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\textbf{Dying a Slow Death}
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Scientists theorize that an asteroid collision propelled large quantities of dust and other pollutants into the atmosphere, thus blocking the penetration of sunlight. This starved and ultimately killed the dinosaurs.

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\textbf{What Do You Think About Saint Mary's Name Change?}
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The Observer surveyed 50 SMC students about the name change and asked if Saint Mary's current name was what they said. The results were as follows:

- 40% said yes.
- 46% said no.
- 6% were undecided.

\section*{Is it the shoes? ND coaches decide what fits players}

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By BILL CONNOLLY
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Pat Garrity will begin a new season with the men's varsity basketball team by putting on his pair of Nike sneakers while Derrick Mayes will don a pair of Reeboks before practicing with the football team.

This difference in the brands of their sneakers sets Notre Dame apart from other universities, such as the University of Kentucky, at which all varsity teams must use sneakers made by a company that holds a contract with the university.

Athletic coaches at Notre Dame can decide on a sneaker contract on his or her own since Notre Dame does not hold such a contract with any shoe manufacturer.

That Athletic Department, however, does hold a contract with the Champion company, which outfits most varsity teams in their uniforms. Companies sign contracts with Notre Dame coaches for the use of sneakers, gym bags, and other apparel, but these contracts are not department-wide.

However, according to Melissa Conboy, associate director of athletics, the athletic department has been negotiating contracts on behalf of its coaches. One university which does negotiate with companies on behalf of their coaches is the University of Kentucky. Many of these contracts involve Kentucky basketball coach Rick Pitino.

In the case of Kentucky, the company which supports Pitino signs an agreement with the university. The university then gives money received through the contract as part of Pitino's salary. The result is a salary for Pitino's shoe contract.

Unlike several other national universities, Notre Dame has negotiated many different shoe contracts for its sports teams, including one with Reebok for the football squad.
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Studying abroad. The most broadening and edu­cationally enriching experience of my life, and the best decision I have made in my 21 years.

The benefits of the London program are too many to espouse. Plus, through many late night discussions, we have determined that it’s impossible to explain the experience anyway. You really just have to be here.

Our living quarters are in one of the best locations in London. Just minutes from the center of the city, pleasing to the eye and a community aspect to rival any dorm on cam­pus, the flat buildings are even co-ed.

However, there are some aspects of our domestic life here in London that make Notes Dame dorms look like the Ritz. Not that the flat buildings are even co-ed.

Every day my flatmate performs the morning ritual of washing the roaches down the tab drain before she hops in the shower. The Roaches wash things never get a chance. A short imprisonment in a vast porcelain wasteland is enough to meet a watery death.

Speaking of showers, water pressure is a beautiful thing. Of course, living on the fourth floor reduces our pressure. But every shower comes equipped with a water pump that forces the shower from a trickle to a soft stream.

If you’ve just been to the grocery store and spent an exorbitant amount of money for food in plastic sealable bags you shouldn’t expect it to bake things in their plastic sealable bags. The AccuWeather®forecast for noon, Friday, Nov. 17.

APEC agreement signed, but they’re already disagreeing

OSAKA, Japan. Pacific Rim trade officials reached pre­liminary agreement Thursday on principles for setting up a regional free trade zone, but they clashed over just what those guidelines mean.

Their argument on the same day the agreement was made illustrates how divid­ed the 18 APEC members are over the rate of dropping trade barriers.

The Asia-Pacific E conomic Cooperation agreed to adopt a sweeping free-trade program at its summit last year in Indonesia. At their forum this week, APEC minis­ters tried to hash out what they mean by free trade, and how quickly to start doing it.

The forum is to be capped with a weekend summit of leaders. The winner of a presidential election at home, Vice President Al Gore will attend the summit.

Gift exchange in space

It was Happy Birthday, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year all rolled into one Thursday aboard the world’s largest spacecraft. The eight men on the orbiting At­lantis-Mir complex — the joined U.S. space shuttle and Russian space station — exchanged an “astro-cosmo-gui­tar” and a bottle of “cosmo-cocktail” for their full-course dinner.

For the three cosmonauts who have been cuffed up inside Mir for 2 1/2 months, with 3 1/2 more to go, it was a welcome change.

Atlantis arrived Wednesday, it will separate and leave on Saturday. The astronauts and cos­monauts look like a bunch of hugs back and forth between the spaceships for some quality time together. The Atlantis crew presented the cosmonauts with plaques, blue golf shirts emblazoned with shuttle­Mir emblems, a collapsible classical guitar with a bat­tery-operated headphone amplifier and a country music tape.

The five astronauts, in return, got medals, lapel pins and Russian identification cards.

FDA to rule on new fat substitute

Government scientists are trying to decide if they can eat the first artificial fat that could take every bit of artery-clogging oil out of potato chips without hurting the taste. Olestra is a synthetic chemical made out of man­ganese and vegetable oil. It looks like regular fat but is indi­gestible. It passes straight through your system, get­ting a chance to clog arteries. Manufacturer Procter & Gamble Co. says olestra could help Americans dramati­cally cut their consumption of fat. But critics say olestra is dangerous, that it acts as a laxative and robs the body of nutrients. Nutrition experts debated on Thursday whether the Food and Drug Administration should let olestra be sold, a decision the agency’s top food advisers will make. The FDA’s decision on olestra is the most rig­orous study of a food ingredient ever seen by the FDA,” said researcher director Keith Towns­wasser. "Olestra can be safely consumed and it is our responsibility to keep markets closed."

A spat emerged in the APEC talks, as China and South Korea led the battle to keep some pacifics in areas such as agri­culture, trade and human rights. The coun­tries and Japan fear a flood of cheap food imports from other APEC countries such as China.

In the end, the group agreed that free trade bene­fits should be flexi­ble. Members favoring free trade expressed concern that the "flexibility" clause could be used by members to keep markets closed.

A spat emerged over the dates for achieving free trade — 2010 for advanced countries and 2020 for the rest. The U.S. trade representative, said all countries have made a "commitment" to these dates.

Their counterpart from Malaysia disagreed. Trade minister Raffidah Aziz said those years are simply "indicate­tive targets."

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Wishing Her Well
Senior Jeff Zane and graduate student Katie Schaffer sign the giant get-well banner for Mandy Abdo in LaFortune. Abdo, an off-campus senior, was seriously injured in a car accident last week.

Organist Craig Cramer, associate professor of music at the University of Notre Dame, will perform a recital of organ works by Johann Sebastian Bach at 8:00 p.m. Sunday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The recital is the seventh in a series of recitals Cramer will perform of works by the composer, and is free and open to the public.

Cramer holds degrees from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, and the Eastern School of Music in Rochester, New York, where he earned a doctorate in organ performance and he also received the prestigious Perrein's Certificate in Organ.

Cramer has studied with Russell Saunders, William Hays, James Drake, and, in Paris, Andre Marchal. He has won several competitions, including the Alexander McMurphy Competition in Organ Performance at Westminster Choir College and the National Organ Competition in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Among performances in 35 states and in Belgium, Canada and Germany, Cramer has appeared as a soloist with the Toledo Symphony, the South Bend Chamber Orchestra, the Notre Dame Chamber Orchestra, and the Eastman Philharmonic.

He recently performed the complete organ works of Bach in a series of 18 concerts throughout Indiana using distinguished mechanical-action organs.

In the summer of 1992 Cramer recorded a collection of 20th century French music at the Cathedral in Angouleme, France, and that recording is now available on the AdKAY label.

Cramer frequently performs duo recitals with his wife, organist Galli Walton.

Wilkinson: Site reveals ancient urbanization
By KELLY FITZPATRICK and SEAN O'CONNOR
News/Observer

El Pital, the site of one of the most important archeological findings in the last thirty years, provides valuable information about the origins of urbanization, Jeffery Wilkinson told an audience at Annenberg Auditorium last night.

In his lecture entitled "El Pital: The Implications of an Ancient Metropolis," Wilkinson stated that the site is very important in characterizing the ancient civilization that existed on the Gulf Coast of Mexico from about 300 B.C. to 600 A.D.

According to Wilkinson, archeological finds at El Pital reveal the process of urbanization as well as aid in understanding weather cycles. Weather changes at the end of the last ice age caused the formation of river deltas along the Gulf Coast; this in turn led people to settle in these areas in order to exploit the natural resources, said Wilkinson.

According to Wilkinson, this pattern of settlement encouraged the establishment of large urban areas such as El Pital, the largest pre-Colombian population concentration on the Gulf.

"Public and ceremonial architecture tended to be massive," said Wilkinson. His team has determined that the construction of El Pital's larger buildings pre-dates that of the smaller structures, which is a reversal of the trend commonly exhibited by ancient civilizations. Earth and fired clay were the primary building materials; stone was rarely used.

Private homes were placed on raised earthen mounds to protect them from the frequent flooding of the River Nautilus. A system of sophisticated canals existed within the area for use in transportation and flood control, said Wilkinson. He compared the annual flooding to that of the Nile River.

Like the Nile, the Nautilus deposits a layer of silt over its flood plain every year. An accumulation of silt 2 to 2.5 meters in depth covers the site of Wilkinson's study, making excavation difficult. Moreover, the area is covered by a thick blanket of grass and citrus plantations, which further hinder archeological exploration.

In order to avoid these problems, the research team uses sophisticated satellite equipment along with traditional terrestrial techniques. Their techniques allow them to record information about the site without having to destroy the crops of local plantation owners, Wilkinson stated.

The maps of the area that the team constructed show that defensive fortifications were found on the outskirts of El Tajo, an important archeological site north of El Pital, suggesting tense relations between the two cities.

Wilkinson continued with evidence of similarities in the art-work of the two cities, especially depictions of their rain god. The stylistic commonalities point to a cultural exchange between the two civilizations. There is also evidence that El Pital had trade relations with Teotihuacan, another important city of ancient Mexico, said Wilkinson.

Around 500 A.D., the cloud cover around El Pital increased, leading to an excess of moisture in the soil. This combined with drought caused a rise in the Nautilus river to cause crop failure, bringing about a major population decrease around El Pital.

Before the rise of the Aztec empire, El Pital experienced a resurgence in population. Then, in the late fifteenth century, the area became a tributary of the Aztec empire. According to Wilkinson, 80,000 manloads of tribute were annually carried to Tenochtitlan, the Aztec capital.

In 1519, the Spanish landed at Villa Rica de la Vera Cruz, bringing with them disease such as smallpox and influenza which, along with malaria, were the main contributors to another huge population decline. By 1553, the number of people along the coast was reduced to zero. "Nobody there today has a direct tie to El Pital," said Wilkinson.

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years.

This prompted their investiga-
tion into fossil records they beheved contained evidence of this idea. They analyzed bubbles contained in fossilized amber in order to determine the oxygen levels during the post-dinosaur period over which extinction occurred.

"We wanted to understand the environmental factors affecting life during this half million year interval," says Rigby.

"Currently, the air is about 21 percent oxygen; we found that during the dinosaurs' life, levels topped 25 percent," he added. Further study of the amber indicated that during the post-eruption period, the total oxygen supply was depleted by as much as one-fourth.

The "survivability" of certain groups, such as the dinosaurs, declined, while mammals and other creatures, such as lizards, crocodiles, and salamanders, continued to diversify.

Rigby and his partners attributed this to changes in their breathing system.

"Dinosaurs, in order to function, must reside in an atmosphere that is higher in percent oxygen; their inefficient respiration system combined with a high metabolic need for oxygen created problems when levels of the gas in the air plummeted," said the professor.

He went on to say that mammals could more obviously use the amounts of oxygen available to them, and were therefore relatively unaffected by the changing composition of the air.

These findings supported the Theory of Faunal Succession - some animals emerged from the event unscathed, while oth-
ervers suffered.

Additional consequences were an acceleraration of the greenhouse effect and a drop in sea level. Of the 10-30 million cubic kilometers of volcanic de-
rupes, one percent was carbon dioxide. Rigby adds, "The lower sea level contributed to the un-
covering of large deposits of carbon that were, in effect, se-
questered in the shallow ocean floor."

Once exposed, it oxidized and created even more carbon dioxide. This augmented the already sky-
high amount of carbon dioxide present in the atmosphere; Rigby maintains that the blues-
phere was unable to cope.

"This greenhouse effect was acceler-
ated, causing a monumental increase in temperature," he said.

Rigby and his associates have presented their research con-
tinually at meetings of the Geo-

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Pope urges unification for Ukrainian Catholics

By DANIEL WAKIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The message was the latest in what has become a major theme for Pope John Paul II as he visits the men and women who make up the nation's largest minority: the Ukrainian Catholics of Eastern Europe.

John Paul's message came in an apostolic letter dated Nov. 6 that was made public Tuesday. It is the second of a series of nine papal messages calling for reconciliation among eastern Europeans who are Roman Catholics and Orthodox Christians in the region.

The papal message was delivered on the 40th anniversary of the Union of Brest, an agreement in 1596 that brought about a temporary reconciliation of the two churches.


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The pope praised the 1596 agreement and called for a new reconciliation that would help end the division between the two churches.

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Algerians proceed with election

**Algeria's election**
A glance at the four candidates in Algeria's multiparty presidential election Thursday, the first since the country's independence from France in 1962.

**Lamine Zeroual**
The 54-year-old incumbent who was appointed by the military-backed government in January 1994. A retired general, Zeroual pursued ties with the Muslim fundamentalist leaders until July, when the contacts broke down.

**Sheikh Mahfoudh Nahmah**
Zeroual's main challenger, the 53-year-old Nahmah is president of the moderate Hamas Movement. The party, no relation to the Palestinian group Hamas, is calling for a multiparty democracy alongside a return to Islamic social values. He is threatened by Muslim militants.

**Said Sadi**
Considered a social democrat, Sadi is secretary general of the Party for the Freedom and Democracy, a largely Berber party with appeal among other Algerians, these Muslims believe the right to religious rule. A 48-year-old psychiatrist, Sadi was one of a Berber movement in the 1970s.

**Noureddine Boukrouh**
As president of the Algerian Party for Renewal, Boukrouh, 45, considers himself an "Islamic modernist." He has argued for a combination of Islam and modernity, promising himself as "the man for reconciliation."

Support for the unpopular Zeroual dwindled sharply on the eve of the election. The only candidate no one seemed to dislike, Boukrouh has been more difficult to pin down. But he has been an active participant in the campaign, and this is likely to be his last chance to establish a national identity beyond the Berber community.

The electoral system has been widely criticized. The 17,000 polling stations are being manned by the military and police, instead of ordinary citizens. Election officials would not say how the ballots were counted or how the winner would be selected. The electoral commission was set up in 1995 to oversee the election, but its officials have not been chosen or appointed. The only guarantee of fairness is the number of votes that each candidate wins.

Haitian political race intensifies

By MICHAEL NORTON
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
One of Haiti's most popular politicians announced Thursday he would enter the Dec. 17 presidential race. It would be the first serious challenger to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's heaiparents.

Victor Benoit, 54, leader of the party Lavalas Platform endorsed by Aristide, had said they would boycott the elections. But he appeared to be a shoe-in for today's vote. They also threatened to attack voters. Aristide residents reported hearing a big explosion about 5 a.m. and small-arms fire several times during the night. But authorities could not confirm if the shots or the explosion were by the extremists, who seek to establish a strict Islamic state.

Most are practically unknown to the public — except for Benoit and Rene Preval, 51, who ran Aristide's first government before the September 1991 army coup. Benoit and Preval were the only candidates not against a return to Islamic social values. But they are boycotting.

Benoit, a private high school president, had said in 1994 he would run in 1996's presidential election. But he was not a serious challenger to Aristide, who has a strong base among the poor Haitians. Lavalas candidates won more than three-fourths of parliamentary seats in recent elections.

Benoit, a private high school president who has campaigned for a long time for his local democracy. He served as education minister in 1990, when Robert Malval's caretaker government in 1993.

By one analyst, the current political landscape is divided as follows: four candidates met Wednesday's midnight filing deadline for the election to replace Aristide. Most are practically unknown to the public — except for Benoit and Rene Preval, 51, who ran Aristide's first government before the September 1991 army coup. Benoit and Preval were the only candidates not against a return to Islamic social values. But they are boycotting.

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Bonds boost the Dow near an all-time high

By PATRICIA LAMIEL
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Stocks plowed further into record territory Thursday, as investors looked beyond the budget fight in Washington and focused instead on the possibility of lower interest rates.

Traders said stocks were also supported by Friday's double expansion of options and futures contracts, a quarterly event often adds to trading volatility.

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dge rose 72.58, adding 549.48 to 10,379.74. While it ended more than 30 points beneath the 10,000 mark, the blue-chip index did record the sixth record high in the last seven trading sessions.

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Lack of communication compounds RHA turmoil

The unexpected resignations of the four executive board members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA) earlier this week raised many troubling questions about the role of the organization and its relationship with the Saint Mary’s administration. At Morgan South, Morgan Hall, and Morgan North, board members cited, among other things, a lack of respect, a lack of communication, and unpaid financial reimbursements as reasons to leave. RHA was dissolved in mid-November.

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter in an attempt to express the shock and dismay that I felt during the halftime of the Notre Dame-Navy football game.

These feelings can be attributed to the inappropriateness of the “entertainment” provided for the games attended by the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Team.

The Silent Drill Team’s performance was extolled as a demonstration of precision and skill, but I found the performance to be inappropriate within the context of the sporting event during which it occurred. The reason for its inappropriateness rests primarily in the fact that the skill exhibited by the Silent Drill Squad in its demonstration was proficiency in handling a rifle. The purpose of a rifle is to kill and disseminate a military function, where those in attendance have a respect for war and its weapons, provides a proper context for such a demonstration of skill, but not at a Notre Dame football game.

I feel that the Silent Drill Team’s exhibition, which occurred in front of a crowd of sports fans, many of whom were boisterous and intoxicated, undermined the serious nature of military weapons and their uses. If a demonstration of military precision and skill was the goal of the Naval Academy administration in choosing its halftime entertainment, I’m sure that they could have found something that didn’t involve weapons and had some semblance of a relationship to the activities that normally accompany a football game. Notre Dame chose to entertain those inside the stadium with its fine marching band, why couldn’t the Naval Academy do the same?

I feel that the responsibility for the improper scheduling of the Silent Drill Team rests with both the Notre Dame Administration and the United States Naval Academy. In the future, I hope that the Notre Dame administration would more carefully scrutinize the entertainment chosen for the halftimes of its football games, and ensure that that entertainment is more in accordance with the athletic setting within which it is occurring.

CHRISTOPHER LEE
Senior Off-Campus

Tradition lost with renovation of ND Stadium

Dear Editor:

As I slowly trudged across the campus late Saturday afternoon, I felt as if I had lost a dear friend. A dear friend that was well known to everyone and, yet, inexplicably, I seemed to be almost alone in lamenting its loss.

I crossed Main Circle, I looked up at the Dome, at Mary, and I felt that the responsibility for the improper scheduling of the Silent Drill Team rests with both the Notre Dame Administration and the United States Naval Academy. In the future, I hope that the Notre Dame administration would more closely scrutinize the entertainment chosen for the halftimes of its football games, and ensure that that entertainment is more in accordance with the athletic setting within which it is occurring.

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Dear Editor,

I am shocked and outraged to read Fred Kelly's inflammatory letter (9 Nov.) in this past issue of The Observer. I simply cannot believe that an institution like Notre Dame could produce a second year student with such a limited understanding of human nature.

I know that in New Mexico, a town of approximately 1,000 people, I have lived with a tremendous hatred and contempt for any culture that is not my own. I have seen a tremendous population density. This naturally led to an institution like Notre Dame could produce a second year student with such a limited understanding of how to deal with the environment. The development of aggressive cultures that had to compete to obtain these resources. Then, as I have already stated, this simplification of the world, the white man's culture entered the picture. To portray the Native Americans as savage and the white man as somehow the only gothic style cathedral west of the Mississippi River. And this phone rings once more and imagine that the first New World by manipulation of the definition of what he calls "natural law." I gather that this is the kind of thing that Kelly defines natural law in terms of simplified Darwinian theory, and respect for nature and an ability to create complex cultures. And if one looks closely at these murals, it's easy to see that Native Americans are treated unfairly here. As late as the 1700s, 1800s, some wore animal skins, but this certainly does not mean that they were primitive. And then there was the persistence of feeling that Americans are finally beginning to see Americans and Native Americans as one unit, one America, we define that kind of celebrity status because of all this. Kelly, you wanted your fifteen minutes of fame and you got them. Think of that next time you take that late night trip to Butler Hall.

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Problems with route to the message but not the perceived ultimate point

Dear Editor,

I am not generally a person to involve myself in politics or debates. I'm not usually ambitious enough to attempt to counter a letter even if I don't agree with it. However, Fred Kelly's letter of 9 Nov. was so off the mark that I could not help but say in advance that I welcome any comments. Just be nice, please - I'm new at this!

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For those of you who doubt that this reality is living, please do not spend the night following the news, but I do watch a little too much "Higher Learning," actually do more harm than good. These types of things only widen the gap between Americans and their skin color. They unfairly stereotype and paint false images in the minds of other people.

Second, in the words of Cristiane Liske, the "destructive and negative stereotypes and beliefs as a whole, particular group because, in fact, it is common of all mankind. In order for us as one unit, one America, we must not just add these "African American" and "finger-pointing" accusations and spread the attitude that Americans as a whole are supreme, not yellow, blue, green, white, or black. I am optimistic about the future of America and its inhabitants. I do believe that people are finally beginning to see and accept the idea of one America.

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JER GILLOT
Freshman
Dear Editor,

The comments on habitu.org seem to have a habit of bringing light and has made me feel that anybody is so comfortable expressing ideas that feel so hateful to me. I'm getting away from the debate into the question of the culture being selectively accurate. No matter what I write, you don't seem to know that you are being so blind to my words.

That is the force of the cultural arrogance that I am trying to overcome here. I write, as conversations where I open myself to learnings by expressing myself. I was talking about you to give me to be selectively accurate. The sake of brevity, I will assume that the author of this letter has lived in New American Culture is true. Is that all there is? Nothing positive? How about Christianity? Is it all grays?

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I Like Them All!

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Lewis, Sophomore

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Steve Robinette, Fisher, Sophomore

"Octopussy"
Brian Patrick
Turtle Creek, Junior

"Live and Let Die"
Steve Schrantz
Off-Campus, Senior

"Goldfinger"
Beth Dolak
Pangborn, Junior

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How Sexy is James Bond?

By JENNY SHANK

Accent Writer

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"I don't take more than a brief glimpse into the world of James Bond movies — a world where people escape armed assailants by sledding down mountains on cello cases, a world where all the women are beautiful and always ready to throw themselves at the feet of dashing secret agents, a world where these women have names like "Pussy Galore" — to realize that Gloria Steinem probably didn't have much input into the screenplays. Some women, like sophomore Susan Happel, are downright offended by the Bond movies' objectification of women. "The woman in the movies are just pawns in Bond's game of life. James Bond movies are a joke. Women aren't like that, and men aren't like that. I am embarrassed to see women acting that way, because it makes all women look bad," Sophomore Boo Gallagher agreed. "Though James Bond is quite sexy at times, and the movies are mildly entertaining at times, the objectification of women in them becomes tiresome more often than not. In these movies women are portrayed as having no feelings or role except as sex objects, and they are always screaming for Bond to save them — which is not very entertaining. Even the women who are spies aren't strong; they are always the ones who make mistakes. In Octopussy Bond corrects those mistakes and saves them — there's no partnership between them." Boo doesn't think Bond movies are very harmful to society. "I think they mirror society more than they influence it, but they are harmful in the sense that we still watch these old movies and are entertained by them but we fail to see them in the cultural context of the times in which they were made."

Trith Truong added, "The women in the Bond movies are depicted as little sex objects that are totally dependent on the male for happiness and protection, and they have no individuality. Such portrayals shown in the media contribute to the perpetuation of female stereotypes." Trith believes the makers of Bond movies could remedy this by "making their sexism less blatant. The James Bond character could still be depicted as a strong man, but at the same time they should not put down women." According to junior Silvia Pendergass, "James Bond is the prototypical male. If you were to harness all maleness into one person, that would be James Bond, because that's how they set him up to be. He's strong, he's smart, he's sophisticated, he can hold his liquor, and he's a charmer. He doesn't just go out and try and pick up chicks — he does it very suavely. He's a charmer." In the eyes of some women, Bond's charm and good looks are enough to redeem him. According to Jen Sutton, "Many women have dreamed of being a Bond girl. I suppose I could handle being demeaned if James Bond was the person demeaning me. He's a gentleman, but he's in complete control. The key to his sex appeal is the fact that he's a rogue, your life and he's also a gentleman to women. He'll protect his woman while killing everyone else." Gallagher, however, questioned the merits of life as a Bond girl. "Part of me wants to be a Bond girl, because they have some power — sexual or not. But I believe that the more much life is that, and Bond movies certainly should not be seen as role models with women just to do that. I think living just to please a Bond on secret tasks would be a waste."

Sophomore KG Moloney believes Bond in the movies has a man you love but you wouldn't re want to with because uses woman. Basically, if a woman he's a man, but she would want to be with him that way the Bond sense. But while some would consent to being a Bond girl just to witness 007's dazzling smile, Sophomore Setsu Orschel believes James Bond's sex appeal still. "I think he's ridiculous. I just don't go for those Gadgets types." Orschel says Bond's gadgets make him any more attractive, but of women believe that his gadgets are part of his appeal. Sophomore Karen Lorenz says that "the cool Bond gets from Q are what makes him attractive — it's the toys that make the man." But, Lorenz "Timothy Dalton wasn't hot." Carroll agrees that Bond's gadgetry is fascinating. "James Bond is cool — he's got cool gadgets. He's got a cool car — that car is up there Batman's car. Chick's love the car," she noted. Carroll and Pendergass shared the rankings of the sexiest Bonds. "First, Connery — no question about that one! Second, Pierce Brosnan — whoa! Third, Tim Dalton. Fourth, Roger Moore — Roger better Bond than Timothy, but not as Fifth, George Lazenby."

As one theology major explained, "James Bond movies are just a fantasy, and you can't relate to the real life. But maybe they are valuable because they help us imagine that Bond is out there somewhere. It's a secret agent who will one day just charge into the world and give you some pretty good look at a same time." Or, at least, let you play with some gadgets.

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Bond is back in full screen force this month with a fresh face in Pierce Brosnan. The ultimate symbol of suave and sophistication, bravery, and cunning returns in the November 17 release of "Goldeneye." Director Martin Campbell ("No Escape") sticks to the traditional Bond formula. A hard-ho

By KRISTEN DOYLE
Assistant Writer

good spy is called to save the world from an indomitable force of evil by the head of the secret service. The spy prepares his brilliant strategy, breaking only to enjoy the carnal pleasures of his fast-paced and exciting lifestyle. The spy fearlessly defeats an adversary employing his sheer physical strength and mental prowess. Although Campbell claims that he tried to make the 1995 Bond thriller more "gritty" than its predecessors, don't fret yet pits. To be sure, "Goldeneye" will deliver the same cheesy combination of
glitz, girls, and gadgets. Timeless and unchanging, the mythical dimensions of James Bond have captured the imaginations of movie-goers for 33 years. But the character of agent 007 was created almost a decade earlier with the publication of the first Bond adventure "Casino Royale" by Ian Fleming, the journalist-turned wartime British Naval Intelligence administrator turned novelist. Fleming's secret intelligence background suggests, to the delight of many fans, that just maybe the Bond exploits are true. Maybe agent 007 was someone Fleming knew, or maybe even Fleming himself. Sorry for the disappointment, but Fleming was more of a desk chair warrior than a heroic undercover spy. Actually, he was most noted for his truly exceptional ability to write inter-office memos. This is not to say that Fleming possessed none of Bond's personality trademarks. Educated at Eton, he too was witty, handsome, and had many girlfriends during his early years as a British aristocrat, enjoying fast cars and lavish dining long after his adolescence. However, a nagging puritanical nature constantly prevented him from realizing the existence of his fictitious alter-ego.

An invitation to a secret training camp in Toronto proved that not only did Fleming lack the carefree demeanor necessary for a true Bondian life of debauchery, but he also lacked Bond's killer instinct. While he excelled in training, his instructor claimed "he just hadn't got the temperament for an agent or a genuine man of action." Agent 007 was more the product of Fleming's wildly active, almost puerile, imagination. While in Lisbon in 1941 with his boss, Admiral John Godfrey, the two men spent an evening gambling at a chic casino. Fleming commented "what a coup it would be if we cleaned them out entirely."

Actually, the men were Portuguese businessmen and not Nazi agents. But life just seemed that much more exciting to Fleming when danger was involved, even if it was only imagined. This real-life occurrence provided a basis for a scene in "Casino Royale." only when Fleming lost all of his cash he went home, while Bond was promptly provided with a wad of crisp new bills. Fleming died in 1964. He left behind the adventures of a plastic hero, mediocre in literary merit, but nonetheless exceptional in escapism potential.

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**Movie**

**Dr. No**
- 1962
- Sean Connery
- Daniela Bianchi
- Terence Young
- Directed by Terence Young

**From Russia with Love**
- 1963
- Sean Connery
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**Goldfinger**
- 1964
- Sean Connery
- Shirley Eaton
- Guy Hamilton
- Directed by Guy Hamilton

**Thunderball**
- 1965
- Sean Connery
- Claudine Auger
- Terence Young
- Directed by Terence Young

**You Only Live Twice**
- 1967
- Sean Connery
- Mie Hama
- Lewis Gilbert
- Directed by Lewis Gilbert

**On Her Majesty's Secret Service**
- 1969
- George Lazenby
- Telly Savalas
- Terence Young
- Directed by Terence Young

**Diamonds are Forever**
- 1971
- Sean Connery
- Jane Seymour
- George Lazenby
- Directed by John Glen

**Live and Let Die**
- 1973
- Roger Moore
- Yaphet Kotto
- Guy Hamilton
- Directed by Guy Hamilton

**The Man with the Golden Gun**
- 1974
- Roger Moore
- Christopher Lee
- Lewis Gilbert
- Directed by Lewis Gilbert

**The Spy Who Loved Me**
- 1977
- Roger Moore
- Barbara Bach
- Lewis Gilbert
- Directed by Lewis Gilbert

**Moonraker**
- 1979
- Roger Moore
- Barbara Bach
- Lewis Gilbert
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**For Your Eyes Only**
- 1981
- Roger Moore
- Carole Bouquet
- John Glen
- Directed by John Glen

**Never Say Never Again**
- 1983
- Roger Moore
- Kim Basinger
- John Glen
- Directed by John Glen

**Octopussy**
- 1983
- Roger Moore
- Louis Jourdan
- Lewis Gilbert
- Directed by Lewis Gilbert

**A View to a Kill**
- 1985
- Roger Moore
- Tanya Roberts
- John Glen
- Directed by John Glen

**The Living Daylights**
- 1987
- Timothy Dalton
- Carole Bouquet
- John Glen
- Directed by John Glen

**License to Kill**
- 1989
- Timothy Dalton
- Robert Davi
- John Glen
- Directed by John Glen

**Goldeneye**
- 1995
- Pierce Brosnan
- Famke Janssen
- Martin Campbell
- Directed by Martin Campbell

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**Theme Song and Singer**

**James Bond Theme**
- John Barry Orchestra
- "From Russia with Love" by Matt Monro
- "Goldfinger" by Richard Stilgoe
- "Thunderball" by Tom Jones
- "You Only Live Twice" by Frank Sinatra
- "Moonraker" by Shirley Bassey
- "The Man with the Golden Gun" by Lulu
- "For Your Eyes Only" by Sheena Easton
- "Never Say Never Again" by Lani Hall
- "All Time High" by Rita Coolidge
- "A View to a Kill" by Duran Duran
- "The Living Daylights" by Aha

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**License to Kill**
- "Muriel" by Muriel Andriessen
- "Goldea" by Tina Turner

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**By KRISTEN DOYLE**
Assistant Writer

**The Man Behind the Bond**

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That Old Bond Magic
The Evolution of a Myth

By ANDREW NUTTING
Assistant Editor

In all reality, James Bond should be dead. He's gone through enough double-crosses, enough vodka martinis to drown an elephant, more cigarettes than anyone needs, not to mention 18 movies and (gasp) a marriage. Even more fabulous is the fact that Bond has outgrown four different actors (not counting the "Casino Royale" phonies) yet still holds onto his4 immense popularity. If there's a quick guide to this quartet of thespians and their accomplishments as Bond...James Bond.

The series kicked off with Sean Connery, still the most beloved of the four Bonds. Connery was a virtual unknown when he took the part of Ian Fleming's super spy in 1962's "Dr. No," an exciting adventure starring none of the high-tech gadgets today's Bond fans are accustomed to. Connery's next was "From Russia With Love," a favorite of many of the old fans and not coincidentally the only 007 movie in which Bond doesn't penetrate an enemy base. "Goldfinger," often labeled best of the series, followed, creating the standard gadget-laden, bad-guy-out-to-conquer-the-world scheme of nearly every ensuing Bond film.

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With the win, the 76ers moved into a tie with the Miami Heat for the top spot in the Eastern Conference.

The win was particularly sweet for Iverson, who has struggled with injuries and inconsistency throughout his career. He said after the game that he felt like a new player.

"This is the Iverson I've been looking for," he said. "I feel like I'm playing with a new team."
Bears hope to end skid

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO

Go to the playoffs or perhaps go to the unemploying line. That's the ultima-
tum to Detroit coach Wayne Fontes, one
issued by team owner William Clay Ford.

It comes under the "What Have You
Done For Me Lately" category some-
tent in coaching. Forget that Fontes has
produced two division titles and three
playoff teams since 1991.

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Hoosier All-Stars to provide exhibition test

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

With one win under its belt, the women's basketball team will go for two in a row when they face the Hoosier All-Stars Friday night at the IACC.

The Hoosier All-Stars team consists of women who are from Indiana or women who played at Indiana schools. Notable team members include former Notre Dame stars Margaret Nowlin and Coquese Washington, who return to face their alma mater. Nowlin currently works for Head Coach Muffet McGraw as an Irish assistant coach.

McGraw eagerly awaits the opportunity to make improvements before heading into her team's inaugural season in the Big East Conference. The Hoosier All-Star Team will be the last exhibition opponent of the season, so Notre Dame will use this game to get ready for the Indiana Hoosiers in their first regular season matchup.

"We've been working on rebounding and man-to-man defense, especially in the transition," said Coach McGraw. McGraw is pleased with her players' performances at this point in the season. Therefore she plans to experiment very little with the starting lineup.

"Our lineup is pretty set right now," commented McGraw. Notre Dame played well enough to defeat Sopron (Hungary) by a 93-85 score on Saturday. Despite a late rally from Sopron, Notre Dame outplayed them in virtually every aspect of the game. Especially impressive was a second half shooting percentage of 58 percent that resulted in 49 points for the half. Junior co-captain Beth Morgan sparked the Irish in the season opener by shooting 13 of 20 from the field and scoring 33 total points. She also nailed all four of her free throws to raise the team average to nearly 81 percent. She hopes all of the team's hard work in practice, coupled with their positive attitude, will equal a successful season for the Irish.

"We've been working really hard on defense, rebounding, and taking care of the ball. We are very optimistic about this season," commented Morgan. Although only six days have passed since their home opener, the Irish believe they have already made great strides heading into their second contest of the season.

"We've been working on executing offense and transition defense. We're a lot better prepared for this game," said Senior Captain Carey Poor.

This game will be the last tune-up for the Irish. The regular season is just around the corner, and Notre Dame will be tested by some of the top teams in the country.

With fewer than two weeks before their first Big East opener against Rutgers, the Irish believe they can be competitive in their inaugural season. Their performance tonight will hopefully serve notice to the rest of the conference that the Irish are ready to win early and often against Big East foes.
Basketball Officials - Needed for Interhall and Grad/Fac/Staff Games. Pay $8.20 an hour. If you are currently a Co-Rec official and would like to do other Basketball leagues, please call 631-6160 and ask for Mark.

Drop-In Volleyball - Will take place on Tuesday, November 21, 28 and December 5 at the Joyce Center from 8-11. No advance sign-ups or established teams are necessary.

Late Night Olympics Steering Committee - Recruit volunteers for some enthusiastic students who would be interested in helping to plan this all-night extravaganza. As in the past, all funds raised from LNO will go to benefit Special Olympics. Any Notre Dame or Saint Mary’s student who is interested should call 631-6237.

WWFI - Join hosts Matt Howlett and Dave Bucko Sunday night on Sports Talk airs every night at 9 p.m. on 640 AM WWFI. Tom Kring will be a guest.

Memorial Thanksgiving 1995 - Wed. Nov. 22 – Building 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. Pool 7-9 a.m.; noon – 6 p.m. wt. room 3 - 6 p.m. Sat. Nov. 23 Closed

Fri. Nov. 24 – Building 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Pool 7-9 a.m.; noon – 6 p.m. wt. room 3 - 6 p.m. Sun. Nov. 25 Closed

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best cross country teams in the nation. Notre Dame will need a strong performance. Luckily, the Irish have six ways to beat you, those being the top six runners. Seniors Joe Dunlop, Derek Maritsus, and Seiling, junior Matt Althoff, sophomore Jason Rexing, and freshmen Antonio Arce have led the Irish to the NCAA championships. Different runners have had the opportunity to step up at different meets. All six have finished first or second for Notre Dame in at least one meet this year, and they all are looking forward to Monday.

Team captain Joe Dunlop has been a little disappointed in the way he has run this season. He started the season strong by being the first Irish finisher at the Buckeye Invitational. Dunlop thinks that despite the setbacks of this season, he is ready for the race on Monday. "I feel strong, and I did a little better at districts—I was in the top three runners last in the top couple," Dunlop observed.

Dunlop has felt overwhelmed at nationals in the past, but he says this year is different. He feels he has the weapons, let's use them," said the captain. "This team is one of the closest knit teams of this season. Dunlop continued. "We have a strong bunch of guys and we're coming together late in the season. We're going to do something special on Monday."

Piane said the season has done well. "He has done a good job, not only as a runner but as a captain," Piane said.

Dunlop wants to do well not just for himself or the team, but for the seniors. "I'm going to think a little about my senior teammates," Dunlop said. "This is it for us. I want the seniors to finish well."

Despite being sick at districts, Maritsus has had a strong season. "He's done a good job," head coach Joe Piane said. "He had one bad meet when he was sick."

Maritsus is confident the Irish are up a notch on Monday. "Our goal is to finish in the top four. In my last meet, I don't want to finish lower than fourth."

Even though Maritsus has run for four years and has run in the NCAA meet before, he thinks the highlight of his career is still to come. "My most memorable moment will be Monday," Maritsus predicts. "I hoping to run my last race, and I'm going to leave it all on the course."

Also playing a key role on Monday is Seiling, a runner who has been the first Irish finisher the last four races of the season. Seiling thinks the Irish have an advantage over other teams competing. "Some teams might have one or two great guys and everybody else way back," Seiling noted. "We have more guys who can run up at the front."

Seiling's approach to the race will be to stay loose and stay confident. "It's all mental, and how you believe in yourself will determine how far you go," he said. "I've been so focused on this season since I missed last season...that has helped me."

As complimemnt to Piane is the with the seniors Dunlop, Maritsus, and Seiling, he has also been pleased with the non-season members of the top six. "I've been happy with Althoff, Rexing, and the freshmen Arce," Piane complimented.

Althoff was the first Irish runner to finish the National Catholic Invitational, and the third finisher at the district meet. Although he has not been satisfied with the way he has performed this season, Althoff feels that he and the team will peak on Monday. "I'm really ready to run—I'm very excited to go to the NCAs after a good race at districts. If we can get the four of the four teams, we'll be ecstatic."

Rexing played a big part in the district meet, as he was the second Irish finisher behind Seiling. Rexing noted he ran better Sunday, but thinks both he and the team will do better on Monday than at districts. "I didn't think it was one of our better efforts," Rexing commented. "We can definitely improve." What is the goal for Rexing on Monday? "To get the team to place as high as possible," Rexing said.

The only freshmern running for Notre Dame on Monday is Arce. "Arce is one of the better freshmen in the country," Paine praised.

Among the participants in the NCAA championships are the top four teams in the nation, Oklahoma State, Wisconsin, Colorado, and Arkansas. The ten thousand meter meet will be run at 11:00 a.m. Ames time on Monday. Notre Dame is one of four Big East schools running.

Paine thinks the team can make a strong performance. "We can do it well as a group, and we have five guys with NCAA experience—not many teams can say that. If we can get five guys going at the same time, it's pretty close to a guarantee."

That way, even if the sun does not shine in Ames on Monday, Notre Dame's cross country team will.
Playing host brings benefits

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

In her fifth season as head coach of the Notre Dame volleyball team, Debbie Brown continues to set a precedent for years to come.

In addition to boasting a 140-36 record at Notre Dame, which makes her the winningest coach in the sixteen-year history of Irish volleyball, she has led the team to five conference championships and three NCAA tournaments. This year is no exception as the Irish enter the Big East Tournament as the top-seeded team.

"It's a great experience for us to host the Big East tournament, especially with it being our first year as a member of the conference," Brown said.

Brown has full confidence in the Irish as they head into the Big East conference.

"We want to be considered a top-ten program," Brown said.

The Irish know that they are targeted in this weekend's tournament and do not disregard this fact.

"They have nothing to lose," Brown said. "By the same token, we are a first place team's ability to be a good host.

"I think we will do a good job of welcoming the other teams and making them feel comfortable," Brown said.

"It is a chance for us to show the other teams how we can play and that we are a first place operation," Brown said.

Brown hopes the continued success and exposure of the Irish will elevate the program to the level at which they are considered a top-ten program in the country.

This is all part of the progress of getting the program to the level at which we are consistently considered a contender for the national title," Brown said.

"It's a great opportunity for us. We can draw a couple of matches against the best teams in the country," Brown said.

The Irish have prepared for the Big East tournament by studying all of the teams in the tournament.

"Each team will enter this weekend with the belief that they can win," Brown said. "They are going to play hard and hope to get us out of our system.

The overall attitude of the Irish is intense and focused on success and exposure of the conference.

"We are a top-ten program, and we are looking toward winning the Big East tournament as a means of progressing toward a greater goal.

"We are looking at each match as a chance to get better and better," Brown said. "And we are looking toward winning the tournament as a chance to move closer to the NCAA championship."

The Observer/ Brent Tadsen

Angie Harris (left) and Jenny Birkner are two big reasons why the Irish earned the top seed in the weekend's Big East Tournament.

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Big East championship with their only hope of making it into the 48-team field lying in winning the tournament and clinching the automatic bid.

"This is a must-win situation for us," Villanova coach Ron Twomey said.

"We are hoping to get to the Big East," he continued. "We'll be favored to win, but you still have the match. It should be interesting."

The tournament kicks off Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with a match between Twomey's fourth-seeded Wildcats and no. 5 St. Johns. Villanova brings an 8-3 conference record into the match, 18-9 overall. Sophomore middle blocker Stacey Evans lead the Wildcats with 330 digs, while freshman counterpart Megan O'Brien follows with 310 kills and a team-leading 463 digs.

St. John's record stands at 24-9 overall, 7-4 in the conference. The Red Storm is led by outside hitter Jenna Panatier and 6-3 junior middle blocker Lynn Klein.

Pittsburgh is looked at to have the greatest chance at upsetting the Irish as a championship match-up between the Panthers and Irish looks probable.

The Irish have experience playing Pittsburgh in the postseason volleyball program. However, the Panthers will be looking to regain the reign of the conference that they have held until this year with the entrance of the Irish to the conference.

"We saw some success against them that was successful about a year ago," Pittsburgh head coach and South Bend native Cindy Alvear said of their last match.

"We've never lost a Big East tournament, so we're looking forward to playing them again," Brown said.

"The Panthers bring a 17-8 record into this weekend's tournament, 10-1 in the conference. They are highlighted by junior middle blocker Jennie Driscoll who leads Pitt with 326 kills and 54 total blocks."

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Daws had a bone graft performed on her left foot last spring which prevented her from competing with teammate Holly Manthei on the U.S. World Cup squad.

"I've just kind of accepted the fact that my foot hurts every day," Daws said. "Actually it's healed, but this year I'm in more pain. I definitely think it has hindered me in a lot of ways."

The tying tally against the Bearcats marked the first goal of the season by the native of Northridge, California. After never missing a game her first two years, Daws was returning after sitting out four of the first five matches of the 1995 campaign. It also displayed what type of leadership the co-captain could display while on her natural canvas.

"Her impact on the team is not only Cindy with the ball or Cindy scoring," Petrucelli added. "She sets the tempo for the game. People want to play with Cindy and for Cindy. She motivates other people to play like her."

For Daws, to say that the injuries were a setback would be an understatement. Along with her foot, Daws was forced to deal with two strained quadriceps muscles at the start of the year. Unlike the Cincinnati game, however, some moments are not always so easily remembered.

"It gets hard and a lot of it is mental," Daws noted. "I've had this year that have been tough because of the pain. Coach (Petrucelli) has helped me a lot to get past it."

"There was a time when she was new to the game and questioned whether all the pain was worth it," Petrucelli commented. "She had some times when she doubted herself and struggled."

After starting every game in her first two years, part of that struggle was learning how to be a spectator during the early part of the season.

"It's hard to sit on the bench when you know you want to be out there," Daws said. "That's the same for everybody, but just being on the bench, you still want to contribute."

That situation seems long removed from two years ago when Daws burst onto the Notre Dame sports scene and was named 1993 freshman of the year. Her 16 goals and 20 assists made her the only freshman to be placed on the 1993 All-American team.

"My freshman year, I just went out and did my thing," Daws added. Because of the injury, Daws' thing this year has involved less scoring, with only six goals. "I've never been the leading scorer," she noted. "I'm more of a team player and as long as we achieve as a team, that's what's important."

One consequence of the injury that has manifested itself regards a slightly different focus in play.

"I had to re-focus," Daws admitted. "I needed to put more energy towards my own game."

Recently, things have been on the upswing for Daws, who has seen increased playing time during the team's current seven game winning streak. In this stretch, Daws has scored three goals to complement her three assists as she tries to regain the physical condition needed to play a full game.

"Cindy's gotten better as the year has progressed," Petrucelli said. "I think she's feeling a lot better right now. She had two great weeks of training and is really kind of ready to explode."

"The Irish can only hope Alumni Field resembles a minefield if Daws is to propel Notre Dame to its first soccer championship."

"For the team to be great, we need Cindy," Petrucelli remarked.

"Ever since I knew what a national championship was, my goal has been to win it," Daws added. "We've worked really hard towards achieving it. It's difficult and it's going to be a battle."

The battle begins this Sunday against Wisconsin. It was the Badger game in September where Daws made her first appearance of the year.

"I can't look past Wisconsin," Daws commented. "We're two good teams and it's going to be physical. I think that we have a lot of respect for their team and they have the same amount for our team."

Over the past two years, the Irish have been on each end of the tournament spectrum. In 1993 Notre Dame made an early exit in the first round, while competing in the championship game last year against North Carolina.

"I guess all we have left to do is win it. Our only purpose is to win it. That's all I think about."

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Sophomore midfielder Julie Maund and the Irish women's soccer squad begin their championship quest against Wisconsin Sunday.

**Badgers first tourney foe**

By DAVE TREACY
Sports Writer

Collegiate soccer and Mother Nature go head to head this weekend in a battle for supremacy.

However, while Notre Dame can only hope to cope with the elements, they need to put all of their efforts towards a confident and determined Wisconsin Badger squad. The Irish played Wisconsin in Madison already this year, and fought their way to a 1-0 victory. But neither team expects the game to be a carbon copy of the September meeting.

"We're a much different team than we were then," said Irish coach Chris Petrucelli. "We're a lot more settled into what we're doing as a team, and our line-up has solidified.

"I'd say that both teams are more experienced, and have found the 11-14 players that they'll use in this game," Badger coach Dean Duerst said. "Last game wasn't a great game, but this game should be much more relaxed."

However, the coaches' expect similar game plans to be implemented in this contest. In the last match-up, the Badgers looked to work off of their aggressive defense, to play a defensive rather than creative game. Notre Dame has been a passing team this year, and don't expect to get away from a controlled, ball-movement offense.

"We need to shut down their attack," attributed Duerst. "We hope to settle the play, and to play confidently."

"They're a counter-attacking type of team. But we expect to control the ball, and we'll need to take advantage of their mistakes and finish on our scoring opportunities," said Petrucelli. The Notre Dame coach has yet to lose against the Badgers in four contests, stemming back to the 1992 season.

There are several factors in the game that are different from the last contest. One of them is Notre Dame midfielder Cindy Daws. Daws was unable to contribute much time in the earlier contest due to injuries, but could make a significant impact on Sunday.

"Cindy is playing great right now," appraised freshman Monica Gerardo, who scored the lone goal in the first game. "She's something we didn't have last game. Cindy is definitely a nice weapon for us, something that Wisconsin didn't really see last time."

But the Badgers realize that Daws has the ability to dominate a game in the air and add scoring virtually any time she has the ball.

"Cindy has dangerous moments in any game. It's our job to mark her out of the match. If she's allowed any time to create or use her skills, that will be bad for us," Duerst said.

Additionally, the game conditions could play a huge role in the contest. Hard, rough ground doesn't work well with a passing game, such as Notre Dame's; or a slide tackling defense, like Wisconsin's. But efforts have been made to keep the field in good condition, which will help keep the cold weather from making things worse, including plowing snow off and re-sodding areas of the grass.

Nevertheless, cold weather has an effect on players, which may be to the advantage of the Badgers who have already won a game played in adverse conditions.

Wisconsin hopes that the game they played last weekend will be another advantage compared to the 1 p.m. contest at Alumni Field.

"Minnesota game gave us more confidence. We got a good first game under our belt, which will help settle us down, and hopefully we can keep the ball rolling," said Duerst.

"The Badgers have had a good week leading up to the game, and have gained confidence in themselves. "We've been playing well in training; in fact, it was probably our best week this year," said Petrucelli. "We're peaking at the right time," Petrucelli added.

"We've done a lot of work this week on different combination plays, and our defense has gotten better all over the field," said Gerardo.

"We're keeping an eye on the home field advantage, an improved level of play, and plenty of tournament experience, Notre Dame should be prepared to extend their winning streak over the Badgers to five.
Belles count on experience to improve on last season

By STEPHANIE RUEK
Sportswriter

Coach Marvin Wood and the Saint Mary’s College basketball team do not like to talk about the past.

Indeed, with a losing record of 6-16 against one of the toughest Division III schedules in the area behind them, Saint Mary’s would like to make the agony of last season’s defeat a faint memory. Armed with seven returning letter winners, an outstanding crop of freshman talent and two new assistant coaches, a more experienced and much improved Belles squad heads into its first week of competition with a new outlook on success.

"I have a vision of us being a winner this year," said Head Coach Marvin Wood, now in his twelfth season with the Belles. "After two losing seasons, we have surprise some teams along the way."

According to Wood, the new-comers to the team are an essential element in his vision of success: with three starters not returning to the team, the freshmen will have to step up. Complementing senior co-captain and starting center Barb Howells, freshmen forwards Sheila Sandine and Charlotte Albrecht, at 5’11” and 5’9” respectively, not only bring added height and rebounding potential to the roster, but contribute to the Belles’ versatility as well.

"The newcomers have stepped right in," said Howells. "They have been able to run the plays effectively right away. Our playing styles and personalities fit together nicely."

Sandine echoed Howells’ comments, providing the freshman’s perspective.

"I am hoping to step up for the team," said Sandine. "With our size, we are all able to play different positions. (The roster) is more rounded-out; it’s not just one or two people doing everything."

Such versatility will be key for the Belles. With a roster of only 12 players and a schedule chalk-full of nationally ranked Division III teams, Wood has had to modify his line-up. Though the entire team will have to make adjustments, Wood looks for senior center Jennie Taubenheim in particular to be a utility player for the Belles.

"A true forward, Taubenheim will join senior guards Colleen Andrews and Michelle Limh in the back court. "We are moving (Taubenheim) to the back court, but I think that’s a challenge she can meet and master," said Wood. "She really provides strength for our team. She can do it all." Wood also expects junior Marlanne Baniko to meet new challenges, as well.

"Marlane is only 5’7”, but must play a lot bigger. She makes good decisions and good passes."

Assistant Coaches Lisa Martin and John Kovach bring additional experience and fresh faces to the Saint Mary’s coaching staff. According to players, Martin, who played at Drake University in Iowa, especially adds a new perspective to the team. Working primarily with forwards and centers, Martin has helped the team develop their new height advantage by focusing on post defense, emphasizing rebounding the post, and switching on screens.

"Because [Martin] has played, and because she is a woman, she knows what challenges we face this season," said Sandine. "She knows the game."

The Belles open the season on the road this weekend at the Hornet Tip-Off Tournament with Kalamazoo, Bluffton, and Kenyon. The Belles will play a similarly-matched Kalamazoo squad tomorrow at 8 p.m. Play continues Saturday with the consolation game at 11 a.m. and the championship game at 1 p.m.

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Sat 12/02 Bethel, Huntington & USI 1:00
Tue 12/05 Concordia University 7:00
Fri 12/08 at Goshen College 7:00
Sat 12/09 at Wheaton College 2:00
Wed 1/17 at University of Chicago 7:00
Sat 1/20 Franklin College 2:00
Mon 1/22 Bethel College 7:00
Sat 1/27 Hope College 2:00
Sat 2/03 at Alma College 3:00
Tue 2/06 Lake Forest College 7:00
Thu 2/08 USI 7:00
Sat 2/10 at Albion College 3:00
Tue 2/13 Calvin College 7:00
Thu 2/15 at Manchester College 7:30
Sat 2/17 Olivet College 1:00
Sun 2/18 at DePauw University 2:00
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Prohibitive favorite Notre Dame enters the Big East post season tourney with home court advantage
By BETSY BAKER Sports Writer

There is much to be said about the home-court advantage. Just ask the fourteenth-ranked Notre Dame volleyball team. In the sixteen seasons of Notre Dame volleyball, the Irish post a 123-49 record at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center. In five seasons under head coach Debbie Brown, the Irish are 61-4 at home. The Irish sustained a 27-match at home winning streak that spanned three seasons until it fell to the hands of Texas on September 22 of this year. It can definitely be said that opponents of the Irish do not look forward to traveling to South Bend. Just ask the top five teams, behind the first place Irish, who will travel to Notre Dame this weekend for the Big East Championship.

In their first year as members of the Big East, the Notre Dame volleyball team can boast of being the host of a conference championship, as they invite Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Villanova, St. John's and Georgetown to town this weekend. These five teams will be looking to knock the Irish off the Big East pedestal and steal the automatic NCAA bid that goes to the winner of the tournament. The Irish, who were voted as the pre-season favorite by the conference coaches, lived up to the hype by finishing the season as the only undefeated team in the conference with an 11-0 record, 24-6 overall. Not much is at stake this weekend for the Irish, as their top-twenty ranking and overall record assures them of a spot in NCAA post-season play, but a conference championship would serve a dual purpose of establishing dominance in the conference and securing a first-round bye in the NCAA tournament.

"We need to win to secure a bye in the first round of the NCAA tournament," Brown said. "That way we can also play at home in the second round."

Despite the optimistic outlook and the history to back it up, the Irish still worry about the increased emotion of the opponents coming into the tournament this weekend. It is all or nothing for the other five teams of the see BIG EAST / page 19

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Harriers look to bring home NCAA hardware
By B. J. HOOD Sports Writer

The NCAA cross country championships. A time to shine.
In their annual tribute following the college basketball NCAA tournament, CBS shows highlights of the tournament while playing the song, "One shining moment.
Monday morning in Ames, Iowa, the Notre Dame men's cross country team will have a chance to shine in the race they have looked forward to all year. This may be the seventh time in the last nine years the Irish have qualified for the NCAA meet, but the Notre Dame runners look at this meet as anything but ordinary.
"It's a huge race," senior Derek Seiling says. Running against the twenty-one

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Krug, Irish ready to play role in shootout

By MEGAN McGRATH
Sports Writer

For those of you not paying attention for the past couple of weeks, Notre Dame will have a new quarterback Saturday night against Air Force, maybe two.

After Ron Powlus suffered a season-ending injury two Saturday's ago against Navy, reserve Tom Krug has had to step up into the starting role, leaving many to wonder who Krug is and how well he can play.

"Tom Krug did not come here from Mars this week. He has been at practice, he has been here at Notre Dame," head coach Lou Holtz said of his new quarterback. "We are playing with the same people he has practiced with for several years. He believes he can do it and wants to do it."

Krug preformed admirably after entering the Navy game after entering the Navy game, which could help Krug.

Another possibility for the Irish is freshman Jarious Jackson, an option-type quarterback who has Notre Dame fans dreaming of Tony Rice.

"Tony Rice had the ability to move the football team down the field," Holtz said. "We don't know yet about Jackson. Despite not knowing much about Jackson in game situations, Holtz says he remains an option for the Irish if Krug falters.

"We'll start Tom Krug and go from there," Holtz said, "if we're struggling, I owe it to our football team to do whatever it takes to win.

Air Force has shown itself vulnerable to a strong passing game, which could help Krug. The Falcons give up an average of 412.3 yards on offense, but 254.5 yards passing. They have surrendered an average of 23.1 points and have picked off only seven passes in nine games.

Senior free safety Kelvin King leads the Falcons with four interceptions. Cornerback Leon Huddins is second on the team with 99 tackles. Injuries have also plagued the Irish running game, but in Randy Kinder's absence, freshman Autry Desson has shown. He ran for a career high 115 yards on 16 carries against Navy, and will start alongside Marc Edwards against the Falcons.

Senior inside linebacker Lee Guthrie will try to stymie the Irish rushing attack. He leads the Falcons with 89 tackles.

While Guthrie holds the run, outside linebacker Brian McCray and defensive tackle Cameron Curry will apply pressure on Krug. Both McCray and Curry are tied to lead the Falcons with six sacks.

The service academies on Notre Dame's schedule have more in common than discipline, uniforms and a commitment to Uncle Sam; their football programs share explosive rushing attacks that have, and come Saturday's game with Air Force, spell trouble for the Irish defense.

"This is the best service academy team," Irish head coach Lou Holtz says of Air Force. What makes the Falcons tough is their command of the option offense.

"I wish we could run it as well as they do. They understand it and make good adjustments."

A strong option game is a threat for a team that averages 438.7 total and 336.2 rushing yards.

Heading up the Falcons' offense is junior quarterback Beau Morgan. Reminiscent of former Air Force star Dee Dowis, Morgan will likely become the NCAA's eighth player to rush for 1000 yards in a season.

"Morgan is a great option quarterback," Holtz said. "He reminds me of Dowis in that he can run, throw and work the option."

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The Breakdown
A position by position look at who holds the advantage

Quarterbacks
Even with Ron Powlus healthy, Air Force might still get the nod here. Morgan, who is adept both running and throwing, is the best QB to face ND.

Running Backs
The triumvirate of Marc Edwards, Autry Denson, and Randy Kinder has shined all year long. The Falcons are solid too, averaging 5.8 yards per carry.

 Receivers
Air Force boasts two competent receivers, Marc Ranger and Richie Marsh. Emmett Mouley is just as competent to Derrick Mayes gives ND edge.

Offensive Line
Both teams have very strong offensive attacks and that all starts up front. While Ziegler and Leahy look to be NFLers, AF has good quality as well.

Defensive Line
Cameron Curry and Ryan McCay each have recorded six sacks up front for the Falcons. The Irish front has been decent, but hasn't made plays.

Linebackers
Projected to be a strength, 'backers have been that and more for ND. AF's Lee Guthrie has a Byron Cobbins-like knack for making plays.

Secondary
The most improved area of the Irish will be tested heavily. Shawn Wooden's steadiness has rubbed off a bit on Allen Rossum.

Special Teams
Falcon Randy Roberts is a respectable 9-14 kicking in the thin air of Colorado. Also, Air Force owns the nation's 2nd best kick return average.

Coaching
In the press box or on the sideline, Lou Holtz is the key ingredient of the Irish offense, memories of the legendary Dowis dance in the heads of Air Force fans. With two games left to play, Morgan has already joined the former Falcon great as one of the top players in NCAA history to run and pass for over 1000 yards in his second season.

Morgan won over the hearts of Air Force fans during the opening week of the season in a 38-12 thrashing of Brigham Young. He became just the second quarterback in school history to guide the Falcons to a victory over their rival from Utah.

As sleek and flashy as he is with the football tucked away, it is his arm that separates him from Navy's Ben Fay and Army's Autry Denson. In Air Force's run and shoot passing offense, Morgan has completed 142 passes for 999 yards and nine touchdowns.

"The kid from Navy (Fay) was more of a runner than a thrower but this guy can do both," said Iazy. "He reminds me a lot of Doug Flutie."

Indeed, the comparisons are endless.

- Mike Day

D en Dowis, Darian Hagan, Doug Flutie. This is the kind of company that quarterback Beau Morgan is being mentioned in the same breath with in his third season at the Air Force Academy. "Their quarterback is the total package," said Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie. "He has a gifted arm and can run the football. People who don't know about this kid are going to be surprised."

Morgan is more than the key ingredient and leader of the Air Force offense. The 5-11, 185 pounder out of Carrollton, Texas is the Falcon offense.

In 10 starts this season, Morgan has been nothing short of spectacular. After rushing for 146 yards and a pair of touchdowns in last weekend's 38-20 victory over Army, the Falcon signal caller enters Saturday's showdown with 1039 yards and 15 touchdowns on the ground.

When Morgan attacks defenders in the wishbone offense, memories of the legendary Dowis

T he biggest challenge of his career, Air Force cornerback Michael Dalton has spent the course of the 1995 season covering receivers from the WAC and the two other service academies. However, this weekend the Falcons aren't playing UTEP or New Mexico.

Dalton faces the daunting task of trying to contain Notre Dame's Derrick Mayes this Saturday at Falcon Stadium. And for a guy used to covering less gifted receivers from inferior football programs, Dalton will have to raise his game to another level to win this battle.

Saying Mayes is Notre Dame's main receiving threat is like saying that air travel is the academy's primary mode of transportation during battle. The senior will be playing his last regular season game as a member of the Irish and will do everything he can to make sure Notre Dame secures a major bowl bid.

Dalton says he's not giving up on keeping Mayes in check any more than he did the rest of the season.

"I've been playing him all year, and if I can keep him from making big plays, I'm doing my job," said Dalton.

The Irish defense got some big plays out of Dustin Marsh and Autry Denson, but this guy can do both," said Iazy. "He reminds me a lot of Doug Flutie."

Indeed, the comparisons are endless.

- Mike Day

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### THE STRATEGIST

#### FISHER DeBERRY

12th season at Air Force
Career Record: 91-53-1
Against Notre Dame: 2-7
Highlights: The 1985 National Coach of the Year has led the Falcons to seven post-season bowl games, and won the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy five of the past six years.

#### THE SITE

**FALCON STADIUM**
Opened in 1956
Capacity: 50,126
Largest Crowd: 52,397
Surface: Grass
AFA at home: 111-96-6

### AIR FORCE

*Sept. 2  BRIGHAM YOUNG  W  38-12*
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**LOU HOLTZ**

Tenth season at Notre Dame.

**Career Record: 207-92-7**

**Against Air Force: 7-0**


**THE STRATEGIST**

**THE SERIES . . .**

**LAST TIME**

**Notre Dame 42**

Air Force 30

Irish wide receiver Derrick Mayes caught 8 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns, breaking the Irish's previous single season touchdown record of nine.

**Notre Dame offece**

**Offense**

1. **First downs:** 281
2. **Total yards:** 4107
3. **Total off-side yards:** 1413
4. **Total yards per play:** 7.1
5. **Total penalties:** 12
6. **Rushing yards per game:** 215.5
7. **Rushing yards:** 493
8. **Fumbles/Fumbles lost:** 14/1

**Defensive statistics**

1. **Passes attempted:** 10
2. **Passing per game:** 122
3. **Passing yards:** 122
4. **Passing per game:** 11
5. **Passes per game:** 12
6. **Interceptions:** 0
7. **Fumbles/Fumbles lost:** 1
8. **Rushing per game:** 8.1

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**Notre Dame's previous**

1. **National Championship in 1988**
2. **Runner-up finishes in 1989 and 1993**

**SERIES**

**Notre Dame leads: 18-4**

**Last ND win:** 42-30 in 1994

**Last Air Force win:** 21-15 in 1985

**Streak:** by ND

**Notre Dame leads 9-2**
Cobbins
continued from page 1

To be a little more specific, the junior inside linebacker has been on a torrid stretch in the past three games in which he has intercepted four passes, forced two fumbles, and broken up a pass in the end zone to end the first half against USC. If that’s not been enough, he’s also enjoyed a sack and a fumble recovery.

"It's just been a matter of getting the reps in practice so I know where I need to be whether it's on a run or pass," Cobbins said about his proficiency for playmaking. "As the saying goes, practice makes perfect."

The Irish defense has been far from perfect, but it has shown definite improvement. Cobbins has been the main reason behind the emergence. "I said something earlier in the year about us being like the Bad News Bears," defensive coordinator Bob Davie recalled. "We're kind of thin in some spots and we don't have a lot of depth but what we have is some guys who can make plays. The bottom line is keeping people out of the endzone and creating turnovers.

If the Irish are the Bad News Bears, then Cobbins has been their Kelly Leak - the kid who hits all the home runs.

But according to Minor, there is some guys who can make plays. The bottom line is keeping people out of the endzone and creating turnovers.

"Lyron Cobbins is really one of my favorites because he is a guy that just keeps on ticking just like that old Timex. He's out there every day rain or shine." Maybe it has been those days when the sun is shining that has made Cobbins and his fellow linebacker go with the shaded-visors. It's a look that just seems to imply intimidation, but Cobbins insists there's not much to it. "There's really no significance to that," Cobbins explained with a chuckle. "We just started wearing them in practice and before we knew it, we all had them."

But according to Minor, there is something to what meets the eye. "Maybe it's part of our mystique or whatever. I think it does reflect our style."

That style, though still evolving, has started to make its appearance on the field. Once a rather passive, bend-don't-break style of defense, the Irish have begun to take coordinator Davie's philosophy to heart. Aggressiveness, speed, and the ability to disrupt the opponent are the new hallmarks of Notre Dame. "I think it has a lot to do with attitude and resiliency," Davie noted. "As long as you stay confident and have faith, something good's gonna happen."

Much of that attitude can be traced back to the practice field where Cobbins and company have been dedicated since spring ball.

"Making plays all starts in practice," linebacker Kinnon Tatum said. "We've been playing hard all along. Nothing's has really changed. We've just taken advantage of the opportunities.

And while the Irish have given up substantial yardage to most opponents and have proven to be frequently susceptible to the big play, they still seem to have the key ingredient for a tough defense - confidence.

"Even if we give up a big play, we never give up because we know we'll come right back and make a play of our own," Cobbins commented. "We can count on each other and we know how to bounce back."

Cruel late-game plays against Purdue, Washington, and particularly, Army are a testament to that statement. In a way, plays turned in by Allen Rossum and Ivory Covington have almost overshadowed the importance of Cobbins' role.

"He really is a coach on the field," Davie explained. "He calls the signals and makes all the checks at the line of scrimmage. He's really smart."

Cobbins' instinctive style has been a long time in the development.

"I've been making the calls since eight grade," it really just goes with the territory. "Our system is not easy but it's not all that tough either."

Cobbins may not find the defensive scheme to be too much a challenge but keeping his number might be another story.

"Cobbins wanted to wear number 6 this year and coach Holtz agreed," Davie recounted. "But he only lets guys wear a single digit if they run under a 4.7. I hate to put the stopwatch on him because he'd have to give up his number."

Just as there is a story behind him keeping the number, there also exists an explanation as to why he wanted it.

"I was sick of being confused with Renaldo Wynn (#44) when I wore 49 so I wanted something new. Plus, I'm my mother's sixth son."

Louise Cobbins is probably quite grateful for her son's little tribute, but she might not want to hear what Davie has to say about him.

"Cobb is a little bit more of the messy, blue-collar guy with his shirt hanging out and his pants might not fit just right."

Odds are, Cobbins is a bit more meticulous about his appearance at home with mom, especially if pie is involved. Apple, that is.
Prime Time
By Mike Norbut

Notre Dame is the lead actor in the complex and highly lucrative television show that is college football. The bright lights and big bucks make the show go on.

Nobody likes the guy wearing the bright-orange glove. The man that signals timeouts for NBC at Notre Dame games is perhaps the most hated man in Notre Dame Stadium. That man alone can turn a regular college football game into a four-hour epic.

But the man serves a necessary purpose. And for the amount of money they're paying for the right to televise Notre Dame football, NBC probably doesn't even want to stretch a game out a little.

"There's nothing as great as being at a Notre Dame football game," said Jon Miller, senior vice-president of NBC Sports. "There are a lot of commercial timeouts, local breaks and institutional messages. We want to be sensitive to the on-site viewers, so this is something we have to address.

"The television experience is great. We want the on-site experience to be as great as well."

A typical Irish football game is a microcosm of college football in general, though the relationship between Notre Dame and NBC is a little more personal than a general college football-network relationship.

"I think Notre Dame has the finest group of people I've ever dealt with," Miller said. "They understand what it means to be in a relationship.

But the typical relationship is dominated by television at both the permission and benefit of the university. While Notre Dame is in a safe NBC haven when it plays against regional opponents, many teams do not enjoy the same amount of security when it comes to television coverage.

The Irish were witnesses in many ways to a less lucrative television schedule, Notre Dame can take comfort in its home schedule. Though much criticized by Irish-haters who like nothing less than having to suffer through an Irish game televised by NBC, its a very favorable relationship and one that is envied by schools across the nation.

"There are only a handful of schools making money," Miller said. "But we understand that it's nature of the business. Notre Dame is great for us. Notre Dame football is a little little what it all about.

So Notre Dame-Air Force was a last minute pick-up, conference contracts such as the WAC's didn't really apply. ARC has the right of first choice when it comes to college games, which are chosen a minimum twelve days in advance. ESPN gets the leftovers, which generally do not make for good games. And since the two are part of the same league, they have combined to offer regional games on a pay-per-view basis.

Though the time changes will be approved by the school 99 percent of the time, it's not a process that is taken lightly. It's one of the only things that keep television from taking complete control over a game.

"It's always a mutual decision," Diltz said. "We never say, 'This is our game and we're never getting on television again.' It's something we always ask about, especially getting late into the season.

Weather, the time of year and location are among the many variables to be considered this late in the season. But generally, whatever the network says goes.

"There are only a handful of schools making money," Diltz said. "But we understand that it's nature of the business. Notre Dame is the lead actor in the complex and highly lucrative television show that is college football. The bright lights and big bucks make the show go on.

"We were very concerned with the plan that would consolidate all of college football on one network," said former athletic director Dick Rosenthal, who engineered the deal four years ago. "Notre Dame is a national university and it is important that our games be televised on both coasts because our constituency is national.

With the contract, Notre Dame can avoid the last minute time changes that often plague other universities. This year's game at Texas at 11:30 a.m. scheduled start, was decided upon two years ago, as was the 3:30 start for BC. The Ryder Cup, a USA-European golf tournament, preceded the UT game on NBC, while the Breeder's Cup, one of America's premier horse races, was featured right up before the 3:30 kickoff.

That weekend with Ryder Cup action was one of the best sports days of the year," Miller said. "You get up, watch golf for a few hours, watch the first half of the Notre Dame game, then watch more golf at halftime.

It was possible because of Notre Dame's willingness to cooperate.

And it's ability to stay afloat in the topsy-turvy world of television.
Krug now living in the limelight

It has the makings of the ideal post-season.

Lots of immediate responsibility. A chance to make decisions and give Jackson will play.

The starting quarterback position at Notre Dame entails a little bit more than dom suggests he’ll perform.

Nonetheless, expectations exist.

Krug’s had a career to watch and to run the Notre Dame offense; therefore conventional wisdom suggests he’ll perform.

Added to this is the yearly expectation the Irish has a God-given right to a major bowl. The cynics note that a victory over the Falcons ensures Notre Dame the $8 million payoff associated with the Sugar Bowl.

Not that the expectations are very high. After all, against Navy, fans were hoping merely for competence, and they were pleasantly surprised.

Indeed over the past two weeks, Krug’s own ascendancy has been of lesser importance than the debate over whether Jarrius Jackson will play.

For Krug, the perils million payoff associated with the present will suffice. either the Commons.

Krug’s starting to encircle Krug:

Ron Powlus’ career is starting to encircle Krug:

The results should be fun.

Since 1994, Krug has been notable primarily as the answer to the trivia question: Who is Ron Powlus’ backup? He doesn’t even hold for placekicks.

In metaphysical terms, Krug has been a mystery wrapped in an enigma sleeping on a couch. Only now he has woken up as Notre Dame’s temporary savior. The results should be fun.

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