Bush's new budget sees no changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a departure from recent outgoing presidents, President Bush will submit a bare-bones budget in January that will seek no new tax or spending changes, administration and congressional officials said Tuesday.

Instead, the unusually brief document will summarize what fiscal policy has looked like during the Bush administration and simply project what the 1994 budget will be. Fiscal 1994 begins next Oct. 1.

"There's just no reason to make a political statement," said a White House Office of Management and Budget aide who spoke on condition of anonymity. "We've basically decided to put the number together and see the ball up for Clinton."

Despite that disclaimer, the document may be more political than described.

By laying out its final measure of how the economy is performing and how it is affecting federal tax collections and spending, Bush will be establishing a benchmark to which Clinton's later spending will be measured.
There is pain on both ends of hateful 'views'

Lately my phone has been ringing. Unfortunately it has not been the long awaited knight in shining armor. Instead, my frequent phone caller is a close-minded, unloving racist claiming me to be a "token black" for the university (in harsher words, unfit for publication).

Then of course there's this neo-nazi man who blames the Jewish-Americans for the problems in our nation. Okay, whatever.

It's incredible that such people still exist; surprising no, but incredibly yes. Almost to the point of feeling like the whole idea of human industy is a farce.

The saddest part? That it's not over, that in all reality; it will never be over. It may not be blatant, but it is always painful.

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Molly O'Neil, student body vice president, asked the Hall Presidents' Council (HPC) last night to circulate petitions throughout the dorms to make The Observer fee of $6 per semester an optional expense for students.

The council, however, decided to hold off on the petition because petition forms needed to be created. "I don't think that this fee should be mandatory because students should have a choice as to whether or not they want to receive The Observer, just as they can freely decide to pay for The New York Times," she said.

"If they don't agree with the journalism being practiced," O'Neil added, "then students shouldn't have to pay for something that is inappropriate."

The Observer fee is currently assessed through the Office of Student Accounts.

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EC commissioner reinstalled

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Bush telephoned Acting Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and accepted Eagleburger's recommendation that Assistant Secretary of State Elizabeth Tampoul be relieved of her duties, department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

Other officials said Bush's call was prompted by a story in Tuesday's editions of the Washington Post alleging that, after searching files for information on Clinton, department officials looked for material on Perot as well.

Eagleburger ordered an investigation Oct. 19 after press reports of the search of Clinton's files. It was later disclosed a search of the files of Clinton's mother also had been ordered.

Suspicious about the department's motives were heightened because the Bush campaign escalated efforts to discredit Clinton by citing his draft history and his role as an anti-war activist in Britain.

Perot's press secretary Sharon Holman had no comment, but the Post quoted Perot as denouncing the search as gross abuse of federal power. "Somebody ought to hold them accountable for it," Perot told the Post.

In Little Rock, Ark., Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos said, "Clearly this is a matter of serious concern. There was a lot of abuse of power during this election."

"This is a good step," Stephanopoulos said of Tampoul's dismissal, but he added, "We need a full report."

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., said Eagleburger assured him Tuesday that the State Department inspector general was investigating both the Clinton and Perot file searches and promised that the full report would be sent to the committee in a few days.

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Palm trees and turkey

John Anthony of Anthony Travel distributes tickets for the upcoming USC trip. Many students have chosen to spend their Thanksgiving break in California to cheer for the Fighting Irish.

Navy's rebuff of court questions Constitution

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The Navy's refusal to give a gay sailor his job back despite a federal judge's order to reinstate him has raised the question: Can the military deny the courts?

Lawyers for Keith Meinhold sought a contempt-of-court order to reinstate him.

"The Navy, like the rest of the armed forces, are under civilian control and are required to comply with all lawful orders," said Christopher Rudd, one of Meinhold's attorneys. Citing the military's ban on homosexuals in the service, the Navy involuntarily but honorably discharged Meinhold in August after he said he was gay on national television. Other homosexuals also have been banned from the military, but President-elect Clinton could change that policy.

"This is so crazy," Meinhold, 30, said Tuesday from his Palo Alto home. "I had more faith in the Department of Defense than rears cats in Washington than this."

Meinhold contends his sexual preference shouldn't be an issue. His lawsuit says the Navy violated his constitutional rights by discharging him because he is gay.

Study Abroad in Ireland

Information session: Film of Ireland TONIGHT 7:00 p.m.
Game Room, Haggar College Center, SMC Applications still available.

NY judge arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — Judge Sol Wachtler stepped down Tuesday as New York state's top jurist, agreeing to house arrest and monitoring by an electronic bracelet three days after being accused of threatening an ex-lover.

Wachtler, 62, who before his downfall was mentioned as a possible gubernatorial candidate or U.S. Supreme Court justice, was solemn and humble as he agreed to a no-bail arrangement that includes a promise to stay away from the woman and her daughter.

He showed emotion — his eyes welling — only when federal Magistrate Judge Sharon Grubin complimented "the wisdom you have shown on this bench."

His attorney later announced Wachtler's resignation, while insisting that the charges "bear no relation to his role in the court."

As much as possible, he wishes to present his situation from harming the institution he reveres and the extraordinary judges and staff who serve it," the statement said. "Chief Judge Wachtler is therefore resigning from the court."

FBI agents arrested Wachtler on Saturday on a Long Island freeway, and he had been under a suicide watch at a hospital. But a psychiatrist told the court that Wachtler was not likely to harm himself or others, or to flee.

When the magistrate questioned whether there was a need for an electronic bracelet, U.S. Attorney Michael Chertoff said it was necessary to ensure "adequate protection for victims who have received rather strong threats."

"At this point, our motto is, 'Better safe than sorry,'" he said.

"The notion of his being a danger to another human being is simply non-existent," replied Wachtler's attorney, Charles Stillman.

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SMC Sports Reporters Meeting

Haggar Game Room

Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Mandatory for staff and new reporters are welcome.

Call Nicole McGrath for more information at 284-5193

The Observer
Over-population, polluted water, polluted air, the greenhouse effect, global warming, depletion of the ozone layer, desertification, hunger, diminishing natural resources, social crises, endangered species—the list goes on. We may not have it all, but this crisis truly does exist. But for many today, admission of the problem has already taken place, which presents us with the next step—solving the crisis.

If our actions are a process of our attitudes, and our attitudes are a consequence of our knowledge, and our knowledge is a result of the way we think, then ultimately changing the way we think we act will require changing the way we think, then ultimately changing the way we think, making a self-aware choice to reparticipate in the world in a new way.

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‘Take back the Night’ march is scheduled

Dear Editor:

On the evening of November 15, organizations from both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame are sponsoring the “Take Back the Night” March, a march to symbolically reclaim the night from sexual assault and violent attacks.

In our campus communities, how many of us have not heard someone say to us never walk alone at night? How many of us as freshmen were not told, during the first few days of coming here, about Rape Road! Unfortunately, not many of us could answer these questions, “Not me.”

By these words, I am not encouraging anyone to do those things that we have been told not to do. Sadly, it is not safe to disregard these words of advice. Thankfully, programs such as the Escort Service and Safewalk have been put into effect so that we are not put in the dilemma of that we cannot go out at 10:00 or 11:00 at night when something has to be done.

However, I am saying this: if we are ever going to make the night and the streets safe for our younger sisters and brothers, for our future children, for the person who just wanted to look at the moon and stars — we must stand together and retrieve the power that has been taken from us. Then, we will be able to transform our world from a prison to a home.

We invite you, the students, faculty, and staff, to join us in a show of solidarity for safe Michiana streets. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the LeMans Hall Courtyard of Saint Mary’s, and marchers will travel along the main avenue connecting the campuses, to the Grotto at Notre Dame, where there will be a short meditation. The March concludes at the Woman’s Courtyard at Notre Dame.

The “Take Back the Night” March is sponsored by Notre Dame’s Center for Women’s Alliance, Women’s Alliance, the Saint Mary’s - Notre Dame Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination, Notre Dame Feminist Forum, and Notre Dame Safewalk. For more information, call 219-284-4773 or 219-284-5469.

Catherine Michele Adams Sarah Miyata Co-Directors, Center for Women’s Alliance

Newspapers must make distinctions

Dear Editor:

As a Jewish prospective graduate student I applied to Notre Dame anticipating a mutually supportive interfaith experience. While expecting a certain lack of familiarity with Jewish history, culture and beliefs, the absolute lack of awareness and sensitivity demonstrated by the printing of the “Jewish Slave Law” article (The Observer, Nov. 5) came as a shock.

Having worked closely with the Catholic community over the years on peace and justice issues, I know the ignorance and hate manifest in that article is not representative of Catholic thinking. I wonder, however, how and if Jewish issues are addressed in the Catholic educational system when university journalists are blinded to what such an article represents.

Certainly it can often be difficult to differentiate between censorship and professional discretion. It is the public duty of all newspapers, however, to distinguish between blatant lies and hate literature on the one hand, and factually correct articles of varying perspectives on the other. It seems that the current incident is providing this lesson.

It is reassuring to read letters from students and faculty who deplore the content of the aforementioned article. The process of reconciliation would be furthered still by an apology from The Observer.

Fran Tepitz
Institute for International Peace Studies
Nov. 9, 1992

Be careful when calling for censorship

Dear Editor:

In the Nov. 5, 1992 edition you published a letter from L. Clifford Cheney concerning “Jewish Slave Law.” The next day you had to explain why you would publish such an offensive piece of lies and twisted view of history.

I won’t bother spending much time mentioning the lack of sanity and excess of paranoia Mr. Cheney harbors, my concerns are with the Observer.

I agree with the Viewpoint Editor’s point that ALL views must be printed if we are to really have a free society, even those of stark raving lunatics such as Mr. Cheney.

What bothers me is the label “Guest Columnist.” That implies that his views were sought out, or desired by the Editorial Staff. I do not believe such views are in any way in agreement with those of the Editorial Staff. I believe a mistake was made by putting his views in a Guest Columnist category instead of the “letters to the Editor” section where they really belong.

If I were the Viewpoint Editor I would also have followed his letter with a disclaimer stating that the views of those writing in do not necessarily represent those of the Observer.

Those who feel the letter should never have been printed need to be careful about calling for such censorship. For as foul as such views may be, if we give up the right to express even these disgusting opinions, we are opening ourselves up to the same kind of oppression that Mr. Cheney would like to see.

Professor Barry Baumbaugh
Physics Department
Nov. 9, 1992

‘The most important service rendered by the press is that of educating people to approach printed matter with distrust.’

Samuel Butler
Dear Editor:

On Saturday morning, midway in the Fall Break Program, I left home early to visit the four Sponge Bowl games Notre Dame and Villanova were to play against each other.

As I traveled down the Turnpike Extension and looked east over the roofs of thousands of damaged homes perhaps the most beautiful sunshine I have ever witnessed began to spread over the eastern horizon. In fact the sun broke the surface of the earth just as I was passing Notre Dame roofing project on S.W. 221st and SW 22nd street.

Now I am not usually prone to attributing "signs" to natural events but I could not resist marvel at the significance of this beautiful sight.

Truly the work of rebuilding South Dade County is only just beginning. And the darkness that Androw brought to the lives of ten thousands is now beginning to subside.

Thank you, Sue Cunningham, the Center for Social Concerns, and the many others involved in our Fall Break Program, a ray of sunshine has begun to glimmer in the lives of many of the few north of South Dade residents - and hearts and memories of 117 students from Scranton, Notre Dame and Villanova as well.

The labor provided by the students was selfless and enthusiastic. The effort and support of everyone involved in the agencies to the individual contributors to the Program was greatly appreciated by the student in my experience. I am proud to say we completed thirteen roofs in nine working days.

But the most beautiful event of the two weeks occurred on Thursday and Friday of the last week. Forty-seven Notre Dame students on Thursday and forty Villanova students on Friday were given an unforgettable reward.

At times the last few weeks seemed chaotic. But so many unselfish thoughts and acts at just the right time, often unexpected, showed that no one was watching over us.

In hindsight I realize now that we had no idea how many were getting into it. Help in getting there was from Mike Arsenault, headed in the right direction, your taking on this work as a Center project, and especially your "donation" of Sue Cunningham was all keys to making the project a success.

Dear Editor:

Despite election results, abortion right continues

I have spoken with many who place greater importance on the economy, and, thus, voted Democratic. Yes, the economy needs revitalization and the efforts of these people have given up in the crusade to stop the deaths of the innocent unborn.

No matter what political party you agree with on the issues of the economy, education, environment, etc., I beg of you, please, consider your conscience the issue of abortion and make your view known.

Abortion is wrong - in the same way that it is wrong to deny someone the opportunity of a college education - in the same way that it is wrong to enjoin the right to earn a living - in the same way that it is wrong to deny someone the health care to which an individual has an inherent right - Abortion is wrong because it desists a human being.

Students, workers, or the impoverished have at least been given the chance to sustain it. Clinton and Gore want to achieve great potential in providing greater opportunity, but still the issue remains. The opportunity to come into the world.

Abortion is said to be a non-political issue. Many say that it should be separate from political debate - a personal decision, not that of the government. Yes, it is non-political. It does not simply fall on one side of party-lines.

Please, no matter how you voted in this election, think personally about the issue. Do not accept the election as the ultimate answer to a question that faces today's world and each of us individually: the answer is life.
The program derives its name from the gospel in which Andrew "first finds his own brother, Simon, and brought him to Jesus." (John 1:41-42). It's the same concept, Juliano said. "When we see a person seeking a vocation or even remotely interested in a career within the church, we reach out to them and give them the extra support they may need."

Way of the Cross is a new program implemented this year. On the first Friday of each month, SERV members walk the "Way of the Cross" around our campus for prayers for vocations. The prayer service takes place along the shore of St. Joseph Lake.

Other programs include an annual special mass for vocations in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and an annual Pathways retreat to "discern direction."

The four main goals SERV keeps in mind throughout the year, said Juliano, are:

- to make its members aware of their personal Christian vocation in their daily life, through prayer and action.
- to pray for... few consider about religious vocations; not because they don't want to do it, but because they haven't been exposed to it yet.

"Herbert Juliano

Bill Rosemann
Sucking the Marrow of Life

My heroes... have always been cowboys

A huge wedge of Hallmark Card cheese. That's what I produced each year when asked to finish the sentence: "My hero is..." Every year I hoped for the courage to print something acceptable like "the Fonzi" or "KISS." Instead I became possessed by the writer of Ziggy and answered: "Mother Theresa, The President. My grandpa, Mr. Brown." Each year, I prepared to write down "Eric Estrada" — I would then hear my fourth grade teacher ask, "Please explain to the class why you choose a character from 'C.H.I.P.S.,' and not a martyr of the 20th century, as your hero." "It was those sunglasses, and his leather gloves," I answered defiantly. "I want to be Ponch!" With my peers' laughter echoing in my ears, I was shocked back to reality and wrote down "Charlie Brown" like any well-balanced child.

No more. I throw off the yoke of oppression and speak the truth to the mumbling Charlie Brown teachers of the world. Here are the answers I burned to write.

THE TOP 10 HEROES OF MY YOUTH:

1. I HAN SOLO. I'm referring to the pre-carbon freezing years when this Correllian was still a feared scoundrel. You know you've cool when your co-pilot is Chewbacca (a wookie who ripped off the arms of people who beat him at holo-chess), and your space ship, the Millennium Falcon, could do the Kessel Run in less than twelve parsecs.

2. L.A. BONNIE. He had it all— with one mighty word ("SHAZAM!") he turned into Captain Marvel, drove around in a wicked RV, and his girlfriend was Isis.

3. LINAUS: A humble, blanket wielding defender of the meek, he knew the real meaning of Christmas, told everyone about the first Thanksgiving, and gave due homage to The Great Marvel. He never will." (All quotes and storylines from 'Kung Fu Pimpers' by myself, after I was asked to finish the sentence "My hero is..."

4. WEIRD HAROLD. The rebel of the "Fat Albert" gang who made a bold fashion statement with his tail wound down to the cut out eye holes.

5. JANA: Of the Wonder Twins, Jana was far superior to Zan. When they touched rings, she said "Wonder Twins power activate!" Jana could become any member of the animal kingdom (even a dinosaur), while Zan turned into—a bucket of water.

6. BO AND LUKES: The brothers Duke of Hazard County were "just good ol' boys, never meanin' no harm." The General Lee was the baddest thing on four wheels, Daisy could have become any member of the animal kingdom (even a dinosaur), and Zan turned into—a bucket of water.

7. WILDBOH: Of Kroft Super Show's "Bigfoot and Wildboy fame. He fought crime in the Pacific Northwest, and his best pal was Sasquatch. And dig those wooly boots and the buckskin vest.

8. SCOOTER: How cool would it be to stick your head in the Muppet Show's guest star dressing room and say "Mr. John Denver? 15 seconds ago you were Mr. Dion?" Plus he got all the backstage dirt on Kermit Ms. Piggy Gonzlo love triangle.

9. THUNDARR THE BARBARIAN: Of the SciFi/Fantasy qualified apocalyptic Saturday morning cartoons, this was my favorite. Sure, his sunowred was a light saber wannabe, and Ukla the Mok (his sidekick) was a worse man's Chewbaccas, but he could kick the butt of anyone on Latf O' Lynics (even the Really Bottoes).

10. MYTH THE BUBBLE: I wanted to live in his life size hamster tube, but only for a week. John Travolta's most poignant, yet underrated, role.

I am vindicated. Viva Estrada.

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By BILL FEKRAT

Football isn’t Notre Dame’s only contribution to television. “Today’s Life Choices” is a show which brings the Notre Dame spirit of education to cable and PBS stations throughout the country.

Produced by Golden Dome Productions for the University of Notre Dame, “Today’s Life Choices” tackles a wide variety of contemporary social issues and tries to offer varying perspectives from nationally and internationally renowned experts.

A wide range of topics are addressed from world political issues such as the environment, to national social issues such as socialized medicine, to personal moral issues such as doctor-assisted suicide.

The show was originally developed in 1989 for the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network. VISN is a cable television network that offers high quality religious programming as an alternative to the “televangelist” shows. VISN combines the efforts of mainstream Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish groups and reaches some eight million households across the country.

“Today’s Life Choices” is also carried nationwide by more than 50 PBS stations.

The format of the show features interviews presenting different perspectives of a certain issue, with an unseen narrator tying the information together. Interviews focus on people who are involved with the topic.

And although the show is produced by a Catholic university, it is not a vehicle for Catholic religious doctrines. Its goals are of an objective journalistic nature.

“This is not a show about religion. We’re trying to foster a more educational atmosphere. But when moral and ethical questions do arise in a certain issue, we don’t back down from them. Most other issue-oriented shows feel that values complicate matters so they’re not present in the overall analysis,” said Gary Sieber, the show’s writer and Notre Dame adjunct assistant professor of Communications and Theatre.

The show’s willingness to account for morality and ethics is what makes it unique from other shows that deal with similar issues, according to Sieber.

“A lady once did have an interview with us concerning physician-assisted suicide. She had also done an interview earlier with ‘20/20,’ and she said she made her feel uncomfortable when talking about the religious aspects of the issue, but we were very willing to consider these aspects, in addition to all other arguments,” Sieber said.

Programming for the show is decided by a committee of eight faculty members headed by Father Michael M. Warner, director of Notre Dame Campus Ministry. The committee meets twice a year to talk about what is happening in the world, and what issues concern their Notre Dame Life Choices is very much in tune with topics addressed in other shows, such as “60 Minutes” and “20/20,” and often it finds itself competing with other highly-esteemed news organizations for stories.

“We have a very limited staff compared to a network news show, so we have to be more resourceful in getting our information, but we have the dedication to do it. During the Earth Summit in Rio this year, a lot of people were trying to talk with Senator Al Gore, but he would only give four interviews, the 40, 60, 80, and 100,” said Executive Producer Michael Doyle.

Part of the high quality of “Today’s Life Choices” comes from getting the best sources on the given topics. In addition to Gore, the show has also featured interviews with characters as renowned and diverse as Arthur Schlesinger, Dan Rather, and Martin Sheen.

Sieber attributes the access to these guests to the integrity and resources of Notre Dame.

“Often, a lot of the experts hesitate to talk to the networks and the media because they aren’t sure if those groups are trustworthy, but Notre Dame’s reputation gives them a sense of security and therefore they’re usually willing to talk with us,” Sieber said.

The ultimate goal of “Today’s Life Choices” is to challenge older assumptions about an issue, and foster further discussion.

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Just what the doctor ordered

By JENNIFER GUERIN
Assistant Accent Editor

The Spin Doctors gave the SU music committee a good name by satisfying the hungry ears of a full house at Stepan Center last night. Well over two hours, the New York City-based band displayed a knack for both music and theatrics.

The fans remained standing for the length of the concert, even during the songs from the band’s upcoming album, with which few concert-goers seemed to be familiar. A relatively slow beginning, marked by a strong bass beat throughout, the band’s crowd was reduced, but this fact didn’t detract from the set. The band’s introduction of “Jimmy Olsen’s Blues,” the first recognizable hit off their debut album, Pocketful of Kryptonite.

Few people seemed distressed by the fact that Barron’s distinctive voice was abominably muffled by Stepan’s less-than-ideal acoustics. Bassist Mark White and guitarist Eric Shenkman had no problems conquering the sound impediments, however, as each performed phenomenal solos during the course of the show.

“They’re just a lot of fun,” Chris Weirup, a junior from Alumni Hall and avid fan of the Spin Doctors. Weirup said the band’s personnel was great, but the band’s earlier performance in the fall of last year, but insisted, “every show is different, it’s always fresh.”

Sparked by the outing of one rowdy student, Barron urged the crowd to act responsibly to avoid physical injuries. Using the opportunity, the Diehard fans, or the “Nova’s,” as they are sometimes referred to, came screaming for cooperation and non-violence, he announced, “It’s not the 90s, man. It’s the 80s, man. It’s not the 90s anymore, it’s as time.

Instead of trying to discourage the fans, the band’s willingness to account for morality and ethics is what makes it unique from other shows that deal with similar issues, according to Sieber.

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Just what the doctor ordered
Riddick Bowe is the challenger that Holyfield needs

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Riddick Bowe is big, strong and unbeatable, the kind of power-lightweight contender Evander Holyfield wants.

You could say Bowe is the kind Riddick Bowe said Tuesday that he would knock out, in one round, undisputed heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield has been criticized for fighting two 40-year-old-plus opponents. Riddick Bowe knocked out Larry Holmes and not being able to knock them out of the ring was being let down by the champion after his own narrow escape against Bert Cooper in which he knocked down the challenger in the third round before getting up to stop the unheralded challenger in the seventh round.

"It's a little different mentally this time," Holyfield said Tuesday before the final pre-fight news conference at the Convention Center. "Here's a guy who gives me credibility."

At 230 pounds, the 30-year-old Bowe is a 31-0 record with 27 knockouts. It's a better match than Larry Holmes or George Foreman, who didn't get any credit for beating him. It's a contest that didn't really fight for win. Bowe wants to win, not just go the distance. The betting line is pick 'em for the fight Saturday night at Caesars Palace and Mark Center.

"When people say, 'You're fighting a tough fight,' they feel good about their fight," he said. "It's a plus situation. When my opponents don't get credibility, it takes away from my work. You trust your behind to become the best-conditioned fighter. You trust, hurt Larry Holmes and people say, 'Takewma, man.'"

The 30-year-old Bowe won the title on Oct. 2, 1990 with a one-punch, third-round knockout of James "Buster" Douglas, the conqueror of Mike Tyson, the story was Douglas' obvious lack of physical condition and apparent lack of effort. The reason Riddick Bowe don't get respect is because he's a cruiserweight," Bowe said. Another reason against Holyfield,

"He's the only one who's had the 190-pound cruiserweight title," is that he is a manufactured heavyweight.

The 6-foot-2 1/2 Holyfield, who fights at about 210 pounds, lifts weights as part of his fight training. Bowe, however, that for this fight he has cut back on his weight program.

At a meeting to establish fighting protocol Monday, Riddick Bowe's manager, Mark Ray, said chief inspector of the Nevada State Athletic Commission, about more comprehensive pre-fight testing.

Newman said he did not mention steroids in what he called a private conversation. Rattner, however, said he raised the issue when he mentioned Newman's suggestion to others at the meeting.

It caused a bit of a stir.

"I don't care if he takes steroids the rest of his life," said the 6-5 Bowe, who expects to weigh about 230 pounds. "If he is taking them, it's not going to help him."

Withe Bowe has youth and size on his side, Holyfield (26-0 with 22 knockouts) is much more battle-tested.

"I really haven't been tested mentally for a fight to come," Holyfield said. "When I look at him, I look at a guy who doesn't have to worry about all of it. Yet, every fight has to give you that, but Bowe hasn't proved that.

"I realize the person who can beat me is one with a lot of courage and a lot of tenacity," Holyfield's tenacity has never been questioned.
Eckersley caps career-year with AL Cy Young award

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Dennis Eckersley, who had a career-high 51 saves for the Oakland Athletics this season, on Tuesday became the first reliever since Detroit's Willie Hernandez to win the American League Cy Young award.

He received 19 of 28 first-place votes from a panel consisting of two writers in each of the 14 league cities. With three seconds and three thirds, Eckersley totaled 107 points under the 5-3-1 system.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I feel very lucky," Eckersley said during a satellite news conference from his home in Boston.

Jack McDowell of the Chicago White Sox was a distant second with two firsts and 48 points. Mike Mussina of Baltimore was fourth with two firsts and 26 points, followed by Jack Morris of Toronto with one first and 10 points, Kevin Brown of Texas with nine points and Charles Nagy of Cleveland with one point.

This year, Eckersley converted all but three save opportunities as the Athletics captured their fourth AL West title in five years.

"I had a good year," Eckersley said. "It was my year. Look, I made some mistakes and I still saved ballgames. I saved 51 ballgames. You can't take that away. It's not easy to do."

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always continue to build." The next week the Nittany Lions fell behind an emotionally charged Boston College team 35-7. But Penn State made a comeback, closing the gap to win 35-32. After defeating West Virginia, the Nittany Lions had an open date this week. I know we will see the same football team that meeting with Notre Dame. While the Lions dropped the contest to Brigham Young, which was also the week the Nittany Lions faced an emotionally charged Penn State. While the Lions gave up 35 points to Boston College, the team was able to keep its series against the Irish. Two of the schools no longer play Division I-A football.

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The Florida Suncoast Dome was opened in 1990 despite the lack of a commitment from a major league team to play there. Tampa Bay officials thought they finally had a win at the jaws of the Giants, who along with the Los Angeles Dodgers pioneered baseball's move west after the 1957 season.

The Irish dropped the opening match to Wisconsin 30-12, before regrouping to beat Cincinnati 24-10. The Badgers-Irish match in the opening round, many felt, was the real championship match of the tournament. "The matchups were random," said club president Mark Babka. "And after seeing all the teams play, I can honestly say that I felt we and Wisconsin were the two best teams. Had the tournament been seeded, we would have played them in the second game and been competing for the championship."

In the match with the Badgers, however, the Irish were still struggling for a spot in the final. After trailing 5-0 early, the Irish came back and led 7-5 before Wisconsin eventually pulled away. Although the team lost, there were examples of positive play by individuals. Most impressive, Babka felt, was the performance by Mark Naman, a sophomore who took over for starter Eric Marsh after Marsh suffered an injury. I had never played organized rugby before this year," Naman said. "But it just took to use the skills the upperclassman taught me. I went in at the half when we were losing, but I thought we still had a chance to come back, so I just tried to play as solid as I could."

In the consolation championship, the Irish dropped Cincinnati to finish the tournament in third place, a bitter-sweet win, according to Babka. "It was good to finish our fall season with a win, yet at the same time, we were a little disappointed in how we placed—we wanted to improve on last year's third place finish."

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Kuwosw out with stress fracture
Public will get a glimpse of the '92-'93 Irish tonight

BY MIKE SCRUDATO
Sports Editor

Notre Dame men's basketball coach John MacLeod found out he has another hole to fill yesterday, as he was informed that freshman guard Keith Kurowski would be out at least six weeks with a stress fracture in his left foot.

X-rays on the foot were negative, but a bone scan detected the injury. A CAT scan will be performed today to determine the severity of the fracture.

"He (Kurowski) could miss anywhere from six weeks to the entire season," head basketball trainer Skip Meyer said.

"We are going to need some people to step up," MacLeod said of the situation.

Two people he singled out were sophomores Malik Russell and Jason Williams.

The injury, along with Nathan Gilmore's decision to leave the team, leaves the Irish with only ten scholarship players for tonight's charity intra-squad scrimmage.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a 90-minute practice, which will be followed by five seven-minute games. The team will be rotated for each game.

Both the practice and scrimmages are open to the public and admission is two dollars.

The open session will provide students with a chance to see the new-look Irish team which features four new starters.

"We're not as solid defensively as we need to be, and the communication is not there," MacLeod commented. "But, it takes time. We're a young team with a lot of new players."

MacLeod also emphasized the progress some individuals have made since last season.

"Malik (Russell) is more confident on the front line, and Lamarr (Justice) is becoming more sure of himself," he said.

"Joe (and Jon Ross) have both improved. They are bigger and stronger, and we are going to need that from them," MacLeod said.

However, his players are not the only people who have impressed the second-year coach. The strong student ticket sales have not gone unnoticed.

"It's terrific," MacLeod said of the students' enthusiasm. "It is the kind of student support we need. It's great to know the students will be jammed in here (the Joyce Center). It will give us a major plus."

Irish, Lions have different expectations

Holtz won't count out Nittany Lions

BY ROLANDO DE AGUIAR
Associate Sports Editor

While defending himself against charges of running up the score against Boston College, Irish football coach Lou Holtz pointed out the strength of Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions during his weekly press conference Tuesday.

Holtz labeled as "ludicrous" commentary which criticized his play choice during the second half of the Boston College game.

"I've been in coaching a long time, and I've never run the score up on anybody," said Holtz. "But by the same token, we have a disappointing loss, things don't work out the way you want them to, you're not as solid defensively as we need to be, and the communication is not there."

"We're not going out there with the idea of getting beat," flanker O.J. McDuffie said.

"We're not going out there with the idea, grasping for lucky solutions like we did last week," McDuffie said.

"McDuffie: It's going to be a rough week"

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) -- The pressure is off Penn State to win another football game, and that could be part of the problem for a slump that has seen the Nittany Lions drop from the Top 10 to 6-3.

The university in May committed Joe Paterno's Lions to the Blockbuster Bowl. All the team had to do was go out and win six games. After nine games, that's all they've won.

The bowl bid is locked up. They can't go to a bigger bowl. There's no longer a carrot at the end of a stick.

"I think if we had it, that would help us get motivated," flanker O.J. McDuffie said Tuesday.

Penn State, then 5-0 and ranked seventh, took Miami to the wire, losing 17-14. It didn't regroup in time for Boston College and lost. The Lions clinched the Blockbuster bid against West Virginia, but lost big to Brigham Young.

This week, the Lions play at Notre Dame and are a decided underdog. Pit visits Nov. 21.

"The way it looks, it's going to be a rough week," McDuffie said.

Paterno was brutal in describing the Lions' chances. He said the team has little chance of stopping Irish quarterback Rick Mirer or running backs Jerome Bettis and Reggie Brooks.

"I haven't the slightest idea," Paterno said, grasping for solutions like dropped passes, holding penalties, snow and 80 mph winds that switch direction at the end of each quarter.

"We're not going out there with the idea of winning," Paterno said.