Ushering in the end of an era

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

By HELENA PAYNE

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

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

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

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

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

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

"I would have to rush over to the campus after work on Saturdays," said Couch about earlier years of ushering.

"That's when you could get a parking space."

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

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

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NEWS ANALYSES

Lieberman's Jewish faith concerns some voters

By HELENA PAYNE

Though polls have shown that the vice presidential pick of the candidate rarely affects voters' choices in presidential elections, Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman's strong faith in Judaism has raised concerns from theology professor Jim Sterba, who also teaches within the gender studies program.

Sterba said that Lieberman refers to himself as an "observant Jew," which is different from liberal Judaism, but not necessarily strictly Orthodox as he has been categorized. This distinction, Sterba said, brings about a difference in the way that he can handle the affairs of a vice president on the Sabbath.

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

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

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

"He will walk to the Senate to engage in voting on the Sabbath," said Signer. Even in the case of a crisis within the

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

By ERIN LaRUFFA

One of the country's closest-watched Senate races is a statistical dead heat, according to the most recent Zogby international poll. According to the poll, First Lady Hillary Clinton has 42.2 percent of the vote while her Republican opponent, Congressman Rick Lazio, has 42.7 percent in New York's Senate race. With the poll's 4.5 margin of error, who's leading is anyone's guess.

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

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

The polls, however, are not the most interesting story of this campaign. Even before the Democrat Clinton declared her candidacy, speculation was rampant that she was going to run for the Senate seat being left vacant by the retiring Daniel Patrick Moynihan. However, having spent seven years living in Arkansas and Washington, D.C., Clinton recently established her residency in New York State. As a result, many of her critics have labeled her a "carpetbagger."

"I don't really think that that's a problem if she can maintain that she's become knowledgeable about the issues," said Notre Dame philosophy professor Jim Sterba, who also teaches within the gender studies program. He added that Robert Kennedy also set up residency in New York to run
The Irish were undefeated. No one can remember when they last accomplished this feat.

That season, in the fall of 1999, I bought one of those underdog T-shirts that students sell before every game for the Kansas game. Then I brought it home as a souvenir for my brother. He wore it to every single practice and every single game during his junior season. And on that night alone, he scored every single game he played.

The Irish team was one of the best in the nation that year. They were the team to beat. I didn't manage to get him a shirt until fall break. By then they were 2-5 overall and had lost three straight games. Most of the seniors and upperclassmen were watching the game to fill the holes. They scored on the opening kickoff and recorded a 3-0 victory. The newspapers called them a "golden egg." I wanted to test my hypothesis this year, but I did't manage to get him a shirt until fall break. By then they were 2-5 overall and had lost three straight games.

So I would like to think that the shirt had something to do with it. That somehow, the spirit of the Irish after that opening victory rubbed off on the shirt and transferred to my brother. I think about this every year when I watch the team. And I imagine how my parents must have felt when they watched their team lose that first loss of the season. They won their first and second and third games. And then they lost the second to end the season at 10-2. My brother never played a football game except that one. He was a senior that year, and his parents had scheduled a trip to Ireland. I can only imagine how his Irish teammates must have felt. They had a chance to make the playoffs. They had a chance to make history. They had a chance to make something special.

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But the Irish didn't make it to the playoffs that year. They lost their last three games and finished 10-2. My brother was disappointed. I was disappointed. But I still kept the shirt. And I wore it every single practice and every single game during his junior season. And on that night alone, he scored every single game he played.

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Cited students receive advice

By MIKE CONNOLLY
News Writer

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

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

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

"This is really just to demystify the process," he said. "I know most of you have never been in court before and have never been in trouble with the law." He said the prosecutor's office will most likely give the Finnigan's 147 the option for a pretrial diversion. If students select a pretrial diversion they will most likely be required to pay a $220 fine, perform 40 hours of community service and be placed on probation for one year. If students remain out of trouble for that one-year period, the citation will be wiped from their record.

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

"They are really worried about you folks coming over (Friday) because they are understaffed," Monterrosa said. "It's not everything that you beat that many people so they are going to speed up the process.

The pretrial diversion process is the best way to get this off your record."

If a student has prior offenses on his or her record, however, pretrial diversion may not be an option. If a student is not given the option of a pretrial diversion, Monterrosa recommended seeking a plea bargain with the prosecutor but also encouraged students to consult with a lawyer.

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

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

Smith spoke from personal experience. He was one of the 145 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cited at Bridget McGuire's on Jan. 30, 1998. Smith encouraged students to show up for their hearings early and dress appropriately.

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

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

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

"A conference is a one-on-one meeting with an administrator and usually less serious than a hearing. At a hearing, a panel of administrators interrogates the student about the violation and usually hands out harsher punishments than a conference. Student may request a peer advocate to assist them with a hearing but peer advocates do not usually participate in conferences," Wagner said.

While students cited at Bridget's did not receive further discipline from ResLife, Wagner suspects that the students cited at Finnigan's may be disciplined by ResLife for similar actions.

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

"They may be taking this thing more seriously than in the past." Tony Wagner judicial board president

Cited students kick off free speech group

By HELENA PAYNE
News Writer

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

The group, an official University group, participants at the meeting were members of various student organizations that wanted to discuss the issue of free speech and how it is implemented on campus.

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

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

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

Students said they would make a strong effort to work with administrators to collaborate on free speech issues. However, if that method did not work, many also said they would consider other forms of getting the issue heard such as free speech forums and rallies.

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

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

Philosophy professor Edward Manier, a graduate of the class of 1953, shared with students his experience as an undergraduate student at the University saying students were under even more restrictions in regards to free speech.

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

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

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

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for the Senate. Originally, Clinton's oppo­
ment was New York City mayor Rudy Guiliani. However,
in the end the mayor withdrew from the race alter being di­
nosed with can­
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Lazio, a young
Congressman who grew up in the New York suburbs, quickly jumped into the race.

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

"Everybody knows who she is." Wolbrecht said, "They know a lot about her." No­toriety could either help or hurt Clinton.

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

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

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

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

"I don't understand the hatred toward her through­out the county," Sterba said. "It may well be that she is a first Lady who has stepped out of the traditional role." In fact, this is the first time the first lady has run for political office on her own.

"It will be a nice precedent for the future," Sterba said. "Hillary represents the future and not the past." Wolbrecht, adding that some voters may be uncomfortable with Clinton's candidacy as a result.

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

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

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

"Maybe there will be a first Lady who has a stepson and husband will be a lawyer somewhere," he said. "I think the president's spouse has to put their career on hold a little while their hus­band or wife is president." However, there is an assum­p­tion that woman voters will notu­rally favor female can­didates, Wolbrecht said.

"The press likes to talk about it a lot," Wolbrecht said. "I don't think a lot of really good studies have been done. Some people, however, may simply be opposed to Clinton's husband or the fact that she has stayed with him despite his marital infidel­ity. Nevertheless, President Clinton has been out campa­igning on behalf of his wife.

"The President is still very popular among different constituent groups," Wolbrecht said. "It looks like that is the case (if your hus­band doesn't campaign for you).

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

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

Ivory Coast celebrates president: Opposition leader Laurent Gbagbo was sworn in as president, ending two-days of protests by Gbagbo's supporters after Gen. Robert Guei, the country's newly-installed military leader, suspended the commission overseeing presidential elections and declared himself the winner.

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

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Manager admits faking robbery: The manager of a Christian bookstore, who tripped and hit his head while stealing money from the store, tried to fool police into believing he'd been bashed and robbed. Sgt. Matt Myers of the Columbus Police Department said police were dispatched to the Family Christian Store early Tuesday morning on a report that a robber had beaten the store's manager. Gilbert 'Tony' Matteucci, 28, of Greenwood, was arrested a quarter century to avoid the death penalty that God will right the wrongs that I have done as a result of the accident," Russian navy chief Adm. Vladimir Kuroyedov quoted the note as saying. "None of us can get to the surface," the message continued.

Most of the Kursk's crew apparently died instantly in the explosions that tore open the Kursk's first six compartments or within minutes as water roared into the submarine. But the knowledge that some survived the horror that gripped the nation after the sub sank is providing hope to uprights and their families here. We made this decision as a mournful poem in the days before he went on the Kursk's final voyage and said his last goodbye to his family, said Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, the Northern Fleet chief of staff.

Russian specialists inspect a piece of the Kursk's inner hull cut out by divers aboard the mother ship Regalia in the Barents Sea. During recovery efforts, divers found a note written by a sailor which said 23 seamen survived after the submarine sank. Written a few hours after the sub plunged to the bottom of the Barents Sea, the note tells a horrifying story in eerily straightforward sentences. "All the crew from the sixth, seventh and eighth compartments who were not in the emergency compartments or within minutes as water roared into the submarine. But the knowledge that some survived the horror that gripped the nation after the sub sank is providing hope to uprights and their families here. We made this decision as a mourning poem in the days before he went on the Kursk's final voyage and said his last goodbye to his family, said Vice Adm. Mikhail Motsak, the Northern Fleet chief of staff.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday Lieberman said during his lecture in the Student Center that he had received criticism of his faith from some people to which he would reply, "I am a Jew and I believe in faith, family and freedom; equal opportunity respect for the basic dignity of human life, and tolerance for individual differences — clearly had their roots in the JudeoChristian ethic of the Founders. But they were not, and are not, exclusive to any one religious denomination,” said Lieberman.

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

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

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

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

One way that Lieberman showed his moral views to the American people was during the Clinton impeachment trial.

"The Clinton conflict of interest was not an issue that I had to deal with," said Lieberman. "The most recent issue is the impeachment."
College Park may allow fewer students in each unit

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gibson, however believes that splitting the rent among three people is a reasonable request. "I'd like to know where else you can rent for $300 a piece," said Gibson. "If that is too high, somebody has a real problem."

Current residents who have chosen to either live alone or with only one other person.

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

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

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

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

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

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Concern raised over truck tires

Associated Press

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Officers at the Arizona Department of Public Safety were so worried about dangers associated with Firestone/Continental truck tires that in 1997 the agency's director had them replaced on all vehicles.

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

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

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

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

Joe Albo, the agency's director at the time who ordered the switch to tires made by The GoodYear Tire & Rubber Co., said the risk management unit of Arizona's Department of Administration was told about the tire problems.

No one from the state filed any complaints with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, according to the federal agency's records.

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

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

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

Arizona was one of four hot-weather states where most of the initial tread-separation complaints about Firestone tires originated. In 1997 and 1998, Arizona public safety officers were involved in at least five accidents caused by tread separations, according to the agency's documents.

Spending bill would nullify state food laws

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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

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

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

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

The legislation is sponsored by at least three dozen senators, including Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Opponents of the legislation said it would effectively block state efforts to act in areas where FDA has been ineffective or to goad the agency to regulate products that are not. The food industry has been trying for 12 years to get out from under a California law known as Proposition 65, that requires a warning label on all products that contain cancer-causing agents or substances that are toxic to the reproductive system.

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

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

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

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Israelis forces brace for more violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israeli security forces poured reinforcements into east Jerusalem on Friday amid fears of new violence after a Palestinian suicide bomber struck a military outpost in the restive Gaza Strip.

Police planned to restrict Palestinians from weekly Muslim prayers at Jerusalem's Temple Mount, Jewish as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Holy of Holies, which that violence spokesman Shmuel Ben-Rubi said.

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

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

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

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Clinton, GOP in tax cut battle

WASHINGTON Republicans were that if President Clinton delivers on his promise to veto a tax-cut package and a spending bill that t a ke a v a n immigration laws it will hurt Democrats' prospects in the Nov. 7 election.

The last GOP leaders hoped to push both measures through the Senate on Friday, a day after a divided House approved the spending bill by 256-198 and the tax legislation by 237-174.

Both votes fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to reverse a presidential veto.

Even so, the brewing confrontation seemed likely to draw public attention to this election year's long-running budget fight, just as it was looking as if Congress might finally complete its business and adjourn quietly — less than two weeks from Election Day.

Clinton veto threat on a $379 billion measure financing the departments of Commerce, Justice and State for 2001 focused on the GOP's failure to overhaul immigration laws as broadly as the president wants.

The president would grant amnesty to all aliens who arrived illegally before 1986, while Republicans would ease restrictions on some class relatives of permanent residents and let others with long-running disputes over their immigration. "Hispanics who are here legally abhor aliens who are here illegally," House Majority Whip Tom Delay, R-Texas, told a reporter. "You're going to see the (poll) numbers in California go just like this," he added, moving one hand up and the other down.

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

Clinton said the GOP fell short.

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

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

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

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Gore saves $23M for final push

WASHINGTON

Al Gore put away $23.1 million to spend during the final stretch of the campaign, hoping to offset the Republican Party's cash advantage over the Democrats. In the last look at campaign spending before the Nov. 7 election, Gore reported to the Federal Election Commission on Thursday that he spent $18.1 million between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18 — $1 million a day — with two-thirds of that, or $12.6 million, going to television commercials. He had $2.8 million left of the $67.6 million in federal funds he received for the full campaign.

Spending figures for George W. Bush were not immediately available. At the same time, the Republican National Committee reported that it had $32 million in the bank on Oct. 14, with $24.6 million of that raised under federal contribution limits, meaning that it can be used to directly aid candidates.

The party raised $19 million during the first 18 days of the election, giving it a net surplus of $21.2 million. "Governor Bush has accepted $1.3 million from corporate polluters and he's allowed them to keep polluting while my kids suffer," said Handy, of Michigan Republicans.

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The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee had $2.8 million on Oct. 18, half of it raised under federal limits. The DNC also received $1 million this week from the Bush campaign.

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The Democratic National Committee did even better than the GOP in raising money, taking in $22.6 million between Oct. 1-18. But the party still trails the Republicans in the size of its bank account. The DNC reported a bank balance of $27 million, of which $18.1 million was raised under federal limits. The party also had debts of $5.5 million, giving it a net surplus of $21.2 million.

The DNC raised another $3.5 million Tuesday at a concert held at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus, Tony Bennett and P.A.T.T.Y. loveless. Bush Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman attended. "While we will never have as much money as the Republicans, this election is about issues and getting your message out to the voters," said DNC spokesman Jenny Backus.

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

In the competitive race for the House, where the Democrats need just eight seats to guarantee that they pick the next speaker, the National Republican Congressional Committee reported having $25 million in the bank as of Oct. 18, including $13.3 million raised under federal limits. Since then, the Bush campaign contributed $1 million and vice-presidential nominee Dick Cheney headlined an Ohio fund-raiser Thursday that brought in another $600,000.

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

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

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

Democrats say that "Governor Bush has a proposal that would undermine Social Security, even scuttling current benefits." — GOP Gov. Engler called the phone calls "a stealth campaign designed to be below the radar and designed to appeal to fears or prejudices." — The Asner call, which is not being made anymore, was sent out by the Democratic National Committee and Michigan Democratic Party.

"November 7 will always be a day we will never forget. While Al Gore was working to end the war in Iraq, they were working to end Medicare for all Americans," said Barnette, a Gore supporter.

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

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

At the same time, Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson made taped phone calls to Michigan households accusing a top McCain adviser of being "a vicious hag" who called conservative Christians "anti-abortion zealots, homophobes and would-be censors." — McCain won the Michigan primary and made more than $40,000, said the phone calls backfired.

A poll released Thursday by EPIC/MRA of Lansing and conducted for the Detroit Free Press and WXYZ-TV in Southfield had Gore at 44 percent and Bush at 42 percent two weeks before the election, with a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. — Gore held the current phone call on pollution, said in a recent interview that she has voted for both Republicans and Democrats in the past.
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Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Professor Robert Burns will sign copies of Being Catholic, Being American: The Notre Dame Story, Volume 2.

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

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

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

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

Storytime features Tricks and Treats galore Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Storytime on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 11:00 a.m. features crafts, songs, and a reading of Can’t You Sleep, Little Bear.
WASHINGTON 

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**GERMANY**

Stats show rise in anti-Semitic crime

Associated Press

BERLIN

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Conservative-led Hesse and North Rhine-Westphalia states have already moved to ban the party.

The charges he faces include plotting a terrorist attack and possessing explosive materials. Government lawyers have accused him and four Algerian nationals of planning to commit terrorist acts during millennium celebrations.

The trial will be held in Los Angeles, which was site of his arrest in March due to extensive pretrial publicity in the Seattle area.

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

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

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**CANADA**

Court hears alleged bomb plot

Associated Press

MONTREAL

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

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

Ressam, a Montreal resident of Algerian origin who was arrested Dec. 14 while crossing into the United States from Canada, watched a video monitor of the Canadian courtroom as seen by U.S. District Judge John Caughen - rows of lawyers and witnesses.

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

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

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suspect's brother

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

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

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

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

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ZIMBABWE
President threatens to try whites

Associated Press

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

Mugabe told supporters Wednesday that Ian Smith, the leader of the former British colony of Rhodesia, would have to face "frivolous," threatening genocide trials for the independence movement.

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

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

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

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

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

Allies of mostly black fighters died in the seven-year bush war that led to independence in 1980.

Namibian President Sam Nujoma declared his support Thursday for Mugabe's plans during a press conference in Windoana.

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

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

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

Opposition leaders condemned Mugabe's statement and said he could hold trials only after forming a commission to review the constitution and ending the war.

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

Colart's party on Wednesday called the impeachment trial to impeach Mugabe, the same day a poll was released showing that 75 percent of Zimbabweans want Mugabe to resign and 51 percent want him prosecuted for human rights abuses.

The government called the impeachment motion "frivolous."

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

He gave no schedule for debate.

The motion to impeach accuses Mugabe of failing to uphold his presidential oath to observe the constitution and failing to enforce law and order to end government corruption and to stop political violence surrounding the June parliamentary elections.

At least 32 people were killed and 10,000 left homeless by election violence blamed mostly on ruling party supporters.

The impeachment motion also alleges Mugabe committed human rights abuses in crushing an armed rebellion in the western Matabeleland province. At least 20,000 people, most of them civilians, were killed after Mugabe deployed troops from his majority Shona tribe to crush rebels of the minority Ndebele ethnic group in 1982.

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Differing approaches to utilize our armed forces

Using the military to uphold American values

The United States flag and all that it represents embodies what it means to be American. It has been ingrained in our hearts and minds, generations of Americans have willingly sacrificed their lives to uphold the sacred values we profess. Considering both war and peace, we strive to uphold these universal rights of freedom and unity and deny them to humanity. The United States remained a beacon of democracy against communism during the 20th century. Democracy must now continue to stand for justice in today’s post-Cold War world.

Throughout the last century, the global community and the United States has strove to create the mechanisms necessary to promote and uphold basic human rights of justice, freedom, and security through the establishment of the United Nations, scores of nuclear treaties, strategic alliances and democratically elected governments. With the rise of terrorism and civil conflicts since the collapse of the Soviet Union, these mechanisms have undergone strain and in some cases colossal failure. With the leadership of the United States and the planet may witness further destabilization and conflict. Vice President Gore is determined to strengthen these organizations and treaties in order to uphold American values.

The United States is the unequivocal leader of the world, both economically and militarily. If those facing genocide in Kosovo and regional violence in the Congo are helpless to end their plight and restore justice, why isn’t the responsibility of the United States and other wealthy nations to see that human suffering ends? Vice President Gore believes that United Nations and other international regimes are not designed to prevent suffering. He believes that the United States and other wealthy nations have an obligation to take action.

George W. Bush has continually characterized the American military as a critical component of our nation’s security. He even goes so far as to claim that the military should only be involved in regions outside of the United States and the Arab Gulf. The Bush administration has cut military support and limited military spending in order to increase trade and investment in India, aiding their security and stability without undermining ties with Pakistan. Most importantly, he will insist on consistent direction of NATO for its efficiency.

Vice President Al Gore, in the current administration, has cut military support and aid to the Defense and Veterans’ Affairs departments. Defense spending has decreased 40 percent, dropping to the lowest percentage of the GNP since 1940. While decreasing spending, Vice President Gore has increased deployment on average of one new deploy­ment every nine weeks. Also, the current administration spends defense funds imprudently, investing in outmoded equipment that cannot compete with the capabilities of the military. The enlisted members of the military are also dissatisfied with the current conditions. There is a 13 percent gap between civilian and military pay, and an estimated 12,000 military members are on food stamps. A 1999 GAO report states that over 500 of the 2002 pilots in 2002 at the beginning of the current administration, 85 percent of the Air Force was considered at the best level of performance, while at the beginning of this year, only 65 percent was at this level.

Similarly, the Navy faced an estimated decline of 18,000 personnel in 1999, and had to cut back in training and maintenance due to a lack of funding. In June of 1999, the Navy and Army ROTC programs faced their fifth consecutive year of failing commissioning requirements. The Army faced a decline of 6,700 personnel in 1999. The retiring Commander of the U.S. Forces in the Persian Gulf states that it will be difficult to conduct operations on the scale of the 1991 Gulf War. In April, the Army Chief of Staff stated that the United States no longer have a fully "C-1" army, meaning that it could not "undertake the full wartime mission for which it is organized and designed." All of these short­comings result from the current advise­ment of Vice President Gore in the current administration.

Vice President Gore will restore the morale of the military through better support and respecting it. He will only enact deployments with well-defined objectives, while focusing on the American homeland. Also, he will insist on its mobility, swiftness and stealth, especially in the transfer and acquisition of new technology and intelligence. On land, Governor Bush will demand more deployments to Africa. Naval reforms will surface in smaller platforms and arsenal ships with long range capabilities. Efforts of air strikes capabilities will be necessary. A one billion dollars per year increase to the military pay raise will give active duty service members a $750 increase, while also working on housing renov­ations and training improvements. Governor Bush is well-prepared to undertake these gravely important issues, while Vice President Gore still struggles to give hope to protecting the nation.

This column is part of the Political Face-off that normally appears every Thursday until the election. The contents of this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Letter to the Editor

I think Erin English made a very good point in her letter yesterday entitled "Candidates failing to address young voters." Unfortunately, many politicians either choose to, or fail to, address issues relevant to our generation because we don’t vote. And she’s absolutely right. Look at it from the politician’s point of view. Why? Should they spend valuable time, money and energy trying to implement our concerns into their platforms and trying to market to us when we, as a demographic group, don’t vote? Why should they worry about us when we are not reaping any benefits from political office? This puts us in a Catch-22 situation. Politicians don’t listen to us because we don’t vote; consequently, we don’t vote because politicians continue to ignore us.

We can end this vicious cycle by casting ballots. If we vote, they’ll listen, and we’ll have a voice in the future of this country. The initiative lies with us. Get out and vote this November!

Josh Stowe

Urging students to exercise their right to vote
Behind the scenes of a

The men in yellow

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
Assistant Scene Editor

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

They're the guys in the bright yellow jackets.

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

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

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

They are also subject to a code of conduct, which is described under the larger heading of being an "Ambassador for Notre Dame."

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

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

The ushers help provide every fan with the wonderful atmosphere in the stadium that so many people look forward to when visiting Notre Dame. They come early, leave late and spend countless hours working behind the scenes so that you can enjoy watching the Irish.

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

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

Taking out the tailgaters' trash

By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fans come from near and far to watch games. They enjoy travelling, tailgating and being a part of the Notre Dame scene. They willingly serve in this role for the opportunity to be part of the Notre Dame experience.

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

Toiling at the tollbooth

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

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

"It's really a very enjoyable time," Rich said as he gave a traveller his change. Traffic for home games increases as early as Thursday, but the plaza workers usher between 7,000 and 10,000 cars past their booths on Saturday alone. This influx forces Motz to double his normal staff. Surprisingly, though, there is no lack of enthusiastic workers to cover the shifts.

"Employees come from as far as East Point and Portage to work the games. They really do enjoy it," he said. "What makes it so much fun? The enthusiasm of the fans.

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

"Everyone is honking and cheering with flags on their cars and painted faces, hanging out the windows yelling. Isn't that what people will miss too?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Program sellers range in age, and some seem to be just barely young enough to haul around their boxes of programs at the stadium on Friday, down with Nebraska saw 32,000 sold. After printing, the program sellers pick up boxes of programs at the stadium on Friday, after venturing out on Saturday morning to screech "Program, get your program!"

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

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

After Nelson completes her at times arduous task of organizing the program, Host Communications prints up, on average, 20,000 copies for each weekend's game, for a grand total of 120,000 for the season. Nelson explained that the number of programs printed varies by game.

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Blues defeat Flames as Young, Pronger contribute goals

Chris Pronger celebrated his new contract extension with a goal and two assists, and Scott Young scored twice to become the first NHL player to reach the 15-goal mark as the St. Louis Blues beat the Calgary Flames 4-3 Thursday night.

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

Young entered the game tied with four other players for first in the NHL with eight goals. He reached double digits in a 1:33 span of the second period by tipping home a point shot. A 1-0 lead after two periods.

Boucher, who led the league in January with 19.5 goals-against average last season, had struggled recently. He allowed 14 goals in his previous two starts and was yanked in his last two starts at Los Angeles.

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

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

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

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

Philadelphia has lost five of their last six games.

Rick Tocchet also scored for Philadelphia. Philadelphia has won two in a row.

Philadelphia's best chance on the power play came when Eric Desjardins hit the post on a shot from the circle.

But Keenan inherited a team that didn't respond to Burns, who is himself no slouch as a motivator. Thursday's victory brought the Blues within three points of the third place.

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Dear Alumni & Friends,

The staff of Campus Ministry extends an invitation to come together and celebrate the Eucharist this weekend.

Air Force Football Weekend
October 28-29, 2000

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**Saturday Vigil Masses**

- **Basilica**
  - 30 minutes after game

- **Stepan Center**
  - 45 minutes after game

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**Sunday Masses**

- **Basilica**
  - 8:00, 10:00 am & 11:45 am

- **Sacred Heart Parish Crypt**
  - 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
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10-for-19.
the field. lie teamed with
Winter, Minnesota played without
Kartelo's teammate at the
Winchendon School in
Massachusetts) and more than
13 of last night's participants
are under 23.
The oldest player, Voskuhl
(who turns 23 Wednesday), also
made a return trip to the Joyce
Center. A teammate of El-Amin
at UConn, Voskuhl was subject-
ed to several taunts from stu-
cents in last season's game.
"Among the signs: 'Troy Murphy: All-American, Jake Voskuhl:
Fairy.' "

"Not trying to sound arrogant
but it was normally a big game
for the opposing team (when
they played against the Huskies)
as we were used to it," said
Voskuhl, referring to last year's
game with 6:45 left in the fourth
quarter amidst a scattering of
boos from the neutral crowd.
"Really El-Amin said.

"El-Amin was a second-round
pick, an experience that helped
him understand the
business," El-Amin said.

"And that got one of the veter-
ans upset, so they fined him 50
bucks.
"Among the 'veterans' on the
young Bulls' squad is Artest. As
a freshman at St. John's, Artest
led the Red Storm to a 79-69
victory against the Irish at the
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Art est expected to be a lottery
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him understand the 'business'
of the NBA. He hopes to contin-
ue with the Bulls but knows there
are no guarantees.
"You never know in this busi-
ness," Artest said. "It's crazy.
I've seen a lot of funny things
happen.
Another funny thing Artest
has seen in the last year has
been the development of Notre
Dame's Troy Murphy. Coming
out of high school in New York
City, Artest was a 'can't-miss'
prospect while Murphy, a New
Jersey native, was a relative
unknown.
"I didn't know he would be
this good," said Artest, who
attended the Five-Star camp
with Murphy during high school.
"Elton [Brand] and me always
talk about that. We're like, Troy
Murphy? But he got a lot of
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Yankees defeat Mets, win third-straight Series title

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

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

The Subway Series turned out to be a short ride for New York fans who had waited 44 years for another one and hoped it would go seven games. Instead, the Yankees quickly matched the Oakland Athletics’ three in a row from 1972-74, and won their fourth title in five years.

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

And while the lasting image of this Series is certain to be Roger Clemens throwing the bat at Mike Piazza, this is the picture the Yankees will prefer to savor: Owner George Steinbrenner hoisting another of this Series is certain to be.

Owner George Steinbrenner hoisting another big piece of hardware for the team’s trophy case.

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

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

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

At the stroke of midnight, Piazza flied out to the edge of the warning track in center field with a runner on base to finish it. The Yankees fans in the sellout crowd of 55,292 went wild after having been outshouted all evening.

Even with so much at stake, there was room to have a little fun, with a broken bat, no less. Kurt Abbott shattered his bat on a foul ball in the Mets fourth, and the Jagged barrel skittered out toward Jeter at shortstop.

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

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

Williams put the Yankees ahead 1-0 when he homered leading off the second. The cleanup man had been 0-for-15 through four games and hitless in his last 22 Series at-bats overall.

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

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

The Mets had to work much harder for their runs. Bubba Trammell, starting because of his career success against Pettitte, walked with one out in the second and Payton singled. The runners moved up on a groundout and Leiter, an .053 hitter this season, dragged a perfect bunt past the mound.

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

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

Pettitte helped himself with his second pickoff of the series, trapping a wandering Abbott off first in the fourth.

Yankees players celebrate with manager Joe Torre after winning their third World Series title.
**MEN’S INTERHALF PLAYOFFS**

**Knott-Zahm rivalry continues**

By JOHNNY LIEIT-NER and JOHN BACSKI, Sports Writers

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

Defending league champions Knott Hall enters the game with an unblemished record and a No. 2 playoff seed. Knott junior wide receiver and captain Brian Pawloski feels the team’s success this year has stemmed from an offensive attack that features running back and captain Patrick Virtue and an explosive vertical passing game. "We’re very versatile," Pawloski said. "We run and pass pretty much 50-50 and not too many teams can say that.

Knott’s cause is also aided by a defense that has proven itself by shutting down the opposing team’s offense in all four regular season games. "The only points scored on us have been interception returns," Pawloski said.

Zahm entered the game as a roller coaster ride of a season. After falling in its first game by a margin of 42-0, Zahm went 1-1-1 in its final three games to sneak into the playoffs with a seven seed. Still, the Rabid Bats of Zahm feel confident in their unit’s abilities. "We have a really good team," Zahm defensive end and captain Bill Hennessey said. "But we can beat or lose to anybody."

Zahm has showcased a dynamic defense of its own this year and shares Knott’s balanced run and pass game plan. "We need to come out ready to play and emphasize great discipline," Hennessey said. "This game could really go either way."

Although they have not clashed in the playoffs in recent years, Knott and Zahm have maintained a thriving rivalry. "Our games are close every year," Hennessey said. "But we anticipate another heated match-up."

"Upsets do happen and anybody can win," Pawloski said. "And any team that can score 42 points in one game is dangerous."

Zahm heads into the game with three main goals in mind. "We need to be fired up to play with discipline and avoid penalties," Hennessey said. Knott intends to find a way to counter Zahm’s sizeable defense and "perfect the stuff we ran throughout the year," Pawloski said.

Both captains believe that the game will entail high intensity and plenty of emotion. "This will be a great game for the fans," said Pawloski. "I know it will be a lot of fun to play."

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

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Crime looks to steal victory from No. 7 Bullfrogs

By SUSIE CARPENTER and LIA MILHAN

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

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

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

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

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

The Off-Campus Crime have been effective both offensively and defensively this season, allowing only two touchdowns. Diamantopoulos attributes their success, not to a few star players, but to the raw talent and cohesiveness of the entire team.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Badin is undaunted by its seventh seed. Coach Brett Gann is optimistic about Sunday’s game.

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

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

“She is as good as anyone in the league in her position,” Pilcher said.

Both Off-Campus and Badin said that they have designed new plays in order to be effective offensively and to be dominant defensively. With eyes only for the stadium, neither team knows what will happen on any given day.

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

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**WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS**

**Undefeated Welsh looks for second win against Lyons**

By COLIN BOYLAN and LAUREN CONTI

Sports Writers

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

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

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

Last year, the Wild Weasels were 7-6 in the last game of the season to narrowly qualify for the playoffs, but lost in the first round.

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

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

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

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**VOLLEYBALL**

Saint Mary's drops match to Hope in straight games

By ALICIA ORTIZ

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

"Our energy was there, we played well," junior outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers said. The Belles spent the first game adjusting with several players in unfamiliar positions.

Saint Mary's used almost all of its substitutions trying to find a soft spot in Hope's defensive line. The strategy failed, and the Belles dropped the game 15-9.

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

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

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

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

Belles look to catch Kalamazoo at MIAA's

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

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

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

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

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

"The whole team is going to have to run their best race," coach Barstis said. "We're going to try our best to finish last by default."

The five-kilometer championship race will kick off at noon on Saturday Oct. 28, following the men's race that begins at 11 a.m. The Belles will finish their season at the Regional meet held at Hanover College on Nov. 11.

**ROWING**

Irish look to star in Elkhart regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

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

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

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

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

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

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

"We haven't rowed in that particular four yet," said Warren, "we will be in the A race. But we should be able to row together because we're just half of the eight." "I'm looking forward to that race, it should be pretty fast," she continued.

As for the eight competition, the Irish view the Head of the Elk as the pinnacle of the fall season, a race to carry into winter training and the spring season. Warren said, "We're excited about how we've started."
Alumni hopes to secure revenge against Keenan Sunday

By JAMES VERALI and TODD NIETO
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The Keenan Knights are hoping for a replay as they take on the Alumni Dawgs in the first round of the playoffs Sunday.

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

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

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

"They will make the necessary adjustments from the first game, we will need to notice the adjustments and make some ourselves," Brian Kunitzer added.

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

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

The Keenan defense has already shut out the Alumni offense.

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

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

The offensive line was certainly the difference for Keenan in their win over Alumni, as they provided the push enabling running back Brian Kunitzer to overpower the defense down the stretch.

Alumni counters with a powerful rushing attack of their own. Tailback Alex Roohouse and fullback Brandon Nunnink have handled the ball very well this season behind the push of the offensive linemen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dillon vs. Stanford

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

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

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

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

"Everyone on our team is ready to play against Dillon again," said Griffin captain Errol Rice said. "If we play like we know we can play, it should be a good game."
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dance in my abilities, so that's that.'"

In the overtime period, the game was tied at 103 before Marcus Fizer fouled Indiana center Bruno Sandov. Sandov hit both free throws, giving the Pacers a 2-point advantage. Following Sandov's free throws, Chicago point guard Jamal Crawford missed a 25-foot shot from fouling Harrington. Harrington hit one of two free throws to give the Pacers a 3-point lead.

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

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

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

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Bryce Drew Bulls point guard

"I think we're all trying to learn things out," he said, "so hopefully at the start of the season I'll get more comfortable and understand exactly what I'm supposed to do." Brand led all scorers with 26 points to go along with 16 rebounds, the third consecutive preseason game in which Brand has led Chicago in scoring.

Tonight's game was full of historical connections. The Pacers are now coached by Isiah Thomas, who starred for Indiana University for two years in the early '80s before embarking on a Hall-of-Fame career in the NBA. Thomas remembers Notre Dame leaving a mark on his sophomore season, in which the Fighting Irish won the NCAA Championships.

"We lost to Notre Dame 68-66," Thomas said, remembering "a visit to Notre Dame's home court, "that was the year we won it."
Stern explains penalties levied on Timberwolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

NBA commissioner David Stern said Thursday that the NBA's "shocking" fraud by the Minnesota Timberwolves forced him to inflict record punishment over a secret contract for star forward Joe Smith.

Stern stripped the Wolves of five first-round draft choices and fined the team $3.5 million for the agreement, which an arbitrator found was a fraud of major proportions. Stern's punishment of the Wolves could include one-year suspensions for owner Glen Taylor and anyone in the organization who took part in the deal.

Stern said he hoped to scheduled hearings within the next two weeks with Taylor and other Timberwolves officials, possibly including vice president Kevin McHale and coach Flip Saunders, to determine whether they will be suspended.

At halftime of Minnesota's exhibition game with Detroit on Thursday night, Taylor apologized to Minnesotans and accepted full responsibility. He said he did not realize when he made the agreement that he was breaking rules of the collective bargaining agreement and said unusual circumstances were involved that he would not reveal.

"There are always reasons why things happen," Taylor said. "They're not as simple as they seem."

The NBA said the fine was the stiffest ever imposed by the league on any franchise, player or other individual and the maximum amount. Commissioner David Stern also said he could not recall any team being stripped of multiple draft choices.

It's the loss of draft choices that is particularly damaging to a franchise that will be at or near the top of the salary cap as long as it is carrying forward Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract through 2004. Without draft picks or the ability to pursue high-priced free agents, management will have little room to bulk up the roster around Garnett.

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At a team shootaround Thursday morning, Saunders said the Wolves were used to dealing with adversity.

"We've been through a lot in the last five years," he said. "We were written off when we lost Gaurs [Tom Gugliotta] and Stephon [Marbury]. We won 50 games when a lot of people didn't think we could."

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Garnett said the ruling would not affect whether he stays with the Wolves when his contract expires.

"It's very, very easy to jump ship when things get hard," Garnett said. "We won 50 games when a lot of people didn't think we could."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles believe they can finish strong

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

As the lone senior on the Saint Mary's soccer squad, Laura Paulen has been a leader and a solid player for the past four years. Paulen will play her final collegiate game, as the Belles face off against the Flying Dutchmen of Hope. 

"I'd like to finish out our season strong," senior Laura Paulen said. "We definitely have the ability to beat Hope."

Because of a change in league play, this could be Paulen's last game as well as the Belles' last competition for the season. The MIAA tournament has been replaced with round-robin play, where each team in the league plays the others twice and the NCAA bid goes to the team with the most wins. Paulen and other players were not pleased with the change.

"It doesn't give teams the chance to improve through the season and then play at that improved level for the tournament," Paulen said.

Just as Milligan's love for soccer started, the Belles will be in the net against the Dutchmen this time after recovering from an arm injury. Milligan will also be experimenting with different lineups against Hope.

The Dutchmen are 4-11-1 overall and 4-8-1 in the MIAA. Amy Dobbs leads the Dutchmen in scoring and had a hand in one of the goals in the previous meeting between the two teams on October 4. Freshman Lauren Hinkle, who took the earlier shot for the Dutchmen, will be in goal against Saint Mary's.

The Belles sit just behind the Dutchmen in the standings with a 3-9-1 record in the MIAA and are 3-12-1 overall.

Freshman Stephanie Artink leads the Belles with 5 goals. Unfortunately the Belles' number two scorer, sophomore Heather Muth is out for the season with an injury. Milligan sees this game as an opportunity to end a season that involved a lot of adjustments and injuries on a positive note. As in past years, he looks at the last game as the senior game.

"We are going to try to create something great for [Paulen's] last game," Milligan said. "She's a great demonstration of leadership by example. She works hard and she has been a rock on this team all year."

The Belles face off against the Flying Dutchmen at 4 pm on Saint Mary's soccer field.

Irish take on Mountaineers

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

The seniors of Notre Dame will say goodbye to McInerney Field as the Irish men's soccer team faces off against the Mountaineers of West Virginia tonight.

Tri-captains Steve Maio, Dustin Fridmored and Comor LaRose will be playing their final games in front of the Irish faithful, as will teammates Griffin Howard, Reggie McKnight and Dan Storino.

"Those guys have put in four long, hard years of commitment," head coach Chris Apple said. "They'll go out on a positive note. They've really left their mark on this team as far as their work ethic and commitment."

Apple also remarked that, although the team only won one Big East tournament game during the seniors' four years, the work ethic they have instilled in the younger players will be a huge part of any success the team has in the future.

"They've instilled an attitude within the team that is more important than the wins," said Apple. "They've laid the foundation."

This weekend's game pits two of the four Big East teams that will not compete in the Big East tournament, as the top eight teams in the conference make the tournament. West Virginia's only Big East win came against Boston College, who are currently third in the conference, on Oct. 7 in Morgantown, W.V. The Mountaineers also tied the Orangemen of Syracuse in September.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish to battle Hurricanes in Big East tourney

By KEVIN BERCHOU 
Sports Writer

The auditions are over, Sunday afternoon the show opens for real. The Notre Dame women's soccer team finished the regular season ranked No. 1 with a record of 17-0-1, but when the Big East quarterfinals kickoff this weekend, each team's slate will have been cleared.

The Miami Hurricanes blow in to South Bend representing the first hurdle the Irish must clear on the road to an eighth-consecutive conference title. Though the Hurricanes are just 9-9-1 on the year, they have enjoyed considerable success of late, going 3-1-1 in their last five games.

"It should be exciting," freshman Amy Warner said. "Anyone can beat anyone in the playoffs."

Led by a strong defense anchored by reigning conference defensive player of the year Lisa Gomez, the Hurricanes will have their hands full dealing with an Irish attack that is just now returning to full strength. Notre Dame could not have picked a better time to get healthy. Warner, returning from an injury, played a mere 20 minutes against Michigan in the regular season finale, but nevertheless scored her eighth goal of the season.

Warner's return gives the Irish an element of speed they'd lacked in her absence. The first-year player's ability to get behind defenders and beat them to the ball is unparalleled and her presence forces the opposition to be careful in clearing the defensive zone.

"It felt good to get out there," Warner said. "It was good for my confidence. I'm wearing a brace on my knee and that hurt my speed a little, but I think as I get used to it I'll get back to where I was."

The Irish will receive an unexpected boost from the return of senior co-captain and player of the year candidate Anne Makinen, who was not supposed to play with a knee injury. Makinen believes she can play on the knee without risking further injury.

Head coach Randy Waldrum will use Makinen as needed this weekend. If the game is close, she'll play, but if the Irish leave nothing but the margin of victory in doubt, Waldrum would prefer to rest his star player.

Many teams have packed the goal box with six defenders, but the Irish expect the Hurricanes to play aggressively and attack them.

"I think they'll come out to play us and take some chances," Warner said. "They'll definitely be gunning for us."

Although mainly a defensive player, Gomez will be called upon to quarterback whatever offensive attack the Hurricanes can muster.

Gomez set a school record with four assists in a game last week, all on long downfield passes to streaking forwards.

Freshman of the year candidate Vonda Matthews will be looking to receive any long pass struck by Gomez and start the Hurricane counterattack.

The Irish defense will once again be without senior captain Kelly Lindsey who will miss the game with a strained medial collateral ligament.
Notre Dame wraps up successful fall schedule

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

If this fall season is any indication of what is to come in the spring, then the Notre Dame men’s tennis team may have an exciting future ahead.

The Irish wrap up the fall season after a successful campaign as they travel to Madison, Wis., to participate in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Championships.

“I’m very excited with the progress we’ve made,” Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. “It’s early, and steps are small, but we’ve continually stepped forward as the year has gone on, and I think that it bodes well for us in the spring.”

Notre Dame is allowed six singles entries and two doubles entries in the regional tournament, which includes three entries in the doubles segment of the Tournament of the Midwest region. Bayliss has penciled in Casey Smith, Aaron Talarico, Javier Taborga, Luis Haddock-Morales, Matt Scott, and Andrew Laflin in singles, while the doubles pairings will be ninth-ranked Taborga and Talarico, along with the duo of Brian Farrell and Ashok Raju.

Due to the shared success by all of the Irish players, decisions about the make-up of the lineup were difficult, but the controversy could only be a win-win situation.

"It was very, very close between Laflin and Farrell," Bayliss said. "Basically it was a flip of a coin, they’ve both earned the right to play, and they’re both 10-1 for the fall. As a result I’m going to play Farrell in doubles with Ashok Raju, but an equally deserving guy was James Malhame. There’s not an unfair combination, but I think its something we can get some mileage out of."

After a surprisingly successful showing in the singles portion of this weekend’s ITA Midwest Championships, Taborga is sure to have an impact on Notre Dame’s success this season. The Irish junior plowed through an elite field at the previous tournament, ouping Stanford’s third-seeded and defending champion K.J. Hippeneetol to land a spot in the round of 16 before he was defeated.

"Taborga obviously had a great tournament in Stone Mountain, Georgia, and we’re real excited to see him make a breakthrough," Bayliss said. "I think he is one of several people on our team that is capable of doing what he did."

Taborga also performed well in the doubles segment of the tournament, advancing to the semifinals with Talarico, marking the first time since 1994 that Notre Dame has advanced a doubles pairing to the semifinals of a grand slam event.

The remainder of the Irish contingent will also look to advance in this weekend’s tournament and Bayliss knows that his team has the talent to do so.

"Luis Haddock has had an outstanding fall," Bayliss noted. "He’s a very talented freshman, one of the probably top two or three freshmen in the country. Casey Smith has made a big jump in his game, and Aaron Talarico has matured as a player. Along with Taborga, those four guys have led us, and Matt Scott has been a strong impact freshman. And I feel like at six, between Laflin and Farrell, I think we have great chances to win there with either one of those guys."

The ITA Midwest Championships offers the Irish an opportunity to qualify for the elite National Rolex Singles and Doubles Indoor Championships in February.

The winner and runner-up in the singles portion of this weekend’s competition are given automatic entry into the national tournament next year, while the doubles winner is also guaranteed a spot.

Due to the selection process, Bayliss knows that the Irish need to take advantage of the opportunity to qualify this weekend.

"The rest of the Rolex field is limited, so that there are only 32 singles players in it," Bayliss said. "There’s more elite than the NCAA tournament, because the NCAA has 64. The purpose is to qualify for that this weekend."

Irish tennis player, Javier Taborga, returns the ball with a smashing backhand. He will play for Notre Dame in the Midwest regional tournament.
**Fourth and Inches**

TOM KEELEY

**Things Could Be Worse**

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**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Persian War participant
2. It may take a beating
7. Pitfalls of the community
13. Film critic Kael
15. Bed bug
16. Like some stomachs
17. Parish of a sort
18. National
20. Siren
22. Rattle of a sort
23. Claustrophobic
27. Pillars
34. Community
39. Mathematician
40. Preener,
44. ANSWER
46. Punch
48. Comparatively
50. Myers, you'll make millions

**DOWN**

1. Down that stair to reflect on things, don't you?
2. Down that stair to reflect on things, don't you?
3. Comparison
4. Make up to
5. Shorter
6. Commend
7. Ate water
8. Causes of some spinning wheels
9. Philip Roth's
10. Lion's
11. Does some about searching?
12. "The Alchemist" painter
13. Makes concrete
14. Malicious
15. Clash of
16. One given away
17.cone
18. Tear
19. 1998 hurricane
20. 19th hole
21. It's full
22. Like some pie
23. Like loads
24. Become less
25. Tears
26. Sun and moon reference
27. Mail
28. Big rolls
29. Courting stand in the way of your... and only life.
30. Your number: 2, 18, 24
31. Like some pie
32. Like loads
33. Subjects of
34. 37-down
35. In court
36. Attractor
37. Hold water
38. 37-down
39. Mathematician
40. Believe
41. May be a little too aggressive for... the way
42. Your emissions' screws will not be too tight for... overall picture
43. Guardian
44. Loosen, as a... roll up
45. Big rolls
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may need to clear up legal matters in your life. You are dedicated, and your financial ventures can be fruitful. You will be instrumental in your love life.

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Happy Halloween and welcome to ND parents!
POWERS

NBA PRESEASON

Pacers top Bulls 106-103 in front of Joyce Center crowd

* Thomas, Guyton, Drew play key roles in return to Indiana

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

Three athletes who made their mark for Indiana schools other than Notre Dame returned to the Hoosier state to play key roles in the Indiana Pacers' 106-103 overtime win against the Chicago Bulls Thursday night in the Joyce Center.

The game's crucial play occurred at the end of the fourth quarter, as Chicago guard A.J. Guyton — last season's Big Ten Player of the Year at Indiana — hit an 18-foot jumper to bring the Bulls to within one point of the Pacers, 97-98. After Indiana hit a foul shot, Bulls' guard Ron Mercer found last year's NBA Rookie of the Year Elliot Brand. Brand hit a jump shot to tie the game at 99 with 47 seconds left.

The Pacers' Al Harrington then missed a 14-foot jumper before Guyton stole the ball from Tyus Edney with 25 seconds remaining to prevent Indiana from taking the lead. Guyton found Brand open from 15 feet, but Brand could not sink the game winner, forcing the contest into overtime.

Bulls coach Tim Floyd showed confidence in Guyton, who is familiar with the Joyce Center after taking part in the Indiana-Notre Dame battle during his time with the Hoosiers. "I know he has the confidence in himself. He's told me," said Guyton. "I just come out and do what I can do, he knows what I can do. I have confidence in Guyton, who is familiar with the Joyce Center after taking part in the Indiana-Notre Dame battle during his time with the Hoosiers. "I know he has the confidence in himself. He's told me," said Guyton. "I just come out and do what I can." The first period saw a tight battle of teams, but Notre Dame took three out of five power-play chances to win 5-3.

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"The first period was an even battle. We were on the power play and they were on the power play. Notre Dame penalty to freshman Ryan Gobble for hooking gave the Spartans their first scoring opportunity with 12:05 gone in the first period. With four seconds left in the penalty kill, Michigan State's Steve Jackson slammed home a perfect pass right in front of the net. MSU took a 1-0 lead into intermission.

The second period was the beginning of the end for Notre Dame special teams. Irish freshman Brent Lebda took a five minute major a minute into the period for checking to the back of the head. Poulin expected better out of his players. "There is no place for hitting someone in the back of the head in hockey," he said. "I didn't even argue the call."

Three minutes later the Irish took another penalty when sophomore Evan Nielsen was called for cross checking. Michigan State took advantage of the five-on-three when Spartans center Jeremy Jackson put one past Irish goalie Jeremiah Kimento. A final power play with four minutes left in the second period gave Michigan State a 5-0 lead heading into the second intermission.

Going into the third period, Poulin needed a new strategy. "I told the guys to get one goal in the first five minutes, and then play five-on-five," he said. "We did both of those things. We had some good chances in the period." Those chances came as the Irish cut out the penalties and focused on their play. Notre Dame looked to make a comeback, scoring 15 seconds into the period on David Itman's penalty power play goal. The Irish stepped up their offense, outshooting Michigan State in the period 15-5.

Unfortunately, Michigan State sophomore goalie Ryan Miller kept the Irish from getting on the board again, putting an end to the comeback. Miller made 23 saves on 24 shots for the night. He shut down the Irish in the remainder of the third period. The Spartans broke away with two goals late in the game. Junior Jon Lease and sophomore Troy Littner scored with 8 seconds left to finish up the Spartan win.

The loss drops the Irish to 2-4-1 on the season, but Poulin was optimistic for series finale tonight. "We played well for the first 15 minutes of the game, and especially in the last 20 minutes," he said. "We need to carry that into tonight's game." The last time Khalid El-Amin played at the Joyce Center, a group of highly intelligent, mature students groveled the then-Connecticut point guard with chants of "Bastard children. Bastard children!" in reference to El-Amin's out-of-wedlock child.

Three months after Notre Dame upset UConn 68-66 and after the national outcry against the student body's antics, El-Amin returned to South Bend. But instead of being an active participant, the Chicago Bulls' rookie was an eager onlooker.

The rookie sat on the bench the entire night with a white Gatorade towel draped across his legs. He was one of only two Bulls' players with the drowed DNP (Did Not Play) — Coach's Decision seen next to their names on the score sheet.

"There was no vulgarity and saw no obscene signs on Thursday night. But the 5-foo-200-pounder still remembers the infamous Feb. 12 incident.

"During the game, it was definitely tough to go through, hearing that stuff," said El-Amin before the Bulls lost 106-103 in overtime to the Indiana Pacers. "But that's behind me. I'm on to bigger and better things."

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Irish look to keep momentum going

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

With the possibility of an appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game on the horizon, Notre Dame head football coach Bob Davie knows his team cannot afford a letdown against the 2-2 Air Force Falcons Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium.

Luckily for Davie the game will be played in what has to be his favorite month.

The Irish have won their last 12 October tilts, with their last loss coming in 1997 at home against rival USC. Extending the streak, however, won’t be easy against a Falcons team seeking a bowl appearance of its own.

If the Irish can replicate offensive performances from the past two games, they stand a good chance of continuing their October dominance. Offensively, Notre Dame must look to control the clock, with a rushing attack led by sophomore Julius Jones, and short passes by freshman quarterback Matt LeVecchio.

If the Irish are successful early in moving the football, offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will be more apt to allow things to open up a bit and allow LeVecchio to take the occasional shot downfield.

Controlling the clock will be crucial, because the Falcons boast a potent offensive attack, one the Irish would love to keep off the field. Senior quarterback and Mountain West Conference player of the year candidate Mike Thiessen will be at the helm of the dangerous Falcon option attack.

"Their quarterback can do a lot of things," Davie said. "It’s something we have to prepared for on defense. Air Force is a good football team."

A defensive front led by junior Anthony Weaver must exhibit patience and sure tackling in handling Thiessen.

"It’s going to take a great effort by us," Davie said. "This weekend is a big challenge for particularly on defense."

When the Falcon quarterback does look downfield it’s usually in the direction of big-play wideout Hyan Fleming, a 6-foot-5 target with speed.

The Irish secondary will have to take care in not over-committing to a Thiessen run.

Additionally, the Irish must continue to hold onto the football. They have yet to lose a fumble in seven games — the only team in Division I not to do so, and LeVecchio has kept mistakes to a minimum. The Falcons will take chances defensively against the freshman hoping they can force the occasional errant throw.

Opponents have moved the ball well against Air Force all season long, so it might as well take some chances and gamble to try and make some big plays.

Davie hopes only that the team continues to improve.

"I’d be disappointed if this football team doesn’t continue to get better each week," he said.
Giveins enters uncharted waters

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Pop quiz. Name the Irish player who threw for the longest pass of the season, a 52-yarder to Ted Guerard on Friday, and name the player who blocked a punt against Stanford to set up a Notre Dame touchdown.

Name the player who leads the team in receiving.

Name the player who provided the key block on Terrance Howard's 80-yard touchdown run against West Virginia.

Name the player who trails only Julius Jones in kickoff returns.

The answer to all of the above is David Giveins, a junior who makes himself at home at almost any position on the field.

"We don't have a favorite position. Basically, I'm out there to try to help our team win, and anything that will contribute to us winning, I'm comfortable with," Giveins said. "Whether it's blocking, running, catching or throwing, that's my role."

Giveins learned to run the gamut of posts as a prep player at Texas, where he's a three-sport, all-around football highlights relegate all else to second-tier importance. "We were the Humble Wildcats, and we had paw prints going all the way down the street with the names on them," Giveins said. "Football's a really big thing in Texas. Just like Notre Dame football's big-time here, at my high school and a lot of high schools down there, football is a huge deal."

At Humble High School near Houston, Giveins played eight positions — even more than he sees action at for the Irish. During his senior season, he lined up as a receiver, running back, quarterback, linebacker, corner-back, safety, punt/kick returner and punter.

His ability to adapt to numerous spots grabbed the interest of Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham.

"David can do a lot of things. That's why he's so productive for us," said receivers coach Tim Davie. "I think he's a wide receiver, but he does have the skills of a running back. He'd like to tell you he has the skills of a linebacker, but I don't think sure it's quite that way."

Despite being an honorable mention All-America pick in high school, it took Giveins a couple of years to become acclimated in Notre Dame's system.

The first two years, he didn't play up to potential," receivers coach Urban Meyer said. "I think he pushed himself hard, and he was concerned about other things and kind of just being a receiver because he really wasn't a wide receiver."

This season, Giveins has polished his play, which now garners brighter than the gold on the Irish helmets.

"His numbers should be what they are, but we went through a part of the year where we weren't very effective on offense," Meyer said. "He's starting to get some of the statistics that he should have. We're at the point where he's a legit playmaker for us. He's going to be an NFL prospect as a receiver."

Giveins' dad, David Giveins Sr., said Giveins' aerial attack was limited by its quarterback quandary for much of the season, so Giveins has caught just 16 passes, averaging 13.8 yards per reception. With Matt LoVecchio on his way to the NFL, Giveins told the coaches he didn't want to play two ways, but he was concerned about other things and kind of just being a receiver because he really wasn't a wide receiver."

Giveins set up the team's first, second and third scoring touchdowns this year: throw Notre Dame's longest pass of season against Stanford, has scored rushing and receiving touchdowns this year: threw Notre Dame's longest pass of season against West Virginia, led Irish receivers with 31.6 yards per game.

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The first two years, he didn't play up to

up close & personal

with David Giveins

Birthday: August 16, 1980
Hometown: Humble, Texas
Major: design
Dimensions: 6-foot-3, 217 lbs.
Dorm: O'Neill Hall
Favorite TV show: Sports Center
Favorite Movie: Gladiator
Favorite food: Italian
Favorite Sports Team: Tennessee Titans
Greatest personal athletic moment: winning the junior Olympics in track at age 12
Word to describe him on the field: exciting

Giveins enters uncharted waters

++ Powerful junior turns tables on teams by playing multiple positions++

position: flanker year: junior awards: USA Today honorable mention All-America pick in high school, ranked 52nd best player nationally by Chicago Sun-Times and 50th best by The Sporting News
notables: blocked a key punt against Stanford, has scored rushing and receiving touchdowns this year: threw Notre Dame's longest pass of season against West Virginia, led Irish receivers with 31.6 yards per game.

Junior flanker David Giveins (6) threatens opposing teams from multiple positions. Above, in Notre Dame's 42-28 victory over West Virginia, Giveins carries the ball downfield after getting the handoff from quarterback Matt LoVecchio.

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Second-tier tackler, gets to the ball from all over the field. As the left defensive end, he has four sacks, an interception and a fumble recovered. His counterpart on the right side, Ryan Roberts, has emerged this season as the Irish's record four sacks and four tackles for loses.


**Irish hole defensive skills**

**Observer Staff Report**

Junior Anthony Weaver, the team's second-leading tackler, gets to the ball from all over the field. As the left defensive end, he has four sacks, an interception and a fumble recovered. His counterpart on the right side, Ryan Roberts, has emerged this season as the Irish's record four sacks and four tackles for loses.

The play of R.J. Scott and Lance Legate at left and right tackle will be key in keeping the Falcons' offensive line in check. The Irish easily held off another wshieldline team in the Navy Midshipmen, but Navy was witness when it faced Notre Dame, while Air Force stands at 5-2.
Falcons prepare to fly past Irish in repeat performance

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie knows a threat is coming.

The then-defensive coordinator and the Irish learned that lesson first hand last time the Falcons flew into Notre Dame Stadium in 1996.

Closing the one of the biggest upsets in Air Force's history, the unranked Falcons notched a 20-17 overtime victory over the No. 9 Irish.

"We all remember last time Air Force came to Notre Dame Stadium," Davie said.

"We all remember the overtime game, kicking the field goal to beat the Irish. Those memories will not be lost on the Falcons either as they prepare to soar to equal heights and knock off this year's No. 19 Irish in a repeat performance."

"This is a great opportunity for us," Falcon head coach Fisher DeBerry said in a press conference earlier this week. "We've played well there before and we've won there before."

Coming into Saturday's contest, the cards are stacked against the Falcons. The only ranked team the Falcons have notched crushing defeats, scoring more than 50 points in two games this season against Cal State - Northridge and Wyoming, but have also suffered losses to less than stellar teams in UNLV and New Mexico.

The Falcons' relatively easy schedule will not leave the Irish resting easy - they know the talent Air Force will bring to the field.

"When you look at Air Force there is no doubt they are a talented football team," Davie said. "As always, they have the complicated [offensive] scheme they bring ... This is obviously a big football game - particularly for the defense."

The Irish defense will have to be on top of its game to squelch the Falcon's rushing game.

With the fifth-best rushing game in the country, Air Force is a threat on the ground, playing in a tough arena, Davie said. "The senior has thrown for more than 1,000 yards this season and is on track to break into the top spot in the Air Force record books."

"Their quarterback has a little different style than they have had in the past," Davie said. "He certainly can run, but he is also a really good passer. He is very accurate."

Thiessen finds his favorite target in wide receiver Ryan Fleming. With 27 receptions for 548 yards, the junior is second in the Mountain West Conference in receiving.

A strong performance on the other side of the ball will be key for the Falcons to stop the Irish. They have given up an average of 21.9 points in seven games - the most in recent years.

Despite the added pressure of playing in a tough arena, DeBerry is looking forward for the potential this game holds for his Falcons to soar.

"Notre Dame Stadium is a sacred place. Some of the best players in the history of the game have played there. This is our players' chance to do that," he said.

Senior quarterback Mike Thiessen carries the ball in the Falcons' 31-23 win Sept. 9 against BYU.

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6:15 p.m., FOX

By PEYTON BERG

Sports Writer

When the Sooners and the Huskers last clashed in 1997, Nebraska gave Oklahoma its worst beating in school history, a 54-7 pasting en route to its third national title in four years.

Many felt that this game permanently ended the once glorious rivalry that annually determined the Big Eight championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Once the final game of the season for both teams, the newly formed Big 12 turned Nebraska's big rival.

The tables have officially turned. The first edition of the BCS rankings was released last Monday, with Nebraska and Oklahoma ranked one and two, respectively. The Sooners have all but sewn up the Big XII South division, meaning that there may be a rematch of Saturday's contest in the Big XII Championship game in December.

Oklahoma has had a week off to prepare, and is coming off a huge win at Texas. Nebraska's power running game has been able to score virtually at will. Nebraska's defense has been able to score virtually at will. Nebraska enters the game with everything to lose. After Florida State lost to instate rival Miami, the Huskers found themselves on top of every poll. Virginia Tech remains unbeaten, but must travel to Miami next month. The Sooners must stay undefeated in order to avoid a BCS logjam of teams with one loss.

Both teams sport potent offenses, but with vastly different styles. Nebraska's power running attack led by Tim Crouch and Dan Alexander, put up 38 points against TCU in the first quarter. Oklahoma attacks from the air with equally devastating results. Coach Bob Stoops brought with him an impressive, wide open offensive set from Florida and now has the talent to employ it effectively.

As true in all big games, defense will determine the outcome. Oklahoma's defense has been overshadowed because of the offense's success, but Rocky Calmus and Co. can stop good teams. The Huskers suffered defensive growing pains early, but have since played up to a higher standard. While the 2000 Black Shirts will not remind anyone of the 1997 unit, Nebraska still remains a juggernaut on both sides of the ball.

**Oklahoma Linebacker Torrance Marshall tackles Texas running back Hodgell Mitchell for a loss Oct. 18 in the Sooners' 63-14 victory over the Texas Longhorns at the Cotton Bowl in Dallas.**

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**Game of the Week**

Oklahoma vs. Texas

*Season Record: 9-1*

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**Other Top Games**

**Ohio State at Purdue:** For sale: one 2000 Rose Bowl berth. Drew Brees and Purdue defeated Wisconsin to enter this week tied with Michigan for first place in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers already disposed of the Wolverines and the Wildcats, securing a tiebreaker advantage. They remain a half game ahead of the Ohio State Buckeyes, so this game means the difference between an outright conference championship and a dogfight in late November.

Buckeyes quarterback Steve Bellisari has not shaken his penchant for inconsistency in big games, and still plays as if the ghost of LaVar Arrington haunts him. Cornerback Nate Clements anchors a typically athletic and talented Ohio State secondary. Last week, Drew Brees broke Chuck Long's Big Ten career passing record. However, the Ohio State defense leads the conference in total defense, sacks and scoring.

**Florida vs. Georgia:** It's time again for the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party, live from Jacksonville's Alltel Stadium. Georgia finally beat nemesis Tennessee earlier this year, but has one nemesis remaining in Florida. Because of the startling emergence of the South Carolina Gamecocks, this game has SEC East Championship implications. Gators quarterback Rex Grossman has thrown eight interceptions this season but zero in his last two games. Given coach Steve Spurrier's intolerance for inept quarterbacking, Grossman should be good for at least the first quarter. Georgia's quarterback position remains uncertain. Quincy Carter sat out of Saturday's victory against Kentucky to nurse a shoulder injury. In his absence, sophomore Cary Phillips stepped in and threw for 400 yards and four touchdowns. Expect big plays and fierce competition from two storied Southern rivals.

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**Observer Experts**

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**Oklahoma**

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