in some cases collapsed. Without skillful leadership, the United States and the planet may witness further destabilization and conflict. Vice President Gore is determined to strengthen these organizations and treaties in order to uphold American values.

The United States is the unequivocal leader of the world, both economically and militarily. If those facing genocide in Kosovo and regional violence in the Congo are helpless to end their plight and restore justice, why isn't the responsibility of the United States and other wealthy nations to see that human suffering ends? Vice President Gore believes that United States advancement of peace and security in the Balkans may not serve to protect U.S. economic interests, but that it does uphold democracy, establish justice and most importantly, prevent human suffering while in the process honoring America and all its citizens.

George W. Bush has continually asserted that the U.S. military should only be used to defend vital national interests. To Bush, our vital interests do not include upholding the values that sparked the American Revolution; instead, they simply entail the monetary values that drive Wall Street. By criticizing U.S. involvement in regions outside of its strategic economic interests, Bush fails in promoting cherished American values of freedom and justice. By having the United States ignore ethnic cleansing and violations of basic human rights, Bush disregards American values that he

claims to uphold.

Additionally, Bush, who has never served his country in the armed forces, claims that U.S. military involvement in peacekeeping missions degrades the military's ability to fight war. General Montgomery Meigs, the commander of U.S. Army troops in Europe, and Vice President Gore believe that these missions provide invaluable training for our armed forces. "You're getting a core of young leaders in the Army who are very tough and experienced," states Gen. Meigs, "and that is worth its weight in gold."

Vice President Gore will uphold the nuclear treaties that the U.S. has signed and has upheld for over 30 years and still push for the development of a National Missile Defense (NMD). These treaties have assured the continual reduction of nuclear weapons on earth and have kept nuclear weapons from devastating humanity for over 45 years. Vice President Gore understands that a NMD is needed to protect the United States from missile attacks by rogue states but at the same time understands the importance of the system of treaties that has helped to avert nuclear war. Bush calls for a massive NMD that would require the U.S. to disregard nuclear treaties and in the process re-ignite a global nuclear arms race.

Finally, without innovation and adaptation, the U.S. military may find itself unprepared for the future of armed conflicts. Peace and security for the U.S., its allies and the rest of the globe can only be maintained if the U.S. dedicates itself towards adapting the military to the crises that occur in the world today. The vice president dedicates \$127 billion more than the current amount towards defense spending in his budget plan to ensure U.S. security. With his extensive tax cuts draining the national budget, Bush only allocates \$45 billion.

Vice President Gore understands the importance of maintaining our global military presence through peacekeeping, while Bush claims it threatens our national defense. The vice president believes in honoring our nuclear arms reduction treaties. Bush simply casts them aside. Above all, Bush does not uphold the values he claims to represent. Vice President Gore believes in America's commitment to upholding American values across the globe and does not shy away from protecting life and preventing human suffering.

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Current administration has led to military deficiency

In light of the recent bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, the issues of U.S. foreign policy and military defense is a major concern facing the candidates in the upcoming election. While the United States is currently the world's leading military power, a recent report estimates that by 2003, the Chinese military will have the capacity to overpower the United States. The next Chief Executive Officer must be ready to take action, while also protecting the best interests of the nation domestically. Governor George W. Bush is the best candidate to manage such a task.

Governor Bush sees U.S. foreign policy and military defense as more than managing a crisis. His plans include peacekeeping efforts and establishing stronger alliances in world theatres. He will present an amended version of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which came out of Cold War resolution efforts, to Russia, allowing the establishment of anti-ballistic missiles in world theatres for peacekeeping efforts. By increasing assistance to Russia in dismantling weapons, he hopes to protect the Baltics, Caucasus and Central Asia from potential Russian imperialism. Also, he will work with European and Asian allies to work with the transitions in China and Russia.

Peace in the Middle East and Persian Gulf is of key importance, especially in securing Israel. He will deter aggression against the Republic of Korea, while strengthening security ties with Japan. Also, Governor Bush will increase trade and investment in India, aiding their security and stability without undermining ties with Pakistan. Most importantly, he will insist on consistent direction of NATO for its efficiency. Vice President Al Gore, in the current administration, has cut military support and aid to the Defense and Veterans' Affairs departments. Defense spending has decreased 40 percent, dropping to the lowest percentage of the GNP since 1940. While decreasing spending, Vice President Gore has increased deployment on average of one new deployment every nine weeks. Also, the current administration spends defense funds imprudently, investing in outdated equipment that cannot compete with the capabilities of other countries.

The enlisted members of the military are also dissatisfied with the current conditions. There is a 13 percent gap between civilian and military pay, and an estimated 12,000 members of the military are on food stamps. A 1999 GAO report states that over 500 of the surveyed enlisted planned on leaving after their current term.

In 1998, the Air Force missed reenlistment goals for the first time in two decades. It recorded a shortage of 700 pilots in 1999 and predicts a shortage of 2000 pilots in 2002. At the beginning of the current administration, 85 percent of the Air Force was considered at the best level of performance, while at the beginning of this year, only 65 percent was at this level.

Similarly, the Navy faced an estimated decline of 18,000 personnel in 1999, and had to cut back in training and maintenance due to a lack of funding. In June of 1999, the Navy and Army ROTC programs faced their fifth consecutive year of failing commissioning requirements.

The Army faced a decline of 6,700 personnel in 1999. The retiring Commander of the U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf states that it will be difficult to conduct operations on the scale of the 1991 Gulf War. In April, the Army Chief of Staff stated that he did not have a fully "C-1" army, meaning that it could not "undertake the full wartime mission for which it is organized and designed." All of these shortcomings result from the current administration of Vice President Gore in the current administration.

Governor Bush will restore the morale of the military by better supporting and respecting it. He will only enact deployments with well-defined objectives, while focusing on the American homeland. Also, he will insist on its mobility, swiftness and stealth, especially in the transfer and acquisition of information and intelligence. On land, Governor Bush will demand lighter, more lethal deployments. Naval reforms will surface in smaller platforms and arsenal ships with long range missiles. Reviews of air strikes capabilities will be necessary. A one billion dollars per year increase to the military pay raise will give active duty service members a \$750 increase, while also working on housing renovations and training improvements.

Governor Bush is well-prepared to undertake these gravely important issues, while Vice President Gore still struggles to give hope to protecting the nation.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Urging students to exercise their right to vote

I think Erin English made a very good point in her letter yesterday entitled "Candidates failing to address young voters." She said politicians most likely don't try to address issues relevant to our generation because we don't vote. And she's absolutely right.

Look at it from the politician's point of view. Why should they spend valuable time, money and energy trying to implement our concerns into their platforms

and trying to market to us when we, as a demographic group, don't vote? Why should they worry about us when we don't make or break an election?

This puts us in a Catch-22 situation. Politicians don't listen to us because we don't vote; consequently, we don't vote because politicians continue to ignore us.

We can end this vicious cycle by casting ballots. If we vote, they'll listen, and we'll have a voice in the future

of this country. The initiative lies with us. Get out and vote this November!

Josh Stowe

senior

off-campus

October 26, 2000

Behind the scenes of a

The men in yellow



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Cappy Gagnon and the Notre Dame ushers try to keep the stands safe for even slightly intoxicated fans. The 850 ushers at every home game include 550 volunteers.

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
Assistant Scene Editor

They take our tickets, direct us to our seats and ensure that students maintain well-behaved conduct while cheering for the Irish. They'll even clean up after us when we've had an untimely "parting" with our tailgate lunches.

They're the guys in the bright yellow jackets.

But what is the true role of a Notre Dame usher? Notre Dame boasts one of the largest crowd management programs in the country, utilizing 850 ushers each home game.

While most stadiums our size have between 350-400 ushers, Notre Dame is fortunate to have 550 unpaid ushers. They willingly serve in this role for the opportunity to be part of the Notre Dame experience.

Ushers must arrive 30 minutes before gate opening for a pre-game training session and come an additional hour early for the home opener. They work the Blue and Gold game, used as a training game and observe a dress code, wearing a white shirt, neckwear, dress slacks and exhibiting good grooming. They are also subject to a

code of conduct, which is described under the larger heading of being an "Ambassador for Notre Dame."

"We have an outstanding corps of ushers," said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel. "We get many compliments for our enforcement of rules, such as our zero tolerance policy for alcohol, profanity or smoking, which is designed to produce a family atmosphere."

"We have ushers from a very diverse background. We have more than 100 ushers with more than 20 years experience. We have five ushers with more than 50 years experience. We even have one usher, hired by Knute Rockne, in 1926 when he was a 12 year old Boy Scout," said Gagnon.

The ushers help provide every fan with the wonder-

ful atmosphere in the stadium that so many people look forward to when visiting Notre Dame. They come early, leave late and spend countless hours working behind the scenes so that you can enjoy watching the Irish.

So, this weekend, when you walk (or stumble, as the case may be) into the Stadium, be sure to thank the ushers for their hard work and commitment to the University. They've earned it.



Photo courtesy of...

Fans come from near and far to fill games. They enjoy travelling, tailgating campus and more. But what makes

to 10 BBQ grills, a combined 15 tons of debris and occasionally a charbroiled lamb's carcass.

Lastly the Great Lakes Property Maintenance fights battle on the final frontier, the Notre Dame Stadium. Here, the crew must deal with the annoyance of plastic cups, leftover food, food wrappers and those ever-popular marshmallow remains in the student section. Using backpack blowers, the crew suppresses Trash Man into 700 garbage bags, weighing 10 pounds each.

Great Lakes Property Maintenance has been whooping Trash Man's booty in the parking lots for six years and in the Stadium for three. Being the victor against Trash Man is not all fun and games, though. Being on the prowl for an evil villain can occupy six to eight hours on Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the good guy misses the action of the football game.

Students should appreciate the efforts of Great Lakes Property Maintenance and their trash fighting crew. After all, without their hard work, the students would be forced daily to brave a wasteland of trash and lamb carcasses — not the pristine grounds they've become accustomed to traversing.

Taking out the tailgaters' trash

By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

From the bowels of Notre Dame's stadium lurks a power stronger than a stadium crowd of 80,000 fans. With 80 arms and strength enough to clear 17 tons of trash off the street, this super human force has but one task — to beautify our campus.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's the crew of Great Lakes Property Maintenance, protecting the Notre Dame parking lots and stadium from the constant threat of Trash Man, an intimidating pile of a villain. Combating this awesome beast is a seasonal job. In fact, the beast only rears its gruesome head on home football game days.

Have no fear students; Great Lakes Property Maintenance has the ultimate plan to prevent Trash Man from overtaking the campus and using his garbage super powers to turn students into mulch for a compost heap. The mastermind behind the Great Lakes Property Maintenance is Richard Stein, who explains the steps with which he and his crew tackle Trash Man and his evil ways.

First, the crew fights the big pieces of litter in the parking lots while emptying the trash barrels filled by Trash Man's greatest ally ... tailgaters. Next 15 crew members, affectionately termed pickers, do their part in battle by sweeping the parking lots after the partying tailgaters' retreat. The pickers have to brave such feats as clearing the lots of five



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Long after the brats have been barbequed and the beer has been guzzled, the remains of tailgaters' festivities cover the University parking lots and quads. Yet, miraculously, the debris disappears by nightfall, thanks to the Great Lakes Property Maintenance crew.

a ND football weekend

Toiling at the tollbooth

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

With the drone of cars and the ringing of the register in the background, Rich Motz, tollbooth plaza supervisor for the Notre Dame exit, recreated the home game tollbooth experience.

"It's really a very enjoyable time," Rich said as he gave a traveller his change.

Traffic for home games increases as early as Thursday, but the plaza workers usher between 7,000 and 10,000 cars past their booths on Saturday alone. This influx forces Motz to double his normal staff. Surprisingly, though, there is no lack of enthusiastic workers to cover the shifts.

"Employees come from as far as East Point and Portage to work the games. They really do enjoy it."

So what makes it so much fun? The enthusiasm of the fans.

"It's such an enjoyable atmosphere," Motz said.

"Everyone is honking and cheering with flags on their cars and painted faces, hanging out the windows yelling. It isn't rare that people will yell, 'You too.'"

Even the travellers seem to enjoy the plaza scene. Rumor has it that people who have exited at the Mishawaka plaza — while perfectly capable of reaching the stadium — will turn around to go back to the Notre Dame exit just so they can wait in line with all the rest of the fans.

"Some people have never been on a toll road before," employee Kristi Franklin said. "When you ask them for their ticket, they'll hand you their football ticket."

Franklin went on to regale many interesting tales gained only from the vantage point of her tollbooth throne.

"You think it's dull, but you see all sorts of things working here," she said.

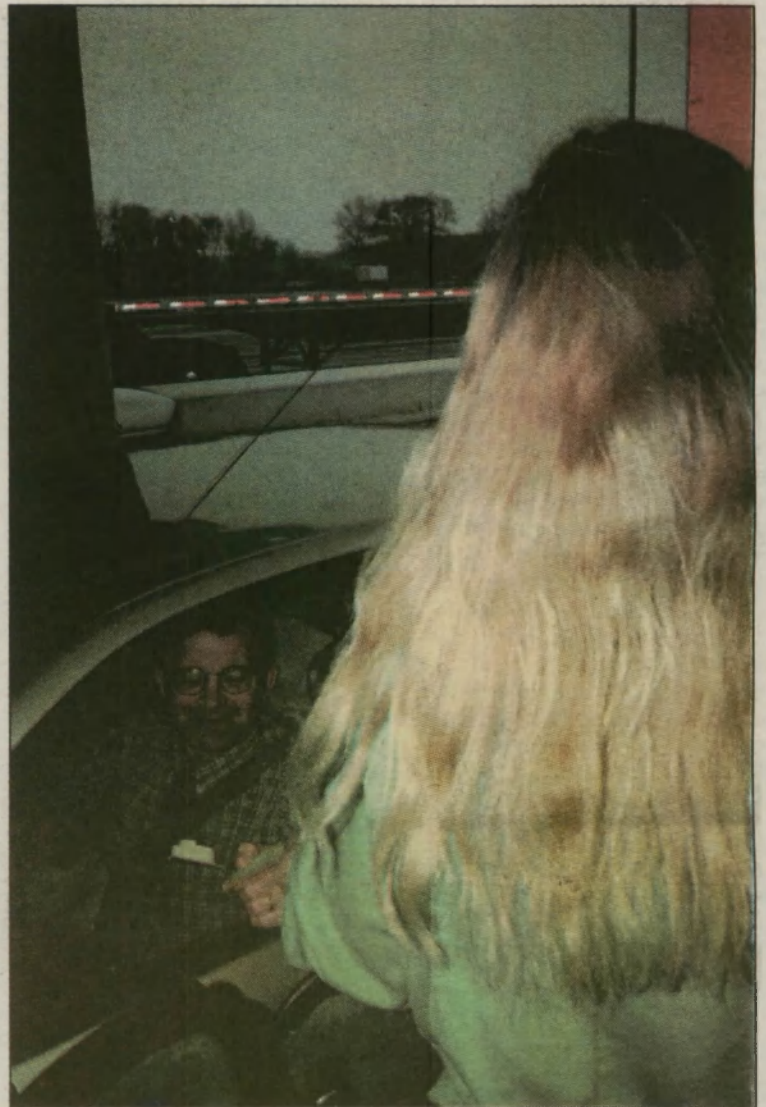
"There are people in search of the nudist colony who drive through completely naked and smiling. One woman gave birth at the tollbooth. And sometimes you will catch people in 'compromising' positions," she said laughing. "Often people offer coffee and doughnuts to us."

But travellers aren't always so kind.irate fans after Notre Dame's loss to Nebraska doused Franklin in a mixture of pop and beer. The tollbooth employees' work doesn't end once the fans take their seats in the stadium. The workers need to keep their eye on the game from their booths.

"If it's a blow away game, people will start leaving at half-time, so we need to switch the lanes to accommodate the traffic," Motz explained. Once the game has ended, it takes between three to four hours to give everyone their ticket and pass them on to their final destinations.

After the game, the energy levels have changed. It's easy to tell the winners from the losers, and no one seems to enjoy sitting in the post-play back-up.

Without the loyal tollbooth workers, the Stadium would hold far fewer fans come game day. Please, be courteous to them as you drive through. Oh — and drive carefully; those extra booths they open just for the football traffic? They're only plywood.



AMANDA GRECO/The Observer

Kristi Franklin collects a toll from a driver at the Notre Dame exit off the Indiana Toll Road. Between 7,000 and 10,000 cars pass the tollbooths every football home game Saturday. It takes anywhere between three to four hours to clear the traffic after the game has finished. But tollbooth employees enjoy the work and the atmosphere on football game days.

Programs! Programs! Get your programs!

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Scene Writer

Few visitors leave a Notre Dame football weekend without a souvenir, and for many, that means the game program. While most students pass up buying a program, citing its \$5 cost, many visitors and parents look at its glossy pages as a chance to remember their experience on campus.

Lisa Nelson, publications coordinator for the sports information department, is charged with the task of putting together each week's program. After collecting articles, some written by students, she works with Host Communications to produce the issue. The program is proofread eight times, six by Nelson herself.

Most of the issue is done two weeks in advance, but Nelson must update the rosters and injury report for each issue, and also include information on the previous week's game.

Nelson and the Sports Information department begin work on the program each July, when they create the general section about Notre Dame, with factoids about the campus and information about previous football teams.

For those fans who don't want to drop a Lincoln on the program at the game, many articles are available on the sports information Web site.

After Nelson completes her at times arduous task of organizing the program, Host Communications prints up, on average, 20,000 copies for each weekend's game, for a grand total of 120,000 for the season. Nelson explained that the number of programs printed varies by game. This weekend's Air Force game will see only 16,000 programs distributed, while the showdown with Nebraska saw 32,000 sold.

After printing, the program sellers pick up boxes of programs at the stadium on Friday, before venturing out on Saturday morning to screech "Program, get your program!"

Program sellers range in age, and some seem to be just barely young enough to haul around their allotment of programs. "I saw this one kid who was just hurting lifting a box of programs," said sophomore Kevin Heffernan. "That kid needed to eat some serious vegetables."

Despite the stress that comes with such a massive undertaking, Nelson said her reward was "to know that on Saturday, thousands of people will read something I helped put together."

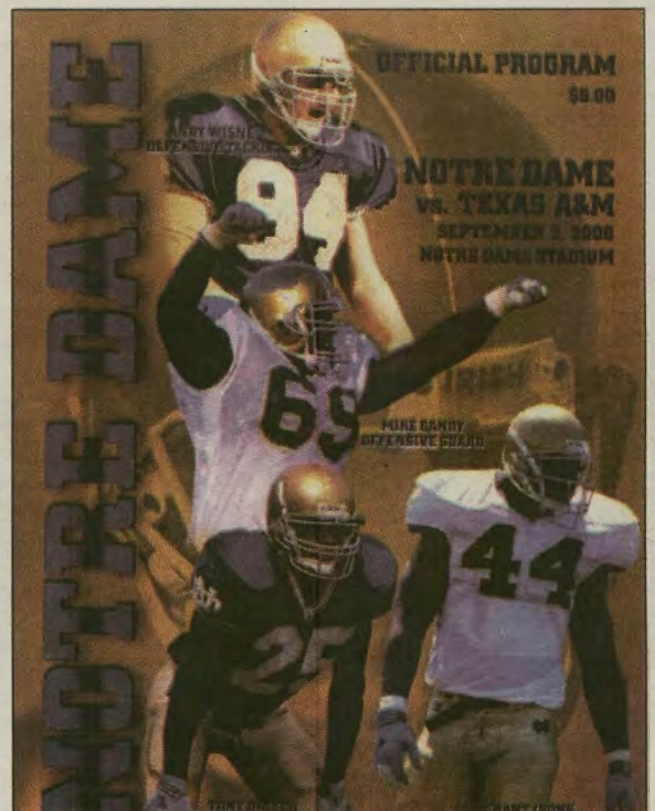


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NHL

Blues defeat Flames as Young, Pronger contribute goals

Associated Press

Chris Pronger celebrated his new contract extension with a goal and two assists, and Scott Young scored twice to become the first player to reach the 10-goal mark as the St. Louis Blues beat the Calgary Flames 4-3 Thursday night.

Pronger, who won the Hart Trophy and the Norris Trophy last year, agreed to a three-year extension earlier in the day. He began paying dividends immediately by scoring the game's first goal and the adding assists on goals by Young and Al MacInnis.

Young entered the game tied with four other players for first in the NHL with eight goals. He reached double digits in a 1:33 span of the second period by tipping home a Pierre Turgeon pass on a break-in, and then banging in the rebound of Pronger's shot from the point.

Brent Johnson made 18 saves for St. Louis, which has won all four games its played at the Savvis Center. The Blues have lost once in seven games since dropping their season opener in Phoenix.

Cory Stillman scored twice for the Flames. Phil Housley had the other Calgary goal.

St. Louis led 4-1 going into the third period, but Stillman scored at 8:03 and then again at 17:41 to make it a one-goal

game. But Calgary, which out-shot the Blues 10-3 in the final period, could not get the equalizer.

The Blues took the lead 10:47 into the game when Pronger broke out of the penalty box and carried a pass from Craig Conroy down the left wing. Pronger then beat Calgary's Mike Vernon with a snap shot from the left circle for his second goal.

Young made it 3-0 early in the second period. He scored his first goal of the game at 5:49 when he split the defense and directed MacInnis' pass home. With the Blues on the power play, Young blasted the rebound of Pronger's slap shot by Vernon at the 7:22 mark.

After Housley cut it to 3-1 at 8:26, MacInnis scored his first goal on a slap shot 55 seconds later while the Flames were two men short.

Avalanche 2, Blackhawks 0

Tip to NHL teams. If you need to give your No. 1 goaltender a night off, do it against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Colorado's Patrick Roy rested and David Aebischer became the fourth backup this season to beat the Blackhawks as the Avalanche stayed unbeaten through 10 games.

In just his second NHL start, Aebischer record his first shutout, stopping 18 shots against the anemic Blackhawk

offense.

Milan Hejduk scored from the slot five minutes in as Chicago goalie Jocelyn Thibault was screened by teammate Kevin Dean. Alex Tanguay's power play goal less than two minutes into the second period put the Avalanche (8-0-2) up 2-0.

Chicago had a first-period goal by Stephane Quintal wiped out when Michael Nylander was called for a crosscheck in the crease.

Flyers 3, Rangers 0

Michal Sykora scored his first goal in two years and Brian Boucher made 32 saves as the Philadelphia Flyers beat the New York Rangers.

It was Philadelphia's second victory over the Rangers in three days. The Flyers snapped a seven-game winless streak with a 5-4 victory over New York on Tuesday.

The Rangers have lost five of their last six games.

Rick Tocchet also scored for Philadelphia. Daymond Langkow added an empty-net goal.

Sykora, who spent the last two seasons playing in the Czech Republic, gave the Flyers a 1-0 lead 7:07 into the game when he one-timed a crossing pass from Paul Ranheim just inside the far post.

Sykora's last goal came on Nov. 8, 1998, when he played for Tampa Bay.

Boucher, who led the league with a 1.91 goals-against average last season, had struggled recently. He allowed 14 goals in his previous three starts, and was yanked in his last two starts at home.

After failing to stop several shots during a practice drill on Wednesday, Boucher smashed his stick over the crossbar in anger.

He made a couple nice stops in the final minutes when New York pulled its goalie during a power-play for a 6-on-4 advantage.

Boucher, the first rookie in 50 years to allow less than two goals a game last season, saw his goals-against average dip to 3.83 from 4.52 after the shutout.

Tocchet made it 2-0 by beating Rangers goalie Mike Richter with a backhand 5:21 into the third period.

Philadelphia outshot New York 17-9 in the third period. The Rangers entered the game with the league's best power play unit on the road, but went 0-for-5 with the man-advantage.

The Flyers squandered a five-minute power play after Eric LaCroix nailed Justin Williams into the boards midway through the first. LaCroix was called for boarding and received a game misconduct.

Philadelphia's best chance on the power play came when Eric Desjardins hit the far post on a

shot from the top of the circle. A penalty by Peter White wiped out two of the five minutes

Bruins 4, Capitals 1

Mike Keenan won his first game as coach of the Boston Bruins, as Jason Allison scored twice and Andrew Raycroft stopped 27 shots in a victory over Washington on.

P.J. Axelsson and Mikko Eloranta also scored for Boston, which had lost four straight after opening the season 3-0-1. Craig Billington stopped 39 shots, and Joe Sacco scored for Washington.

The Bruins fired Pat Burns on Wednesday - just eight games into his fourth season with the team. Boston is Keenan's sixth NHL club, and the man they call "Iron Mike" promised to turn things around quickly, as he has in three of his five previous stops.

But Keenan inherited a team that didn't respond to Burns, who is himself no slouch as a motivator. Thursday's victory may have had more to do with the opponent: The Capitals dropped to just 1-4-3 with the loss.

Burns was right about one thing: Joe Murphy is a discipline problem. The Washington forward was released by Boston last season for insubordination after getting into a shouting match with Burns during a game.

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Jamal Crawford, Duke's Elton Brand, St. John's Ron Artest and Iowa State's Marcus Fizer) who would still be in college if they had not left school early. And the Pacers' Al Harrington and Jonathan Bender went straight to the NBA from high school in 1998 and 1999, respectively.

Add in Bulls' rookies AJ Guyton, Jake Voskuhl and Dalibor Bagaric and third-year Pacers' player Bruno Sundov (who was Irish center Ivan Kartelo's teammate at the Winchendon School in Massachusetts) and more than 1/3 of last night's participants are under 23.

The oldest player, Voskuhl (who turns 23 Wednesday), also made a return trip to the Joyce Center. A teammate of El-Amin at UConn, Voskuhl was subjected to several taunts from students in last season's game. Among the signs: "Troy Murphy: All-American. Jake Voskuhl: Fairy Princess."

"Not trying to sound arrogant but it was normally a big game for the opposing team [when they played against the Huskies] so we were used to it," said Voskuhl, referring to last year's game. "It's over and done with so who cares?"

Apparently the fans on Thursday night, Voskuhl, who still has the long blonde hair and "surfer" look, entered the game with 6:45 left in the fourth quarter amidst a scattering of boos from the neutral crowd.

Now a lowly NBA rookie, Voskuhl has other things to worry about. His duties include carrying the veterans' bags and providing Krispy Kreme glazed donuts at practice.

If he does not oblige to the demands of older teammates, Voskuhl is punished with a "silly fine." The "silly fines" are listed on a piece of paper in an envelope containing the rookies' meal money and are deducted from the check.

"One guy farted on the court one day," Voskuhl recalled. "And that got one of the veterans upset, so they fined him 50 bucks."

Among the "veterans" on the young Bulls' squad is Artest. As a freshman at St. John's, Artest led the Red Storm to a 79-69 victory against the Irish at the Joyce Center. He left school after two years and was selected 16th overall in the 1999 draft. Artest expected to be a lottery pick, an experience that helped him understand the "business" of the NBA. He hopes to continue with the Bulls but knows there are no guarantees.

"You never know in this business," Artest said. "It's crazy. I've seen a lot of funny things happen."

Another "funny thing" Artest has seen in the last year has been the development of Notre Dame's Troy Murphy. Coming out of high school in New York City, Artest was a "can't-miss" prospect while Murphy, a New Jersey native, was a relative unknown.

"I didn't know he would be this good," said Artest, who attended the Five-Star camp with Murphy during high school. "Elton [Brand] and me always talk about that. We're like, Troy Murphy? But he's got a lot of heart."

"Really nobody can guard him. Nobody."

That includes Harrington. When Harrington and Murphy last played together, the underdog Murphy upstaged the nation's top player (Harrington)

in the 19-and-under AAU National tournament.

"He played unbelievable," Harrington said. "And I might have played my worst game ever. He left that last impression on me."

Harrington, who also played high school ball in New Jersey, met with Murphy before Thursday night's game. The two 20-year olds reminisced for awhile and Harrington gave the Irish star another vote of confidence.

"I'm projecting he's going to score 25 [points] and 12 [rebounds per game]," Harrington said. "He's dominating college ball."

The same cannot be said for Harrington in the pros. He averaged just 6.6 points per game last season but expects to see more playing time in 2000. Last night, he scored nine points and grabbed five rebounds in 30 minutes.

Brand (26 points and 16 rebounds), Bender (19 points) and Artest (10 points) seem to have adapted to the pro game better than the other young players.

But the future looks bright for the members of the 22-and-under club, including El-Amin.

Although he saw no action last night, El-Amin, a second-round pick signed a contract with Chicago on Oct. 2. He may not play much this season and has yet to play in a regular season game.

But he has already learned the most overused cliché in professional sports.

"I'm not in it for the money," El-Amin said.

Welcome to the NBA, Khalid.

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Bulls forward Elton Brand puts up a shot during last night's game. Brand led all scorers with 26 points

Malone leads Jazz past Mavs

Associated Press

Karl Malone scored 26 points and Jacque Vaughn added 17 to lead the Utah Jazz to a 104-87 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in an exhibition game Thursday night.

Malone went 8-for-17 from the field and 10-for-12 from the free throw line as the Jazz finished the exhibition schedule 4-4.

John Starks had 16 points for Utah, 14 in the first quarter.

Shawn Bradley had 19 points and six rebounds for the Mavericks, who completed the exhibition season 6-2.

Michael Finley added 13 points and Christian Laettner had 11 for Dallas.

Utah shot 63 percent and took a 31-21 lead after one quarter. The Jazz went on to lead by as many as 21 (45-24) in the second quarter.

The Jazz took an 82-62 lead into the fourth quarter. Malone had 15 third-quarter points.

Timberwolves 88, Pistons 81

With Joe Smith no longer a member of the team, the Minnesota Timberwolves got 17 points from Terrell Brandon to beat the Detroit Pistons in the teams' final exhibition game.

Brandon, playing in his second game since missing four with an injured hip, shot 7-for-11 from the field. He teamed with Sam Jacobson to lead a 14-2 quarter-ending spurt that put Minnesota up 72-66.

Wally Szczerbiak, who missed Minnesota's first six preseason games while recovering from

surgery on his right knee, had 10 points — all in the first half. Kevin Garnett added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Minnesota played without Smith for the first time since NBA commissioner David Stern voided his contract, and the Wolves seemed to miss the for-

ward's presence on the boards. The Pistons outrebounded Minnesota 54-43, including 20-10 in the first quarter.

Jerry Stackhouse, who became the Pistons' primary scoring threat when Grant Hill left for Orlando, scored 16 points but shot just 5-for-19.



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Yankees defeat Mets, win third-straight Series title

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The New York Yankees, thought to be too old and too banged-up to make it this far, became the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-2 Thursday night.

Luis Sojo, one of many mid-season pickups, hit a two-out, tiebreaking single off Al Leiter in the ninth inning to decide Game 5, stunning a Shea Stadium crowd that was sure there was more baseball to play.

The Subway Series turned out to be a short ride for New York fans who had waited 44 years for another one and hoped it would go seven games. Instead, the Yankees quickly matched the Oakland Athletics' three in

a row from 1972-74, and won their fourth title in five years.

Only two other runs in baseball history can compare - Joe DiMaggio led the Yankees to five crowns from 1936-41, and Mickey Mantle helped take the Bronx Bombers to six titles from 1947-53.

And while the lasting image of this Series is certain to be Roger Clemens throwing the bat at Mike Piazza, this is the picture the Yankees will prefer to savor: Owner George Steinbrenner hoisting another big piece of hardware for the team's trophy case.

Game Four hero Derek Jeter, who earned his fourth ring at only 26 and was selected Series MVP, and slumping Bernie Williams homered for the Yankees. But it was Sojo, who blossomed into a good-luck charm after rejoining the Yanks from Pittsburgh on Aug. 7, who delivered the winning hit.

Leiter battled all night, and struck out the first two batters in the ninth. Then he walked Jorge Posada and gave up a single to Scott Brosius, and Sojo followed by slapping a single up the middle on Leiter's 142nd and final pitch. Another run scored on the play when center fielder Jay Payton's throw home hit Posada and bounded into the Mets dugout.

Leiter remained winless in 11 postseason starts, while Mike Stanton won in relief of Andy Pettitte. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for a save.

At the stroke of midnight, Piazza fled out to the edge of the warning track in center field with a runner on base to finish it.

The Yankees fans in the sell-out crowd of 55,292 went wild after having been outshouted all evening.

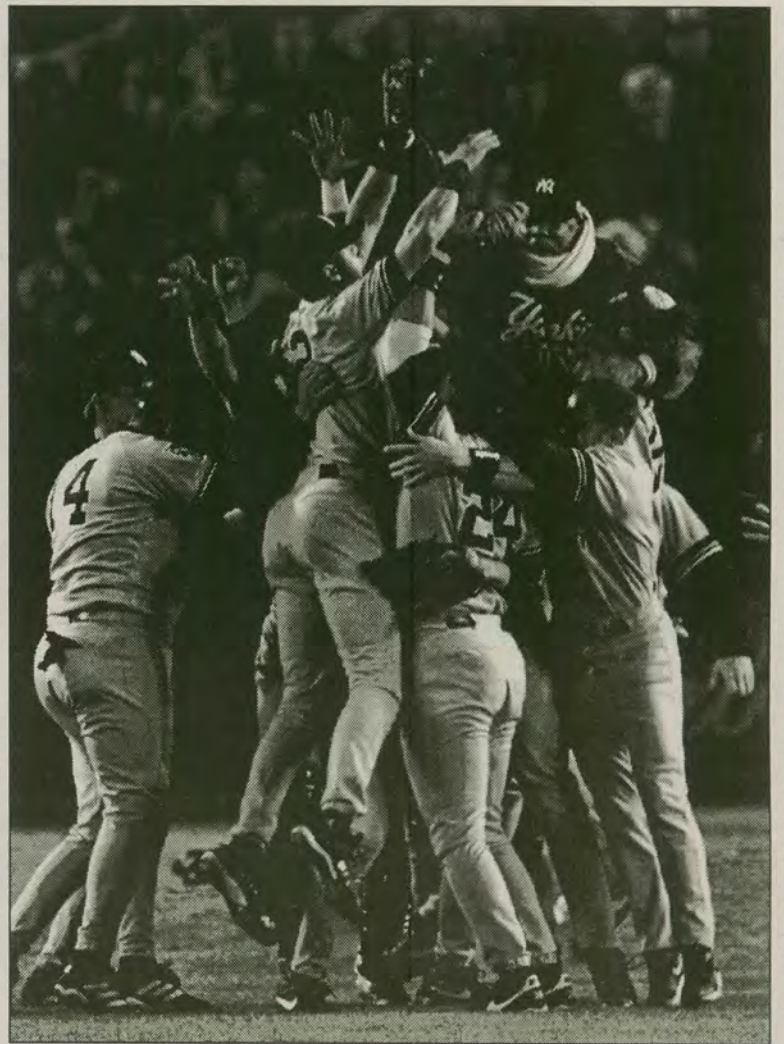
Even with so much at stake, there was room to have a little fun, with a broken bat, no less.

Kurt Abbott shattered his bat on a foul ball in the Mets fourth, and the jagged barrel skittered out toward Jeter at shortstop.

With the crowd starting to hoot, mindful of the Clemens-Piazza encounter in Game Two, Jeter made a nice show in defusing any hint of trouble. He fielded the broken piece with his glove, laughed and handed it to a Mets batboy.

While Jeter and Williams hit the solo homers for the Yankees, the Mets scraped out two runs that left it tied at two through the seventh.

Williams put the Yankees ahead 1-0 when he homered leading off the second. The



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Yankees players celebrate with manager Joe Torre after winning their third World Series title.

cleanup man had been 0-for-15 through four games and hitless in his last 22 Series at-bats overall.

Trying to ensure that the skid was behind him, he singled and walked his next two times up.

Jeter, who homered on the first pitch of the game the previous night, made it two-all by hitting a shot into the Yankees' left-field bullpen in the sixth off Leiter.

The Mets had to work much harder for their runs.

Bubba Trammell, starting because of his career success against Pettitte, walked with one out in the second and Payton singled. The runners moved up on a groundout and Leiter, an .053 hitter this sea-

son, dragged a perfect bunt past the mound.

First baseman Tino Martinez bobbled the ball for a moment and made an underhanded flip to Pettitte, but the pitcher dropped the throw. Pettitte was charged with an error, denying an RBI to Leiter, who had none this year, but a run scored and the Mets were satisfied.

Benny Agbayani followed with a slow roller that third baseman Brosius tried to play with his bare hand, but the ball escaped his grasp and went for an RBI single that gave the Mets a 2-1 lead.

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MEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Knott-Zahm rivalry continues

By JOHNNY LIEITNER, and JOHN BACSIK
Sports Writers

When the Knott and Zahm interhall football teams take the field this Sunday, they will resume a ferocious rivalry that has witnessed its fair share of tight games and photo finishes. Only this time, the right to play another day hangs irrevocably in the balance; only one team can advance to the semifinals.

Defending league champion Knott Hall enters the game with an unblemished 4-0 record and a No. 2-playoff seed. Knott junior wide receiver and captain Brian Pawloski feels the team's success this year has stemmed from an offensive attack that features running back and captain Patrick Virtue and an explosive vertical passing game.

"We're very versatile," Pawloski said. "We run and pass pretty much 50-50 and not too many teams can say that."

Knott's cause is also aided by a defense that has proven itself by shutting down the opposing team's offense in all four regular season games.

"The only points scored against us have been interceptions on returns," Pawloski said.

Zahm enters the game after a roller coaster ride of a season. After prevailing in its first game by a margin of 42-0, Zahm went 1-1-1 in its final three games to sneak into the playoffs with a seven seed.

Still, the Rabid Bats of Zahm feel confident in their unit's abilities.

"We have a really good team," Zahm defensive end and captain Bill Hennessey said. "But we can beat or lose to anybody."

Zahm has showcased a dynamic defense of its own this year and shares Knott's balanced run and pass game plan.

"We need to come out ready to play and emphasize discipline," Hennessey said. "This game could really go either way."

Although they have not clashed in the playoffs in recent years, Knott and Zahm have maintained a thriving



Sorin quarterback Pete Belden looks for an open receiver. Sorin will face off against Fisher this Sunday at Stepan Field.

rivalry.

"Our games are close every year," Hennessey said.

Both teams anticipate another heated matchup.

"Upsets do happen and anybody can win," Pawloski said. "And

any team that can score 42 points in one game is dangerous."

Zahm heads into the game with three main goals in mind.

"We need to be fired up to play, play with discipline and avoid penalties," Hennessey said.

Knott intends to find a way to counter Zahm's sizeable defense and "perfect the stuff we ran throughout the year," Pawloski said.

Both captains believe that the game will entail high intensity and plenty of emotion.

"This will be a great game for the fans," said Pawloski. "I know it will be a lot of fun to play."

Fisher vs. Sorin

Sorin and Fisher will both be looking for redemption this Sunday on Stepan Field. The teams battled to a 6-6 tie earlier in the season, and both are hungry for a win in

the playoffs.

"Our goal is to play in the stadium," Sorin captain Mike Crowe said. "We're anxious to go out and win this one."

Quarterback Pete Belden and running back Trevor Morris will lead the Sorin offense.

The Otter defense is a formidable force, allowing only one touchdown all season.

"Our defense has been really well-balanced," Crowe said. "We've kept good pressure on the opposing quarterbacks."

The Green Wave offensive attack is composed of a strong core of seniors. Quarterback Byron Levkulich, running back Zach Allen and wide receiver Steve Doherty look to light the offensive spark Sunday.

"We've been a bit inconsistent at times, but we're not changing anything in practice," Allen said. "Our offensive line deserves a lot of credit. They open up all the holes and help us make the big plays."

Co-captain Dahx Maars leads the Fisher defense, along with seniors Andrew Wagemaker and Justin Westervelt.

"I'm confident in this defense," Westervelt said. "We've had a great

week at practice and everyone is healthy and rested."

"Our defense isn't afraid to get dirty," Maars said. "We're looking to dominate here."

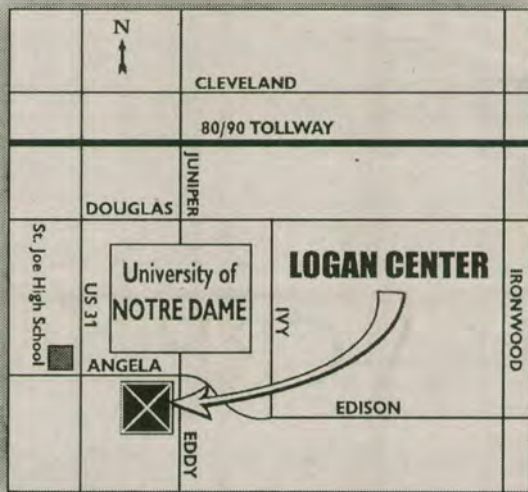
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WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Crime looks to steal victory from No. 7 Bullfrogs



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Badin and Off-Campus face off in a game earlier this season that resulted in a 12-12 tie. The teams will face off in the first round of the playoffs on Sunday.

By SUSIE CARPENTER and
LIA MILHOAN
Sports Writers

When Badin and Off-Campus faced off earlier this season, the game resulted in a 12-12 tie. The two compete in the first round of playoff action this weekend.

"We've been waiting for an opportunity at redemption after our poor performance in our first meeting with Badin," Off-Campus coach Paul Diamantopoulos said.

Seeded No. 1 in their league and number two in the playoffs, Off-Campus is considered the favorite. However, Diamantopoulos does not place much importance on the rankings.

"I believe that you can never feel totally confident about any situation, because, as they say, anybody can win on any given day," he said.

"However, I feel that our team knows what it takes to win and they will do their best to accomplish this in order to get to the stadium this year."

The Off-Campus Crime have been effective both offensively and defensively this season, allowing only two touchdowns.

Diamantopoulos attributes their success, not to a few star players, but to the raw talent and cohesiveness of the entire team.

"I can't really single out any individual player because Off-Campus truly is a team," he said. "No matter what the situation, the majority of the girls give it their best each and every play even through injuries and foul weather."

"We have a smaller roster, but we are a solid core group of girls," co-captain Katie Leicht added.

Throughout the season, the Badin offense had been successful at moving the ball down the field, but had difficulty scoring touchdowns.

"We had a lot of chances to score but we didn't," co-captain, Tiffany Colon said.

Despite their previous hardships, the Bullfrogs came away with a victory in their last game. The offense capitalized at the end of their drives, and the defense, who has remained strong all season, held. Coach Anthony Pilcher hopes to use the momentum from that last game into this weekend's game.

"Everything just clicked for us in that game," he said. "We have good momentum going into the playoffs."

Badin is undaunted by its seventh seed. Coach Brett Gansen is optimistic about Sunday's game.

"We know we can compete at the same level as they are," he said. "If we play well, we have a good shot [at beating

Off-Campus]."

Senior quarterback, Prissy Clements looks to lead the offense to another win. On the defensive side of the ball, strong safety Suzie Schwaab, who averaged 10 batted down balls per game, could be a force to be reckoned with.

"She is as good as anyone in the league in at her position," Pilcher said.

Both Off-Campus and Badin said that they have designed new plays in order to be effective offensively and to be dominant defensively. With eyes only for the stadium, neither wants Sunday's game to be the last of the year.

Cavanaugh vs. Howard

On Sunday, the Chaos of Cavanaugh square off against inter-division rival Howard Hall in a 3 p.m. first round playoff game at the McGlinn fields.

Cavanaugh and Howard last played on Sept. 28, with Cavanaugh coming away with a 13-0 regular sea-

son victory.

"We're excited to play Cavanaugh," Howard coach Brad Untiedt said. "We think we have improved since we faced them in the regular season, so it should be a good match up for the playoffs."

Howard enters the playoffs on a high note after defeating last year's runner up, Pasquerilla East, in its final regular season game. The Ducks enter the playoffs with a 3-3 overall record.

The Ducks will look to quarterback Jill Veselik and freshman receiver Elizabeth Klimek to have strong games as the duo has hooked up for many of Howard's big plays throughout the season.

Cavanaugh returns to the playoffs once again. Last season the Chaos advanced to the semifinals before losing to Pasquerilla East. Cavanaugh rounded out the regular season with a win over Lewis Hall and brings a 5-1 overall record into the Sunday's game.

"We think that if we practice hard and then keep our heads in the game we can come away with a win," senior captain Amy Szeszak said. "Howard is a tough team and we will have to play well to win."

"We have played well this year and hope to make it to the stadium," Chaos coach Bart Bruckert said. "Howard played well against us last time and they have a really good quarterback [Jill Veselik]."

The Chaos will be depending on the linemen to bring home the win. "We're working on the offensive and defensive lines and hoping to contain her," Bruckert said. "We need to concentrate on assignments. I think it will be a good game."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Undefeated Welsh looks for second win against Lyons

By COLIN BOYLAN and LAUREN CONTI
Sports Writers

A 6-0 record during the regular season may have earned Welsh Family Hall the No. 1 seed in the upcoming playoffs, but it won't get the defending champions much else this weekend in their first round match-up against Lyons.

"I think its going to be a tough, close game," Lyons quarterback Sarah Jenkins said. "We certainly aren't intimidated by their record."

Perhaps it won't be the memory of a 6-0 record that lingers in the mind of Lyon's players as they take the field, but rather, the week two regular season contest between the two teams. In that game, Welsh dominated, claiming a 20-0 victory against Lyons.

"We feel we've improved a lot since the second week," Jenkins said. "Our offense is much better."

For its part, Welsh has been operating on all cylinders, defeating Cavanaugh 20-2 and Howard 35-0 in its past two games to complete an undefeated Blue League campaign.

The strength of the team is a quick offense coupled with a strong passing game with quarterback Katie Rak throwing to receivers Jen Grubb and Vanessa Lichon.

"Offensively, Katie has been

outstanding for us this year," Welsh coach Casey Bouton said. "She's familiar with all our returning receivers and that's key."

Bouton was also quick to give credit to fourth-year defender Maria Fieldmayer, who he called "a real leader on the field."

For Lyons (3-3), defensive backs Lisa Thomas and Lisa Chamblee will have to contain Welsh's passing game if they hope to score an upset. Offensively, Jenkins will be looking downfield to a receiving corps headed by freshman Roxy Trevino.

And while the odds will definitely be in Welsh's favor, no one is counting out Lyons just yet. After dropping its first three games of the season, the team rallied to win their last three and secure a playoff berth.

"If we can beat Welsh, I think we'll have a good chance to win it all," Jenkins said.

Welsh coach Bouton agreed.

"We have lots of confidence in our team," he said. "But were just going to take it one game at a time and hopefully we'll end up in the stadium."

Pasquerilla West vs. Walsh

The Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West will play in their first Interhall playoff game since the 1998 season this Sunday at 2 p.m., when they face off against Walsh Hall's

Wild Women at Stepan Fields.

The PW Women have tweaked their offense and feel well prepared for the challenge.

"We've put in a lot of new plays in preparation," PW offensive coordinator Steve Branowski said. "We didn't make [the playoffs] last year, but this year we're finally breaking through."

After a successful season, Walsh will be looking to cement this season's prowess and prove they can move further up the ranks than they did last season. In 1999, they beat the Purple Weasels 7-6 in the last game of the season to narrowly qualify for the playoffs, but lost in the first round.

"I think we're more competitive this year than we were last year, and hopefully we'll get further in the playoffs," Walsh receiver Kay Scanlan said.

"Last time we played [PW], we tied at 0-0, and to be honest, I thought they played better than we did," he said. "In order for us to beat them, we'll have to play as well as we possibly can, but I think our offense can pick it up, and our defense was there strong last time."

He added, "if we can beat them, I see us going far."

Baranowski looks to Sunday's game with confidence.

"Previously against Walsh, our offense moved the ball well, but we just couldn't manage to punch it into the end zone," he



MEG KROENER/The Observer

Lyons faces off against Cavanaugh in a game earlier this year. Lyons will try to upset No. 1 Welsh on Sunday.

said. "Now, we've made a few offensive adjustments. We've put in a lot of new plays, and we're keep it very close to the vest."

The Purple Weasels may be the team with something to prove, but the Wild Women have just as much at stake.

"I know we all have a personal investment in this game," Walsh quarterback Lauren Walsh said. "We have a lot of seniors on the team, it's their last year, and they really want it."

"We're such a small team that

every one of us plays, so if we do win, it will be because of everybody, not just a few star players," she added.

The game is shaping up to be the kind of highly competitive match that should be the hallmark of Women's Interhall playoffs this season.

"We're pumped to actually be in the playoffs," PW captain Amanda Gallen said. "After a season with so many teams that had such close records, it should be a great postseason and a great game."

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VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's drops match to Hope in straight games

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

Energy wasn't enough to push Saint Mary's to victory against MIAA leader Hope College on Wednesday. The Belles played a tough game, and lost in three games to the Flying Dutch.

"Our energy was there, we played well," junior outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers said.

The Belles spent the first game adjusting with several players in unfamiliar positions.

Saint Mary's used almost all of its substitutions trying to find a soft spot in Hope's defensive line. The strategy failed, and the Belles

dropped the game 15-9.

Hope's offense went on to dominate the match, taking the second and third 15-5 and 15-8 consecutively.

"They had an awesome offensive line," Meyers said.

Despite the loss, head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek continues to be proud of her team.

"We played very high level volleyball last night," Schroeder-Biek said. "Our defense and our serving were excellent."

Junior outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers led the team with 15 digs, nine kills and two service aces. Junior middle hitter Jolie LeBeau added to the Belles effort with seven kills. Freshman setter/ outside hitter

LeighAnn Matesich rounded out the evening with 20 assists, six digs and two service aces.

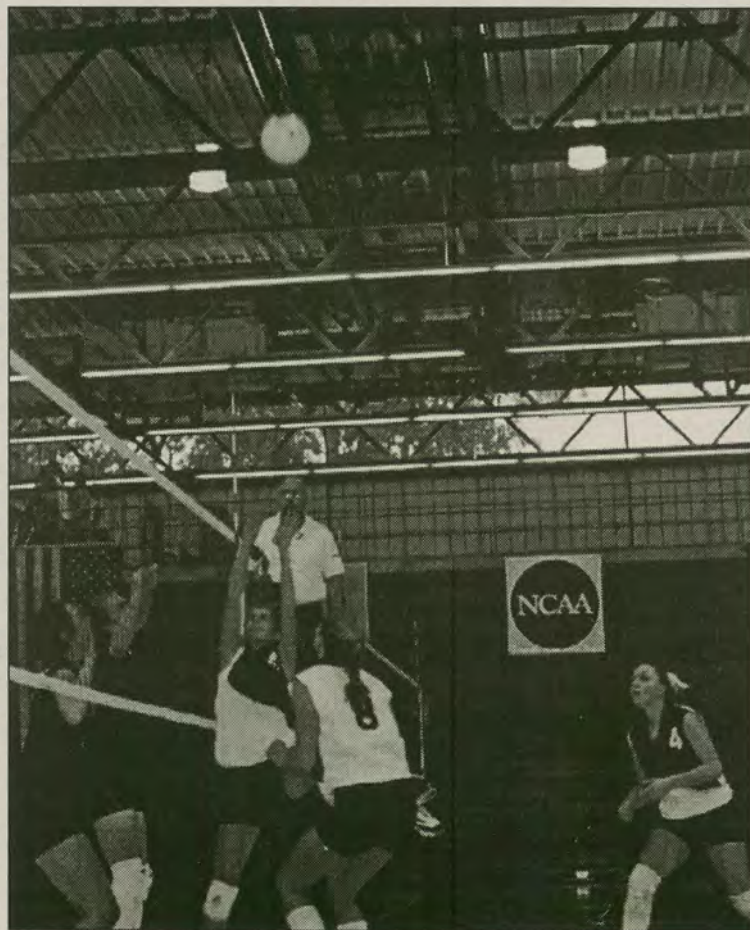
Despite good individual play, Saint Mary's credits team effort.

"Everyone stepped up on our defense," senior defensive specialist Victoria Butcko said. "This game was a team effort."

Schroeder-Biek was particularly pleased with her team's service.

"As a team we had nine service aces," Schroeder-Biek said. "That is the most aggressive that we have served all season."

The Belles now stand at 3-11. They play Kenyon College of Ohio and Albion College at the Albion Quad on Saturday.



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Setter Leigh Ann Matesich fires the ball back to hitter Natalie Hock. The Belles dropped to 3-11 after Wednesday's loss.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Belles look to catch Kalamazoo at MIAAs

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles will make a run at catching league competition at this weekend's MIAA cross-country championship at Albion College. After finishing in the number seven spot at the MIAA Jamboree, Saint Mary's will be looking to catch Kalamazoo.

"It will be tough to catch Kalamazoo which finished sixth [in the MIAA Jamboree]," head coach Dave Barstis said. "But if there is one thing I've learned, it's that anyone can be beaten on any given day."

The Belles finished more than 100 points behind Kalamazoo at the Jamboree, their only home meet, but Barstis believes catching Kalamazoo is a goal within his team's grasp.

"The whole team is going to have to run their best race," he said. "But it can be done."

The Belles will line up at the Whiffletree Hill Golf Course in Concord, Mich. along with Calvin, Kalamazoo, Adrian, Alma, Hope, Olivet and host Albion.

Calvin's women's cross-country team leads the league, finishing the

MIAA Jamboree in first place with a team score of 23 points. It finished all six of its runners in the top 11.

This will be the first time most of the women from Saint Mary's see this particular course.

"We ran on the course two years ago but only two runners were on that team," Barstis said. "So it will be new to just about everyone."

Although he would like to see his team advance in league rankings, Barstis sees other goals as more important.

"My expectations are the same [as for all the other meets] — to have everyone run their best time this meet and to

continue running as a pack," he said. "All I ask is that they cross the finish line and be able to tell me they ran the best they could."

Last year, Saint Mary's finished eighth out of nine teams at the cross-country championships ahead of Olivet. Olivet is unable to field a complete team this year and will finish last by default.

The five-kilometer championship race will kick off at noon on Saturday Oct. 28, following the men's race that begins at 11 a.m.

The Belles will finish their season at the Regional meet held at Hanover College on Nov. 11.

"The whole team is going to have to run their best race."

Dave Barstis
Belles coach

ROWING

Irish look to star in Elkhart regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

After a fall season full of Midwest travel, the Irish will take a short trip to Elkhart this Sunday to row in the Head of the Elk regatta. Coming off a disappointing performance against Michigan State, Notre Dame hopes to gain momentum that will carry into the spring season with strong finishes on the St. Joseph River.

With the race so close to home, the Irish view the Head of the Elk as the pinnacle of the fall season, a culmination of their work in previous races in Chicago, Rockford and East Lansing. If racing in front of the home crowd is not enough to inspire the Irish, racing rowing powerhouse Michigan will be.

"I would say it's a big race," sophomore rower Ashlee Warren said. "Michigan will be there, and they've been to the NCAA's the last few years."

"It should be interesting to see how we stack up against some of the best teams in the Midwest,"

she added.

The Irish will face some new challenges this weekend besides just the 2 1/2 mile course. Pair racing has been a source of success for Notre Dame this fall season behind the consistent rowing of Warren and her partner Becky Lockett. However, Sunday's race has no pair events.

The open fours competition, which caused problems for the squad against Michigan State two weeks ago, will feature the first varsity eight boat divided into two four boats, with the stern four rowers competing in the A race and the bow four rowers in the B competition.

"We haven't rowed in that particular four yet," said Warren, who will be in the A race. "But we should be able to row together because we're just half of the eight."

"I'm looking forward to that race, it should be pretty fast," she continued.

As for the eights competition, the first varsity eight boat that has competed together the entire season will stay with the same lineup

and will be coxed by senior captain Clare Bula. The Irish will once again mix lightweight rowers into the other varsity eights.

The regatta will feature lightweight racing, whereas the competition against Michigan State did not. The Irish will race two strong four boats, with Kerri Murphy, Leah Ashe, Laura Aull, Diana LaQuinta and captain coxswain Erin Kiernicki competing in the A race.

The team will send a total of six boats of eight rowers into four different novice eight races.

Notre Dame's somewhat lackluster team performance against Michigan State two weekends ago has yielded some positives for the Irish.

"If anything, it provided more motivation for this week," Warren said. "It will push us faster."

Plenty is at stake for the Irish rowers in Elkhart, with consequences for the later in the year.

"It's important for us to have a strong performance when we go into winter training and the spring season," Warren said. "We're excited about how we've started."

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MEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Alumni hopes to secure revenge against Keenan Sunday

By JAMES VERALI and TODD NIETO
Sports Writers

The Keenan Knights are hoping for a replay as they take on the Alumni Dawgs in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

Keenan comes in as the 4th seed with a 3-1 record. Alumni took the fifth seed in the playoffs and also finished with a 3-1 mark.

In week three of the regular season, the Knights blanked the Dawgs 13-0 in a very impressive performance. However, repeating that performance will be a difficult task.

"The second time you play a team is always harder than the first," Keenan quarterback Billy Ellsworth said.

"They will make the necessary adjustments from the first game, we will need to notice the adjustments and make some

ourselves," Brian Kunitzer added.

Both teams finished off the regular season with a win and feel very confident, especially on the defensive side of the ball. With two strong defenses, the game will turn on which defense falls first.

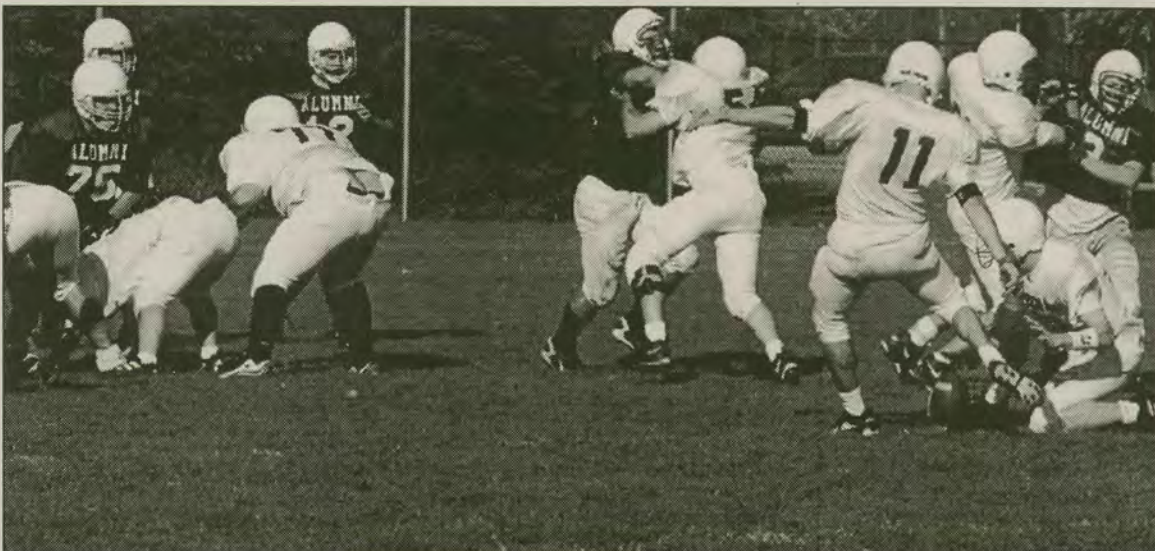
Linebacker Bailey Siegfried, who has come through with many key plays throughout the season to help the Dawgs shut out three of their four opponents, leads the "Dawgy D."

The Keenan defense has already shut out the Alumni offense.

Offensively, both teams will look to their offensive lines to lead the way.

"It's going to be a battle of the lineman," Siegfried said. "Whoever overpowers each other in the trenches will win this game."

The offensive line was certainly the difference for Keenan in their win over Alumni, as they



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Alumni special teams attempts to block a kick earlier this season. The Dawgs will have a rematch Sunday against Keenan in the first round of the interhall playoffs.

provided the push enabling running back Brian Kunitzer to overpower the defense down the stretch.

Alumni counters with a pow-

erful rushing attack of their own. Tailback Alex Roodhouse and fullback Brandon Nunnink have handled the ball very well this season behind the push of

the offensive lineman.

Both teams have also shown strong signs in the passing game. Freshman Alumni quarterback Chris Cottingham will face off against the Keenan passing attack that is led by the connection between Ellsworth and wide out John Russy.

Both teams feel that they have something to prove from last year's disappointments. After running the table last year in the regular season, Alumni's hopes of winning the title were dashed in an early, unexpected playoff exit.

The Knights lost to Sorin in the second round of the playoffs last year for their first playoff loss in three seasons, ending their string of back-to-back championships.

One thing is for sure; lack of intensity won't be a problem out on Stepan field Sunday. Both teams know that they can win, but are also aware that it is going to take a valiant effort on both sides of the ball to advance to the next round.

"It will be our toughest game of the year," said Kunitzer.

When asked what it's going to take to beat Keenan this week, Alumni tailback Alex Roodhouse responded, "Ask them after we run all over them on Sunday."

Dillon vs. Stanford

The bone-crushing action of interhall football has returned to Notre Dame after a weeklong fall break. Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, the Dillon Bulldogs will face off against the Griffins of Stanford at 1 p.m. at the Stepan Fields in a game that is sure to get the adrenaline pumping.

The Bulldogs have dominated interhall football, posting an impressive 4-0 record. Dillon has a strong lineup that includes quarterback Tate Odom, lineman Joe Parker, defensive end Rick Hasty and running back Chris Crane.

"We played Stanford at the beginning of the season but we have both improved since the beginning of the season," Jason Visner said. "It is going to be a whole different ballgame."

Stanford comes into Sunday's game with a 2-2 record. The Griffins are looking towards tailback J.C. Perez, guard/defensive tackle Josh Caakua, and wide receiver/cornerback Corey Hartmann to provide the team with the key plays needed to beat Dillon.

"Everyone on our team is ready to play against Dillon again," said Griffin captain Errol Rice said. "If we play like we know we can play, it should be a good game."



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Bulls

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dance in my abilities, so that's that."

In the overtime period, the game was tied at 103 before Marcus Fizer fouled Indiana center Bruno Sandov. Sandov hit both free throws, giving the Pacers a 2-point advantage.

Following Sandov's free throws, Chicago point guard Jamal Crawford missed a 25-footer before fouling Harrington. Harrington hit one of two free throws to give the Pacers a 3-point lead.

Guyton's 3-point attempt with time running down fell short and the Pacers escaped

with the victory.

Chicago, after trailing for most of the game, closed in on Indiana at the end of the third quarter. With 1:53 remaining in the quarter, Bulls' point guard Bryce Drew hit a 20-footer from the top of the key to tie the game at 72. Following an Brand steal 10 seconds later, Drew found Fizer on a fast break to give Chicago its first 2-point lead of the half.

Drew returns to the Midwest after playing two seasons for the Houston Rockets. Drew

starred at nearby Valparaiso University, playing for his father. As a senior, the Drew led the surprising Crusaders to the NCAA Sweet 16. Drew hit a shot at the buzzer to defeat Ole Miss in the first round.

Drew, now playing in the Bulls' tri-a n g l e offense, is s l o w l y adjusting to the new style of play.

"I think we're all trying to learn things out," he said, "so hopefully at the start of the season I'll get more comfort-

"I think we're all trying to learn things out, so hopefully at the start of the season I'll get more comfortable."

Bryce Drew
Bulls point guard

able and understand exactly what I'm supposed to do."

Brand led all scorers with 26 points to go along with 16 rebounds, the third consecutive preseason game in which Brand has led Chicago in scoring. Brand entered the game averaging 22 points per contest on the preseason, fourth in the NBA. Mercer added 20 for the Bulls, while Ron Artest came off the bench to score 10.

For the defending-Eastern Conference Champion Pacers, forward Jonathan Bender came off the bench to lead the team in scoring, notching 19 points on 6-12 shooting in 34 minutes. Austin Croshere added 15 for Indiana.

The game marked the final

preseason game for both teams. Indiana opens its season on Halloween night in San Antonio, while the Bulls open the same evening at home against Sacramento.

Tonight's game was full of Hoosier connections. The Pacers are now coached by Isiah Thomas, who starred for Indiana University for two years in the early '80s before embarking on a Hall-of-Fame career in the NBA. Thomas remembers Notre Dame leaving a mark on his sophomore season, in which the Hoosiers won the NCAA Championships.

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NBA

Stern explains penalties levied on Timberwolves

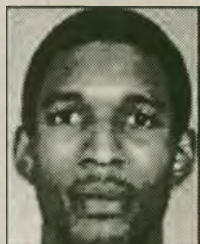
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS
NBA commissioner David Stern said Thursday that "shocking" fraud by the Minnesota Timberwolves forced him to inflict record punishment over a secret contract for star forward Joe Smith.

Stern stripped the Wolves of five first-round draft choices and fined the team \$3.5 million for the agreement, which an arbitrator found was

intended to circumvent the NBA salary cap.

"The fact is, we gave this a lot more thought than the parties in the Minnesota franchise who risked their future by engaging in one of the most far-reaching frauds we've



Smith

seen," Stern said.

"This was a fraud of major proportions. There were no fewer than five undisclosed

contracts tucked away, hoping they'd never see the light of day. This is fraud that ripped to the heart of the [collective bargaining] compact. The magnitude of this stuff is shocking."

"We gave this a lot more thought than the parties in the Minnesota franchise."

David Stern
NBA Commissioner

Stern's punishment of the Wolves could include one-year suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and anyone in the organization who took part in the deal.

Stern said he hoped to schedule hearings within the next two weeks with Taylor and others.

Timberwolves officials, possibly including vice president Kevin McHale and coach Flip Saunders, to determine whether they will be suspended.

At halftime of Minnesota's exhibition game with Detroit on Thursday night, Taylor apologized to Minnesotans and accepted full responsibility. He said he did not realize when he made the agreement that he was breaking rules of the collective bargaining agreement and said unusual circumstances were involved that he would not reveal.

"There are always reasons why things happen," Taylor said. "They're not as simple as they seem."

The NBA said the fine was the stiffest ever imposed by the league on any franchise, player or other individual and the maximum allowed. Spokesman Brian McIntyre also said he could not recall any team being stripped of multiple draft choices.

It's the loss of draft choices that is particularly damaging to a franchise that will be at or near the top of the salary cap as long as it is carrying forward Kevin Garnett's \$126 million contract through 2004. Without draft picks or the ability to pursue high-priced free agents, management will have little room to bulk up the roster around Garnett.

"We'll still want to field good teams," Taylor said. "It'll be harder, more difficult. We always recognized we were in a small market and it would always be more difficult to attract good players. We'll have to be lucky. I

understand that."

The job might be tougher than Taylor suggested.

"I was reading across the page and the draft picks just kept going," New York Knicks general manager Scott Layden said. "The money is probably the least of the penalty, but collectively it shows that the commissioner is not soft on circumvention."

At a team shootaround Thursday morning, Saunders said the Wolves were used to dealing with adversity.

"We've been through a lot in the last five years," he said. "We were written off when we lost Googs [Tom Gugliotta] and Stephon [Marbury]. We won 50 games when a lot of people didn't think we could."

Saunders said he didn't know whether the Wolves would appeal the penalties.

Garnett said the ruling would not affect whether he stays with the Wolves when his contract expires.

"It's very, very easy to jump ship when things get hard," Garnett said. "It's very, very easy to start thinking differently. I'm not that type of person. I'm a loyal cat. I do know that running from your problems will not solve problems."

NBA arbitrator Kenneth Dam ruled Monday that the Timberwolves signed a secret agreement with Smith in January 1999 that was worth as much as \$86 million over seven years. With the NBA, meanwhile, the Timberwolves filed a one-year contract worth \$1.75 million, allowable under the salary cap.

Stern said he abided by the arbitrator's ruling when he voided Smith's current \$2.5 million contract and his past two contracts with the Timberwolves, preventing Smith from signing a lucrative contract with them after this season.

Though Smith has said he would like to re-sign with the Timberwolves, NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the arbitrator's ruling also would allow Stern to void a contract if Smith re-signed.

Smith's future remained uncertain Wednesday, though teams such as Dallas and the Knicks have expressed interest.

Though he has said he would like to re-sign with the Timberwolves, their salary-cap limitations would limit him to \$611,000, about one-tenth what the Chicago Bulls could offer.

His agent, Dan Fegan, did not return telephone calls Thursday.

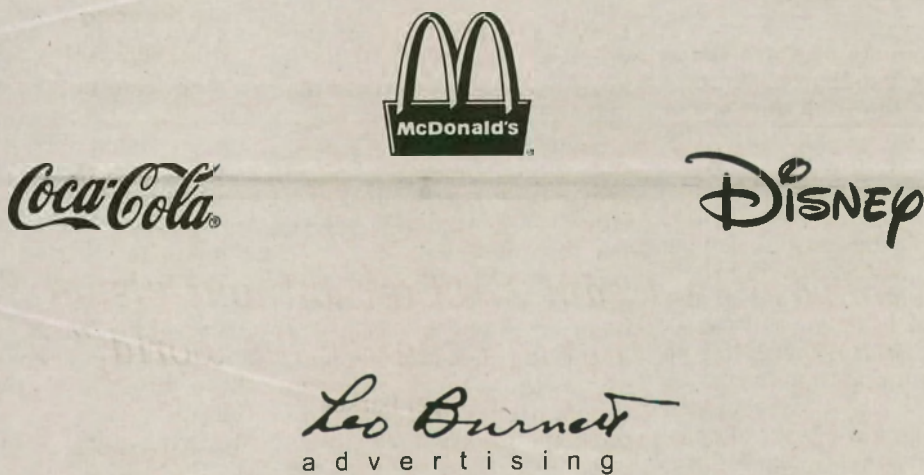
"Everyone here's main concern is for Joe and that he does what's right for him," Garnett said. "We still love him. He's still our man."

Stern denied that the Timberwolves were being made an example for under-the-table deals that supposedly are common. Though Stern said the NBA actively pursues all "wink-and-a-nod" deals, many turn out to be rumors.

"I think we all were shocked at the level of what went on here," Granik said. "David and I have been around long enough not to be shocked by very much. I would be shocked to learn that something of this level has happened before. I think this is a totally different level."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles believe they can finish strong

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

As the lone senior on the Saint Mary's soccer squad, Laura Paulen has been a leader and a solid player for the entire year. On Saturday, she will play her final collegiate game, as the Belles face off against the Flying Dutchmen of Hope.

"I'd like to finish out our season strong," senior Laura Paulen said. "We definitely have the ability to beat Hope."

Because of a change in league play, this will be Paulen's last game as well as the Belles' last competition for the season. The MIAA tournament has been replaced with round-robin play, where each team in the league plays the others twice and the NCAA bid goes to the team with the most wins.

Paulen and other players were not pleased with the system.

"It doesn't give teams the chance to improve through the season and then play at that improved level for the tournament," Paulen said.

But after Tuesday's competitive effort against league-leader Albion, Paulen has no doubt that the Belles can turn the tables on the Dutchmen.

"I think that we are ready to finish strong," Paulen said. "Everybody's up for the game."

The Belles improved last week to hold the Albion Britons to two goals in the first half and five overall, while scoring a goal of their own.

During their last battle with Albion they were shutout 7-0.

"I attribute our improvement to the fact that the girls are communicating really well," Milligan said. "You can see it on and off the field."

When Saint Mary's last faced off against Hope the Belles suffered a 3-0 loss at the hands of the Dutchmen. Freshman netminder Laura Metzger turned in an 11-save performance for the Belles in

her first solo appearance in goal, holding the Dutchmen scoreless in the second half.

The Belles are ready for revenge.

"As much as we've been through this year, [the women are] going to come out and beat up on Hope," head coach Jason Milligan said. "All the things we've been working on all year are coming together."

According to Milligan, Tia Kapphahn, junior co-captain for the Belles, will be in the net against the Dutchmen this time after recovering from an arm injury. Milligan will also be experimenting with different lineups against Hope.

The Dutchmen are 4-11-1 overall and 4-8-1 in the MIAA. Amy Dobb leads the Dutchmen in scoring and had a hand in one of the goals in the previous meeting between the two teams on October 4. Freshman Lauren Hinkle, who took the earlier shutout for the Dutchmen, will be in goal against Saint Mary's.

The Belles sit just behind the Dutchmen in the standings with a 3-9-1 record in the MIAA and are 3-12-1 overall.

Freshman Stephanie Artnak leads the Belles with 5 goals. Unfortunately the Belles' number two scorer, sophomore Heather Muth is out for the season with an injury.

Milligan sees this game as an opportunity to end a season that involved a lot of adjustments and injuries on a positive note. As in past years, he looks at the last game as the senior game.

"We are going to try to create something great for [Paulen's] last game," Milligan said. "She's a great demonstration of leadership by example. She works really hard and she has been a rock on this team all year."

The Belles face off against the Flying Dutchmen at 4 pm on Saint Mary's soccer field.

MEN'S SOCCER



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Irish forward Griffin Howard moves the ball downfield against Pittsburg earlier this season. The men's soccer team will challenge the Mountaineers tonight.

Irish take on Mountaineers

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The seniors of Notre Dame will say goodbye to Alumni Field as the Irish men's soccer team takes on the Mountaineers of West Virginia tonight.

Tri-captains Steve Maio, Dustin Pridmore and Connor LaRose will be playing their final games in front of the Irish faithful, as will teammates Griffin Howard, Reggie McKnight and Dan Storino.

"Those guys have put in four long, hard years of commitment," head coach Chris Apple said. "They'll go out on a positive note. They've really left their mark on this team as far as their work ethic and commitment."

Apple also remarked that, although the team only won

one Big East tournament game during the seniors' four years, the work ethic they have instilled in the younger players will be a huge part of any success the team has in the future.

"They've instilled an attitude within the team that is more important than the wins," said Apple. "They've laid the foundation."

This weekend's game pits two of the four Big East teams that will not compete in the Big East tournament, as only the top eight teams in the conference make the tournament. West Virginia's only Big East win came against Boston College, who are currently third in the conference, on Oct. 7 in Morgantown, W.V. The Mountaineers also tied the Orangemen of Syracuse in September.

Despite the Mountaineers' less than impressive record, Irish head coach Chris Apple is taking nothing for granted against West Virginia.

"They're a lot like we are," said Apple. "From what the other coaches have told me, they're a very talented team."

The Mountaineers bring in a balanced offense with six players who have tallied six or more points. On defense, the West Virginians have had a rotating spot in goal, where three different players have logged time. The Mountaineers bring in a three-game losing streak, recently falling to the Panthers of Pitt 2-0 on Oct. 22.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish to battle Hurricanes in Big East tourney

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The auditions are over, Sunday afternoon the show opens for real. The Notre Dame women's soccer team finished the regular season ranked No. 1 with a record of 17-0-1, but when the Big East quarterfinals kickoff this week-end, each team's slate will have been cleared.

The Miami Hurricanes blow in to South Bend representing the first hurdle the Irish must clear on the road to an eighth-consecutive conference title. Though the Hurricanes are just 9-9-1 on the year, they have enjoyed considerable success of late, going 3-1-1 in their last five games.

"It should be exciting," freshman Amy Warner said. "Anyone can beat anyone in the playoffs." Led by a strong defense anchored by reigning conference defensive player of the

week Lisa Gomez, the Hurricanes will have their hands full dealing with an Irish attack that is just now returning to full strength. Notre Dame could not have picked a better time to get healthy. Warner, returning from an injury, played a mere 20 minutes against Michigan in the regular season finale, but nevertheless scored her eighth goal of the season.

Warner's return gives the Irish an element of speed they'd lacked in her absence. The first year player's ability to get behind defenders and beat them to the ball is unparalleled and her presence forces the opposition to be careful in clearing the defensive zone.

"It felt good to get out there," Warner said. "It was good for my confidence. I'm wearing a brace on my knee and that hurt my speed a little, but I think as I get used to it I'll get back to where I was."

The Irish will receive an

unexpected boost from the return of senior co-captain and player of the year candidate Anne Makinen, who was not supposed to play with a knee injury. Makinen believes she can play on the knee without risking further injury.

Head coach Randy Waldrum will use Makinen as needed this weekend. If the game is close, she'll play, but if the Irish leave nothing but the margin of victory in doubt, Waldrum would prefer to rest his star player.

Many teams have packed the goal box with six defenders but the Irish expect the Hurricanes to play aggressively and attack them.

"I think they'll come out to play us and take some chances," Warner said. "They'll definitely be gunning for us."

Although mainly a defensive player, Gomez will be called upon to quarterback whatever offensive attack the Hurricanes can muster.

Gomez set a school record with four assists in a game last week, all on long down-field passes to streaking forwards.

Freshman of the year candidate Vonda Matthews will be looking to receive any long pass struck by Gomez



LIZ LANG/The Observer
Amy Warner dribbles down the field and played an important role in the team's No. 1 national ranking.

and start the Hurricane counterattack. The Irish defense will once again be without senior captain Kelly Lindsey who will miss the game with a strained medial collateral ligament.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame wraps up successful fall schedule

By RACHEL BIBER

Sports Writer

If this fall season is any indication of what is to come in the spring, then the Notre Dame men's tennis team may have an exciting future ahead.

The Irish wrap up the fall season after a successful campaign as they travel to Madison, Wis., to participate in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Championships.

"I'm very excited with the progress we've made," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "It's early, and steps are small, but we've continually stepped forward as the year has gone on, and I think that it bodes well for us in the spring."

Notre Dame is allowed six singles entries and two doubles entries in the regional tournament, which includes teams from the Big Ten conference, Conference USA, the Missouri Valley Conference, and all teams within the Midwest region. Bayliss has penciled in Casey Smith, Aaron Talarico, Javier Taborga, Luis Haddock-Morales, Matt Scott, and Andrew Laflin in singles, while the doubles pairings will be ninth-ranked Taborga and Talarico, along with the duo of Brian Farrell and Ashok Raju.

Due to the shared success by all of the Irish players, decisions about the make-up of the line-up were difficult, but the controversy could only be a win-win situation.

"It was very, very close between Laflin and Farrell," Bayliss said. "Basically it was a flip of a coin, they've both earned the right to play, and they're both 10-1 for the fall. As a result I'm going to play Farrell in doubles with Ashok Raju, but an equally deserving guy was James Malhame. That was sort of an unusual pairing, but I think its something we can get some mileage out of."

After a surprisingly successful showing in the singles portion of the recent ITA Men's All-American Championships, Taborga is sure to have an impact on Notre Dame's success this weekend. The Irish junior plowed through an elite field at the previous tournament, upending Stanford's third-seeded and defending champion K.J. Hippensteel to land a spot in the round of 16 before he was defeated.

"[Taborga] obviously had a great tournament in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and we're real excited to see him make a breakthrough," Bayliss said. "I think he is one of several people on our team that is capable of doing what he did."

Taborga also performed well in the doubles segment of the tournament, advancing to the semifinals with Talarico, marking the first time since 1994 that Notre Dame has advanced a doubles pairing to the semifinals of a grand slam event.

The remainder of the Irish contingent will also look to advance in this weekend's tournament and Bayliss knows that his team has the talent to do so.

"Luis Haddock has had an outstanding fall," Bayliss

noted. "He's a very talented freshman, one of the probably top two or three freshmen in the country. Casey Smith has made a big jump in his game, and Aaron Talarico has matured as a player. [Along with Taborga] those four guys have led us, and Matt Scott has been a very strong impact freshman. And I feel like at six, between Laflin and Farrell, I think we have great chances to win there with either one of those guys."

The ITA Midwest Championships offers the Irish an opportunity to qualify for the elite National Rolex Singles and Doubles Indoor Championships in February.

The winner and runner-up in the singles portion of this weekend's competition are given automatic entry into the national tournament next year, while the doubles winner is also guaranteed a spot.

Due to the selection process, Bayliss knows that the Irish need to take advantage of the opportunity to qualify this weekend.

"The rest of the Rolex field [that does not earn an automatic bid] is filled with at-large entries, and it's a very limited, select tournament, so that there are only 32 singles players in it," Bayliss said. "It's more elite than the NCAA tournament, because the NCAA has 64. The purpose is to qualify for that this weekend."



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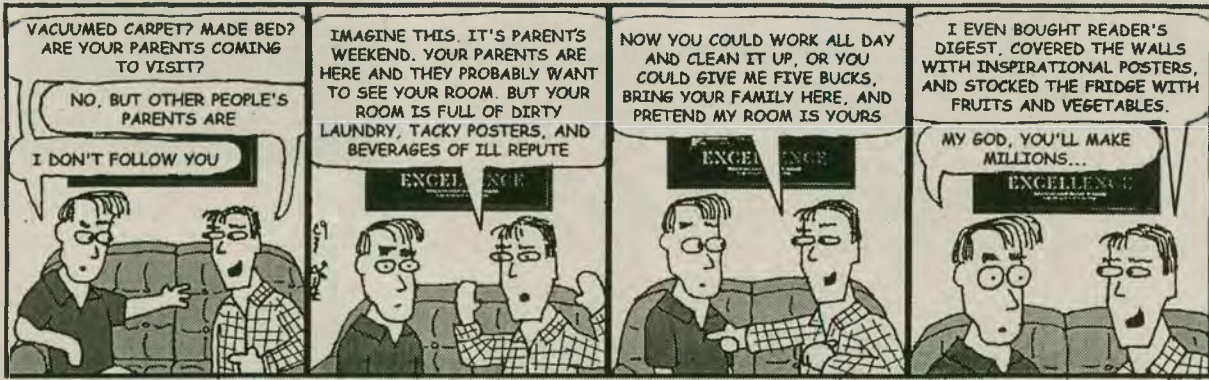
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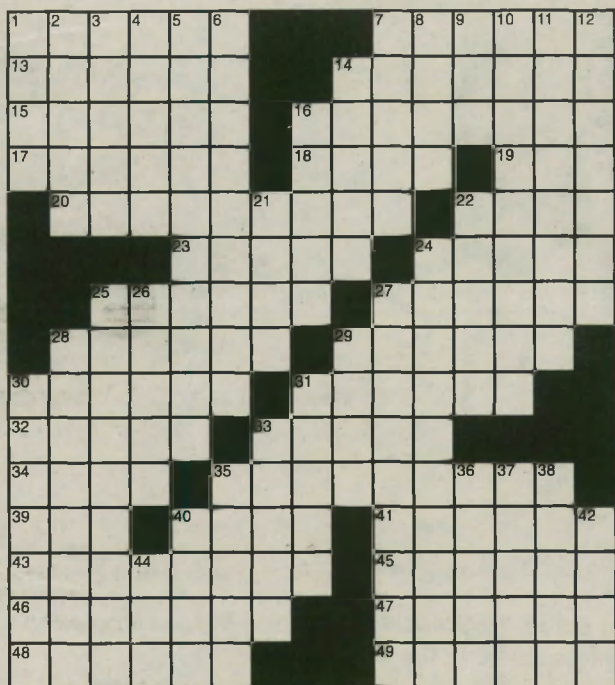
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Happy Birthday: It's time to reap the rewards. Stop pushing so hard and let things fall into place. You will start to make mistakes if you let frustration stand in the way of your progress. You've already put in the time, so sit back and let everything fall into place. To reach your true objective, you must learn to have fun and enjoy life. Your numbers: 2, 16, 24, 25, 33, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will feel anxious if you don't have a busy schedule planned. Be sure to do something physical to use up that excess energy. Put your efforts into professional advancement. ☉☉☉

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Colleagues will misunderstand you if you aren't careful what you say to others. You should make arrangements to get out with friends. You need to be around supportive individuals. ☉☉

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't feel obligated to pay for others. Someone you live with may pose a problem for you. It is best to work on investments and moneymaking projects. ☉☉☉

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to take a long hard look at your financial situation. Changes are in order. Romantic opportunities will develop if you become involved in worthwhile groups. ☉☉☉

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Travel will be most rewarding. You can make gains at work if you present your ideas to superiors or apply for a better-paying position. Family

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, emotional and serious by nature. You will stand up for your rights and protect the ones you love. You are dedicated, loyal and willing to meet all challenges.

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outings should be on your list. ☉☉☉
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Check out possible investments. You stand to make some extra cash. You will have a tendency to overspend on indulgences. Don't be too quick to blame others for your own misgivings. ☉☉☉

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in a cause you truly believe in. You should clear up legal matters or personal papers. Joint financial ventures can be lucrative. You will be emotional with your lover. ☉☉☉

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be a little too aggressive for your mate. Slow down, take your time and let things happen. Get involved in group activities. ☉☉

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get busy and start new courses or learn valuable information through conversations. You may have a problem with co-workers. Keep your thoughts to yourself. ☉☉☉

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial limitations will occur if you have been too generous with relatives. You should talk to those you admire concerning your personal intentions. Unexpected events will affect your status. ☉☉☉

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your emotional partner may be looking for an excuse to argue. Don't be coerced into such encounters. Travel opportunities will bring you into contact with interesting individuals. ☉☉☉

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look into small business ventures. Your personal partner may not be quite as enthusiastic as you had hoped. Contracts may not be straightforward. Read between the lines. ☉☉☉

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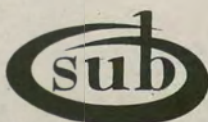
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NBA PRESEASON

Pacers top Bulls 106-103 in front of Joyce Center crowd

◆ **Thomas, Guyton, Drew play key roles in return to Indiana**

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Three athletes who made their mark for Indiana schools other than Notre Dame returned to the Hoosier state to play key roles in the Indiana Pacers' 106-103 overtime win against the Chicago Bulls Thursday night in the Joyce Center.

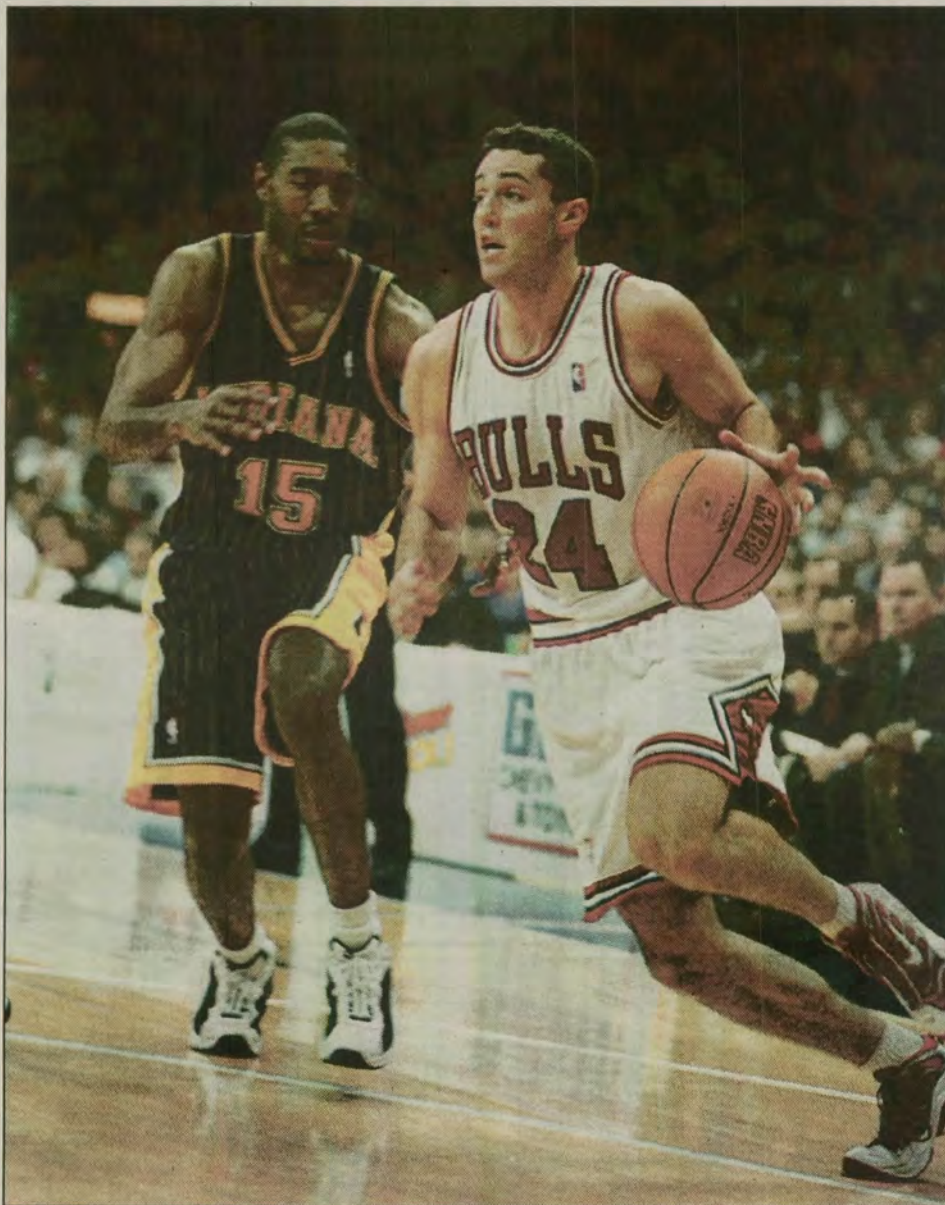
The game's crucial play occurred at the end of the fourth quarter, as Chicago guard A.J. Guyton — last season's Big Ten Player of the Year at Indiana — hit an 18-foot jumper to bring the Bulls to within one point of the Pacers, 97-98. After Indiana hit a foul shot, Bulls' guard Ron Mercer found last year's NBA Rookie of the Year Elton Brand. Brand hit a jump shot to tie the game at 99 with 47 seconds left.

The Pacers' Al Harrington then missed a 14-foot jumper before Guyton stole the ball from Tyus Edney with 25 seconds remaining to prevent Indiana from taking the lead. Guyton found Brand open from 15 feet, but Brand could not sink the game winner, forcing the contest into overtime.

Bulls coach Tim Ployd showed confidence in Guyton, who is familiar with the Joyce Center after taking part in the Indiana-Notre Dame battles during his time with the Hoosiers.

"I know he has the confidence in me. He's told me," said Guyton. "I just come out and do what I can do, he knows what I can do. I have confi-

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Chicago Bulls guard Bryce Drew dribbles past the Indiana Pacers' Jimmy King in last night's preseason game in the Joyce Center.

DUFFY ARNOULT/The Observer

◆ **Young players adjust to professional game**

Welcome back, Khalid.

The last time Khalid El-Amin played at the Joyce Center, a group of highly intelligent, mature students greeted the then-Connecticut point guard with chants of "Bastard children, Bastard children" in reference to El-Amin's out-of-wedlock child.

Eight months after Notre Dame upset UConn 68-66 and after the national outcry against the student body's antics, El-Amin returned to South Bend. But instead of being an active participant, the Chicago Bulls' rookie was an eager onlooker.



Tim Casey

Assistant
Sports Editor

The rookie sat on the bench the entire night with a white Gatorade towel draped across his legs. He was one of only two Bulls' players with the dreaded DNP (Did Not Play) — Coach's Decision seen next to their names on the score sheet.

He heard no vulgarities and saw no obscene signs on Thursday night. But the 5-foot-10 200-pounder still remembers the infamous Feb. 12 incident.

"During the game, it was definitely tough to go through, hearing that stuff," said El-Amin before the Bulls lost 106-103 in overtime to the Indiana Pacers. "But that's behind me. I'm on to bigger and better things."

As are several other 22-and under Chicago and Indiana players. The Bulls feature five players (El-Amin, Michigan's

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HOCKEY

Spartans take advantage of power play for 5-1 victory

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

There are three parts to any hockey team: offense, defense and special teams. Notre Dame needed all three to win the game against Michigan State Thursday, but special teams fell short as the Spartans scored on three of five power-play chances to win 5-1.

"Their special teams are way better than ours," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said.

The first period saw a tight defensive game. There were no shots on goal until the game was eight minutes old.

A Notre Dame penalty to freshman Ryan Globke for hooking gave the Spartans

their first scoring opportunity with 12:05 gone in the first period. With four seconds left in the penalty kill, Michigan State's Steve Jackson slammed home a perfect pass right in front of the net. MSU took a 1-0 lead into intermission.

The second period was the beginning of the end for Notre Dame special teams. Irish freshman Brett Lebda took a five minute major a minute into the period for checking to the back of the head. Poulin expected better out of his players.

"There is no place for hitting someone in the back of the head in hockey," he said. "I didn't even argue the call."

Three minutes later the Irish took another penalty when

sophomore Evan Nielsen was called for cross checking. Michigan State took advantage of the five-on-three when Spartans center Jeremy Jackson put one past Irish goalie Jeremiah Kimento.

A final power play with four minutes left in the second period gave Michigan State a 3-0 lead heading into the second intermission.

Going into the third period, Poulin needed a new strategy.

"I told the guys to get one goal in the first five minutes, and then play five-on-five," he said. "We did both of those things. We had some good chances in the period."

Those chances came as the Irish cut out the penalties and focused on their play. Notre Dame looked to make a come-

back, scoring 15 seconds into the period on David Inman's power play goal. The Irish stepped up their offense, outshooting Michigan State in the period 15-5.

Unfortunately, Michigan State sophomore goalie Ryan Miller kept the Irish from getting on the board again, putting an end to the comeback. Miller made 23 saves on 24 shots for the night. He shut down the Irish in the remainder of the third period.

The Spartans broke away with two goals late in the game. Junior Jon Insana put away an empty netter with 46 seconds and freshman Aaron Hundt scored with 8 seconds left to finish up the Spartan win.

The loss drops the Irish to 2-

4-1 on the season, but Poulin was optimistic for series finale tonight.

"We played well for the first 15 minutes of the game, and especially in the last 20 minutes," he said. "We need to carry that into [tonight's] game."

For Notre Dame to salvage a series split, they will need to improve their special teams play, and not take as many penalties.

"We took some inopportune penalties," Poulin said. "We only took five penalties, which is going to be the norm in college hockey, but they were just at the wrong time."

Notre Dame faces off against Michigan State again tonight at 7:05 pm in the Joyce Center.

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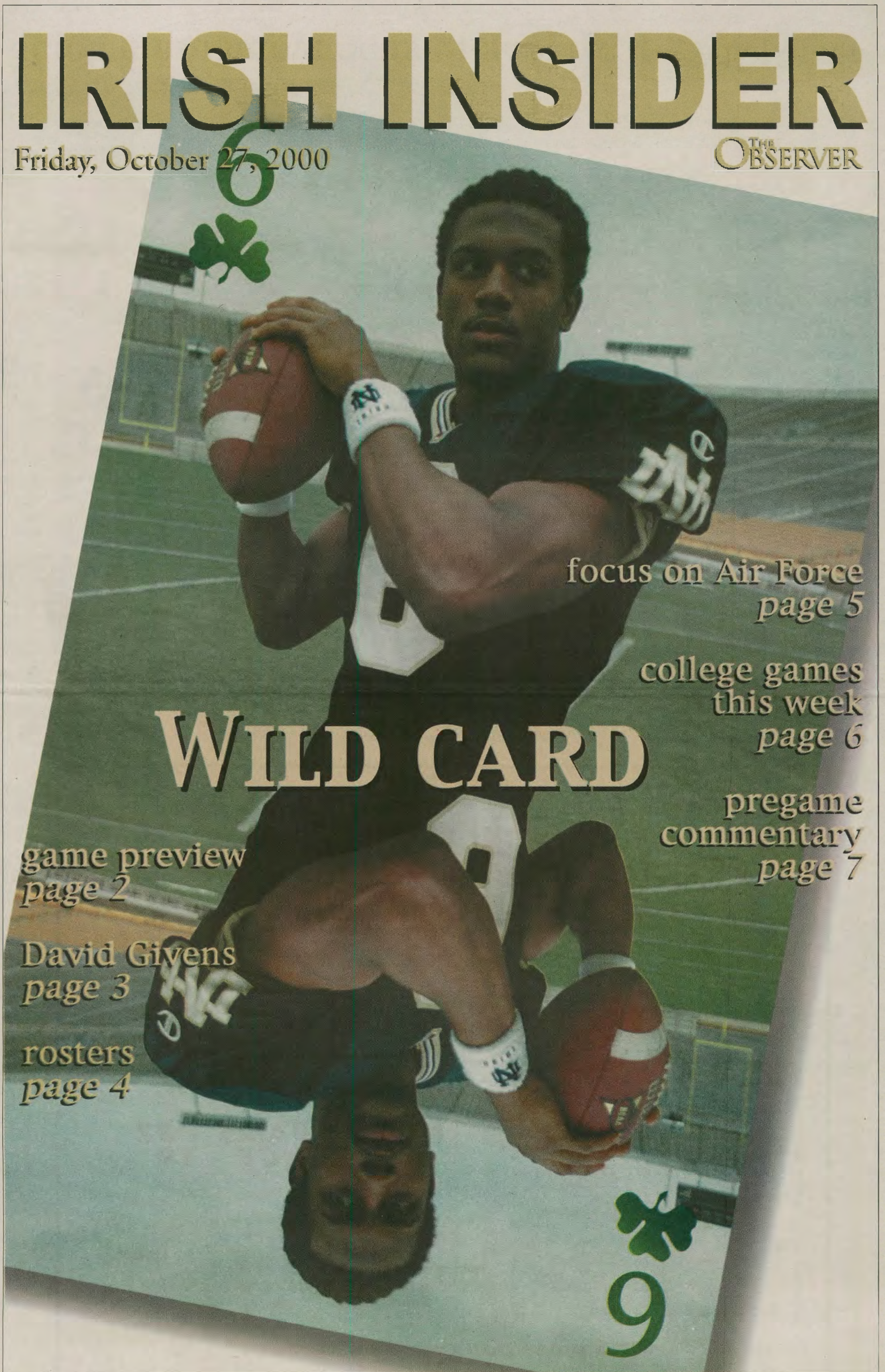
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Ryan Roberts
defensive end

"It's much easier to play against a regular offense. The option is a big play offense all the time."

"I will be disappointed if this football team doesn't continue to get better throughout the season."



Bob Davie
Irish head coach



David Givens
flanker

"My goal is to have our team go undefeated and win a bowl game."

"We'd better do a better job of kick coverage. We are playing one of the premier teams in the country in kick."



Fisher DeBerry
Falcon head coach

Irish look to keep momentum going

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

With the possibility of an appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game on the horizon, Notre Dame head football coach Bob Davie knows his team cannot afford a letdown against the 5-2 Air Force Falcons Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium.

Luckily for Davie the game will be played in what has to be his favorite month.

The Irish have won their last 12 October tilts, with their last loss coming in 1997 at home against rival USC. Extending the streak, however, won't be easy against a Falcons team seeking a bowl appearance of its own.

If the Irish can replicate offensive performances from the past two games, they stand a good chance of continuing their October dominance. Offensively, Notre Dame must look to control the clock, with a rushing attack led by sophomore Julius Jones, and short passes by freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio.

If the Irish are successful early in moving the football, offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will be more apt to allow things to open up a bit and allow LoVecchio to take the occasional shot downfield.

Controlling the clock will be crucial, because the Falcons boast a potent offensive attack, one the Irish would love to keep off the field. Senior quarter-



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Senior flanker Joey Getherall dodges a tackle against West Virginia. Getherall and the Irish offense will need to continue their explosive offense against Air Force.

back and Mountain West Conference player of the year candidate Mike Thiessen will be at the helm of the dangerous Falcon option attack.

"Their quarterback can do a lot of things," Davie said. "It's something we have to prepared for on defense. Air Force is a good football team."

A defensive front led by junior Anthony Weaver must exhibit patience and sure tackling in handling Thiessen.

"It's going to take a great effort by us," Davie said.

"This weekend is a big challenge for particularly on defense."

When the Falcon quarterback does look downfield it's usually in the direction of big-play wideout Ryan Fleming, a 6-foot-5 target with speed.

The Irish secondary will have to take care in not over-committing to a Thiessen run.

Additionally, the Irish must continue to hold onto the football.

They have yet to lose a fumble in seven games — the only team in Division I

not to do so, and LoVecchio has kept mistakes to a minimum. The Falcons will take chances defensively against the freshman hoping they can force the occasional errant throw.

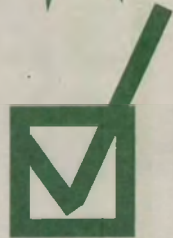
Opponents have moved the ball well against Air Force all season long, so it might as well take some chances and gamble to try and make some big plays.

Davie hopes only that the team continues to improve.

"I'd be disappointed if this football team doesn't continue to get better each week," he said.



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"The most popular # on campus"

Givens enters uncharted waters

♦ Powerful junior turns tables on teams by playing multiple positions

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor



Givens

Pop quiz.

Name the Irish player who threw for the longest pass of the season, a 52-yarder to Joey Getherall.

Name the player who leads the team in receiving.

Name the player who blocked a punt against Stanford to set up a Notre Dame touchdown.

Name the player who rushed for a five-yard touchdown against West Virginia.

Name the player who provided the key block on Terrance Howard's 80-yard touchdown run against West Virginia.

Name the player who trails only Julius Jones in kick returns.

The answer to all of the above is David Givens, a junior who makes himself at home at almost any position on the field.

"I don't have a favorite position. Basically, I'm out there to try to help our team win, and anything that will contribute to us winning, I'm comfortable with," Givens said. "Whether it's blocking, running, catching or throwing, that's my role."

Givens learned to run the gamut of posts as a prep player in Texas, where high school football highlights relegate all else to second-tier importance.

"We were the Humble Wildcats, and we had paw prints going all the way down the streets with the coaches' names on them," Givens said. "Football is a really big thing in Texas. Just like Notre Dame football's big-time here, at my high school and a lot of high schools down there, football is a huge thing."

At Humble High School near Houston, Givens played eight positions — even more than he sees action at for the Irish. During his senior season, he contributed to his team as a receiver, running back, quarterback, linebacker, cornerback, safety, punt/kick returner and punter.

His ability to adapt to numerous spots grabbed the interest of Notre Dame coaches.

"David can do a lot of things. That's why he's so productive for us," head coach Bob Davie said. "I think he's a wide receiver, but he does have the skills of a running back. He'd like to tell you he has the skills of a quarterback, but I'm not sure it's quite that way."

Despite being an honorable mention All-America pick in high school, it took Givens a couple years to become fully entrenched in Notre Dame's system.

"The first two years, he didn't play up to

position: flanker

year: junior

awards: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick in high school, rated 53rd best player nationally by Chicago Sun-Times and 59th best by The Sporting News.

notables: blocked a key punt against Stanford, has scored rushing and receiving touchdowns this year, threw Notre Dame's longest pass of season against West Virginia, leads Irish receivers with 31.6 yards per game.

potential," receivers coach Urban Meyer said. "I think he pushed too hard, and he was concerned about other things instead of just being a receiver, because he really wasn't a wide receiver."

This season, Givens has polished his play, which now gleams brighter than the gold on the Irish helmets.

"His numbers should be greater than what they are, but we went through a part of the year where we weren't very effective on offense," Meyer said. "He's starting to get some of the statistics that he should have. We're at the point where he's a legit playmaker for us. He's going to be an NFL prospect as a receiver."

Notre Dame's aerial attack was limited by its quarterback quandary for much of the season, so Givens has caught just 16 passes, averaging 13.8 yards per reception. With Matt LoVecchio on his way to becoming a veteran signal-caller, Givens hopes to get additional looks at the pigskin.

"With the quarterback situation kind of solid now, I think there are going to be more balls coming to the receiver," Givens said. "Being versatile does help get the ball in my hands more."

Despite leading the Irish in receiving, Givens has had as much success, if not more, in other facets of his game. Without Givens' blocked punt against Stanford, Notre Dame would have been minus a touchdown and lost the game 14-13. If Givens hadn't put up a strong front for Howard on his ramble against West Virginia, rushed for a touchdown of his own and set up another scoring play with his downfield pass to Getherall, the Irish might not have halted their two-year-long losing streak on the road.

"David Givens, what he contributes to the team a lot of



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Junior flanker David Givens (6) threatens opposing teams from multiple positions. Above, in Notre Dame's 42-28 victory over West Virginia, Givens carries the ball downfield after getting the handoff from quarterback Matt LoVecchio.

people don't even see," Meyer said. "He's a phenomenal player on special teams. He's in the top five on the team in special teams points awarded. "He's our best blocker downfield," Meyer continued. "He's made plays coming out of the backfield, and he's our leading receiver. In my mind, he's one of the top players on this football team."

Givens is a brawny player whose size helps him morph between positions. The Notre Dame media guide lists him at 6-foot-3, which Givens claims is an exaggeration of his actual 6-foot-1 frame. Regardless, his muscular 215-pound physique is an asset.

"I think my size does help a lot to play the different positions," Givens said.

He no longer takes the field at linebacker like in high school, but still thinks he could be a two-way player.

"Maybe next year I'll talk to the coaches and ask them if it's possible," Givens said. "We

have a lot of talent on defense at the skill positions, a lot of talent. I don't know if it's possible [to play two ways], but I would love to do it."

Davie's not so sure a switch to defense is in the works for Givens.

"If we stay healthy, we probably won't need to do that, but I'm not making any strong statements that we definitely won't," Davie said. "I was here last year, and we had all available candidates out here by the end of the season."

As long as the Irish secondary and tailback corps remain off the disabled list, Givens' best options for playmaking remain as a wide receiver. If that will keep the Irish winning and Givens improving, playing receiver is fine with him. He just wants to make kindergarten dreams come true.

"It is my goal to play in the NFL. I've been playing tackle football since I was six years old, and ever since then, that

was my goal," Givens said. "If God blesses me, if it's God's will, I think it will be done."

Since age 6, Givens has remained focused on his daydream of becoming a professional football star. It's a fantasy that seemed to come into closer grasp after Givens' high school teammate, David Boston, was selected in the first round of the NFL draft out of Ohio State.

The two athletes grew up playing Little League football and running summer track side by side. Boston, also a receiver, graduated from Humble High School when Givens was just a sophomore. By Boston's junior year at Ohio State, he had impressed scouts enough to leave college early as the eighth pick in the draft.

"Him going to the NFL as a junior was kind of an incentive that pushed me to work harder because I thought our abilities were pretty close," Givens said. "If he can do it, I think I can do it too."



up close &
personal
WITH DAVID GIVENS

birthdate: August 16, 1980
hometown: Humble, Texas
major: design
dimensions: 6-foot-3, 217 lbs.
dorm: O'Neill Hall
favorite TV show: Sports Center
favorite movie: Gladiator

favorite food: Italian
favorite sports team: Tennessee Titans
greatest personal athletic moment: winning the Junior Olympics in track at age 12
word to describe him on the field: exciting

word to describe him off the field: funny
best part about playing for Notre Dame: tough schedule
one thing he misses about home: his family
when he was growing up he thought he would be: an actor

Fighting Irish schedule		
Sep. 2	TEXAS A&M	W
Sep. 9	NEBRASKA	L
Sep. 16	PURDUE	W
Sep. 23	at Michigan State	L
Oct. 7	STANFORD	W
Oct. 14	Navy	W
Oct. 21	at West Virginia	W
Oct. 28	AIR FORCE	
Nov. 11	BOSTON COLLEGE	
Nov. 18	at Rutgers	
Nov. 25	at USC	



Davie
head coach

fourth season at
Notre Dame

career record:
26-18
at Notre Dame:
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against Air Force:
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Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Brock Williams	CB	5-10	190	SR
2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine	ILB	6-3	242	JR
2	Dan Novakov	QB	6-1	220	SO
3	Armaz Battle	QB	6-1	218	JR
4	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	197	SR
5	Ron Israel	SS	6-0	208	SR
6	David Givens	FL	6-3	217	JR
7	Carlyle Holiday	QB	6-2	190	FR
8	Lorenzo Crawford	WR	5-11	175	FR
9	Jared Clark	QB	6-4	220	FR
10	Matt LeVecchio	QB	6-3	210	FR
10	Ryan Krueger	QB	5-9	178	JR
11	Jay Johnson	SE	5-11	195	FR
12	Tony Fisher	TB	6-2	225	JR
13	Nick Setta	K/P	6-0	175	SO
13	Joe Recendez	QB/TE	6-0	222	SR
14	Gary Godsey	QB	6-7	240	SO
15	Clifford Jefferson	CB	5-9	180	JR
16	Abram Elam	QB/DB	6-1	190	FR
17	Joey Hildbold	P	5-10	190	SO
18	Joey Getherall	FL	5-7	175	SR
19	Glenn Earl	SS	6-2	215	SO
20	Cerome Sapp	FS	6-0	210	FR
21	Javin Hunter	SE	6-0	186	JR
22	Julius Jones	TB	5-10	201	SO
23	Chris Yura	FB	5-11	211	SO
24	Chad DeBolt	CB	5-10	193	SO
25	Tony Driver	FS	6-2	220	SR
26	Garron Bible	RB	5-10	185	FR
27	Jason Beckstrom	CB	5-10	190	SO
28	Donald Dykes	SS	5-11	195	JR
29	Justin Smith	FS	5-11	193	SR
29	Brian Oleniczak	FL	5-11	195	SR
30	Rocky Boiman	OLB	6-4	240	JR
31	Dwayne Francis	CB	6-0	195	JR
32	Terrance Howard	TB	6-1	195	JR
33	Courtney Watson	ILB	6-1	220	SO
34	Vontez Duff	RB	6-1	175	FR
34	Jascint Vukelich	FB	5-10	229	SR
35	David Miller	K	5-11	191	JR
35	Tim O'Neill	TB	5-5	170	JR
36	Tom Lopienski	FB	6-1	245	JR
38	Preston Jackson	DB	5-10	172	FR
38	Eric Nelson	LB	6-0	225	JR
39	Anthony Denman	ILB	6-2	235	SR
40	Jason Murray	FB	6-1	259	SR
41	Mike Goolsby	LB	6-4	225	FR
42	Shane Walton	CB	5-11	183	JR
43	Anthony Brannan	ILB	5-10	215	SR
44	Grant Irons	DE	6-5	275	SR
45	Matt Sarb	SS	5-11	201	JR
45	Jeremy Juarez	FB	5-11	251	SR
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48	Kyle Budinscak	DL	6-5	250	FR
49	Derek Curry	LB	6-4	225	FR
50	Cedric Hilliard	DT	6-2	290	SO
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52	Jeff Faine	C	6-3	292	SO
52	Mark Mitchell	OLB	5-10	220	SR
53	Jason Halvorson	LB	6-2	230	SO
54	Luigi Rao	ILB	5-10	215	SR
55	Jim Jones	OG	6-2	310	SR
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59	Brian Dierckman	ILB	6-1	255	SR
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61	Mike Zelenka	FB	6-0	225	SR
62	Casey Robin	OT	6-7	305	SR
63	Brennan Curtin	OT	6-8	315	SO
64	John Crowther	C	6-2	240	JR
65	Sean Milligan	OG	6-4	295	SO
66	JW Jordan	C	6-1	275	SR
67	Ryan Gillis	OG	6-3	292	SO
69	Mike Candy	OG	6-4	315	SR
70	Jim Molinaro	DE	6-6	265	SO
71	Ryan Scarola	OG	6-5	301	JR
71	Adam Tibble	K	5-11	201	JR
72	Kurt Vollers	OT	6-7	310	SR
76	John Teasdale	OT	6-5	305	SR
77	Greg Pauly	DL	6-6	275	FR
78	Jordan Black	OT	6-6	310	JR
79	Sean Mahan	OT	6-3	288	JR
80	Omar Jenkins	WR	6-2	180	FR
81	Jerome Collins	WR	6-4	200	FR
82	Ronnie Rodamer	WR	6-4	185	FR
82	Bernard Akatu	SE	5-10	180	JR
83	Josh Gentile	K/P	5-11	199	SO
84	John Owens	DE	6-3	265	JR
85	Jeffrey Campbell	TE/DE	6-1	200	JR
86	Dan O'Leary	TE	6-3	260	SR
87	Jabari Holloway	TE	6-3	260	SR
89	Gerald Morgan	TE	6-4	261	JR
90	Lance Legree	NG	6-1	285	SR
91	Andrew Dempsey	DE	6-2	265	SR
92	Matt McNew	K	6-3	200	SR
93	B.J. Scott	DT	6-3	290	SR
94	Andy Wisne	DT	6-3	272	SR
95	Ryan Roberts	DE	6-2	251	JR
96	Billy Palmer	TE	6-3	250	FR
98	Anthony Weaver	DT	6-3	276	JR
99	Jason Sapp	LB	6-3	230	FR

IN POSITION: defensive ends



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Junior defensive end Anthony Weaver pressures Mountaineer quarterback Scott McBrien Oct. 21 in Notre Dame's 45-14 win over West Virginia.

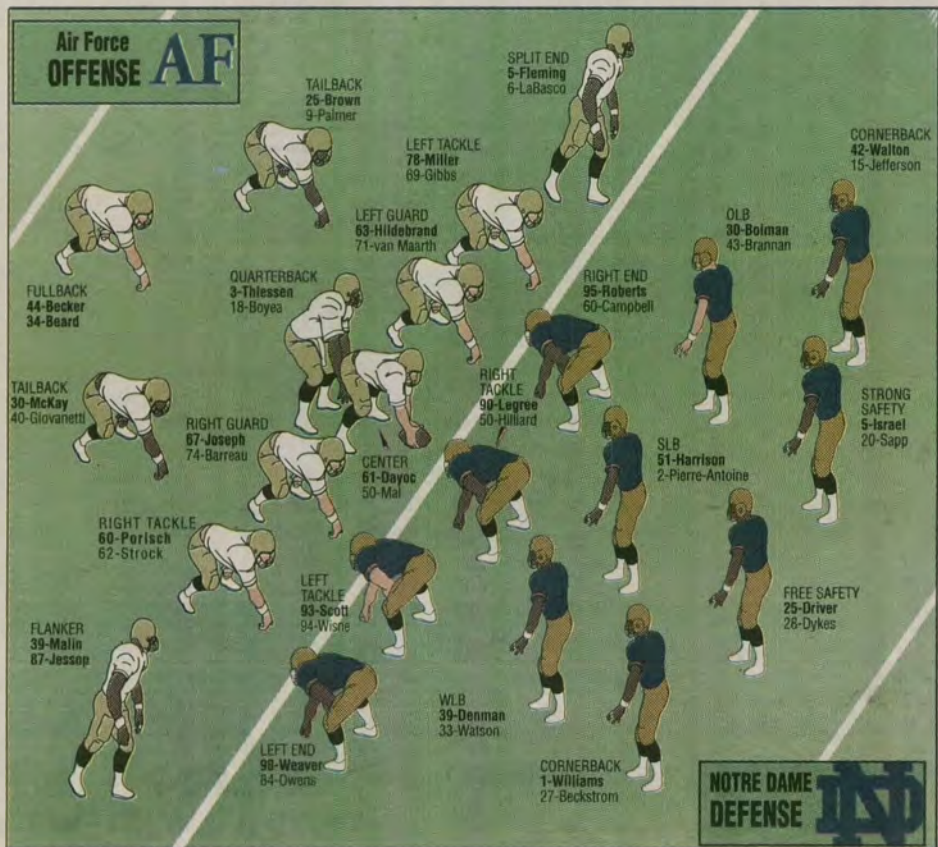
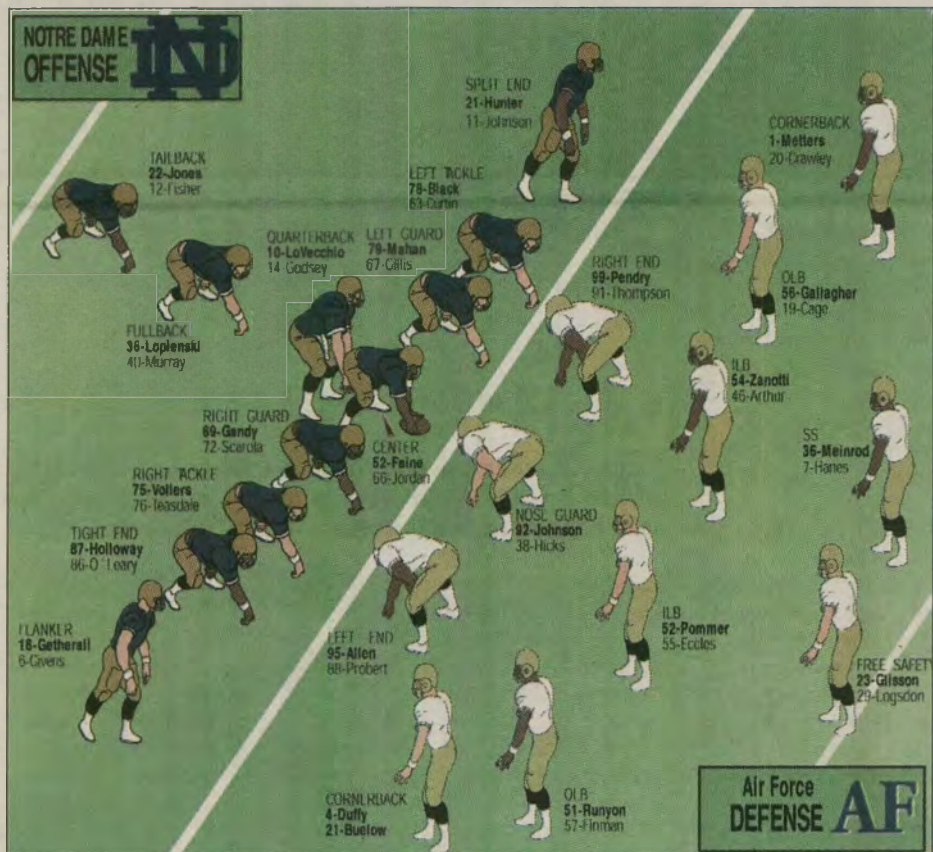
Irish hone defensive skills

Observer Staff Report

Junior Anthony Weaver, the team's third-leading tackler, gets to the ball from all over the field. As the left defensive end, he has four sacks, an interception and a fumble recovered. His counterpart on the right side, Ryan Roberts, has emerged this season for the Irish to record four sacks and four tackles for losses.

Weaver and Roberts bear responsibility for cornering Air Force quarterback Mike Thiessen and keeping him from steamrolling the Irish.

The play of B.J. Scott and Lance Legree at left and right tackle will be key in keeping the Falcons' wishbone offense under wraps. The Irish easily held off another wishbone team in the Navy Midshipmen, but Navy was winless when it faced Notre Dame, while Air Force stands at 5-2.



Falcons schedule

Sep. 2	CAL STATE	W
Sep. 9	BRIGHAM YOUNG	W
Sep. 23	at Utah	W
Sep. 30	at UNLV	L
Oct. 7	NAVY	W
Oct. 14	at Wyoming	W
Oct. 21	NEW MEXICO	L
Oct. 28	at Notre Dame	
Nov. 4	at Army	
Nov. 11	COLORADO STATE	
Nov. 18	SAN DIEGO STATE	



DeBerry
head coach

17th season at
Air Force

career record:
131-71-1
at Air Force:
131-71-1
against Notre
Dame: 3-8

Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	YR
1	Tony Metters	WC	6-0	190	SR
2	Bryan Blew	QB	5-11	190	SO
3	Mike Thiessen	QB	6-0	195	SR
4	Kurt Duffy	SC	6-1	190	SR
5	Ryan Fleming	WR	6-5	220	JR
6	Brian LaBascio	WR	5-9	175	SO
7	Adam Hanes	FAL	6-0	195	JR
8	Dustin Ireland	WR	6-0	195	SR
9	Leotis Palmer	HB	5-8	175	SO
10	John Courtney	P	5-11	180	JR
10	Dan Stuart	HB	5-10	180	JR
11	Dallas Thompson	PK	6-0	205	SR
12	Jon Lee	HB	5-10	180	JR
13	Jeff Overstreet	FS	6-0	170	FR
13	Tony Lopiccio	QB	6-0	180	SO
14	Erik Svendsen	FS	6-2	205	JR
14	Jacob Lindaman	WR	5-0	180	SO
15	Joe Brazier	QB	6-1	190	SO
16	John Welsh	P/PK	6-3	190	SO
17	Chad Rogers	WC	5-10	175	FR
18	Keith Boyea	QB	5-10	190	JR
19	Tre' Cage	OLB	6-0	200	SO
20	Wes Crawley	WC	6-0	190	SO
21	Joel Buclow	SC	6-1	195	SO
22	Ben Bosscher	P/PK	5-10	185	SO
23	Wes Glisson	FS	6-0	175	SR
24	Tom Heier	HB	5-9	180	JR
25	Qualario Brown	HB	5-10	185	SR
26	Don Clark	HB	6-0	200	SO
28	Mustafa Danquah	HB	5-11	190	JR
29	Michael Fieberkorn	HB	6-2	195	SO
29	Travis Logsdon	FS	6-3	230	SR
30	Scotty McKay	HB	5-8	175	SR
31	Brandon Brown	SC	6-0	170	SO
32	Jimmy Burns	FB	5-11	210	JR
33	William Sargent	FB	6-0	205	SO
34	Nate Beard	FB	5-10	220	SR
35	Ryan Seekins	ILB	6-0	245	JR
36	Sam Meinrod	FAL	6-1	200	JR
38	John Hicks	NG	6-2	265	SO
39	Andy Malin	TE	6-3	235	SR
40	Bert Giovanetti	HB	5-9	190	SR
41	Dustin Pratt	ILB	5-9	205	SO
42	Corey Nelson	OLB	6-4	240	SR
43	Jon Highley	OLB	6-0	220	SO
44	Scott Becker	FB	5-10	225	SR
45	Matt Karas	FB	6-0	190	SO
46	Jamie Arthur	ILB	5-10	220	SO
47	Josh Sauls	ILB	6-1	230	JR
48	Larry VanderOord	OLB	6-2	220	SO
49	Andy Rule	ILB	6-2	230	JR
50	Matt Mai	OC	6-3	270	JR
51	Kevin Runyon	OLB	6-4	230	JR
52	Matt Pommer	ILB	5-11	215	SR
53	Andy Kerschbaum	ILB	6-3	215	SO
54	C.J. Zanotti	ILB	6-1	230	SR
55	Jon Eccles	ILB	6-2	235	JR
56	Michael Gallagher	OLB	6-1	225	SR
57	Ryan Finnan	ILB	6-2	230	FR
58	Marchello Craddy	ILB	6-2	220	SR
59	Matt McCraney	OLB	6-2	220	JR
60	Luke Porisch	OT	6-5	275	SR
61	Matt Dayoc	OC	6-3	265	SR
62	Brian Strock	OT	6-3	265	JR
63	David Hildebrand	OG	6-3	290	SR
64	Paul Cancino	OC	6-1	260	JR
65	Joe Franciscovich	OT	6-2	255	JR
67	Matt Joseph	OG	6-5	280	JR
69	Randall Gibbs	OG	6-1	260	SO
70	Matt Greene	OT	6-2	265	SO
71	Ryan van Maarth	OT	6-4	260	JR
74	Terrance Barreau	OG	6-3	300	JR
75	Jonathan Pitts	DT	5-10	240	SO
76	Karl Berger	OG	6-2	265	SO
78	Ben Miller	OT	6-4	270	JR
79	Joseph Pugh	DT	6-3	265	JR
80	Ricky Amezagha	WR	5-11	180	SO
81	Andy Luekenhoff	TE	6-2	200	SO
82	Brooks Walters	PK	6-0	185	JR
84	Ramon Edison	WR	6-3	190	SO
87	Chris Jessop	TE	6-5	250	SR
88	Dan Probert	DT	6-4	270	JR
89	Nate Osborne	DT	6-5	255	JR
91	Eric Thompson	DT	6-2	245	SO
92	Zach Johnson	DT	6-3	265	JR
93	Dan Boyd	DT	6-5	275	SO
95	Kyle Allen	DT	6-2	270	SR
96	Adam Thornton	PK	5-9	190	SO
97	Jordan Bounds	P	6-0	180	SR
98	Dave Adams	PK	5-11	185	SR
99	Justin Pendry	DT	6-6	285	JR

Falcons prepare to fly past Irish in repeat performance

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie knows the potential threat Air Force poses.

The then-defensive coordinator and the Irish learned that lesson first hand the last time the Falcons flew into Notre Dame Stadium in 1996.

Clinching the one of the biggest upsets in Air Force's history, the unranked Falcons notched a 20-17 overtime victory over the No. 9 Irish.

"We all remember the last time Air Force came to Notre Dame Stadium," Davie said. "We all remember the overtime game, kicking the field goal to beat us."

Those memories will not be lost on the Falcons either as they prepare to soar to equal heights and knock off this year's No. 19 Irish in a repeat performance.

"This is a great opportunity for us," Falcon head coach Fisher DeBerry said in a press conference earlier this week. "We've played well there before and we've won there before."

Coming into Saturday's contest, the cards are stacked against the Falcons. The only ranked team on the Falcons' schedule, the Irish have countered a solid

defensive corps with a recently-explosive and more diversified offensive attack to reach a 5-2 record with one of the toughest schedules in college football.

Also boasting a 5-2 record, the Falcons have notched crushing defeats, scoring more than 50 points in two games this season against Cal State — Northridge and Wyoming, but have also suffered losses to less than stellar teams in UNLV and New Mexico.

The Falcons' relatively easy schedule will not leave the Irish resting easy — they know the talent Air Force will bring to the field.

"When you look at Air Force there is no doubt they are a talented football team," Dave said. "As always, they have the complicated [offensive] scheme they bring ... This is obviously a big football game — particularly for the defense."

The Irish defense will have to be on top of its game to squelch the Falcons' rushing game.

With the fifth-best rushing game in the country, Air Force is a threat on the ground. Averaging 277.4 yards a game, the Falcons have looked to half-back Scotty McKay all season to carry the ball.

The falcons also possess a potentially potent aerial attack.

Quarterback Mike Thiessen has completed 61-112 passes and thrown for nine touchdowns. The senior has thrown for more than 1,000 yards this season and is on track to break into the top spot in the Air Force record books.

"Their quarterback has a little different style than they have had in the past," Davie said. "He certainly can run, but he is also a really good passer. He is very accurate."

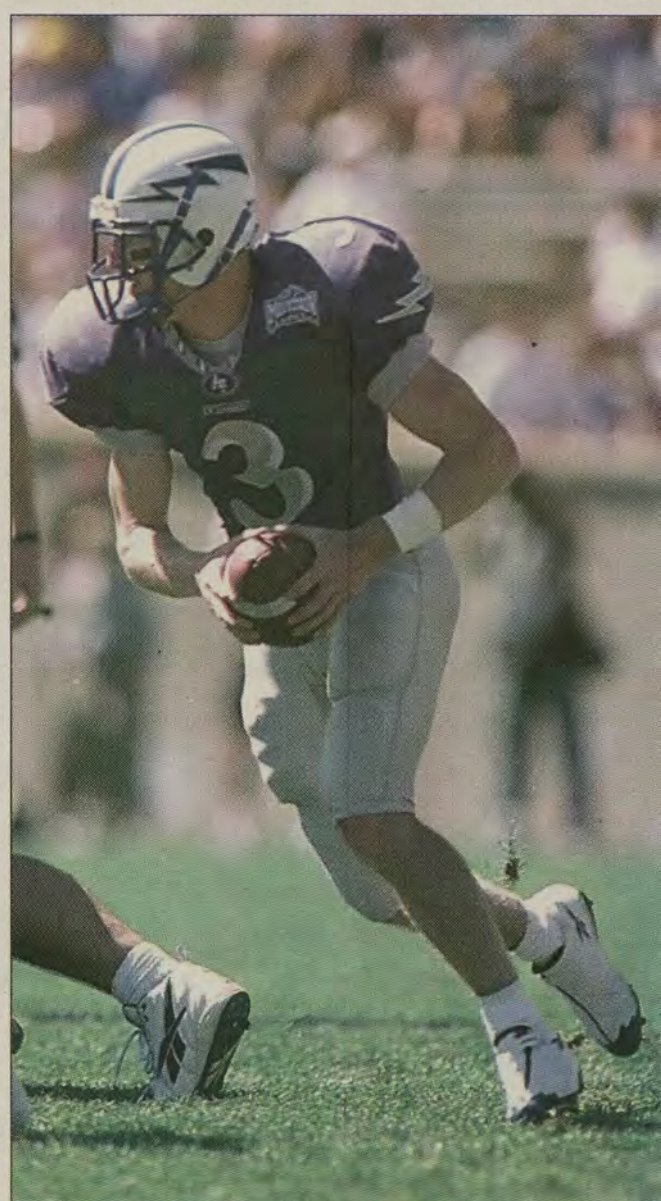
Thiessen finds his favorite target in wide receiver Ryan Fleming.

With 27 receptions for 548 yards, the junior is second in the Mountain West Conference in receiving.

A strong performance on the other side of the ball will be key for the Falcons to stop the Irish. They have given up an average of 21.9 points in seven games — the most in recent years.

Despite the added pressure of playing in a tough arena, DeBerry is looking forward for the potential this game holds for his Falcons to soar.

"Notre Dame Stadium is a sacred place. Some of the best players in the history of the game have played there. This is our players' chance to do that," he said.



ALLSPORT

Senior quarterback Mike Thiessen carries the ball in the Falcons' 31-23 win Sept. 9 against BYU.

fast facts

ABOUT AIR FORCE

- ♦ Location: Colorado Springs, Colo.
- ♦ Enrollment: 4,100
- ♦ Colors: Blue and silver
- ♦ Nickname: Falcons
- ♦ Conference: Mountain West

- ♦ Air Force won the last meeting between the two teams 20-17 in 1996, the first overtime game played in Notre Dame Stadium.
- ♦ The Irish have not lost to a service academy since their '96 loss to the Falcons.



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Friday, October 27, 2000

AP poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	7-0	1,747
2	Virginia Tech	7-0	1,605
3	Oklahoma	6-0	1,599
4	Miami (Fla.)	5-1	1,532
5	Clemson	8-0	1,495
6	Florida State	7-1	1,420
7	Oregon	6-1	1,309
8	Florida	6-1	1,247
9	Washington	6-1	1,141
10	Kansas State	7-1	1,072
11	TCU	6-0	1,014
12	Ohio State	6-1	881
13	Georgia	6-1	872
14	So. Mississippi	5-1	853
15	Michigan	6-2	762
16	Purdue	6-2	688
17	South Carolina	7-1	671
18	Oregon State	6-1	668
19	NOTRE DAME	5-2	555
20	Mississippi State	4-2	365
21	N.C. State	5-1	289
22	Texas	5-2	206
23	Northwestern	5-2	204
24	Arizona	5-2	201
25	Auburn	6-2	129

ESPN/USA Today poll

	team	record	points
1	Nebraska	7-0	1,474
2	Virginia Tech	7-0	1,394
3	Oklahoma	6-0	1,307
4	Clemson	8-0	1,306
5	Miami (Fla.)	5-1	1,255
6	Florida State	7-1	1,181
7	Florida	6-1	1,101
8	Kansas State	7-1	973
9	Washington	6-1	950
10	Oregon	6-1	936
11	TCU	6-0	881
12	Georgia	6-1	809
13	Ohio State	6-1	799
14	So. Mississippi	5-1	709
15	Michigan	6-2	678
16	Purdue	6-2	541
17	Oregon State	6-1	526
18	South Carolina	7-1	491
19	NOTRE DAME	5-2	333
20	Texas	5-2	302
21	Mississippi State	4-2	300
22	N.C. State	5-1	215
23	Arizona	5-2	140
24	Colorado State	6-1	129
25	Auburn	6-2	124

GAME OF THE WEEK



ALLSPORT

Oklahoma linebacker Torrance Marshall tackles Texas running back Hodges Mitchell for a loss Oct. 18 in the Sooners' 63-14 victory over the Texas Longhorns at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.

Huskers clash with Sooners in BCS battle

By PEYTON BERG
Sports Writer

When the Sooners and the Huskers last clashed in 1997, Nebraska gave Oklahoma its worst beating in school history, a 54-7 pasting en route to its third national title in four years.

Many felt that this game permanently ended the once glorious rivalry that annually determined the Big Eight Championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Once the final game of the season for both teams, the newly formed Big XII turned Colorado into Nebraska's big rival.

The tables have officially turned. The first edition of

the BCS rankings was released last Monday, with Nebraska and Oklahoma ranked one and two, respectively. The Sooners have all but sewn up the Big XII South division, meaning that there may be a rematch of Saturday's contest in the Big XII Championship game in December.

Oklahoma has had a week off to prepare, and is coming off a huge win at then-undefeated Kansas State. Confidence and momentum are at levels not seen since the days of Barry Switzer and Brian Bosworth. These feelings are justified: quarterback Josh Heupel's completion rate is near 70 percent, and the Sooner offense

has been able to score virtually at will. Nebraska enters the game with everything to lose. After Florida State lost to in-state rival Miami, the Huskers found themselves on top of every poll. Virginia Tech remains unbeaten, but must travel to Miami next month. The Huskers must stay undefeated in order to avoid a BCS logjam of teams with one loss.

Both teams sport potent offenses, but with vastly different styles. Nebraska's power running attack, led by Tim Crouch and Dan Alexander, put up 38 points against Baylor — in the first quarter. Oklahoma attacks from the air with equally

devastating results. Coach Bob Stoops brought with him an impressive, wide open offensive set from Florida and now has the talent to employ it effectively.

As is true in all big games, defense will determine the outcome.

Oklahoma's defense has been overshadowed because of the offense's success, but Rocky Calmus and Co. can stop good teams. The Huskers suffered defensive growing pains early, but have since played up to a higher standard. While the 2000 Black Shirts will not remind anyone of the 1997 unit, Nebraska still remains a juggernaut on both sides of the ball.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Ohio State at Purdue: For sale: one 2000 Rose Bowl berth. Drew Brees and Purdue defeated Wisconsin to enter this week tied with Michigan for first place in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers already disposed of the Wolverines and the Wildcats, securing a tiebreaker advantage. They remain a half game ahead of the Ohio State Buckeyes, so this game means the difference between an outright conference championship and a dogfight in late November.

Buckeyes quarterback Steve Bellisari has not shaken his penchant for inconsistency in big games, and still plays as if the ghost of LaVar Arrington haunts him. Cornerback Nate Clements anchors a typically athletic and talented Ohio State secondary. Last week, Drew Brees broke Chuck Long's Big Ten career passing record. However, the Ohio State defense leads the conference in total defense, sacks and scoring.

Florida vs. Georgia: It's time again for the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party, live from Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium. Georgia finally beat nemesis Tennessee earlier this year, but has one nemesis remaining in Florida. Because of the startling emergence of the South Carolina Gamecocks, this game has SEC East Championship implications.

Gators quarterback Rex Grossman has thrown eight interceptions this season but zero in his last two games. Given coach Steve Spurrier's intolerance for inept quarterbacking, Grossman should be good for at least the first quarter.

Georgia's quarterback position remains uncertain. Quincy Carter sat out of Saturday's victory against Kentucky to nurse a shoulder injury. In his absence, sophomore Cory Phillips stepped in and threw for 400 yards and four touchdowns.

Expect big plays and fierce competition from two storied Southern rivals.

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Northwestern at Minnesota
11 a.m., ESPN2

Ohio State at Purdue
2:30 p.m., ABC channel 58

Florida State at N.C. State
6 p.m., ESPN

Washington St. at Oregon St.
6:15 p.m., FOX

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records: 5-2
A.P. rank: No. 19
coach's poll: No. 19



records: 5-2
A.P. rank: NR
coach's poll: NR

Series Record
Notre Dame leads
Air Force 19-5



quarterbacks: LoVecchio has made few mistakes and is 3-0 as a starter. Thiessen's 1,007 yards passing and experience add an important dimension to the wishbone.



running backs: Jones, Fisher and Howard provide a steady running game. But Air Force's system always gains a lot of yards.



receivers: Givens is a "big-play" receiver while Getherall is consistent. Fleming is the best receiver in recent school history.



offensive line: The Notre Dame line has made several mental mistakes this fall. Air Force relies heavily on the line's run blocking.



defensive line: An important factor for the Irish. If Weaver and Roberts can contain Thiessen, Notre Dame will be successful.



linebackers: Denman is one of the nation's best while Boiman and Harrison complete a talented group. Zannotti and Pommer lead the Falcons in tackles.



secondary: The Irish's man to man coverage has helped the front seven be more aggressive. Air Force has allowed 205.7 passing yards per game.



special teams: Notre Dame's unit ranks among the nation's best. Air Force has blocked three punts.



coaching: DeBerry's teams are always prepared when playing in South Bend. Davie and company have disproved all the preseason predictions.



intangibles: No fumbles in seven games has been the key to the Irish offense. Special teams play and a disciplined offense combine to give the Irish the advantage.

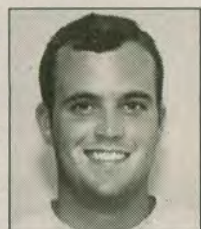


Overall
Notre Dame's still in the BCS hunt and know even one loss could dash all hopes of a January bowl game. Although the option could cause concern, the Irish still have superior talent at nearly every position. Don't expect a repeat of the last meeting between the two teams.

IRISH INSIGHT

Irish prepare to face a true option opponent in Falcons

South Bend shut-ins, grandmothers from Granger and infants in Indianapolis all know the "real" reason why Matt LoVecchio replaced Gary Godsey. And why the Irish offense is suddenly more potent and less predictable than against Purdue and Michigan State.



Tim Casey

Assistant
Sports Editor

LoVecchio can run the option.

It has been written here and in other newspapers, has been talked about on sports radio and has been heard and shown in countless sound bites and video clips on local television stations.

Lesson 101: Don't believe everything you view or read. And while pondering that deep, introspective, original thought, follow one more order.

Delete the last two words of the third sentence in this column.

In the West Virginia game, according to coach Bob Davie, the Irish ran 60 offensive plays. Three times they ran the option.

Calling the Irish an option team is like referring to Notre Dame as a liberal University.

Yet there remains a perception amongst Irish fans that Kevin Rogers and Davie have implemented a Nebraska-type offense.

According to Davie, however, he wants the option to comprise just 10-15 percent of his teams' offensive plays per game.

The fascination with the word "option" probably began when Tony Rice and Lou Holtz reinvigorated the program after the Gerry Faust Error.

But this year's Irish offense bears a closer resemblance to a Ron Powlus-led team than the Rice and Kevin McDougal squads.

That's not to say LoVecchio's mobility and elusiveness did not contribute to him overtaking Godsey. But to argue that

the main reason was because Godsey "can't run the option" is absurd.

This weekend, a true option team arrives in South Bend. Air Force, like Navy and Army, relies on a wishbone attack that causes headaches for head coaches.

"This is the biggest game of the year for us," Davie said on Monday. "Every ounce of juice we have, every ounce of energy we have, every ounce of focus we have, we are putting into this game."

If The Observer fielded a team, Davie would still be scared and using "good" and "a big challenge" when describing the South Dining Hall-based group.

But he has a point.

To most fans, running the option means the quarterback takes the snap and runs left or right with a back trailing the play. If the defensive player rushes the quarterback, he pitches to the running back. If the running back is covered and the quarterback sees an opening, he keeps the ball. Simple concept?

Hardly.

"The tremendous thing about the wishbone is the subtle intricacies from week to week of how they block schemes, how they attack schemes, how they do different things within the framework of that offense," Davie said. "You'll watch them one week and they may be in the same formation every snap because that's what the defense dictated. But they may not even be in that formation the next week."

"Within what they do, it may look simplistic. But to me, it's probably the most complex thing there is. And it is the biggest chess game there is and the biggest challenge as a coach."

The Falcons (5-2 on the season) rank fifth in the country averaging 277.4 yards rushing per game and besides a potent running game, their passing statistics are uncommonly good.

Senior Mike Thiessen (who has thrown for 1,007 yards and completed nearly 55 percent of his passes) and 6-foot-5 receiver Ryan Fleming (27 catches for 548 yards) add a dimension to an offense averaging 31.9 points per game.

Granted, Air Force's first



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Freshman Matt LoVecchio (above) has led the Irish to three straight victories as quarterback, bringing to the field with him an ability to run the option.

seven opponents have a cumulative record of 16-36.

But Davie's experience with the wishbone causes him to overemphasize this year's Air Force team. In 1996, when Davie was defensive coordinator, No. 8 Notre Dame lost at home to Air Force 20-17 in overtime.

Air Force quarterback Beau Morgan gained 183 yards on 23 carries as the Falcons' amassed 304 rushing yards on the afternoon.

"I know they're going to line up and run option," Davie said. "But I'm not sure how they're going to line up and run option."

The Irish have simulated the two slots and one fullback formation (which Davie said Air Force runs "95-98 percent" of the time) in practice.

Freshman Carlyle Holiday serves as the scout-team quarterback while walk-ons Jeremy Juarez (fullback) and Tim O'Neill (slot back) join fresh-

man Garron Bible (another slot back) in providing the defense with some pregame preparation.

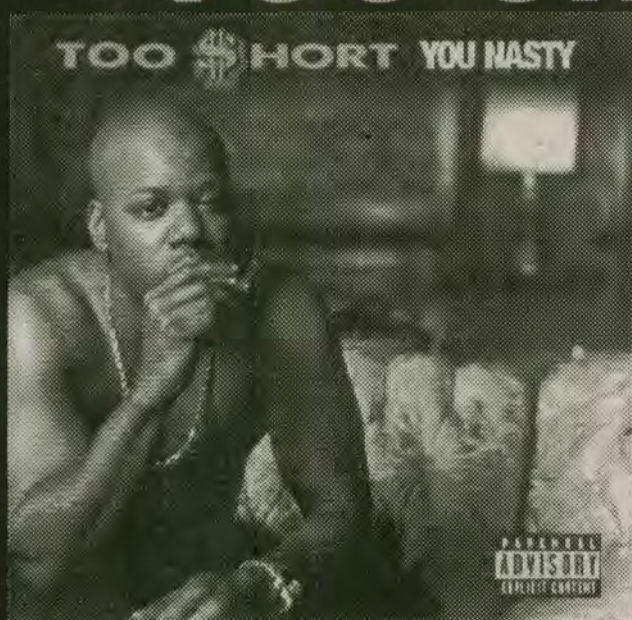
How unique is this offense?

"We don't normally see it at all in practice," defensive coordinator Greg Mattison said.

Kind of like how Irish fans rarely watch it in games.

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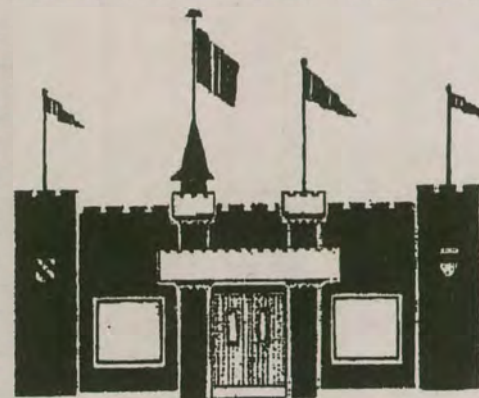
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