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“Hogs” of Holy Cross Hall return for dorm reunion

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

Gathering to celebrate the spirit of their former dorm, over a hundred Notre Dame alumni met in the basement of St. Joseph Hall Friday. They came together to remember the memory of a different lakeside landmark, Holy Cross Hall, which, until its demolition in 1991, housed one of Notre Dame’s most unique residential communities.

“The reunion was terrific as usual,” said Drew Dank ’75, Holy Cross’ unofficial reunion coordinator. “We had about 120 people form the hall, but with guests and children we had around 200 people.”

Holy Cross Hall was located on what is today known as Holy Cross Hill — a ridge between the lakes often used as a staging ground for bon­

fires. This weekend was the seventh reunion for the Holy Cross Hogs.

Dank said that the size and location of Holy Cross helped create a close dorm community.

“It was small dorm, so everybody knew everybody. Although we don’t have fraternities at Notre Dame... it was actually pretty close to being frat. It was built as a seminary, so we had a basketball court, a pool, and our own kitchen,” he said.

“The guys got real close because we were so far out there. You got back from class, and you pretty much stayed there. Because Holy Cross was so far removed from the center of campus, it was also the cheapest to live in, before the University adopted uniform pricing for the residence halls.

“It was all the guys who didn’t have money,” said Danik ’75. Holy Cross Hall was torn down in 1991 after demolition in 1991, housed one of Notre Dame’s unofficial reunion coordinators.

Among the toughest of those issues is Social Security, he said. Bush said the new administration must rescue the ailing program, but that the solution should not be that the federal government collects all money, but instead that citizens should be given the option to responsibly invest the money set aside.

Bush cites need for Social Security reform

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

Standing before an enthusiastic crowd of supporters and a banner with the word “Responsibility” printed boldly across it, Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush spoke about his plans for spending the surplus and his desire to restore integrity to the White House.

“We believe that in order to make sure America is hopeful, we must demonstrate a responsibility era,” said Bush. “That means responsible leadership in Washington, D.C. That’s what this nation needs, a responsible leader who sets clear goals and works with people to achieve those goals... someone to go to Washington and end parti­san division, the namecalling, the ugliness. “A leader is somebody who sets their priorities and doesn’t try to be all things to all people,” he said. “Our pri­orities are best described by what we want to do with the surplus.”

Bush cited Social Security and Medicare reform, mili­itary spending, education and tax relief as his priorities for spending the surplus. “One of the differences between me and my oppo­nent is this,” Bush said. “[Al Gore] thinks the surplus exists because of the ingenuity and hard work of the fed­eral government. But the sur­plus exists because of the hard work and ingenuity of the American people.”

He spoke about his plans to return the surplus to American citizens by allowing younger workers to man­age their own money through Medicare, but [they] haven’t.

Bush leads. “We will,” Bush said. Although Bush declared the United States’ military strong and capable, he also expressed his desire to con­tinue a “legacy of peace” without excessive military presence.

“The role of the leader is to anticipate problems... Ours is a nation of peace­makers, but not peace keep­ers around the world,” he said. “You can’t be too many things to too many people.”

The Texas governor also opposed Gore’s plans for “big government” through a dis­cussion of education reform and tax relief.

Bush focused on more per­sonal plans for education to end the “achievement gap” and shift schools from process oriented evaluations (placing students in classes by age) to skills oriented test­ing (placing students in classes by abilities).

“We believe all school sys­tems should be locally con­trolled,” said Bush. “I don’t want to be the federal super­intendent of schools, but stu­
**Outside the Dome**

Lazio visits Syracuse, blasts Yasser Arafat

Syracuse, N.Y. U.S. Senate candidate Rick Lazio denounced Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for having “planned and orchestrated” recent violence in Israel.

These anti-Palestinian Liberation Organization comments, made at Syracuse University’s Eggers Hall, were directed to defense and military officials in the university’s National Security Studies program.

“If there was ever evidence that Arafat is not interested in peace, the blood in the streets of Jerusalem is it,” said Lazio, a four-term Republican congressman from Long Island. “The peace process is dying, for the time being at least, and responsibility for this lies squarely with Yasser Arafat.”

The SU visit marked Lazio’s first to the university, as he struggles to bolster support in Upstate New York.

The congressman also criticized the Clinton administration for diplomatic overtures to so-called “states of concern,” including Iran, Syria and North Korea.

Lazio told the security studies students that the United States must isolate these countries, diplomatically and economically, and “punish” state-sponsored terrorist acts.

“When it comes to a conflict with rogue states, New York needs a senator who will hold the Bush administration’s feet to the fire — somebody who has the convictions and the courage to stand up for them,” Lazio said.

While Lazio also advocated strong support for U.S. military forces he also vowed to support U.S. military forces.

**UCLA**

Sex offender info to be available

President Clinton is expected to sign a bill next week requiring colleges nationwide to inform students if there are any registered sex offenders at their campuses. The bill, titled the “Violence Against Women Act of 2000,” passed through the House and Senate earlier this month. It mandates that states document whether sex offenders are enrolled or employed at higher education institutions and disseminate that information to campus police. “It will provide additional resources to prevent violence against women on campuses,” said S. Daniel Carter, vice president of Security on Campus, Inc., a nonprofit organization that supports the bill.

UCLA staff and faculty members are fingerprinted upon employment to see if they are registered sex offenders, Ross said. But a person who was convicted of a sex offense would not have their record released to the public.

**University of Nebraska**

Regent criticizes chancellor

University of Nebraska Interim Chancellor Harvey Perlman shouldn’t be considered for the permanent chancellor position, Hastings Regent Robert Allen wrote in an Oct. 20 letter, because of his “attentive and interested in helping homosexuals.” The letter said Allen, as dean of the Nebraska College of Law, Perlman sponsored “several homosexual items,” including a gay dating service. Allen also objected to Perlman’s letter, which was addressed to Perlman’s colleague. The chancellor, Perlman, said he had decided to work for the permanent chancellor position, refused to comment to Perlman’s letter.

**The Local Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Local station stages South Bend version of Survivor

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Do you have what it takes to be a survivor? This is the question that South Bend CBS affiliate WSBT-TV is asking as it hosts a spin-off of the popular CBS survival show Survivor.

Tonight at 11 on WSBT-TV, South Bend area residents will see the first of 15 episodes of the show. Between Oct. 13-16, the station sent six local residents to Leeper Park Island in South Bend. Like members of its parent show on CBS, the residents voted on who would leave the island. At the end of the four-day period on the island, two survivors remained.

The show, hosted by Amanda Hart, will air every weekday through Nov. 17. On that night, local viewers will vote to determine who the ultimate survivor is.

The winner will receive a week-long adventure in Australia. Contestants interested in being a part of the series were asked to write a 500-word essay discussing why they believed they should be chosen for the show.

I am a blonde, so of course I can outrun, outsmart and outlast my opponents, especially if they are brunettes," Cindy, one of the chosen island hoppers said in her essay. Last names of contestants have not been released.

In a recent interview with the South Bend Tribune, station director Meg Sauer said the station’s intent was "to have a nice eclectic group of people.

Although the contestants had to be at least 18 years of age, youth did not seem to be a requirement. The six contestants chosen for the four-day adventure ranged from a 22-year-old local USB student to a 51-year-old middle school teacher.

The WSBT version of Survivor serves as more than local entertainment for the network. The show will air during the weeks when national and local ratings are measured. Because of the success of the original CBS series, the spin-off may increase ratings for the local station.

WSBT’s parent station, CBS, is supportive of the spin-off of its popular TV series. "CBS is 100 percent behind us," Sauer said.

After being chosen for the Survivor show, contestants had to sign a waiver authorizing WSBT to tape and air their time on Leeper Park Island.

In addition, contestants had to agree not to discuss the results of the four-day stay with anyone and grant WSBT exclusive rights to interviews following the three-week series.

The winner had to agree to being accompanied on the Australia trip by a WSBT camera crew for another airing in January or February.

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Due to food and space limitations, please reserve your spot by 5pm, Monday, October 30th by phone (631-5293) or e-mail (McVoy.19@nd.edu).

Recycle
The Observer

Want to invent new sports?

Football, baseball, basketball ... all the major sports we watch and play today are products of the 19th Century or earlier. Why is that?

A new group is forming on campus that aims to make Notre Dame the birthplace of entirely new sports. It's called the Notre Dame Sports Invention Workshop.

And if you're imaginative, inventive or entrepreneurial — and like sports — come to the organizational meeting, which is ...

7 p.m. TONIGHT!!

Rolf's Sports Rec Center meeting room (downstairs, adjacent to court 4)

Let's get the ball — or whatever we devise — rolling.
Reunion
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Tom Coughlin, '81.

The reunion also helped raise an additional $3,500 for an endowed scholarship
begun by a Holy Cross alum whose son was killed in a car accident, Danik said.

"We're going to endow a scholarship to someone like us — middle class and both
parents working, holding down a summer job and trying to put things together — can
get a Notre Dame," he said.

Holy Cross was also the nearest Notre Dame residence hall to Saint Mary's, and
according to one alum, relations between the Hogs and the Belles were strong.

"Saint Mary's loved the Hogs," said Rosemary Larrou, '79, who married a Holy
Cross grad.

Constructed in 1885 as the Saint Aloysius Scholasticate, it was renamed Holy
Cross Hall three years later. Holy Cross opened as a seminary for the
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Castro praises Hugo Chavez in address

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**World News Briefs**

Chileans back government: Despite a lingering economic crisis, Chileans gave President Ricardo Lagos' socialist government a vote of confidence Sunday by favoring his coalition's candidates in municipal elections nationwide. With half the votes counted in mayoral and city council races in 341 municipalities, the center-left coalition backing Lagos had won 51.5 percent of the elections compared to 49.9 percent for the right-wing opposition.

**National News Briefs**

Utah Democrats hope to win seat: A late disclosure about the business practices of Republican candidate Derek Smith in Utah gives Democrats new hope they can win a seat that's been in GOP hands. An audit by the federal Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, obtained by The Associated Press from Smith's company, Cambria, revealed no payments into employee 401(k) fund for eight months in 1995. The company continued to withhold the money from employees' paychecks at the time, a violation of the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Man shot, mistaken for deer: A Kosciusko County man was killed Sunday on a hunting trip when his father mistook him for a deer and shot him with an arrow. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources reported that Frederick Searfoss, 28, was bow hunting with his father, Jerry Searfoss, and a friend, Daryl Gans. While taking, then abandoning, the copper mining town of Toquepala, 535 miles south of Lima near the Chilean border, the soldiers said they were detained by leftist guerrillas of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, better known as FARC, patrol a portion of Los Pozos, Colombia, during the country's municipal and provincial elections. The FARC guaranteed the polls will take place without incident in the areas they control.

**Colombian local elections peaceful**

While the Republican side mostly rested on a rhetoric of 'George Bush is not ready,' the Democratic side focused on and only scattered disruptions to voting. Despite its endemic strife, Colombia has one of Latin America's strongest electoral traditions and little history of military coups. Turnout appeared strong in the elections, with some people casting ballots even though they doubted it would make a difference.

**Soldiers take army general hostage**

One day after President Alberto Fujimori dismissed the nation's three top military leaders in a bold move designed to bring Peru stability, a group of soldiers staged a revolt Sunday, seizing a southern mine and reportedly taking an army general hostage.

Some 51 soldiers under the command of Lt. Col. Ollanta Humala joined three unidentified civilians in taking, then abandoning, the copper mining town of Toquepala, 535 miles south of Lima near the Chilean border.

The soldiers said they were dissatisfied with Fujimori and the continued influence of his feared former intelligence chief Vladimir Montesinos.

"I will lay down my arms when the chain of command is legitimate and there is a president who has been truly elected by the people to whom I would swear 'subordination and valor,'" Humala said in a statement, demanding that Montesinos be thrown in prison.

Fujimori met Sunday with the new head of the army and chief of Peru's joint armed forces to discuss the situation. The meeting was at stake.

"Voting sends a very important message to the rebels," said Lucio Riestrepo, a 52-year-old housewife, as she left a polling station in a wealthy Bogota neighborhood guarded by soldiers with machine guns and police checking bags for weapons.

"There is robbery, corruption, war. It's horrifying," Riestrepo said. "Who knows if my vote will help?" Beyond the thousands of local posts up for grabs, officials said Colombia's embattled democratic system was at stake.

**World & Nation**

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using individual retirement accounts. Bush also noted the Clinton administration's failure to reform Medicare, arguing that seniors should receive direct checks for medical care as federal employees receive. "One thing my opponent cannot escape is this fact that you have the will of the retired voter: In 1992 they went around the country talking about Medicare reform. In 1996, they went around the country talking about Medicare reform. Here, in your backyard, they're still talking about Medicare reform. "All of you are saying, you aren't saying nothing yet, and he's right, we've never seen nothing yet."

Bush's plan advocates providing assistance with prescriptiondrug costs, including 100 percent coverage for seniors in the lowest economic brackets, he said. The Republican nominee further extended his push for returning leadership to local levels of government when describing his vision for the future of America's educational system.

"If not interested in being the federal superintendent of schools, then why change the evaluation of the public education system in America," he said. "I don't believe in local control of schools. We believe we ought to trust teachers and parents and local folks to make the right decisions for the children and the communities in which they live."

Bush also expressed concerns about the current climate of U.S. military and said that he would work with Congress to make changes to help to foster mutual respect between the armed forces and the members of the armed forces. Ultimately, Bush told his sup-

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porters that intangible differ-
ences in character would make him a better president than Gore. Gore would point to his success at building bridges across party lines in Texas while alluding to the scandals that have plagued the Clinton administration. In addition to preserving, protecting and defending the Constitution, Bush said he would also pledge to bring responsibility back to the Oval Office.

Gore will appeal to you that I will bring honor and dignity to the White House, so help me God," he said.

Republican candidate for
governor of Michigan, Chris
Chocola, candidate for the U.S.
House of Representatives
were in attendance at the rally
to help build unity among local
Republicans.

NEWS ANALYSIS
Professor: Undecided voters will make or break election

By COLLEEN MCGARTHY
Associate News Editor

With the two major parties' presidential candidates hesitant to draw strong distinctions between their views, the final days of the campaign in order to maintain a more centrist, political stance to attract undecided voters, the result has been a race that polls show to be the closest Presidential race since that of John F. Kennedy versus Richard Nixon in 1960, according to Professor Mary's politics.

Most polls indicate a very narrow lead for either Bush or Gore in states that have been especially close in

Tuesday, October 30, 2000

TIM CLAYTON/The Clarion

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush waves to the crowds at South Bend Regional Airport following a rally there Friday. Bush was in South Bend on his way to deliver an address in Benton Harbor.

Bush continued from page 1
dents shouldn't be asked, 'How old are you?' rather than, 'What do you know?'"

Bush also cited Reagan's tax cuts of the 1980s as a possible source for the strength of today's economy, and said that the government should not take more than 1/3 of any-

"We believe government ought to be limited," said Bush. "We don't believe in the heavy hand of government; we believe in the helping hand of government. We trust people to make the best decisions for their lives."

Since the rally's audience — packed tightly into the Mendel Center on Lake Michigan College's campus in Benton Harbor, Mich. while hundreds more waited outside — contained mostly Bush supporters, he discussed not only the election issues, but also the nature of the campaign itself.

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Cops kill actor at Halloween party

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The police shooting of a Hollywood mansion party guest who was brandishing a fake gun has left the troubled Los Angeles Police Department in an unwanted spotlight and the victim's friends blaming racial profiling.

Actor Anthony Dwain Lee, 39, died at the Hollywood Hills mansion after he was shot several times by an officer who fired at him through a glass door about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Police say Lee had said Sunday that the shooting was more than a mistake. Some planned to hold vigil Monday night in front of the police station where Hopper is stationed to protest the shooting.

"His biggest fear was getting killed by cops, because he's a tall black man," Mary Lin, a friend of the Lee's, told The Los Angeles Times.

It wasn't clear if Lee knew the officer who is also black was a real policeman and not just another party guest. Some at the party said other guests were wearing LAPD uniforms.

"This is so incredibly shocking that a person would be taken down like this," said Kirsten Blackburn, a friend of Lee's.

The police department and District Attorney's office are both investigating the shooting.

The shooting comes as the LAPD is already struggling to recover from a widespread corruption scandal and accusations of civil rights abuses and police brutality.

Two other officers have faced criminal charges this year for shootings, District Attorney spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said. Meanwhile, four police officers are currently on trial for allegedly framing gang members.

Broughton said she believes the public will realize from as far as what we have to do, We're risking our lives every day," she said.

Police said several hundred people were at the mansion early Saturday when Hopper and his partner arrived and began searching for the owner.

Broughton refused to say whether Hopper, a three-year veteran, shouted a warning before firing. She said she didn't know if Lee's toy gun had any brightly colored marks that would distinguish it from a real weapon.

New law may not punish terrorists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new law gives Americans who have become victims of terrorism millions of dollars in compensation, but some fear it won't achieve their ultimate goal — punishing terrorist nations.

The legislation to pay victims from the U.S. Treasury first, and recoup the money from alleged terrorist states later, is a precedent that complicates international diplomacy, say some international law experts.

The legislation signed Saturday by President Clinton "in a convoluted scheme," says Rosemary Wolfe of Alexandria, Va., whose daughter, Alisa, was a 20-year-old stepdaughter, Miriam, died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

"I'm no saint, but I could not take money this way," says Susan Cohen, whose 20-year-old daughter, Theodora, died in that attack over Lockerbie, Scotland.

"It doesn't punish terrorists, it punishes U.S. taxpayers," says Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J.

"The American taxpayer is going to pay millions of dollars, somehow, someday, maybe soon, maybe not soon, the money will be taken from those states," says Cohen.

"I think you have to believe in the Easter Bunny to believe that.

She and others believe Libya is behind the Pan Am bombing of 12 years ago.

One proponent of the law and among the first who will benefit from it is Stephen Flatow, whose daughter, Alisa, was killed in a 1995 bombing in the Gaza Strip. Others include Terry Anderson, former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press in 1984 when he was taken hostage and held in Lebanon for nearly seven years, and fellow hostages held for shorter periods, David Jacobsen, Joseph Ciccipo and Frank Reed.

"When Tehran reads in the papers that the president has signed this law, and people can go after their money, it's going to be big business," says Edward Fiske of West Orange, N.J. "They're going to be in business as soon as possible.

Courts awarded those damages under a 1996 law that allowed American victims to sue countries financing terrorists if those countries are on the State Department's list of seven terrorist states.

"The victims have been blocked from getting the pay­ment now because the administra­tion rejected various plans such as seizing the long-closed Iranian embassy in Washington or taking money from frozen Iranian assets. Officials feared drawing retaliation or ruining chances for future relations with those states, which are Sudan, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Cuba, Libya and Syria.

Another section of the law gives some $50 million to the families of the rescue workers whose planes was shot down off the coast of Florida by Cuban jets in 1996. That money comes from frozen Cuban assets and not the Treasury.

While the law most immediately addresses cases against Iran and Cuba, lawsuits are pending against Iraq by Americans used as human shields during the Persian Gulf War and against Libya on behalf of the victims of Pan Am's bombing. If those families are awarded damages in court, they too could go to the government and ask for help in getting compensation. It would be up to future administrations to block them or help get assets from those countries.

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MISHAWAKA
A popular uprising had pushed Ivory Coast’s military ruler from power, and people were celebrating in the streets. But the cries of jubilation had barely begun when ethnic and religious tensions exploded into violence in this West African nation.

Last week’s events followed a pattern that has become familiar in this region scarred by power-struggles and dictatorial leaders — a reminder that political change alone does not assuage the sharp divisions, ethnic and otherwise, that still tear at West Africa.

Ivory Coast, a tropical country rich in cocoa and coffee, saw its reputation as an oasis of stability in volatile West Africa shattered in a Dec. 24 coup that brought military junta leader Gen. Robert Guei to power.

Guei survived two mutinies and a reported assassination attempt. But when he suspended the commission overseeing last week’s elections to restore civilian rule and declared himself the winner, thousands of demonstrators took to the streets, later to be joined by members of his own security forces.

Guei fled and a longtime opposition leader, Laurent Gbagbo, was swept to power.

It was the latest in a series of changes that would seem to bring closer peace to the people in West Africa. Civilian leaders are now in control of such coup-prone countries as Nigeria and Niger. In Senegal, where one party held sway for 40 years, a March presidential election brought a longtime opposition leader to power.

Within hours of Gbagbo’s triumph, however, the followers of a rival political leader who was excluded from the Oct. 22 presidential vote had taken to the streets to demand a new ballot. By the following morning, political clashes between Gbagbo’s mostly southern, Christian supporters and the predominantly northern, Muslim followers of Alassane Dramane Ouattara had turned into bloody sectarian attacks with machetes, rocks and nail-studded clubs.

A Muslim office worker watched in horror from her apartment in a middle-class suburb as northerners were pulled from their cars at barricades of burning tires, robbed and beaten by Gbagbo supporters chanting anti-foreigner slogans.

“Our own neighbors were shouting, ‘Kill them like chickens,’” said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

More than 200 people have been killed since they died since the elections. By most accounts, the majority were Ouattara supporters, who also found themselves battling security forces who backed Gbagbo’s followers.

A taxi driver wiped tears from his eyes as he described how paramilitary police accompanied by Gbagbo supporters broke down the door of his house and took away his seven brothers. Only one returned.

The other six were taken to a police compound, told to lie on the ground and shot, according to the surviving brother. The taxi driver, who declined to give his name for fear of retribution, said his brothers’ bodies were later dumped in a field on the outskirts of town where about 55 twisted corpses were later found piled on top of one another.

“I was born in Abidjan,” the driver said, clutching photographs of his brothers in happier times. “But they say we Muslims are foreigners.”

Such scenes have been played out in this region before.

In Nigeria, thousands have died in renewed clashes since President Olusegun Obasanjo was elected last year, ending 15 years of military rule. The election of a southern Yoruba and his efforts to diversify the government and military created unease among the country’s northern Hausa and Fulani, who had traditionally dominated those institutions. Some Yorubas, in turn, fear Obasanjo is a stooge for the north because of his military background.

In Senegal’s troubled Casamance region, which is geographically and ethnically distinct from the rest of the country, separatist rebels have waged an 18-year fight for independence. And in Niger, tensions linger despite the end of years of desert warfare waged by Tuareg tribesmen, an olive-skinned people who don’t consider themselves African.

“I don’t think that because the public erupted and called for democratic changes that this is necessarily going to see the consolidation of political liberalization” in Ivory Coast, said Tim Bork, director of the African Policy Initiative for the Carnegie Endowment. “Democracy comes in stages. Learning how to deal with it on a nonviolent basis takes time.”

For years, however, Ivory Coast was spared the violence that consumed its neighbors, steadied by a booming economy and a revered leader who managed to co-opt most of his opponents.

But founding President Felix Houphouet-Boigny allowed no opposition parties for most of his 33 years in power. When politics were liberalized in 1990, most of the parties that emerged were organized along ethnic and religious lines.

There are some 60 different ethnic groups in the country of 19 million people. Houphouet-Boigny’s successor, Henri Konan Bedie, began using these divides as political fodder to shore up his dwindling support. Guei was accused of the same thing after ousting Bedie. Meanwhile, coffee and cocoa prices have plummeted in recent years, and Ivory Coast’s economy has stumbled.

Ivorians, who in more prosperous times threw open their borders to migrant workers and war refugees from neighboring states, now mutter darkly about the “foreigners” they say want to take over the country.

Ouattara, a former prime minister, was barred from running for president because the Supreme Court questioned whether both his parents were Ivorian, as required by a new junta-approved constitution.
Clashes continue, Barak attempts to find coalition

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

A column of Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers rolled into the Gaza Strip and exchanged fire with Palestinian gunmen Sunday, a day of renewed clashes that left five Palestinians dead and dozens wounded.

Amid the turmoil, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak met Ariel Sharon, leader of the hawkish Likud party, in an attempt to forge a coalition government. No immediate agreement was reported.

In Gaza, the Kermi road junction resembled a battlefield with acrid smoke from burning tires darkening the air and tanks moving along the road, their occasional fire punctuating the sound of assault- rifle rounds.

The army said it sent the armored column to secure free movement of Jewish settlers on the key road, which cuts through the strip and has been the site of violent Palestinian protests.

The tanks responded to fire from Palestinian police by shooting from mounted machine guns, the military said. A 14-year-old boy and a 31-year-old man were killed, medics said. At least 25 people were injured overall in Gaza.

"We've reliquised with tanks and helicopter gunships at certain points and we used them with consideration," said the army chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz. The military, he added, plans to begin initiating action rather than reacting to gunfire.

Military officials said the army wanted to phase down its aggressive image and reduce friction with stone-throwing Arab youths, focusing instead on pinpoint struggle against armed Palestinian radicals.

Also in Gaza, Palestinians set off a homemade bomb and fired a hail carrying Jewish settlers near the Morag settlement. The army responded with fire, the military said.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, two Palestinians were killed and four were wounded in clashes. The army said soldiers opened fire when the Palestinians' customary stones and firebombs gave way to guns. However, Suleiman Narkib, a Palestinian doctor at the site, said he did not see any gunfire coming from the Palestinian side.

Another Palestinian was killed Sunday night in violent clashes near the West Bank town of Jenin, and a 20-year-old Arab from the same area died two days after being shot in the head. Israeli police, meanwhile, said 25-year-old Matik Gavilov, an Israeli who was found dead inside a burned car in the West Bank town of Ramallah on Saturday, was killed for political reasons.

The deaths raised the overall count to 140 since the bloodshed erupted more than a month ago. The vast majority of the dead and injured have been Palestinians.

While the army and protesters fought in Gaza, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat presided over the opening of a new Gaza hospital and pledged that the Palestinian fight will continue.

"Our people shall remain steadfast and strong until one of our young boys or girls raises the flag over Jerusalem, the capital of the state of Palestine," he told reporters.

But the Palestinians were showing signs of economic distress.

Israeli authorities have prevented Palestinians from entering Israel since Oct. 6, shortly after the violence began. Normally, about 120,000 Palestinians work in Israel, and industries including tourism and agriculture have been hit hard by the closure.

"At the beginning of the year 2000 we could claim that it started as a year of economic recovery," said Mohammad Shityeh, managing director of the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction. "Now this closure has added an external shock to the Palestinian econo-

Shityeh said unemployment in the West Bank and Gaza was 13 percent before the closures and that the areas have seen many layoffs since then.

The Palestinian territories remain heavily dependent on Israel, importing $2 billion worth of goods each year from the Jewish state — 86 percent of total imports. Palestinian leaders are concerned about recent Israeli talk of a "unilateral separation," which would involve setting up borders with Israel, closing economic restrictions. Palestinian Economic Minister Maher Al-Mastal said economic relations should be "based on a free trade arrangement."

Shiyateh said there were measures the Palestinians could take if Israel went ahead with unilateral separation and continued to maintain the closures. "We can let all the sewage flow into the Jewish settlements. We, as Palestinians, can do all these unilateral measures as well," he said.

On the political front, Barak began the day saying he was close to forming a parliamen-
tary coalition that could prevent the collapse of his minority government. Barak is trying to finalize a deal with Likud in a bid to retain power and stave off early elections.

"We have to move forward together to lead the state through the emergency situation that has emerged," Barak told Israel's army radio.

But his meeting with Sharon was inconclusive, and aides to the two wrangled frantically to forge a coalition before parliamen-
tary reconvened on Monday following a three-month recess. The Knesset may pass a no-confidence motion that could bring Barak's government down.

Sharon, who opposes Barak's land-for-peace policies, has been seeking a veto to stop future peace moves — a demand Barak has rejected, according to Israeli media reports.

Also Sunday, senior Israeli army officials said they were preparing for an escalation of attacks along their northern border with Lebanon that could deteriorate into war with Syria. Syria, the powerful ally of Iran, has given the Lebanese-based fundamentalist group Hezbollah a green light to terrorize Israel, the officials said.

In the south, Iran, in backing Hezbollah, has pressured the group to engage in anti-Israeli activity, he added.

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Praising Bush’s message

Mike Marchand
Questionable Freedoms 2000

Friday afternoon, Republican president­
son, George W. Bush, tried to 
town as a phantom and left just as 
quickly — zooming off in his 757 dubbed 
"Responsibility One" to Detroit. He actu­ 
ally spent less time speaking — 13 min­ 
utes — than his 
shaking hands and 
greeting supporters 
after his speech. Yet 
his brief visit to South 
Bend left more than 
2,000 people, many of 
whom were waiting 
two hours or more on 
an unseasonably 
warm October after­ 
noon, energized and 
eagerly anticipating 
voting for him next 
Tuesday.

Most of the elec­ 
tricity coming from 
the supporters 
stemmed from the Governor’s basic 
taxes cut targeted at everyone 
who pays taxes rather than certain peo­ 
ples who meet certain qualifications; lim­ 
ited privatization of Social Security so 
younger workers can invest their own 
retirement funds and get larger returns; 
and reforming the educational system 
"to ensure that no child goes left behind.

The good feeling evident on Friday is 
mostly a phantasm limited to South 
Bend. Not even Indians, where Bush will 
likely win by double digits.

It’s evident in many of the termed 
"swing states," many of which are slowly 
working for the Governor. It’s visi­ 
bile in California, where Bush has closed 
a lead as high as 15 points down to 
five without spending one second or one 
day campaigning in the Golden State in 
over three months.

It’s happening even in the Vice 
President’s home state of Tennessee, 
where Bush leads by four points in an 
Oct. 21 poll.

What in this nationwide sensation? 
Despite the fact that many media outlets 
and pundits are labeling the race 
"too close to call" and that we’ll all have to 
"wait and see" for every precinct to 
report it, it’s becoming obvious to even the most nonpartisan observers of this 
election that Governor Bush is control­
ing the race and will win, having a 
colossal screwup or a massive 11th hour

backcome by Gore. But the odds of either 
of these happening are about as likely as 
the chances of us seeing the Yeeg get 
down in "Who Let The Dogs Out.

From the opinion pages to 
"Doomsday," writers are taking it upon 
theirsev­

们 to catalog every one of 
Bush’s speaking flaws in a desperate 
attempt to try to prove to America that 
"Dubya" somehow doesn’t have the 
brainpower necessary to be commander 
in chief. They can add one from South 
Bend — he stated: "The government is not 
the surplus’ money," before immediately 
correcting himself by transposing "gov­

ernment" and "surplus." 

As for a ninth inning rally by Gore, he 
and his army of spinners have already 
unloaded just about every trick in their 
bag. A small handful of Gore supporters 
at the Bush-fest held up signs demoniz­ 
ing Bush for how he has run Texas 
(debatable) to the number of criminals 
executed under his tenure (true, Gore is 
also pro-death penalty) to Bob Jones 
University (old and, plus, I wrote a col­ 
umn in March that annihilated that 
argument.)

Gore himself has used class warfare, 
trying to portray himself as a man of 
the people and Bush as an elitist millionaire.

Well, Gore went to Harvard, and by all 
accounts a fairly wealthy guy. Gore has 
attempted to paint Bush and VP candi­
date Dick Cheney as puppets of Big Oil, 
capital letters used to emphasize their 
inherent evildoers. But neither Republican 
party has any current ties in the oil 
industry: Gore owns a bunch of shares of 
Occidental Petroleum.

Moreover, their experience could help 
them in dealing with matters of the 
Persian Gulf. Gore’s lack of knowledge was 
obvious when he thought that a 30 
million barrel release of oil would do 
anything to alleviate the big numbers 
at the pump or the little numbers at his 
poll.

Gore has used scare tactics against 
every one of Bush’s issues. Apparently 
government a 
Bush administration would look some­ 
thing like this.

Uneducated children who couldn’t 
benefit from school vouchers 
became "rich kids in the streets."

Meanwhile, the wealthy would take 
their massive tax refunds and go skitter­

ing around in yachts eating caviar, 
because everyone knows the rich do 
nothing to aid the American economy.

Seniors would be forced to take medi­
cine for dogs as representatives from 
their 1800s would look on and laugh 
devilishly.

The U.S. government would declare 
bankruptcy because the “tricky schemes” 
of tax cuts and Social Security reform 
would drain all of the federal funds.

And poor ‘Dubya’ would be a has­ 
been in the Oval Office to the NRA, Big 
Tobacco, Big Oil, Big Pharmaceuticals, 
Big Polluters, Big Business, Big Boy, Big 
Ben and Big John Studd, while armies 
from every enemy of the United States 
march on Washington outside because 
George has no foreign policy experience 
and, of course, the fact that Clinton 
stood in ‘92 meant nothing.

All of this scheming, definitely backed by a 
feeling of desperation to avoid being 
shut out of control by the Republicans, 
has given Al Gore just enough traction 
to be noticed by the American populace 
as an actual human and not the talking slab 
of Formica he’s been portrayed as for 
the last seven years. This massive mean­ 
spirited demagoguery campaign might 
have bought Gore a few votes, but his 
boastful and overall demeanor of late 
has pushed his unfavorable numbers 
from his phony awards rankings in opinion 
polls. You can’t even elect when more 
people hate you than like you.

Meanwhile, the most vicious Bush ever 
was Friday was a poke at eight years of 
unfulfilled promises of President Clinton 
and the health care reform. "My oppo­
nent says, ‘You ain’t seen nothing yet,’ 
and he’s right!"

He followed up with a ol- repeated 
phrase from the convention: "Mr. Vice 
President, you’ve had your chance. You 
have not led. We will."

America is catching on to George W. 
Bush’s positive and future-oriented 
vision. Gore is eight days away from 
being toast. But at least Joe Lieberman 
will still be the Senator from Connecticut.

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"Too bad 90 percent of the politicians give 
the other 10 percent a bad reputation." 

Henry Kissinger
former secretary of state
Offering a progressive alternative

This election, voters have a choice. We can use our nation’s economic prosperity to increase our social programs, increase corporate welfare and give tax cuts for the rich, or we can invest our prosperity in working Americans and build a just society.

Taking a look at the candidates, there are many students who will choose to vote for Gore and with reason. The Democrats are the party of the upper-middle class, putting their interests above those of the poor and oppressed. They have failed to respond to the needs of our community by neglecting education, health care, and the environment.

Aaron Kreider

Think, Question, Rest

The Greens would implement national single payer health care. This would be a tremendous step forward in ensuring that all Americans have access to quality health care. The Greens recognize that the current system is broken and that we need a new approach to health care.

If Americans can take anything from the 2000 election season, it is a stronger sense of the inadequacies of our political system. While we are often focused on the election season itself, we must also consider the long-term changes that need to be made to ensure that our democracy is strong and lasting.

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Choosing as Christians

The inscription above the memorial door on the right side of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart may proclaim “God, Country, Notre Dame,” but the relics of the saint beneath the main altar starkly challenge that motto. Today, we celebrate the feast of Saint Marcellus, a saint and martyr who was a centurion in Northern Africa at the end of the third century under the Roman Emperor Decianus. While at the celebration of the emperor’s birthday in Tangeris, Marcellus decided that as a Christian, he could no longer follow the emperor’s orders. He threw down his soldier’s belt, the legion’s standard of allegiance, threw down his vine-switch, the symbol of allegiance, and threw down his arms. “I serve Christ Jesus, the Eternal King,” he said, “from now on I serve your emperors no more.”

Following his arrest, Marcellus found himself in court facing charges for his actions to which he stated, “I did throw down my arms, for it is not right for a Christian who serves the Lord Christ to serve also for demands of the world.” Upon his condemnation to death, Marcellus answered those who passively stood by with the words, “May God bless you.” On Oct. 30 in the year 298 A.D., he was beheaded.

The relics of saints, of martyrs like Marcellus are vitally important, for they serve as a reminder to us that the glory of God is not beyond human history but among us, present and active in our lives. The relics of Marcellus are a tangible reminder of who we are as Christians and called to be of lives that are contrary to the ways of the world. They also show us that living for God entails dying to one’s self and that some times that death is not simply metaphorical.

Notre Dame is a school that is concerned with tradition. Father Sorin himself felt for and secured the relics of Saint Marcellus in 1847 having them transported across the Atlantic so that they might find a place here at the heart of Our Lady’s University.

So let us then honor the life and death of the martyr Saint Marcellus by evaluating our own allegiances. Let us ask hard questions about what “God, Country, Notre Dame” really means to us and to our University community and what that should mean to us as Christians. Let us also recommit ourselves to the clarification and participation in human systems of domination that utilize and perpetuate violence, injustice and oppression, both personal and institutional, to gain wealth and power.

The entire University community is invited to gather together and celebrate the life and death of the martyr Saint Marcellus as our Lord taught us to celebrate, by attending Mass at 5:15 p.m. on Monday in the place where the relics of this prophetic voice reside, the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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It's none other than football star George King stop a white horse riding up the steps of Washington Hall. The student looks at the image and it vanished.

The ghostly ride of Gipp is just one of the many ghost stories surrounding Washington Hall. Many rumors of ghost in Washington Hall have been attributed to a number of sources, there is no one legend to the ghost of All-American football player George Gipp is a favorite of most Donors.

After returning home late from a night at the bars, Gipp allegedly slept on the steps of the hall to avoid going back in his room. Unfortunately, he couldn't find the steps and the ghost image has vanished.

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Senior flanker Joey Getherall dives into the end zone on one of his three touchdowns in Notre Dame's 34-31 victory over Air Force Saturday. Getherall's efforts allowed the Irish to keep hopes of a Bowl Championship Series game alive.

**Getherall's offense grants Irish 34-31 victory**

**Earl blocks Adams' field goal attempt to force overtime**

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

As a native of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dave Adams spent many Saturday afternoons rooting for the University of Miami football team. So when "Air Force 20, Notre Dame 17" scrolled across the bottom of the television screen in the early evening hours of Oct. 19, 1996, the 17-year-old high school senior was elated:

"I despised Notre Dame," Adams said. "Growing up a Hurricanes fan, you always wanted Notre Dame to lose."

On Saturday, Adams, now Air Force's place kicker, had a chance to shatter the Irish's Bowl Championship Series chances and provide the Falcons with another South Bend afternoon to cherish. With three seconds remaining in regulation and the game tied at 28, the senior lined up for a 28-yard field goal in the south end zone, "The kid was unreal," Adams said of Fleming. "He played like an All-American." Said Fleming: "To be honest, I really wasn't all out there. I was just going through the motions. I guess I just got in a zone."

Notre Dame's offense did not help a defense that allowed 258 fourth-quarter yards. In the fourth quarter, the Irish failed to gain a first down and had 15 total yards, including an illegal procedure penalty. Although Julius Jones gained 118 yards and Matt LoVecchio threw for 171 yards, the offensive hero for the Irish was Getherall.

When his team needed a score, the 5-foot-8, 170-pound senior delivered. During a timeout, receivers coach Urban Meyer told Getherall, who already had two touchdowns, that they would run a "Z-reverse."

"Coach Meyer looked at me and said you're getting the ball," said Getherall, who had four catches for 116 yards and carried twice for 22 yards. "I was ready."

But three days before Halloween, the unlikely combination of quarterback Mike Thiessen and 6-foot-5 receiver Ryan Fleming tricked the Irish defense and spooked the 80,232 in attendance with a memorable fourth quarter performance.

Forget the B-52 Bombers flying over the Stadium on Saturday. The Air Force tandem may have put on the best aerial show seen this season. A trio of plays in the final 15 minutes sparked the Falcons. On the first drive of the quarter, Fleming's 10-yard reception on 3rd and 11 allowed his team not to have to punt on fourth down. Two plays later, Air Force narrowed the lead to 28-17. After scoring another touchdown on the next possession, Air Force got the ball back at its own 5-yard line. With 5-foot-9 Irish corner- back Shane Walton covering him, Fleming made a one-handed grab along the left sidelines for a 42-yard reception.

Adams' 34-yard field goal attempt just over two minutes later tied the game. Then on the final possession of regulation, Thiessen and Fleming hooked up once again on first down for a 46-yard gain.

For the game, Thiessen completed 17-of-29 passes for 265 yards and two touchdowns. Fleming gained 163 yards on eight catches.

"I don't know if that's a collapse," Dave said. "I think that's a pretty good offensive football team."

"The sophomore safety blocked David Adams' 26-yard field goal attempt with three seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime."

**quote of the game**

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**stat of the game**

Falcons: 272 yards 4th quarter offense
Irish: 45 yards 4th quarter offense
report card

quarterbacks: LoVecchio threw three touchdown passes but completed only 40% of passes. The most important statistic? LoVecchio's 4-0 as a starter.

running backs: The Irish returned to a one-man backfield and Jones delivered with 111 yards. Two reverse for touchdowns were a plus but consistency was a problem.

receivers: Getherall's the most unlikely go-to receiver in the country. Givens had another solid game. Fisher and Givens each dropped a pass.

offensive line: Paved the way for 212 yards on the ground. But several times Jones was stopped on first down between the tackles. Maybe the predictability led to the lack of success.

defensive line: Contained the option attack as the Falcons averaged just 3.9 yards per carry. Pressured Thiessen consistently until the fourth quarter. Scott and Legree each had 6 tackles.

linebackers: Desman again led the team with 11 tackles. The senior also recorded two sacks and forced two fumbles. Boisman had the other Irish sack.

defensive backs: Even without Clifford Jefferson, the backfield played their usual game of the year. Thiessen and Fleming made Air Force look like Florida's "Fun N' Gun" passing game.

special teams: Without Earl, the Irish returners would have multiplied. The kickoff return team is as good as any in the country. The unit has saved the team all year.

coaching: Blame the defense or coaching on the fourth quarter collapse? Both. The "this was an excellent team" line by Dave when referring to Air Force does not help his public perception.

adding up the numbers

number of overtime games won by Notre Dame prior to Saturday. 0

1 fumbles lost by the Irish, the first of the season.

points allowed by Notre Dame in the fourth quarter. 18

yards yielded by the Irish in the fourth quarter. 258

yards gained by Air Force in the first three quarters. 197

number of B-52 Bombers that flew over the Stadium. 3

percentage of carries by Julius Jones, of the 47 total Irish carries. 57

number of touchdowns by Notre Dame wide receivers, accounting for all the scores. 5

INSIGHT

Sophomore safety Glenn Earl (19) didn't follow directions Saturday, but head coach Bob Davie didn't mind. Instead of sitting back and watching for an Air Force fake, Earl dove through the line to block the field goal. Thanks to Earl, Notre Dame preserved the tie and sent the game into overtime.

Bottom line: Irish win despite mistakes

Every time the Irish step on the field they are graded. Each play they make is analyzed by their fans and critics alike. Davie said, "So how will Glen Earl's game-saving field goal block on Saturday against the Falcons of Air Force be graded?"

"As a missed assignment if you want to get technical. "I wasn't the designated leaper," Earl said. "I was supposed to give Tony Weaver a push and look for a fake. So I guess I'll get a missassignment for that. I got a little excited, but I'll take it."

If Bob Davie and his coaching staff want to play by the rules, they will grade Earl's play for precisely what it was and dock him the five points on the special team's production board for not completing his designated task.

"We get graded on how well we produce on special teams," Earl said. "I really hope they don't dock me for blocking the kick. But that board might be minus a couple points from Wednesday."

It could be, but it shouldn't be. Forget subtracting five points for missing an assignment. Give Earl the three points for a key block, another three points for a great effort and multiply that number by 100 for saving not only the game, but Notre Dame's season and Bowl Championship Series bid hopes.

Notre Dame's fourth-quarter performance in its 34-31 overtime win against Air Force is telling of Notre Dame's entire season: struggling at first, seeing a potential loss in sight and then pulling out all the stops when it counts. It makes fans want to tear their hair out, but leaves them smiling in the end.

Irish starting quarterback Arnaz Withers steps back to solve a problem, leaving no one but quarterbacks with only high school experience to take the helm. The offensive alignments seem incorable. But freshman Matt LoVecchio steps into his role like a veteran and has not lost a game since he started.

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Defense crumbles in final period against Falcons

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

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**TOUCHDOWN JESUS SMILES ON IRISH**

5-foot-7 receiver Joey Getherall gets pounced on by a slew of Irish teammates, all celebrating his game-winning touchdown. Leprechaun Mike Brown stands by ready to get in on the action.

A perfect toss by freshman Matt LoVecchio slides through receiver Javlin Hunter’s hands. Hunter made up for the missed catch by grabbing a touchdown pass.

Senior receiver Joey Getherall was one of the heroes of the day for the Irish. He scored three of Notre Dame’s five touchdowns Saturday. After zipping into the end zone with the game-winner, teammates carried him off the field.

Sophomore tailback Julius Jones (22) takes off after a hand-off from quarterback Matt LoVecchio. Jones rushed for 111 yards on 27 carries in Notre Dame’s thriller victory Saturday.
to return to your dorm room...

The ghosts of Saint Mary's continue to watch over campus

By LAURA BOST
Staff Writer

Fog settles upon the lake and marks Saint Mary's College in a shroud of mystery. The illuminated bell tower of Le Mans is a somber canvas creating an ominous atmosphere. As the lights dim after parietals, the old buildings fill with creaks and groans. A bang and a cry are audible in the night. A woman turns to her roommate, "What was that noise? Did you hear that?" she questions.

Are these phenomena merely figments of the imagination? Many students and alumni urge the skeptics that these truly are the bewitching hours.

For years the weaving of ghost stories has been a favorite pastime at Saint Mary's. The rich historical traditions of the College encourage these tales. In addition, Saint Mary's boasts a collection of unusual events and mysterious deaths.

In order to explain events where there are no explanations, students create justifications in the form of ghost stories," said Saint Mary's archivist John Kovach. "Whether or not you believe these ghost stories is up to you, but they are part of the College's oral tradition."

Kovach recounts the tale of a student buried in the graveyard behind Regina Hall. This cemetery is currently reserved for nuns, but in 1870, 20-year-old Zellie Selby was buried there. Her death was attributed to a sudden illness. Selby's father was a traveling Tennessee judge and failed to establish a residence, so her body was never sent home. Some say she put to rest under a huge monument, but after a recent examination it appears that this is not an ordinary gravestone. It seems as though the silhouette is more than a mere coincidence. Students believe they watch over Regina Hall and that her spirit will remain on campus indefinitely.

Presently, Saint Mary's students claim the ghosts have been appearing less often, but the effects of their hauntings have become more frequent. The阁 claim doors open and close by themselves and pictures securely fastened to the wall suddenly fall off. Students have even seen forms emerge from walls and posters. Strange banging sounds on the frames of bunk beds, the ringing of unplugged phones and the skyrocketing volume of stereo systems have also been reported.

Nicole Mann of Le Mans said that clothes, videotapes and food disappear from her room and then reappear a few days later. "My friends and roommates have sworn they are not responsible for the disappearances," she said.

Nicole's roommate, Quinn Smith, has even started leaving out piles of Werther's Original candy for their ghost.

SMC Senior Maricruz Cagura, also from Le Mans and Amy Lazzorotto from Holy Cross Hall report oddities as well. Cagura maintains that her television independently turns on and off and changes channels. Lazzorotto said that her snow globes play music without being wound.

Additional strange events have taken place in Le Mans. Someone once told her roommate's mother saw someone walk into their room. When she swung the door open no one was there.

Alex, a student, had no surprise to Alex, for another mysterious event happened earlier in the year. Alex's shorts became stained with a red substance before being washed. She turned over the iron and found it covered with a red film. In vain Alex tried to scrub it off and found the substance impossible to remove.

A few days later, she pulled out the iron and the red had disappeared. Alex's roommate at the time saw the ghost of "Mary," who hung herself in room 274.

In support of these rumors, a couple of years ago an alumna in her 90s visited room 274 and told the girls that it was her roommate's spirit that hung herself.

Saint Mary's has no record of this particular incident.

Also, many women claim to have seen a crying baby in the showers of Queen's Court. Archivist John Kovach says someone called in the Le Mans during the early 1970s. It is rumored that this death was unreported and the body was left in the bathroom. For confirmation of the death, students will have to wait 75 years until the coroner's reports are open to the public.

According to the Saint Mary's Archive Narrative on Dec. 6, 1990 a student's body was found at 7:30pm in her room. Her belief pins pout the room of the suspected suicide to be on the fourth floor of Le Mans. It is said that this student along with the crying baby dwell in the shadows of Le Mans Hall.

Unlike Le Mans, Regina is a newer residence hall, yet still has places where its residents say ghosts haunt. The Regina women reported seeing a man who hung himself in her room. According to her roommate, he hung himself in the Le Mans bell tower. Was it a construction worker or a disgruntled student? In any case, they too haunt Le Mans with the women with the red cape and the man in the denim overalls.

The man in the red cape is a man who was reported to be extinguishing the candles in the chapel. When students asked him about her, the college said there was no woman employed to tend to the candles. Still, students claim to occasionally see an apparition of her.

The man in the denim overalls has been sighted around 401 Le Mans. Former residents in 1995, Maureen Bransfield and Michaela Corcoran, say he is responsible for incessant rhythmic banging. These noises began every night after midnight. After examining the space above their room, even Saint Mary's security could not attribute the noise to pipes or rodents. These women also reported the appearance of a mysterious black glove and disappearance of an angel pin and an Italian glass pendant. The ghost may be one of the farmers whose grave was relocated during the construction of Holy Cross Hall in 1902-03. According to archivist John Kovach, "Some say ghosts wander because their graves have been disturbed."

These haunting stories have solely survived through oral tradition, but now three Saint Mary's students, Veronica Kesseneich, Shelly Houser, and Kristen Matha, are compiling a book of Saint Mary's ghost stories. These students received a grant from The Leaders of a New Indiana. They hope to have the book published by the week after spring break. Veronica explains, "This book is historically based and we weave both the history of SMC and urban legend together."

Any students or alumni with ghost stories are encouraged to immediately send their tales to quiethours@sanmarys.edu.

In the meantime, if you desire more chilling stories take a walk through the residence halls as darkness envelops the campus. Maybe the spirits will grant you a tale of your own to tell.
By LIA MILHOAN and SUSIE CARPENTER
Sports Writers

Howard H. Hall averaged its regular season loss to Cavanaugh and came away with a 23-13 win Sunday to send the Ducks into the semifinal round. "We were led by our offensive line," said coach Harold Bruntlett. "They led us with a solid game."

Howard defense struck first. Led by quarterback Jill Olszowy, Howard marched down the field. Olszowy ran for a first down and completed three passes to receiver Elizabeth Klimke to put Howard at Cavanaugh's one-yard line. Olszowy then passed to Mandy Reimer for a first down. Olszowy ran for a streaking Melissa Marcotte along the right sideline. Marcotte tipped the ball over the head of a Howard defender, hauled in the ball over the head to gain the 10-yard line. From the 10, Olszowy ran in to close out the first half scoring leaving Cavanaugh down by only one, 14-13, at halftime.

In the second half, Howard offensive stayed focused and Olszowy engineered another scoring drive. After completing passes to Klimke and Emily Berg, Olszowy ran 15 yards to the Cavanaugh 22. She then hooked up with Klimke who made a diving catch at the one-yard line. Olszowy then threw to Klimke for her third touchdown pass of the game.

Cavanaugh refused to back down and worked the ball to Howard's 32-yard line with just under three minutes remaining. However, on second down, Lynn Olszowy's pass to the end zone was intercepted by Howard's Emily Borg. Howard ran out the clock to secure the 20-13 victory.

"We had a great season," said Coach Chris Cavanaugh. "Many of our young players showed how good they can be." There were some penalties that hurt us and we couldn't recover. Overall, we played well and made good decisions on offense.

Coach Bart Bruckert offered a similar sentiment. "It was a tough loss," he said. "We played hard but ran into a tough Howard team. We didn't give a whole lot of credit to quarterback Jamie Stouffer, but I think he picked it up," said Coach Bruckert. "We dominated throughout the game, and, at the end, we finally broke them down.

The two teams played each other earlier in the season, resulting in a 12-12 tie. However, there are no ties in playoff action. In this first round, with victory a necessity to avoid elimination, the intensity was high for both Off-Campus and Bardin.

The Cowboys' defense was determined to keep the ball out of the field. Throughout the game, the running back or receiver was about to be tackled, yet, she would simply toss the ball back to her teammate who ran for extra yardage. Running back Francesca Delayo evaded multiple tacklers and gained several first downs for her team.

However, Off-Campus had difficult breaking theirity into a touchdown. Bardin's defense muscled through the defensive line to apply pressure to quarterback Jamie Stouffer. Molly Norland and Lindsey each had a sack on the day and forced Stouffer to scramble on numerous plays.

The story was the same for the flip side: the Badin offense was efficient, their defense was strong, and victory was achieved. In the end, they won the game.

"It was a good game overall and you have to give credit to their defense," he said. "We were tired, but we didn't get the one big play that we needed."

The Iron Women of Off-Campus now look to their game against Howard next weekend. Coach Dan Laughlin acknowledged the talents of the Ducks, but the Cuisine are optimistic about their chances. "We have the confidence and skill to win," said Coach Chris Mudd.
WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Walsh takes PW into triple overtime with 25-18 win

By LAUREN CONTI and COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writers

The Wild Women of Walsh Hall eliminated the PW Purple Weasels 25-18 in triple overtime in the first round of the Women's Interhall Playoffs on Sunday at McGlinn Field. The thrilling match-up was finally decided when PW failed to answer a touchdown by Walsh's Gretchen McIntyre. "It was incredible," said Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger of the intensely competitive game. "It really could have gone either way, but obviously we're glad we came out on top." The 6-6 score that necessitated overtime was decided within the final five minutes of play. On the Purple Weasels' first possession at their own 20-yard line, quarterback Leslie Schmidt found receiver and captain Amanda Gallen, who ran it in for the touchdown. "Amanda's catch was just great there — it gave us an early edge," said PW co-captain Kelly Dries. Walsh's Angela Polisnelli managed to thwart the ensuing one-point conversion, however, and Walsh answered quickly on their following possession. Alternate quarterback Gretchen McIntyre handed off to quarterback Lauren Walsh, who then threw a 20-yard pass to receiver Annie Bodnovich. Receiver Kay Scanlan then put the Wild Women up on the board. "Lauren and Kay had a really terrific game together," said Dillenburger. "I was really impressed with our offense," said Walsh captain Melissa Beiting. "I thought they showed us that they can move the ball at will against a pretty tough defense." The second half was characterized by gridlock play. The teams appeared evenly matched, neither able to gain enough momentum for a successful scoring drive. When the clock ran out, the score was still tied at 6-6. The Purple Weasels, starting from their own 10-yard line, scored on the first down with a pass to senior Kori Yelle, but were unable to make the 1-point conversion. Walsh's ensuing possession was riddled with penalties that called against both the offensive and the defensive squads, but the Wild Women still managed to tie the score courtesy of a Walsh pass to Scanlan. "The penalties were frustrating," said Beiting. "I know sometimes we were making the errors, but it seemed sometimes that just as soon as we'd get some momentum, we'd get a penalty." said Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger. "I give credit to the coaches for making sure we kept our heads in the game." As play trailed into the third and final overtime, extending nearly a full half-hour longer than regulation time, energy on the field had reached an all-time high. Walsh had first possession, and the Wild Women were finally able to fully capitalize as Walsh threw to McIntyre for a touchdown. The Wild Women then completed the first successful conversion of the game with a pass to receiver Jen Lynch. The Purple Weasels were unable to answer this final scoring drive. Schmidt's first pass attempt was batted down by Kahn, who also managed to take down Yelle on the following play. PW's fourth down and final chance to score was thwarted when Walsh defender Karina Mayorga intercepted the pass in the end zone. "We give a lot of credit to Walsh," said Baranowski. "It was a tight game. We're really proud of our team, though. They never quit." Walsh will advance to the second round of the playoffs next Sunday, facing off against a Welsh team many have looked forward to but were never able to fully capitalize on. PW's defense gave an awe-inspiring performance, intercepting three Lyons passes and generally creating havoc on the opposing side of the ball. "Our defense gave us an awesome effort today. On the whole, they were outstanding," said Walsh coach Casey Bouson. Defense seemed to be the prevailing theme in the opening minutes of the game. Both offenses came out flat, dropping several passes and failing to gain any significant yardage. After trading several scoreless possessions, the Welsh offense finally got on the board late in the first half on a 15-yard pass from Katie Bak to receiver Vanessa Lichon. The score gave the team some breathing room and a lead their defense would never relinquish. After Walsh intercepted Lyons quarterback Sarah Jenkins on the first possession of the second half, Rack found Lichon deep in the endzone once again. This time, the pass deflected off the fingertips of two Lyons defenders and into Lichon's waiting hands. "That catch was probably more luck than anything else. I was surprised to actually hang on," she said. Despite the disappoitting result, the Lyons team was not disillusioned with their play. "I couldn't be prouder of our team," said Lyons captain Lisa Thomas. "I don't think Welsh was expecting such a tough game."
**Hockey**

**Spartans sweep Irish 3-2 with last-second goal**

By MATT ORENCHUCK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team on Friday evening came c close to an upset, but fell 3-2 to Michigan State on a last second goal.

After falling to Michigan State on Thursday night, the Irish took to the ice with a new goaltender in net and a new attitude. Thanks out the penalties, and dominated the second and third periods.

Jeremiah Kimento had been a Notre Dame starter for the past five games, but when the teams came out of the locker room, it was sophomore Tony Zasowski in between the pipes.

Zasowski started 29 games last season and the first two games of this season, but was pulled after being ineffective in early season losses to Minnesota and Boston College.

The first period appeared to be a repeat of the Thursday night game, with Michigan State again taking advantage of Irish penalties.

A Notre Dame penalty at 15:37 of the first period gave MSU their first power play opportunity, and they didn't disappoint.

A minute into the Irish penalty the puck was shot in front of Zasowski where Spartan senior Rusty Dolyny slapped the puck past the Irish goalie, and MSU took a 1-0 lead.

It took Notre Dame seven minutes to answer the MSU goal. Four roughing penalties at 8:11 in the first period made it 4 on 4 hockey.

Notre Dame took advantage of the free ice when freshman Rob Globockd fired the puck past MSU goalie Ryan Miller. Michigan State had another power play towards the end of the period. The Spartans seemed on the verge of scoring with a flurry of shots on Zasowski with two minutes remaining.

Then Notre Dame freshman defense men Tom Galvin knocked the goal off it's peg, and was whistled for a delay of game.

"The kid [Galvin] dived on the ice and made a good play. He was blocking the shot. That is a very difficult call to make to put it in a five on three situation," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said.

Michigan State took advantage of the situation. With 36 seconds left in the period Adam Hall put one right through the legs of Zasowski, and the Spartans went into intermission with a 2-1 lead.

The second period was a quick one due to clean play, and not a lot of delays. Each team couldn't convert on a power play.

With 3:39 left in the period Irish senior Ryan Dolder gave the Notre Dame faithful something to cheer about when he slipped a shot past Miller. That tied the game 2-2, and got the crowd into the game. The Irish mostly dominated the second period, as they outshot the Spartans 19-10, and kept offensive pressure on MSU goalie Miller.

The momentum carried over into the third period. Neither team got anything going offensively for most of the period.


The Notre Dame senior skated towards the Spartan goalie, and the crowd roared in approval.

Michigan State sophomore Steve Jackson caught Carlson from behind and took him down before he could get a shot off.

The Irish argued that it should have been a penalty shot, and the home crowd agreed, but refs only gave Jackson a 2:00 minute trip ping penalty.

That was a difficult call to make [with Carlson flying up the ice]. That is the very definition of a penalty shot, but the refs said that the MSU player caught Carlson," Poulin said.

The Irish couldn't convert the ensuing power play, and the game stayed a tight defensive battle until late in the third period. A defensive breakdown by the Irish gave Michigan State the scoring opportunity they wanted. Senior Sean Patchell put away a nice pass in front of Zasowski, and the Spartans held on for a 3-2 win.

"That was a breakdown for Notre Dame, and we took advantage. It was a nice pass in front of the net. You aren't going to miss many of those opportunities like that," Spartan head coach Ron Mason said.

The game had a disappointing ending for the Irish, but Poulin said he felt like they had made a lot of progress from earlier in the season. "We gave up one five on five goal all weekend, and we didn't take a lot of penalties," Poulin said. "We had count less scoring opportunities in the third period. We have to find a way to win that game, and eventually we will."

The Irish will try to build on their momentum with an away series next weekend against Miami of Ohio.

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A championship would have been a real stretch for the Irish, who are unranked. But they hoped to finish in the top four to five to skirt into the ranks of contenders for nationals in late November.

The Irish were never in the race for the top several spots, tallying 160 points, 69 more than the nearest competitor.

Seventh-ranked Boston College dominated the meet, scoring just 38 points in a sport where less is more. No. 17 Providence outscored No. 10 Georgetown 71-72, closely followed by Villanova and West Virginia.

The sixth place finish didn’t completely erase Irish hopes of a return to nationals.

“We can still go in and be third in the region,” Connelly said.

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third, we only lost to Villanova by three points,” Marc Striowski said. “Conway and Mobley both ran well. We just need to pull it all together.”

The course began quickly with a short uphill and then wound into the woods. The entire team managed to pack together for the first mile, and then slowly split apart. Watson and Marc Striowski headed up the Notre Dame runners, and stayed near the front group of runners.

“The race went out really fast, and it seemed more like a trial than anything,” Watson said. “Everyone started the race as fast as they could from the beginning. There was a pack right ahead of Marc and I, and we needed to stay with them and not allow them to break us.”

The first mile of the race was faster than any other race the team had run all year long. Watson and Striowski went through the first mile in a blistering 4:32; the fastest first mile that Watson had run this season was 4:49. This fast start took its toll on the Irish runners.

“Our team is more strength oriented,” said Watson. “We tend to run better on hillier courses. This course was flat, which proved to be our disadvantage.”

As the race progressed, the team became more spread out. Watson made a surge at the final mile, and tried to put him­ self in a position to finish in the top five. Unfortunately, as he neared the finish line, another runner passed Watson.

“The last mile was really disappointing,” Watson said. “I tried to finish in the top four or five, but got passed at the finish ... Two years ago, I finished this race nearly 35 seconds slower, and finished in the same place as today ... This conference has really developed into one of the best in the nation.”

Striowski finished several seconds behind Watson, and gained a personal record. “Last year, I finished 11th and ran 90 seconds slower,” Striowski said. “I am pleased with my personal performance.”

As the Irish face the final stretch of their season, they are very optimistic about their potential.

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**Men's Soccer**

Irish seniors earn 2-0 win in final home game

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Assistant Sports Editor

In a game that honored the team's six senior leaders, the Notre Dame men's soccer team pulled out a 2-0 victory Friday over West Virginia University behind the strength of two freshmen.

The Irish scored two goals in the contest—one in the first half by Justin Detter and another in the latter half by Chad Riley—to earn the victory in the final Big East conference game for both teams. Notre Dame's final record in the conference falls at 4-7-0, good for ninth place—one place short of qualifying for the Big East tournament.

"You don't want to close your season out anytime with just losses," said senior tri-captain Dustin Pridmore regarding that it was our last home game, you want to walk away from your home field with a win."

Dustin Pridmore
Irish tri-captain

Exactly four minutes into the game, McKnight passed the ball off to sophomore Andreas Forstner, who found Detter open 20 feet in front of the net. Detter blasted the ball past West Virginia's Kyle Swarts for the game's first score.

The Irish controlled the ball the remainder of the half, but were unable to put any of their seven other shots in. In the second half, the Irish again set the tone early, as Pridmore found Riley open in front of the net at the 57-12 mark. Riley's goal—giving him 12 points on the season—to lead the Irish was the final score of the game.

On both of the goals, a senior assisted a freshman for the score. The statistic is symbolic of the role that the seniors have played for the team this season. While every player would like to get the glory of scoring a goal, the veterans realize that unselfish play leads to success.

"We might not get all the glory with the goal, but I think it shows we've realized over the years that it takes the whole team," said Pridmore. "When it comes down to it, a win's a win no matter who scores."

The Irish conclude their season Tuesday evening when they take on Illinois in Indianapolis at 7:30 p.m.

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**Women's Swimming**

Irish beat Miami without Nixon

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Sports Writer

Last season's Big East swimmer of the year Carre Nixon watched the Irish swimming and diving team's 199-101 routing of Miami University from the sidelines Friday instead of taking her customary position in the center lane.

Plagued by shoulder problems that have kept the senior sprinter on the bench for the start 2000-2001 season, Nixon could be on the sidelines for the rest of the year, coach Bailey Weathers said Sunday.

"She's been dealing with some soreness in her shoulder, and we're trying to evaluate what's going on on the off-chance she may need surgery," Weathers said.

At the very least, Nixon will stay out of competition until the extent of her injury is determined, ready to protect her year of eligibility. Weathers said. She is scheduled for an MRI Wednesday.

"Right now, the main thing is for her to get healthy. We'd rather not make a mistake and have her lose a year of swimming. But of course, it is nice to have someone that was fourth at NCAAs in your lineup."

Nixon's absence in the nick of time left no handicap on the Irish at Friday's dual, however, as several key performances helped Notre Dame surge to a 104-27 lead at the half.

Ranked No. 18 entering the meet, the Irish swarmed a sur­ rounding, sweeping the Big East for the first time in its history.

The team of Hecking, Lloyd, vacation Vaporative Sleeper, Iraqi vacation Junior Allison Lloyd in the 100-yard breaststroke, freshman Lisa Garcia in the 200-yard butterfly and sophomore Amy De Greg in the 100-yard butterfly the team.

The team of Hecking, Lloyd, freshman Sarah Bowman and Riley also posted a relay win for the Irish, soundly defeating the Hurricanes by more than five seconds with a 3:52.86 finish.

Newcomers Marie Labosky and Danielle Hulick also turned in solid performances Saturday. Labosky clinched the 1,000-yard freestyle in 10:05.05, and repeated her first-place finish in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2:07.05. Hulick, standing in for Nixon in the sprint events, won the 50-yard freestyle in 24.68, and the 100-yard freestyle in 53.02.

The freshmen's races were critical, according to Weathers. "They'll take on a big role (on this team)," Weathers said. "The talent level is pretty incredible. They can cover every event, which adds a whole lot of depth and strength."

The Irish face off in a tri-meet against Pittsburgh, Kenyon College and Miami of Ohio in Oxford, Ohio Friday at 4 p.m.
Men's Swimming

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

The numbers speak for themselves and the message is dominance.

Last Friday, the men's swimming and diving team were pushed to a 148-93 victory over Kalamazoo as a result of the diving team, who have been a force in each meet for the team this season. In the three meets this season, the divers have scored 90 points out of a maximum of 96 points.

"Diving has been our strongest event and the one we have been most dominant," said head coach Tim Welsh. "A big part is that we have a masterful diving coach in Caiming Xie and our three sophomores improved at such a steady rate in their first year here that we were able to pick up where we left off last year. We still have several meets to go and we know that we can continue the improvement to get better.

Divers Herb Huesman, a fifth-year senior, won the three-meter diving event in last Friday's meet. His diving is also improving with every meet, said Huesman. "We had more people enter into the competition mode the first few weeks and shaking the rust off."

The depth of the team and the performances of three freshmen also contributed to the Irish's win over Kalamazoo, said Welsh. The trio of freshman Lucas Wymore, JR Teddy and Matt Obringer pulled in victories in three individual events for the Irish with Teddy beating senior teammates Ryan Verlin, Austin Anderson and Grant Burrall in the 500 freestyle event.

"We were all excited to see how well the freshmen performed," said Welsh. "We needed freshman to come in and pick up where the graduating seniors left off. These three [Wymore, Teddy and Obringer] have claimed their place as key parts of the team."

Obringer continued his string of first-place finishes with a win in the 200 backstroke versus Kalamazoo.

"Matt has won a different event at each of the three meets," said Welsh. "We are preparing him with longer distances so we had him swim a longer distance in the backstroke at this meet in hopes that he might swim the 100 backstroke at the Big East championships."

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"No one was in an event that was frivolous," said Welsh. "But we are thinking ahead to the Big East championship when each swimmer can compete in three events so we want them to be able to experience several events."

The depth of the team also contributed to the team's winning effort.

"The depth of the team is an issue and it is a blessing when we can afford to race people in events that could help them prepare for the Big East championship," said Welsh. "Overall, I was pleased with the effort of the team and with the balance."

We had more people enter into the scoring column and more moving into higher scoring positions in this meet and we are seeing more depth emerge."
**Men's Cross Country**

**Junior Watson emerges as leader on men's squad**

By NATE PHILLIPS  
Sports Writer

BOSTON, MA

As the cross country season heads into its home stretch, Notre Dame's front-runner and team leader, Luke Watson, has emerged as the Irish's most inspiring runner.

Watson, an All-American track runner, was initially attracted by the social aspects of the sport, but became hooked on the physical demands of distance running during his senior year of high school.

"I noticed that he not only was he a great runner, but he had a great work ethic as well," said Notre Dame cross country and track coach Joe Piane. "He was immediately drawn to Notre Dame and so I figured that I should give it a shot. It was a social activity that allowed me to stay in shape.

Watson, a native of Stillwater, Minn., had the privilege of entering a high school with an impressive running history. The team was nationally ranked, and was coached by one of the nation's most prestigious high school coaches, Scott Christiansen.

"I didn't really begin running seriously until the ninth grade," Watson said. "I began to train pretty intensely in high school." Christiansen insisted that the teamwork hard and Watson began running about forty miles a week. Watson began to realize that he had a natural gift for the support, and that he really enjoyed the competition in the races.

"The greatest thing about running is that you are always competing not only with others, but also with yourself," Watson said. "I loved competing, while at the same time extending myself and learning my own limits.

Watson gained a national reputation as his high school career continued. His Stillwater high school team was ranked first in the nation his senior year and individually he excelled. Not only did he run cross country and track, but Watson also dedicated his winters to Nordic skiing.

"Luke is almost as good a Nordic skier as he is a runner," said Notre Dame cross country and track coach Joe Piane. "Watson earned 12 letters combined in all three sports, and went undefeated his senior year in cross country and track. By the time that he graduated, Watson had five state titles, four in track and one in cross country. He won the 1600 and the 3200 in the state meet both his junior and senior years, and came out of high school as one of the most highly recruited runners in the nation.

"I was recruited by number one ranked Stanford coming out of high school," Watson said. "But, I was immediately drawn to Notre Dame."

"When I began recruiting Luke, I noticed that he not only was he a great runner, but he bad a great work ethic as well," Piane said. "He doesn't cut any corners."

"I just love the people here," Watson said. "There is a great team atmosphere, and I just saw great potential and opportunities. I also knew that I would immediately be able to contribute to the team, which was something that I was looking for."

"Watson was trained by doing more strength work than speed work in high school, was immediately attracted to Piane's coaching style.

"The Notre Dame program is distance based, which was perfect to my style of running," Watson said.

Watson immediately made an impact on the Notre Dame team, and began a string of highlight performances. As a freshman, he won the 1999 U.S. Junior Cross Country Championship. He ran the 8K race in 23:26 at the Lake Spanway Golf Course in Tacoma, Washington. This gave him the opportunity to compete at the World Junior Cross Country Championship in Belfast, Northern Ireland. He was the third American to finish, and ended up 34th in a field of 155.

His sophomore year, Watson helped lead the team to a first-place finish at the Big East championships. In indoor track, he focused primarily on the mile which he ran in a personal best time of 4:06.75. Outdoors, Watson won the Big East championship in the steeplechase. He broke the school record in the steeplechase, which qualified him for nationals.

"I would like to see Luke be an All-American as well," said Paine. "He was forth at Pre-Nationals this season, and I can see him doing it."

Despite all of his accomplishments, Watson says that the relationships he has formed on the team have been the best parts of his running career.

Irish junior Luke Watson battles for position during Friday's Big East Championships in Boston.

"There is just so much support from the team," said Watson. "It really helps keep me internally motivated."

"He clearly is a leader on the team and right now is our number one runner," said Paine. "He leads not only by verbal, but also by example."

As the district and national meets approach, Watson is confident of the team and in himself.

"I have the potential to be good and to excel. I just love running, and I always have," Watson said, as he added with a laugh. "Being good doesn't hurt."

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gave the team a couple of days off this week and that helped." Waldrum is hopeful the remainder of the schedule will be conducive to his team's health. The Irish, with the exception of next weekend's semifinals and finals of the Big East tournament, will play just one game each week through the NCAA tournament.

"Hopefully, that will allow us to get back to where we need to be health wise," said Waldrum. "We hope to get Amy [Warner] back to the point where we can get a full game from her."

Though last year's Notre Dame squad advanced all the way to the NCAA finals, Miami coach Jim Blankenship feels this Notre Dame team is even better. a thought that should terrify potential Irish opponents.

"Certainly they're younger, and I think they're a bit more dynamic," he said. "I think went they got into rhythm they were pretty much unbeatable. Notre Dame is as good as anyone in the country."

Senior Anne Makinen dribbles past a Seton Hall defender during Notre Dame's 6-0 victory over the Pirates on Sept. 29. The Irish take on Boston College in the Big East semifinals Friday night.

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Irish earn 4 golds, second at regatta

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's varsity rowing team completed one of its most successful days in the program's short history as a varsity sport Sunday by securing four gold medals at the Head of the Elk regatta Sunday.

Combining with the novice and men's elite programs, Notre Dame as a whole finished second behind Michigan in the overall team title. The Irish women won the open eight event, both open fours races and defended their lightweight four title on a clear and calm day on the St. Joseph River in Elkhart.

Coach Martin Stone recognized the potential impact such a performance could have on his young rowing squad as they completed the fall season.

"Emotionally this will get the kids hyped up," he said. "When they're training this winter and wondering why they're training this hard, we'll be able to show them some film of this from this weekend and say, 'Wow, that was what we were working for.'"

The Irish wins did not come without struggle, however. As the day reached mid-morning, the Irish were facing a powerful Oklahoma State top rower, Ashlee Warren, was battling illness, and Stone made the decision to hold her out of the open fours event in hopes that she would conserve her energy for the open eight race later in the day.

"It was a tough decision," he said earlier in the week. "I felt like she needed to be there. I felt like we couldn't afford to lose her. But I also felt like I needed to put the team first and worry about her next weekend." The Irish came through in the top four despite not having Warren.

The Irish didn't miss a beat. Both排s, however, with the A boat edging Indiana by two seconds. As for the B, 21st and 23rd seconds separated them from the nearest competition.

"Looking at it, I knew we could win both open fours events," said Stone. "But you have to prepare for the open eight event as well." The highlight of the day of racing came at the end, in the 28th and final event of the regatta, the women's open 8. The Irish, who started 15 seconds behind Purdue in the chase format, roared past the Boilermakers with 300 meters left in the 2.5 mile course as coxswain Clare Bull screamed for the Irish to finish strong.

After exiting the water, it was a nervous hour as the Notre Dame squad of coxswain Bull, stroke Jaime Szczech, Katherine Burnett, Warren, Becky Luckett, Buckstaff, Julia Kelly, Melissa Alberding and bow seat Ann Marie Blilkoff waited for the race results.

Later, when the official results confirmed the race was won by Notre Dame, the crew gathered for the traditional throw-the-coxswain-in-the-air celebration, and the senior captain Bulla went back first into the St. Joseph, her second coxing of the day.

The open eight was not all the glory Notre Dame would have Sunday, however. The lightweight four boat, coxed by senior Sarah Erin Kiernicki, defended its Head of the Elk title successfully.

The open eight events, which involved sculling rather than the standard rowing of most events, featured Allie Spacht and Tara Driscoll.

Though both experienced scullers, neither had rowed in a double scull recently, but it would not seem so by watching them cruise to a fourth-place finish.

We only practiced three times," said Spacht. "Our main goal was to beat Indiana, and we did it by two minutes. We were really excited. We couldn't ask for anything better."

Football

Davie moves Godsey to tight end

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame fans will now have to trust in Gary Godsey, the tight end. On Sunday, the month-long speculation became official. Godsey, who started two games at quarterback has been moved to tight end.

"Gary Godsey is really a good quarterback," coach Bob Davie said at Sunday's press conference. "But in our system, we need mobility out of our quarterback."

With the week off before the Nov. 11 Boston College game, Davie also has an opportunity to work with freshmen Jarred Clark and Carlyle Holiday, who will serve as the second and third string quarterback, respectively, behind Matt LaVecchio for the remainder of the season.

Davie said that he would play Clark this season and forfeit his fifth year of eligibility if necessary.

"We have a clear picture and a clear focus of where we want to go," Davie said. "Now is the time to do it."

With Jabari Holloway hurt with an ankle injury, Davie expects Godsey to play at tight end sometime in the three remaining games. When captains Dan O'Leary and Hollway graduated in May, Godsey will join Gerald Morgan in competition for the starting job.

"Deep down, I think we feels and I feel like his future is at tight end," Davie said. "I have the kid and I want to put him in a position where he can have success."

But with three freshmen coming in this fall, Godsey's opportunities were limited. He spent the summer camp and the first weeks of the season as the backup and then the starter. As the season progressed, the coaching staff decided the first-year player was in better with the offense.

Davie spoke with Godsey and his father last week about the decision. The Irish quarterback, who started two games in the Boilermakers with the A boat edging Indiana, and we did it by two minutes. We were really excited. We couldn't ask for anything better."

"It's a difficult situation," Davie said. "But I think being dead honest is the only way to go about it."

For the season, Godsey connected on 19 of 41 passes for 224 yards and carried nine times for two yards. He threw for two touchdowns, ran for another and tossed nine interceptions.

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When David Givens caught a pass from LaVecchio in the right corner of the south end zone in overtime on Saturday, many in attendance thought the Irish clinched their 6th victory.

So did Davie. "That was a touchdown," Davie said on Sunday. Because of that call and several other close decisions, Davie made a "significant and lengthy" video tape that he will send to Dave Parry, the Big Ten's supervi­ sor of officials.

Davie may then send the tape to the Mountain West Conference, depending upon Parry's recommendation.

Davie made a tape of all the calls on the game that affected both sides," Davie said.

On the first series of the fourth quarter, Davie thought the Irish got away with" also. On the final Notre Dame series of regulation, the Irish were called for a five-yard illegal procedure penalty "which is kind of difficult to see on tape," according to Davie.

"I don't gain anything from sitting here right now and just saying what I think was the right call," Davie said. "I just think people have to be accountable. Coaches are accountable. Players are accountable. We all get criticized. I'm going to handle it the right way and I'm going to see where that leads."

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Runners take fourth, sixth at Big East Championships

Watson places No. 7 overall in "mediocre" men's performance

By NATE PHILLIPS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's cross-country team entered Saturday's Big East championships in Franklin Park in Boston on Friday with high hopes. As the defending champions, the team faced a tough field with three nationally ranked teams and high expectations. Unfortunately, the optimism was not completely realized, as the team finished fourth with 114 points, just three points away from Villanova. "The team really had a mediocre performance," said coach Joe Plano. "If you ask every man, each of them will tell you that they could have run better. We wanted to show Villanova, and we thought that if we beat them man-to-man, we would win." Keith Kelly led Providence to a team win, with a personal victory in the 8,000-meter race in a course record time of 23 minutes, 22 seconds. The time was 15 seconds faster than their record from 1998. For Notre Dame, junior Luke Watson led the Irish with a 7th place time of 23:44. Marc Striowski finished in a close eighth place time of 23:50. Pat Conway placed 21st, fresman Todd Mobley 26th and Sean Zanderson finished 38th. "Marc and I wanted to stick together throughout the race," said Luke Watson. "Pat [Conway] and Todd [Mobley] were also planning on running together." The team really could have taken

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"Junior Watson emerges as leader on men's squad.

Kuenster leads women's squad, finishes 18th

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
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The Notre Dame women's cross-country team hoped Friday would be the day every runner on the squad would break out with her best performance of the season. Nothing less would push the Irish into the running for a Big East championship. Unfortunately, it wasn't the case as they finished sixth in the conference meet held at Boston's Franklin Park. 

"You can't have your best athletes not compete well," head coach Tim Connelly said. Several runners stepped up to the plate for Notre Dame, with senior Chrissy Kuenster leading the way in 18th place. "It was the first race that I felt reflected the potential of my workouts," Kuenster said of her 17 minute, 48 second time. Kuenster moved up as she worked her way through the 5,000-meter course. After Kuenster's top-20 finish, the rest of the Irish squad finished in a close pack. The second through seventh runners for Notre Dame placed between 31st and 44th within a 21-second span of one another. "Running in a pack is a nice theory," Connelly said, "but unless you have people generating and getting low numbers, you're not going to beat teams that are worth beating." Sophomore Jen Hanzely lost ground during the last mile for Notre Dame, but still managed to be Notre Dame's second-best runner. Two freshmen, Rachel Endress and Megan Johnson, turned in solid races for Notre Dame as the third and fourth finishers. The Irish got a big race out of sophomore Jennifer Fibuch, who covered the relatively flat course in 18:22. "Jenny's a kid that was a 12-minute two-miler the last race that I felt reflected her potential," Connelly said. "She's worked like crazy to get better." The sixth and seventh runners for Notre Dame were Karl Eaton and Hilary Burn. "I think we improved from the last race, but I still think we could do better," Kuenster said. "Everyone has to figure out what they need to do to be the squad would break out with her best

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WARNER'S SOCCER

Warner's return sparks 3-0 calming of Hurricanes

By KEVIN BERCHOU
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The Notre Dame offense found the edge it needed when freshman Amy Warner returned for her first significant action in more than a month, sparking the Irish to a 3-0 win Sunday against the Miami Hurricanes in the Big East quarterfinals.

Undaunted, and ranked No. 1, the Irish were the favorite entering the game, but for 35 minutes the teams looked evenly matched. The Irish had trouble finding seams in a solid Hurricane defense, their only real chance coming when junior defender Lindsey Jones boomed a shot that sailed just over the bar from 30 yards out. With his team not making any headway, Notre Dame head coach Handy Waldrum brought in Warner off the bench. Relegated to spot duty since she is still nursing a tender right knee, Warner proved to the iconic the sagging Irish offense needed.

"Taking a pass from freshman Rendi Scheller, Warner broke down the right side, before darting back to her left and bearing the keeper with a hard low shot for a goal that gave Notre Dame a 1-0 lead. "That goal was big," said Miami head coach Jim Blenkinsop. "They really established a rhythm after that. On one leg, Amy Warner is still phenomenal. She makes a world of difference." The Irish controlled the game from that point on. Midway through the second half, Meotis Erikson sent a short cross across the goal box, to fellow senior and player of the year candidate Anne Makinen who drilled home her 12th goal of the season to increase Notre Dame's lead to 2-0. Amanda Guertin scored the final goal when Scheller turned two defenders her way and cruised the ball wide open freshman who tagged home her 10th of the year.

"I was really happy with the way we played," said Waldrum. "We were in a pretty good rhythm." Most evident from the game was Notre Dame heightened energy level. After sagging throughout a long late-season road trip, the Irish were clearly back where they wanted to be in terms of intensity. "The last few games of the season we didn't have a lot of energy," said Waldrum. "Today I was happy with the effort. We gave the team a couple of days off this week and that helped." Waldrum is hopeful the remainder of the schedule will be