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Committee forms to re-examine student rights

By DEREK BETCHER

A new student committee formed to address student rights in du Lac met last night for the first time and established an early goal of identifying existing rights on campus.

"This committee is developing a long-term strategy for creating a comprehensive student bill of rights," committee co-chair and founder Brendan Kelly said.

Academic rights, access to records and other privileges, residential rights and disciplinary rights will all fall under this committee's examination.

Kelly, a junior senior, emphasized that this effort to address all student rights will differ from previous efforts which focused only on disciplinary rights.

This year's du Lac — which mentions rights in its preamble — is the first in recent years to specifically refer to student rights.

Committee co-chair Jen Dovidio noted at last night's meeting that "inherent rights remain in the current du Lac, but the document's language has evolved over time and altogether stopped using the word 'rights'."

Du Lac previously contained 14 formally identified rights for students in disciplinary proceedings, she said. This number was pared down to five in 1988 before a listing of rights was eliminated in 1993. Dovidio explained.

Members of the new student rights committee agreed to work together clarifying existing inherent rights. Kelly noted the committee may also recommend additional rights.

"We may ask for things we do not have, and we want to clarify the things we've got," Kelly said.

Specifically, the committee's members hope to create a quick, brief delineation of all student rights in du Lac. Students could then easily consult this guide when necessary.

In recent years both the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate have considered student rights issues, eventually passing those concerns to the Academic Life Council and the Campus Life Council, respectively.

"In order to get a student bill

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Track runners intervene in fight

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Four members of the Notre Dame cross-country/track- and-field team intervened in a domestic dispute during a run Wednesday afternoon downtown.

Mike Greiwe and Rob Lyonho, both sophomores, were on a late-afternoon run north of campus with teammates Ryan Ryan and Nick Sehring when they saw the dispute.

"We were on our way back to campus and turned left on (U.S. 31/33) from Cleveland Road," Greiwe said. "When we turned we saw this man and woman grabbing at each other to our left.

"The female started hitting the male in the face so hard I just stopped in the middle and tried to stop the woman off of him. It was all kind of crazy."

"Greiwe said by that time the owners of a nearby motel had called the police. All four runners were questioned as witnesses before being allowed to return to their run.

"It was kind of funny because the guy didn't fight back or anything," Greiwe recalled. "He just stood there and took it."

The Roseland Police Department did not have a report available at press time and would only confirm that the dispute took place in front of one of the hotels on U.S. 31/33.

The campus police and Saint Mary's security personnel have recently taken a more aggressive stance toward keeping the campus drug-free.

SMC begins technology expansion

By ALLISON KOENIG

Saint Mary's News Editor

The department of Information Technology at Saint Mary's has been extremely active in the past few months in implementing new technology, instructing the community on the use of the new computer programs, and proposing additional improvements and programs to better serve the college.

Saint Mary's students, accustomed to the presence of men in the campus' underground tunnels, have necessarily adjusted to this scenario over the past few weeks when the first steps to implement a college-wide computer network began.

The work in the tunnels, part of the first stage in the plan to technologically update Saint Mary's College, began on Nov. 1. "Phase one," as Dan Mandelli, director of Information Technology, calls it, involves the networking of the administration, faculty and staff.

Mandelli stated that the tentative goal for the completion of the first phase is approximately Feb. 1, four months from the start date.

Mandelli estimates that the second phase, which will involve the implementation of modern outlets in the residence halls, will begin as soon as possible. He was quick to add that a timetable for phase two has not yet been established but assured that information regarding the process will be passed on when it becomes available.

In addition to his role as supervisor of the physical adjustments made to the College's technological infrastructure, Mandelli is also involved in the development of measures to help the Saint Mary's community learn to cope with the new additions.

"A lot of people are intimidated by information technology," he said. "We can build the network, but we can't necessarily make folks comfortable with it."

A main source of suggestions and innovation is the technology COLT (community leadership team), whose activities are funded by a federal grant. For elementary education. Both students and faculty are active participants on the COLT teams. Main areas of concern right now involve an examination of the human issues related to the up and coming changes.

"In some respects, the students are more knowledgeable," Mandelli said, referring to computer skills and the Internet.

"In this area, students can fill the leadership role on campus," he added.

Saint Mary's student Tracy see SMC / page 3

Track runners intervene in fight

By LAURA PETELLE

News Writer

Carrying signs reading "End parietals!" and blasting loud music, a small number of students rallied on Fieldhouse Mall yesterday afternoon to protest University visitation rules.

"It's about time that we demand the University give us the respect we deserve," said Cavanaugh junior Erin Blake. "Everyone on this campus is an adult. The administration demands we act like adolescents, but they don't treat us like adults."

"We need an explanation of parietals," said off-campus junior Rob Boyd. "The administration said it has nothing to do with the opposite sex but with quieting down the dorms. Then quiet hours would do the same thing. Parietals jeopardize gender relations."

The chilly afternoon air kept most students from staying long, but prospects for a sizable if fluid crowd, ranging from 20 to 40 students at a time.

"Oh, yeah, we're cold," said Keough junior Adrian Cueiler, who had been outside for almost two hours. "But it's cold."

The students chanted "No more parietals!" and "End parietals!" to the sounds of bands such as The Notorious B.I.G. and Bush.

"The word parietals comes from the Latin pari, meaning wall or barrier," shouted one woman over the loudspeaker. "Break down the wall!"

"Parietals serve to limit interaction between stu­dents. With the hours that it encompasses, you can­not study with anyone after midnight, or two on weekends, 'til 10 a.m., so you can't prepare for any early classes," said off-campus junior John Gilge. "If this is about bringing a dorm to rest, then a sys­tem of quiet hours should be able to accomplish that."

At the rally students were also collecting signatures on petitions aimed at banning parietals to present to the administration.

"We collected two to three hundred signatures before the rally," said Cueiler. "We're trying to match that at the rally."

While most students signed the petitions and blamed their own situation, some dismissed the subject matter as irrelevant.

"If you're going to raise issues, raise real ones: issues like racism and homophobia. This is a Catholic university. If you don't like it, don't come," said grad student Joel Moore. "This is a waste of student energy, and God knows we don't have enough of it as it is around here."

This is the last issue of The Observer before Thanksgiving break. The Observer will resume publication Tuesday, Dec. 2. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.
Live by the sword...

A few weeks ago, as I’m sure you all noticed, Notre Dame received its first championship of any kind this semester. For many students, it was a time to recapture childish pleasures. Unfortunately, some students are more childlike than others.

For the men of Zahm Hall, the first snowfall is a time to recapture childish joy. You see, even guys on campus with a bad case of unresolved teen angst feels the need to attack Zahm when they know, as I said, that what the security of 360 or so others protecting them. Windows get broken, rooms are in disarray until maintenance can arrive the following week, and people get hurt, last year a female Notre Dame security officer sustained a serious injury that kept her out of campus with a bad case of unresolved teen angst.

This year, the first snowfall coincided with Zahm’s formal. The classy men of the other dorms decided that just because the men of Zahm had dates in evening wear with them that was no excuse to postpone the annual formal. They didn’t just throw snowballs, they also flung epithets not suitable to print in this way. Paper to be classier, genuinely.

We are all privileged enough to attend one of the finest universities in the nation, founded on ideals inspired by a man named Jesus Christ. Instead of uniting around the message of Jesus Christ, we have chosen to live as homeless for one night.

Have any of you, and you know who you are, ever questioned why you hate Zahm? I was one of those that overheard the many dorms simply tell their freshmen, “Oh yeah, learn to hate Zahm.” I understand that rivals and the like are fun, learning to hate seems out of place at a school where Mary, the Mother of God, knew that love was the key. My message to you spineless, want-to be-together people who hate Zahm Hall, that’s fine. Root against us, sing the oh so catchy “Zahm’s gay” song a stunning display of your ignorance, you can even throw snowballs at the brick structure that houses the spirit of the ‘Hall.

What you fail to understand is that Zahm Hall does not care what you do. While people will be bothered that you break windows, and curse at girls, we realize that you will not do it again.

Hall does not care what you do. What you fail to understand is that Zahm Hall is the finest days in Michigan football history, so many things in life have to be experienced to be understood.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Although thousands of sports fans will remember Saturday as one of the finest days in Michigan football history, some also will remember the amount of force police used for protection prompted by a complaint submitted by Leach after the incident.

According to the police report, Leach sustained no serious injury that kept her out of the seven-foot wall and rushing down stairways.

The spokesperson Elizabeth Hall said about 8,000–10,000 students rushed the field. Hall said two officers suffered minor injuries, one from assault and the other from being hit with a whiskey bottle.

During the day, 120 students were ejected from the stadium for various offenses, Hall said.

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Outside the Dome

Police use pepper spray, force on Michigan football fans

Chesapeake, Va.

Virginia football player Antwone Womack was arrested by Charlottesville Police Thursday for assault and battery of a female University of Virginia student earlier this month. According to a police report, Womack, a first-year college student, allegedly struck first-year college student Samantha Weidner during a Nov. 9 practice by the Phi Gamma Delta (Fi) fraternity house. Police sources said Womack’s assault was sparked by a week-long petition prompted by a complaint submitted by Leach after the incident.

According to the police report, Leach sustained no serious physical injury from the alleged assault. Womack was released from custody on Thursday through a $1,000 personal recognition bond. Womack is expected to appear at the General District Court for a Dec. 12 hearing. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of 12 months in jail and/or a $2,500 fine. University Athletic Director Jerry Holland said officials have not yet decided how the incident will affect Womack’s playing time. "Normally, there have been penalties, but I don’t see how we could try to determine that at this stage," Holland said.

Penn State University

Students live as homeless for one night

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

Sometimes, the strongest lessons are learned by walking in someone else’s shoes. Collegians Helping Aid Rescue Victims (CHARM) held a sleep-out Friday night in front of the Wesley Student Center, 256 E. College Ave., to raise awareness about homelessness in Centre County. "I think so many things in life have to be experienced to be understood," said Lea Keal (tophomore—geography major). "I had never slept outside in front of Zahm until now."

"I try not to accept challenge, and I hope you do; if only to prove me wrong, be warned, for as Jesus said, "I did not come to bring peace but a sword."" ——

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Police charge running back with assault

PULLMAN, Wash.

Homework assignments for a WSU journalism class quickly resulted in a freedom of information lawsuit against local police. Journalism Assistant Professor Tara Demers filed the lawsuit last Friday in Whitman County Superior Court after Pullman Police refused to release daily report information to his Journalism 300 students.

By withholding access to routine police data, Pullman police were violating the state’s public records law. "We can’t have a police democracy with secrecy in our criminal justice system," Demers’ 23 students were assigned to gather facts and information from Pullman police records to cover a basic crime story. Detailed reports of what happened, what happened, the names of victims and offenders were to be obtained from the incident logs. "This was a routine assignment to write a crime story and looking at the police log just didn’t provide enough information," said Sandra Wilson, a senior journalism student and former Pullman Police officer. "We asked if it could look, at the incident report or get further information, but I was told to fill out a request form that would take five days to process." ——

Penn State University

Dean suspends frat for racial threats

BURLINGTON, Vt.

A Vermont fraternity faces possible expulsion from the University of Vermont after an alleged hazing incident last weekend that was racially motivated. Vice President for Student Affairs Dean Batt announced on Friday that the Acacia fraternity at the university has been placed under suspension for allegedly sending their pledges on a scavenger hunt in which they were asked to insult a student of color.

Batt said that the vice president was asked the night by a pledge and was asked to come meet the pledge at a campus location. The victim said a group of students had met him there, one had a golf club and one had a camera.

He said their intent was to hold the club up so it would look like the person were threatening a "colored person."
Eight stadium ushers complained of injuries sustained at Saturday afternoon's field rush on Saturday. Stadium ushers hurt in field rush on Saturday.
Football players are students first

College sports are fun, especially when your team is winning. Perhaps more importantly, college sports are profitable. According to a recent NCAA study, 67 percent of Division I-A football programs averaged $3.5 million in annual profits. Basketball programs brought in about $1.6 million each.

The NCAA holds as its objective to "maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the student body as an integral part of the student body.

This is a noble proposition, but in practice, the primary purpose of college sports is not to educate the athlete but to cultivate profits and pride.

Last year, at the Big 12 football championship, the right catch at the right time gave the University of Texas a major bowl berth and a pay-off in the millions. After less than an exemplary season, Texas was rolling in the dough. With stakes this high, colleges naturally want the best athletes on their team.

But the best athletes aren't always the best students. At the 1990 Nike summer basketball camp featuring some of the best high school players in the country, half of the athletes tested below their reading grade level, and one-fifth of the athletes read somewhere between the fourth and sixth grade levels. Universities have responded with a special kind of admissions process, one that is composed of one exam of the applicant pool where athletic ability is emphasized as an integral part of the educational program and the student body.

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Student athletes competing far from the spotlight and money (i.e., women's teams) fare much better. Recent NCAA data indicates that Division I female student-athletes entering college in 1990 graduated at a far higher rate than the general student body.

The news wasn't so good for football players. The graduation rate for Division I-A football players was down 6 percent from the previous year.

Schools which give special preferences to talented athletes during admissions have a special duty to assist and educate these athletes.

But many colleges don't take this duty seriously. Some go as far as to create courses of "minimal academic worth" so that their athletes can choose classes they can easily pass.

At Indiana University, Introduction to Sports Management (a popular class among athletes) was composed of one exam of 50 vocabulary words, an essay about what the student wanted to do with his life (1-3 pages), and attendance, which counted for half of the grade.

Of course, not all schools have fallen into this trap. Notre Dame graduates a high number of its athletes, and year after year, proves that a school can produce teams composed of stellar athletes and competent students.

As Harold Hillburn writes in the Northwestern University Law Review, intercollegiate sports have become a multi-million dollar industry. Sports like football bring in big bucks, especially at a place like Notre Dame. And if giving athletes special preferences during admissions is part of the equation, so be it.

The athlete work hard at practice and win big games. The NCAA should do more to see that schools keep their end of the bargain. After all, even a millitant college football fan can't deny that the primary purpose of a university is to educate.

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Shades of Gray

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

God made ND football ... and it is good

In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless wasteland and darkness covered the abyss. Then God said, "Let the earth take form." And it did. The land took the form of one huge football field. The earth was flat and covered with grass. And the grass was green. And God called it Notre Dame. And it was good — the first day.

Then God noticed that there was no light on the field. And he said, "Let there be light." And God created the stadium lights. And when the lights were on, it was called darkness. And it was good — the second day.

Then God said: "I'm alone up here. I'll make people." And God made people. First He made football players — players: He made quarterbacks and wide receivers and linebackers and a kicker! He called them the Irish — the Fighting Irish! Then He made assistant coaches and ball boys and the leprechaun. And they were all good — the third day.

Then God said: "These boys need something to do." And God created a hull, a football. And it was good. And the boys played football and God was their coach. And some of the boys referred to God as Coach Holtz, while others called him Coach Louabby or Coach Bockne.

And it was still. Then the Cipper said: "Coach we need some music down here." And God created the Notre Dame marching band, and the band wrote the fight song. And it was good — really good — the fourth day.

Then God said: "My defensive linemen aren't big enough. They need food." And God created fried chicken and steak and apple pie. And it was good. But then the boys got cold and God created clothes for them: big, blue jerseys, with shoulder pads, tight gold pants, and shiny gold helmets — the fifth day.

Then God said: "This game needs rules." And God made rules. He made touchdowns and field goals. And he also made interceptions and fourth downs — the sixth day.

God made the seventh day holy. The seventh day was a holy day. On that day, God's children, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, ran onto their football field with their gold helmets shining in the light. They played teams from all over: teams like USC, Florida State, Michigan, BC, and Miami (these were all Satan's children.) And every week, Notre Dame experienced a great victory — and it was definitely good.

Lindsay Westby
Age 13
Portland, Ore.
November 21, 1997

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"As a white candle in a holy place, so is the beauty of an aged face."

—Joseph Campbell
Platonic love exists between all people

Mary Beth Ellis

Men and women cannot be friends due to the forces of sexual attraction. Admittedly, my initial idea of this notion was adapted from the movie, "When Harry met Sally," in which Billy Crystal gives a skeleton of my current theory. I have since taken Crystal's thoughts and drafted a more logical experience based on philosophy.

Without any further introduction, I'd like to present a fundamental observation: Friendship is defined by the New Expanded Webster's Dictionary as "intimacy resting on mutual esteem; kindliness. The key word in that definition is mutual. Due to the actions of sexual attraction between the opposing sexes, there is never intimacy based on mutual respect, but rather, unequal motives. A "friendship" between two opposite-sex heterosexual people is the result of an unbalanced attraction of the women to the man or visa versa. In other words, the guy is sexually attracted to the girl, but the girl is not interested in the guy for those particular terms, or the other way around. Because friendship hinges on mutual intimacy, the fundamentally unbalanced relationship, due to sexual attraction, does not allow for a friendship to commence. Instead an awkward, superficial bond occurs, where confusion and anxiety rule.

Now, heterosexual woman can be friends with other homosexual woman and men with other men, because there exists no sexual attraction. So a close friendship among two same sex people can ensue, due to the equilibrium of intimacy that becomes the foundation of the kinship. You may be asking yourself, "What about Jenny and Dick, who claim they are just friends, who have been dating for three years, and probably will get married?" Well, Jenny and Dick probably are not best friends. When two opposite-sex people are equally sexually attracted, then the opposing forces of attraction cancel one another and true intimacy can ensue. On the other hand, a man and a woman that are not sexually attracted could in the abstract become friends, due to the complete absence of sexual attraction, but they will never meet, as nothing is pulling them together in the first place. You ask, "What about Jane and John who were 'friends' for a year, but then started dating, and they are still dating after two years?" Simple. They were both attracted to each other from the beginning, but other things cluttered this realization, until something caused one or both of their feelings to shine through. Many times these feelings are buried deep within our unconscious so we are unaware they exist, until something causes the specific feeling to manifest itself into the emotion of attraction.

Now, having laid out the basic groundwork of my theory, I have found this issue to be highly volatile among the women and men of Notre Dame with whom I have shared my initial thoughts on this subject. Understandably, if one considers himself or herself to have a few, if not a majority, of opposite-sex "friends," then this theory turns everything upside down. In women, more than men, I have noticed their immediate disgust and surprise at pondering the notion that the guy they considered a "friend" is actually attracted to them in a "more than a friend" manner, and the guy they would like to be more than a friend considers them just another good buddy. Mixed into this mess is the mysterious, intangible force of attraction to the opposite sex, which can be as overt as a drunken proclamation of love, or as covert as a subconscious thought or feeling that cannot be characterized by the author, or not necessarily by the Observer.
How often do you think people wash their hands after using the restroom?

"I don't think anyone ever does. Their parents must not have taught them proper hygiene."  
Ayana Fakhir  
Sophomore, McGlinn

"Half the time, and people assume they're clean most of the time."  
Wendy Gebert  
Sophomore, Cavanaugh

"Three out of four, but sometimes you just don't have time!"  
Frank McDonald  
Sophomore, Morrissey

"Obviously, it's not too many when we have to post signs to remind them."  
Shana Jackson  
Sophomore, Lemaire

"Five percent and that is because I'm optimistic."  
Monica Cernanec  
Junior, Lemaire

By NIKOLE HANNAH  
Accent Writer

They say that cleanliness is next to Godliness, so one would think that at a prominent Catholic university like Notre Dame, good hygiene would be at the top of the list among students. After four years as a student, I beg to differ. For many of you readers, today's topic might appear to be rather gross, but this article is very factual and needs to be written. The topic today is the virtual non-existence of good hygiene among the student body, especially when it comes to using the restroom.

Bluntly speaking, the majority of students do not wash their hands after they use the restroom. In an informal observation, only one student out of 17 in a certain dorm bathroom was witnessed to have washed after using the restroom in the past week.

An informal survey of some Notre Dame students correlated this finding, revealing that frighteningly small numbers of Notre Dame students are practicing the simplest acts of good hygiene. Obviously, the majority of the students do not feel that washing one's hands after using the restroom is important or necessary. They are gravely mistaken.

Everyone will admit that using the bathroom is not a clean act. One uses the bathroom to excrete these things that we have consumed and our body neither needs nor wants. These excretions are filled with bacteria and other nasty things. The bacteria and germs that thrive in these excretions can and will make you sick. Assuming that everyone washes when they use the restroom, we come in close [very close] proximity to the germs and bacteria that live in our excretions.

This is not a pretty thought. The odds that you have not made contact with any of these bacteria cannot be very high. Where women are concerned, there exists no nastiness greater than not washing ones hands during this certain week out of the month. How would one know if the toilet paper accidentally slipped, or if your hand brushed some bacteria? It is impossible to know. Notre Dame students might be smart, but bacteria have been around much longer than us, so why do some of us think we can out maneuver them?

Just because your hand does not stink or feel wet does not mean that you have not gotten anything on it. Yet for some odd reason, the majority of students do not appear to be concerned about this. Each day they walk right past the sinks after using the restroom. What do they think that sinks are put there for? I have never seen a restroom without a sink. This is not something that happens only to Notre Dame. It happens to most people. If you have been through college, you have likely been to a restroom where the hand washing facilities are nonexistent or in working order.

This problem of bad hand washing is not unique to Notre Dame, but most students seem to think that sinks are somehow foreign elements in the restroom setting. This may come to a surprise to some of you, but the sinks are not meant to be decoration. Their purpose is so that people may cleanse themselves after doing their dirty little deed.

Those of you who are perpetrators of these crimes of uncleanliness may think, "Who cares if I do not wash my hands — I am the dirty one who will have to suffer for it." This is a selfish and untrue statement. The bad hygiene practiced in the restrooms is not isolated to the restroom, but affects hundreds of students each day. As you read the following case study, keep in mind that the hand one washes with is the hand that one does everything else with.

Imagine the case of Jen. Jen uses the bathroom and unknowingly gets some fecal bacteria on her hand when wiping herself. She passes by the sinks without a glance; most likely she has never acknowledged their existence. She then touches the door handle with her contaminated hand.

Beth, who was in the restroom at the same time, does wash her hands, yet she has to touch the same door that was just contaminated. She opens the door and now she has washed in vain, as she is contaminated by someone else's fecal bacteria. (Now if that is not a grotesque thought, I do not know what is.) We now have two contaminated individuals on the loose. Everyone will admit that using the bathroom is not a clean act. It is impossible to know. Notre Dame students might be smart, but bacteria have been around much longer than us, so why do people think we can out maneuver them?

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Beth, who was in the restroom at the same time, does wash her hands, yet she has to touch the same door that was just contaminated. She opens the door and now she has washed in vain, as she is contaminated by someone else's fecal bacteria. (Now if that is not a grotesque thought, I do not know what is.) We now have two contaminated individuals on the loose. Everyone will admit that using the bathroom is not a clean act. It is impossible to know. Notre Dame students might be smart, but bacteria have been around much longer than us, so why do people think we can out maneuver them?
up with Matt and they hold hands as they walk to the contaminated hand. Jen never gives a thought to the fact that she is harboring. Now Matt is contaminated as well. Leaving the hall, she gives her student some credit to the nice, innocent dining hall lady. Little does the dining hall lady know that she is exposing herself to Jen's residue, along with all the other cards she swipes. Bear with me, because it only takes a minute to explain.

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The Notre Dame baseball team has signed nine high school seniors to letters of intent, head coach Paul Mainieri announced today. The signees include righthanded pitchers Matt Buchmeier, Drew Dunff and Jason Rodda, catchers J.P. Drevline and Paul O'Toole, infielders Andy Budley and Ed Golom, outfielder Steve Stanley and utility/oufielder Matt Strickroth.

"This was an important recruiting class because we had to replace the five seniors who will be graduating next May. In addition to losing two of last year's recruits to the professional team," said fourth-year Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "You also always run the possibility of losing some of your juniors to the pro draft, so the fact that we were able to sign a class of this quantity and quality is very significant.

Buchmeier is known for a fastball that can touch 90 miles per hour and his ability to consistently throw strikes. The 6-foot-1, 170-pound righthander spent the summer of 1997 as a member of the Indiana Bulls state-all-star team and earned a spot on the all-tournament team at the 1997 National Amateur Baseball Foundation World Series. Buchmeier, known for his natural left-handed swing and ability to hit to all fields, played summer-league ball with current Irish freshman infielder Ben Coker on the Youngstown Astro Falcons. He hit .444 while leading the Astro Falcons to a 45-7 record in the summer of '97.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Drevline is expected to contend for time behind the plate due to his strong all-around ability to hit from both sides of the plate and leadership skills. A former Northwest Blues teammate of current Irish freshman leftfielder Alex Portland, Drevline most recently hit .459 on the undefeated high school summer league and .329 with the Rollets Meadows Royals semi-pro team. Duff is noted for his competitiveness, a tough curveball and a fastball that has touched 91 miles per hour. A four-year varsity shortstop at Sevier County High School, the 5-foot-11, 160-pound Duff posted a .240 BAs, 28 strikeouts and just four walks in 25 innings last spring.

Golom attracted the Irish coaches due to his scrappy style, versatility and aggressiveness at the plate. The 5-foot-9, 160-pound righthander participated in the Team One Showcase. He was named all-conference and honorable mention all-area at Providence Catholic High School after batting .420.

O'Toole's versatility, hitting ability and strong throwing arm could help him make significant contributions for the Irish in '98. His 1997 high school highlights included leading the Mainstreet Muftins to the Connie Mack state championship and earning a spot in the Team One Showcase. The 5-foot-11, 170-pound Rodda is known for his ability to consistently throw four pitches for strikes, as evidenced by his combined 38-1 career record in high school and summer-league play.

Stanley, another Team One participant, should bring excellent speed and a strong arm. The sophomore has extended an invitation to the Irish program as a prospective centerfielder. As a sophomore at Worthington Christian High School, Stanley led the Columbus area with a .595 batting average and 41-4 of 44 stolen bases en route to becoming the only sophomore to be named first team all-state.

The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Strickroth could prove to be the surprise member of the signing class. A talented two-sport athlete who selected Notre Dame over current football scholarship offers, Strickroth could add depth to the Irish pitching corps.

As a junior at Santa Margarita High School, he hit .396 with six home runs and 28 RBIs in 88 at-bats, but hitting .329 with five home runs and 23 RBIs as a sophomore.

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Senior all-American Jason Rexing led the Notre Dame men's cross country team to a 12th place finish at the NCAA cross country championships in the final cross country meet of his college career.

Notre Dame ran to its sixth straight top-15 finish yesterday. The Irish scored 309 points in the meet. Stanford and Arkansas battled it out for first place, and defending champion Stanford made it two in a row, winning 53 to 56. Colorado and Michigan ran for third and fourth places, with 108 and 116 points, respectively.

Rexing placed 40th overall in the 10,000 meter race with a time of 30:34. This was his second straight year as the top Notre Dame finisher in two top-15 finishes.

"Rexing is the ultimate team player," said Coach Piane. "He's a solid kid and so upbeat. He struggles with injuries his first two seasons," said Coach Piane. "This is exactly what you want. It's exciting. He's a wonderful kid and so upbeat. He struggles with injuries his first two seasons," said Coach Piane. "This is exactly what you want - to see as a coach - when a kid puts in the work and then gets the results."

The final four runners for Notre Dame stayed in a fairly close pack, with only a 16-second difference between their times. Junior Antonio Arce, the top Notre Dame finisher in two meets this year, placed 80th overall and fourth for the team with a time of 31:28.

Seniors Mike Conway and Scott Grace stuck together, racing to 88th and 89th in the meet in 31:35 and 31:36. Junior Ryan Maxwell finished 12th place at the Great Lakes Region meet to the Nationals, but the team still could not finish in the top 10.

Notre Dame was one of 22 Division I teams that qualified to run in yesterday's championships. They were held at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. The Irish were ranked ninth last week.

This meet capped off a successful season for the Irish, which won its first-ever Big East championship, the Scarlet/Gray Invitational, and the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational this season. It also concluded the cross country careers of Hexing, Conway, and Grace.

Irish swim to third place finish

Senior standout Linda Gallo led the Irish, winning the 1600-meter freestyle in 16:34.34. Sophomore all-American Alison Newell finished second in the 200-meter butterfly. Sophomore Liz Barger took sixth in the same race.

Freshman phenom Carrie Nixon took a solid second place in the 100-meter freestyle, and sophomore all-American Shannon Suddarth won second in the 200-meter breaststroke. Freshman Tiffany O'Brien came in fourth place in the 200-meter backstroke, and freshman Kristen Van Saun was sixth in the 100-meter freestyle.

The strong relay team of Gallo, Van Saun, Nixon and Katie Collins finished second in the 400-freestyle relay.
Another interception, this time by Pyro linebacker Sofia Babitz on second down, gave P.E. a quick turnaround and excellent field position. Again, Lewis prevented the touchdown, even after a pass interference call against the defense moved P.E. 10 yards closer. Three tackles behind the line of scrimmage pushed the Pyros back a total of 14 yards, and Lewis took over on downs for the third time.

Three passes to wide receiver Kelly Dillon, only one of which was successful, and a short yardage passing play were not enough for the Chickens to put together a successful run before the end of the half. Forced to punt, P.E. attempted a quick run for the goal with just 33 seconds remaining. The first play, a 14-yard pass to Rost, was enough for a first down, but the Pyros could not complete any more plays before the clock expired. At the half, the game stood scoreless.

"We had trouble putting the ball in the end zone, but we were clearly dominating during the first half," said Plummer. "In the second half, we didn't make enough big plays on offense." After halftime, Lewis had the first possession. A completed pass from quarterback Liz Talarico to wide receiver Carrie Upp resulted in a first down. The P.E. defense, however, prevented further yardage and Lesbian West was sent in to punt the ball back.

Plummer ran for a total of 12 yards in two plays, bringing up fourth down and one at mid-field. Attempting the conversion, Plummer made a quick slide across the 40-yard line for a first down. A five-yard pass to Rost, followed by a quarterback keeper up the middle, was good for another first. Just 20 yards away from the goal line, the offense was set back by a 10-yard penalty. They quickly rebounded, however, with a 15-yard pass to Rost, who ran the ball into the end zone. On the extra point, however, Brick broke up a pass to Searle and the score remained at 6-0.

"It was good to score," said Rost after the game, "but we knew there was still five minutes left. We knew the game wasn't over yet." Lewis took over at its own 35, and Talarico threw a completed pass to Leigh Ann West. The Chickens further profited from a tackling penalty called against P.E., but the next plays resulted in only a minimal gain. On fourth down with time running out, the Chickens knew they could not punt. A brilliant 20-yard pass from Talarico to West gave Lewis a first down at P.E.'s 36-yard line. Unfortunately for the Chickens, they could not build momentum off this big play. Three consecutive incompletion and a quarterback sack destroyed their last big chance.

P.E. did experience some difficulties on its last possession of the game. With 30 seconds left, a penalty against the P.E. offense gave Lewis the choice of fourth and one, 21 yards from the goal, or third and 11. Deciding the penalty to preserve the clock, the Chicken linebacker Maureen Neville called for a punt, with a huge play by tackling Plummer behind the line of scrimmage. The Lewis offense then had one more opportunity, but the distance and shortage of time proved too great an obstacle. The clock ran out, and P.E. was declared champions.

The Pyros' celebration immediately glued as the team was awarded the championship trophy and T-shirts. Team members spoke glowingly of their season. Said Barlato, "This win is incredible. It's an incredible season, stifling opposing teams play all season. Offense is led by middle linebacker Sofia Babitz and senior captain and strong safety Sarah Costanzo. "Our defense has been the backbone of the team," added Hartman.

"They supplied a good pass rush which made our job a lot easier," explained Costanzo, who broke up several passes in the secondary. Klopp had a key interception in the third quarter. Sorin had started to drive and decided to run a curl pass that Kloppe stepped in front of and picked off. "They had run the play earli­ er in the game, and I guess I read it well," explained Kloppe. "Klopp played great," commented Costanzo. "He had that key interception and a few other runs.

Klopp and the rest of the Keenan backfield played solid, but the Sorin defense was tough. However, the Knights as they have done all season, got the job done when they needed to. Klopp had some of his biggest rushes late in the game, which enabled the Knights to keep the clock running and to almost score again. Late in the fourth quarter, Keenan looked to have a sure touchdown, but the Knights were unable to hold hands of Costanzo and fell incomplete. The Knights turned the ball over on downs deep in Sorin territory, and Sorin fumbled the ball on the last play of the game trying to lateral it. Sorin's running game, behind fullback Alex Schelder and running back Tim Statery, was tough to stop, but the Otters just couldn't put any points on the scoreboard.

"They came out in the first half and played smash-mouth ball," commented Barlato. "Statery had some good runs of 20 yards on the day, but we settled down in the second half and got back to our game. We possessed the 50-yard line several times but could not put the ball much further than that. The Otters' defense kept them in the game, too. "They were tough, and they had some good players," commented Klopp. "We capital­ ized on that and turned it into the difference."

"We're really excited about this win," said Barlato. "We deserved it, and we went out and got it." Keenan had been practicing all week, as late as midnight on Monday, and it paid off as the Knights played probably their best physical game of the year.

"We had been working toward this since day one," said Costanzo. "We achieved our goals as one team. We got better each prac­ tice, went undefeated and unscored upon, and got to play in the final. There were no superstars on the team. They played as a team and everyone worked and won as a team. The younger players made key contributions all season, and it looks like Keenan will be a dominating force in men's interhall football for years to come.

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Taurus: Look at your motivations to find what is holding you back. An imperfect system could be interfering with your efficiency. Unravel yourself carefully instead of wildly trying to kick free.

Gemini: Today's mundane responsibilities are like walking on a treadmill to nowhere. Fun and games beckon you off the path. Your day improves when you find a platonic who shares your desire to escape.

Cancer: Family members are unhappy with you today, and it could be your fault. Pride and stubbornness are being used as defensive weapons. Along with everyone else, you need to calm down and start talking.

Leo: Reach out and initiate something today. Make plans, dates, and sales calls. Interpersonal communication, and all that flies from it, is like a work of art in your hands.

Virgo: Money swims into view, and with some help you may be able to bask in its glory. The planets are lining up favorably for you today, even if it comes with a little bit of nervous tension. The connections of the modern world have its price.

Libra: The planets are lining up and coming to bear for you, which means you can achieve a lot without using too much energy. Others notice something unusual about you. Make them see your attention.

Scorpio: Delay responses as long as possible today. Words slip out sideways, taking on unintended meaning as they fall heavily on the listener's ears. This is not a good day to show someone how smart or cool you really are.

Sagittarius: This is a good day to make your hopes and wishes known to someone with the power to grant them. Be frank with clients or employers. Open your heart to friends and loved ones. You have nothing to lose.

Capricorn: Your first milestone comes into sight, but there is still a long way to go. If you stop counting, it may be hard to get moving again. Take small steps until you find the energy to increase your stride.

Aquarius: Words are your currency today, or perhaps an electric current. People look to you for energetic answers to their questions. The last person you would have expected to see in first in line for your free advice.

Pisces: Today finds you in the spotlight, making major financial commitments. Be sure to consult with everyone involved. Take risks only if you feel absolutely lucky.

RecSports is now hiring students to serve as Control Desk Supervisors and Fitness Room Supervisors in the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center. Interested students should stop by the RecSports office, located in the Joyce Center, and fill out an application.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, all Fitness Classes will be cancelled on Wednesday, November 26, through Sunday, November 30. Classes will resume on Monday, December 1.
Irish look to return to winning ways tonight

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

The best way to judge a team's character is to see how it bounces back from defeat. And last Friday's 72-48 loss to Marquette was no normal defeat — it was a complete and thorough thrashing. So when Notre Dame hosts Northeastern tonight, the character of 15 young men will certainly be put to the test.

"Marquette pretty much dominated us on both ends of the court," said Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod. "Now, it's up to us to put that loss behind us and bounce back. We cannot afford to let that loss haunt us."

Fortunately for the Irish, they will not face a team of Marquette's caliber for quite awhile. Instead, the squad will have the opportunity to improve its record to 2-1 when Northeastern makes its way from Boston to the Joyce Center.

This marks the first time the two teams have met, but Notre Dame has compiled a 12-0 record against the America East Conference. A year ago, the Irish defeated AEC power New Hampshire, 68-47.

"We don't know a lot about them, but they've already won their first game — so we can't afford to take them lightly," said forward Pat Garrity.

On Friday, the Irish shot just 33 percent from the floor, and Garrity received little help at the offensive end. In fact, guards Martin Ingelsby, Antonio Whyche, and Keith Friel shot a combined 4-for-20.

"We can't afford to shoot that badly again," said Ingelsby, "Their [Marquette's] defense did a great job, but we have to be ready for that. We can't let Northeastern take us out of our game plan the way Marquette did.

After Garrity received ample support in last Tuesday's season opener, the 1996 Big East player of the year didn't see much help from his teammates against the Eagles.

"We have got to have guys step up and take some of the load off Pat," said MacLeod. "We will not be successful if he's forced to carry us by himself."

Following tonight's matchup with Northeastern, the Irish will host Sun Houston State on Friday. With the light schedule, this is the perfect time for Notre Dame to start racking up wins that may help them when the NCAA and NIT determine tournament brackets following the season.

"We know from last year that the won-loss record is critical to getting into post-season tournaments," said Garrity. "We know it's too early to worry about that kind of thing (making a tournament), but it's never too early to worry about improving your record."

Lewis topped by P.E. in finals

By ALISON WELTNTER
Sports Writer

After three years of leaving the championship game empty-handed, Pasquerilla East finally achieved its goal. Defeating Lewis 6-0 on Sunday, the Pyros emerged from Notre Dame Stadium as the 1997 women's interhall football champions.

"This is what it's all about," said Pyro coach Tom Asci. "We have worked hard all season, and we deserve this."

For the Chickens, the game brought an exciting season to a rather disappointing close. Still, Lewis team members remained proud of their accomplishments as a sixth-ranked team that made it to the stadium.

"P.E. is really tough, but we played our best, and I'm very proud," said Lewis cornerback Dina Brick. "We played with a lot of heart."

For proof, one need look no further than the final score. Although P.E. dominated the game with regard to time of possession, Lewis' defense did an excellent job of defending the goal line in key situations, making it difficult for the Pyros to convert their offensive cam-
With expectations and pressures at his back
Ron Powlus has survived five years in one of the highest pressure positions in college football. The Irish Insider examines his take on the job.

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IRISH ON THE OFFENSIVE...

Hawaii is 3-8. The wins have come against powerhouses, such as California State Northridge and Fresno State. Hawaii is in the WAC and has a WAC defense so if the Irish are hoping to continue their win streak and travel to a bowl, it appears their backs need to block better, more consistently.

Senior wide receiver Malcolm Johnson is coming off probably the best game by an Irish receiver this year as he caught six passes for 125 yards and a touchdown. However, the corps of receivers has flourished as the Irish are not passing out of necessity on the road. Head coach Bob Davie said: "They [Virginia] were able to have some negative plays against us," Davie said. "I think our receivers need to block better more consistently. So, we've got to get more consistent running the football.

The defense has improved some this year only surrendering 26 points a game compared to last year's 36, but it still gives up more than four and a half yards per play.

Over the last two games the Notre Dame rushing attack has returned, averaging 4.6 yards per carry against LSU and West Virginia. The ground attack against its top two tacklers are safeties Chris Schinnick and Eddie Kamae.

In Saturday's win over the Mountaineers, tailback Autry Denson accumulated 144 yards, but the running attack was not as good as expected. As for Coach Bob Davie would have liked.

"They [West Virginia] were able to have some negative plays against us," Davie said. "I think our receivers need to block better more consistently. So, we've got to get more consistent running the football.

With the re-emergence of the running attack, the passing game has flourished as the Irish are not passing out of necessity on the road. Head coach Bob Davie said.

Another area of improvement in the Notre Dame offense has been the play on third downs. Earlier in the season, it appeared that the Irish couldn't buy a critical third down conversion. But in recent games Ron Powlus has been able to spot the open man in critical situations to sustain drives.

"I think we can throw the football ata pretty high level right now," Davie said. "We had six big third down conversions which led to first downs in the West Virginia game.

But playing against the Hawaii defense will likely allow Davie to work on those problems, and the Irish offense should have no trouble in paradise.

—Joe Carato

THE MATCH-UPS

Quarterbacks

Dan Robinson and Josh Skriver have combined to throw just five touchdown passes and a whopping 21 interceptions. With Powlus at the top of his game, this a no brainer.

Running Backs

Freshman Charles Tharp has been a rare bright spot for the Rainbow Warriors this year. However, Denson is rock solid for the Irish.

Receivers

It's hard to judge the Rainbow unit without a quarterback to throw to it. With Johnson, Brown and Nelson, the Irish have a clear-cut advantage here.

Defensive Line

Hawaii has been anemic offensively, averaging 15.3 points per game. Meanwhile, the Irish line continues to improve after a slow start and should control the line of scrimmage.

Linebackers

Rosevold, Chapman, and Cobb-Adams are considered "below average" at best. The group lacks size and speed. With Minor and Howard all over the field, Hawaii will struggle to move the ball.

Special Teams

Like the Irish, the Rainbow Warriors are solid at punter in Chad Shrouth. Both teams have struggled covering kicks. However, they don't have an answer for the electrifying Rossum.

Coaching

Believe it or not, Davie will face a coach with less experience and fewer victories than him. The Irish general continues to learn and improve.

Overall

Hawaii simply awful. The Irish can get more out of a scrimmage with St. Joseph's high school. This one should be over by halftime.

—Mike Day

THE MATCH-UPS
Facing the Pressure
What it has taken to overcome four years of adversity

By BETSY BAKER
Associated Press Editor

Trying to live up to the expectations set for him is a losing battle for Ron Powlus. Coming into Notre Dame, the Berwick, Pa., native was labeled as the "Messiah," deemed the savior of Notre Dame football, and basically assumed to have a national championship in one pocket and the Heisman trophy in the other.

His first letdown came when he broke his collarbone only hours after a team meeting in which Lou Holtz announced he was a losing battle for Ron Powlus, coming to the Irish with many high hopes, and dreams have been realized here," Powlus said. "I'm thrilled with my career here. I've worked hard, day in and day out, to win as many games as we can and to be as prepared as I can, and play as best I can. I have a way that I'll remember Notre Dame and the fans and everything that has happened, but how the people remember me, that's certainly not up to me."
One of the few bright spots for the 3-8 Rainbows this year has been the play of freshman running back Charles Tharp. Entering Hawaii amid high expectations, Tharp has exceeded them all in his first 11 games. With 682 yards rushing and a team-leading 37 receptions, the 18-year-old has emerged as a leading candidate for WAC newcomer of the year.

Having faced Amos Zereoue and Kevin Faulk the past two weeks, the Irish are familiar with top-flight running backs. Look for them to make some adjustments after giving up 234 yards last week to Zereoue.
Seniors provide spark for improbable turnaround

It's common. It's cliché. It's even a little tired.

To attribute success to the seniors of a college football team is to the leadership of its seniors is often just lip service to the players who have paid their dues and will soon arrive at their final moments on the field of play.

For the 1997 Notre Dame football team, nothing could be further from the truth. The fourth- and fifth-year seniors have been an essential part of one of the most improbable turnarounds in college football history.

Now some may say that the Irish lost early on because of the level of competition was higher and there is Assistant Sports Editor Brian Reinthaler the truth. The fourth- and fifth-year seniors is often just lip service to the players who have paid their dues and will

The contest at Pittsburgh did not only The fourth- and fifth-year seniors have none of it. He grabbed the opening kickoff and sped downfield 93 yards for a touchdown which took the Panthers out of the game before it had even gotten underway.

There was plenty of action throughout the remainder of the game, but the capt­ain's kick return made it all seem like a formality. Those are the kind of plays that a team needs from its veteran players in order to succeed.

Again, the Irish were hit with a disap­pointing setback, getting nipped by rival Southern California for the second con­secutive season. Instead of letting the team get down on itself, the seniors rose to the occasion once again against Boston College.

Ron Powlus stepped up and completed 20 passes on 27 attempts, including a perfectly placed touchdown pass to Bobby Brown to open the scoring. Malcom Johnson hauled in seven of these passes, converting them into 206 yards of total offense. All of this came against one of the best secondaries in the nation. In fact, Notre Dame has been the only team to give Charles Woodson any serious problems all year.

Sure, the adversity, the losing streak, and the mental strain of the middle game of the three-game road stretch was too much for the entire Irish team when it arrived in Stanford. But the team continued to persevere, led by its seniors.

The seniors led the way into Death Valley and left its inhabitants high and dry before returning to the House that Rockne Built, and defending it in their final appearance (there) like it was always meant to be defended.

Notre Dame now hops on a plane for the middle of the Pacific Ocean, carry­ing a four-game win­ning streak and the ability to determine their own post-season fate. What's more, the Irish seniors have helped to re-establish a program that many observers had assumed was on its death bed, while restoring hope to the Irish faithful whose faith had begun to waver.

If the departing members of the 1997 Fighting Irish football team are to "go out in style," as senior cen­ter Rick Kuczenski (who is scheduled to start his 34th consec­utive game for Notre Dame on Saturday) declared after beat­ing West Virginia, they must do what they have done all along. They must dig deep inside themselves and reach for just a little more heart, a little more grit, and a little more pride.

If they are able to do so, and the rest of the team responds in kind by beating Hawaii and advancing to a bowl game, then these outgoing players will be remembered for much more than their win-loss percentage over the last four or five years. They will go down in Blue and Gold history as the class that refused to let Notre Dame football fade into the mediocritity and who set the tone for the next generation of Irish champions.
Spartans search for possible bowl bid

Pac-10, ACC rivals battle for state pride

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No. 4 Penn State
at Michigan State

Their Rose Bowl hopes dashed, and their thoughts of a possible title all but crushed by the Wolverines, the Nittany Lions will attempt to earn a bid to an alliance bowl by taking on the intra-state rivals of their 1997 nemesis. The Spartans, who have fallen from grace in many respects, hope to salvage their season and a shot at a bowl by playing the role of spoiler when they host Penn State on Saturday.

Michigan State defeated Illinois last Saturday to end a four-game losing streak which began back on Oct. 18 when upset-minded Northwestern ambushed the undefeated Spartans.

From that point, until last weekend, the schedule was not kind, as Nick Saban’s team received visits from national championship favorite Michigan and powerful Ohio State before travelling to West Lafayette, Ind., where only this week’s opponents have prevailed in 1997.

Paterno and company must not let their guard down as they travel to East Lansing. The Spartans, who have not won at home since Oct. 4, are aching for a home victory to close out the season. The Lions should be headed for a showdown with a top 10 team on New Year’s Day.

No. 14 Georgia
at Georgia Tech

Georgia enters this week’s match-up with its biggest rival as another team who has missed opportunities in 1997. Having lost just once, a defeat at the hands of the Volunteers in Knoxville, the Bulldogs hosted Auburn in a game that could have had all but assured a berth in the SEC championship game. However, the Tigers upset Georgia between the hedges to earn their own shot at the title by virtue of their win over LSU earlier in the year.

Once again, the host team would love nothing more than a victory over its archrival in front of its home crowd to close out the season. The Yellow Jackets owe the Bulldogs one because Georgia salvaged its losing season in 1996 by knocking off Georgia Tech in the annual Peach State battle.

No. 12 Arizona
at No. 1 Arizona

Its only loss of the season came at the hands of the Huskies in Seattle, so a win here would give the Sun Devils a fitting sequel to its 1996 run for the Roses. Arizona State was eliminated from contention for a second consecutive Rose Bowl berth when Washington State did what the Sun Devils could not and beat Washington on the road. The Cougars will represent the Pac-10 instead of Arizona State, despite the fact that Washington State suffered its only loss at the hands of the Devils.

The Wildcats are also looking to make their year by beating their in-state enemies. State embarrassed Arizona in 1996 on their way to an undefeated regular season, so keeping the Sun Devils out of an alliance Bowl would be the perfect revenge for the Wildcats.
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