Dillon RA struck by drunk driver Friday

Victim expected to be released from hospital soon

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Staff Writer

Joe Steirer, a senior resident assistant in Dillon Hall, was struck by a car at 2:37 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Edison Road and Ivy Road near the Linebacker Lounge, said police.

Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said Steirer suffered a fractured skull, severely bruised his left ankle and foot, and received several stitches in his elbow.

"Pray for him. We'll get him home before long."

Father Paul Doyle
rector, Dillon Hall

"It is still hoped that his recovery will be complete," Doyle said.

The driver of the vehicle, John Benassi, of the 3700 block of Lincolnway West in South Bend, was charged with DUI, police said. He was taken to Memorial Hospital of South Bend where he was treated and released, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Police said Steirer was standing in the road when he was struck by Benassi's Beretta traveling west on Edison. Steirer collided with the left front bumper of the Beretta, police said.

A witness who stopped at a light on Ivy said Steirer ran into the street and did not see the car which struck him on the side and flipped him into the air.

The witness said he didn't think the driver saw Steirer.

After the accident, Benassi turned his car around and returned to the scene when he realized he had hit a person, police said.

Steirer's father is staying in Dillon Hall until his son is released from the hospital, according to Doyle. Doyle said Steirer will remain in the hospital for a few more days.

"Pray for him," Doyle said.

"We'll get him home before long."

Increased enrollment puts stress on residences, classes

By AMANDA GRECO
News Writer

When University President Father Edward Malloy addressed the Faculty Senate last month, he cited improved financial aid as the reason rising enrollment rates have been difficult to gauge.

"There is no deliberate effort to increase the undergraduate student body," Malloy said. "We are trying to hold the line as much as possible."

However, that line is wavering and the effects are being felt throughout the University. James Riley, undergraduate admissions counselor, explained the process the University uses to determine the number of students it will accept and how many of those accepted are expected to attend each year. All figures are based on "historical data," and information from the previous years' admission statistics.

"In the last five years, approximately 33 to 34 percent of all applicants were accepted. On average -- and this has been consistent over the last 15 years -- 55 to 56 percent of those accepted have confirmed," Riley said. "But that figure rose one or two percentage points one year ago."

As more students have been financially able to attend in recent years, the figures from the past years have become less and less accurate.

This rise in actual number of confirmed attendees has resulted in difficulties with housing, maintaining small classes and keeping the student/faculty ratio low and each college's ability to offer enough sections of required seminars.

"One of the smallest ripples caused by this increase concerns the housing of students," Riley said. "Some dorms have had to turn study lounges into rooms for a semester or so," Riley said. "But for the most part, it isn't too large a problem. Notre Dame has the country's highest percentage of students studying abroad at 38 percent. It really doesn't matter how many we over-admit because so many are overseas," Riley concluded.

Within the colleges, though, the numbers are starting to rise.

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"We'll have to manage within one percent of all total of required courses. But they have to make a fine effort in keeping the maximum number of students at 19 for English courses and 24 for foreign languages," Riley added.

The College of Arts and Letters seems to have been hit the hardest by this increase in the student body. Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, admits that the College "is definitely feeling the pressure of larger enrollment."

"The College has been trying to address this issue and that of the larger class sizes independent of the increasing number of students," Roche said. "It has been a challenge."

Within the College of Arts and Letters, great strides have been made to assure that classes are being taught by Teaching and Research professors. According to Roche, 100 percent of all University seminars are taught by so-called "T&R" professors.

"The real strain is on Core," Roche said, referring to the Ideas, Values and Images course required of all sophomore Arts and Letters majors.

The College is aiming to have 50 percent of all Core classes be taught by T&R professors by next year.

Though the student/faculty ratio remains at 12:1 by the admissions office's estimates, it
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INSIDE COLUMN

The perfect date

I had four dates on Friday night. Now before you go making any accusations, I just did just to clear the record to say that I couldn’t really turn any of them down. I mean, all of them were perfect. They were incredibly good looking, great conversationalists, and they all have that ability to make me laugh harder than anyone else. So it’s a girl to do when every single one was the perfect date?
The source: ‘em all.
It was one of the best nights that I’ve had in a long time. And it’s funny that I say I would pay for my own dinner, my own movie ticket, and no one held a single door for me all night. No one bought me presents. I got no goodnight kiss at the door. By all conventional standards, it was an awful date.
But it was wonderful because I was with my girlfriends.
Friday night we piled into cars, clad in sweaters and jeans and sat mesmerized for two hours in front of the most hyped chick flick of the year — Bourne. We were incredibly cheery. Feeling and laughing every time Ben Affleck took off his shirt, giggling devilishly during the romantic scenes, and even shedding a few tears at the end. I’d like to take this opportunity to apologize to whoever was sitting in front of us, because I’m sure we ruined the movie for them.
But frankly, we didn’t care.
You see, it’s been months since the last time we’ve done this. It’s been months since I’ve had these wonderful women in one place at one time. Laughing at the same jokes, crying at the same prompts, and just enjoying being together. I don’t know why we’ve been so negligent in each other for so long. I guess just seems that sometimes, life gets in the way of everything that’s important.
At least for me. I know that on a weekly basis, I spend more hours editing pages and writing stories than I do talking to my friends. I know that they don’t know it, but these women keep me going. They keep me smiling when nobody else can, they pick me up when it seems like I’ll never get up on my own. They bring me cold medicine when I’m sick, call me because they know I ignore my alarm in the morning and drag me to get coffee after an all-nighter at the office so that I’ll make it through my 90th class. And I hope to continue to be great friends, even when I’m not.
So, with all that in mind, you can see why my Friday night was so special. You can see why it was the best date a girl could ask for. Even if they didn’t hold any doors.

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This Week on Campus

Monday
- Brienne Clay Memorial Mass: 5:15 p.m. Basilica.
- “Four Days in September” Latin American Film Series.
- “High School” 7 p.m.
- Auditorium.

Tuesday
- Men’s Basketball: vs.
- Loyola (Chicago). 7 p.m.
- Joyce Center.
- Interfaith Christian Prayer: 10 p.m.
- Maul Chapel.

Wednesday
- Thanksgiving Buffet: Noon, North Dining Hall.
- Thanksgiving Day Mass: 11:30 a.m. Basilica.
- Happy Turkey Day: Wherever you are.

This Week on Campus

Almost 900 University of Washington seniors who are graduating this quarter may be delayed from receiving their degree if teaching assistants decide to strike next month.
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Many seniors are also applying for graduate school, with deadlines approaching for final undergraduate transcripts. Washburn said that the University will send written explanations for delayed transcripts to graduate school or job applications.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

10 frats sue school for $4.8 million

Raleigh, N.C.

Ten North Carolina State University fraternities filed a lawsuit against the university Tuesday claiming that the Greek Life department misused $4.8 million in the campus's $76,000 chase of such items as cell phones, cars and logo golf clubs.

The Greek Life department proposed an increase in fraternity court rent from $2-400 to fund the need totaling that money collected from fraternity court residents for amenity upgrades at various houses, said Washburn. Early last year, the Greek Life department upheld a law that prohibits a group of newspapers from offering their degree if teaching assistants decide to strike next month.
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LOCAL WEATHER

Rain, T-storms Flurries

The forecast for today: Expect a mix of showers, rain, and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening. The temperature will be around 70°F, with a high of 75°F and a low of 65°F.

National Weather


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ACCUMETER

The Accumeter is expected to hit 50°F in the morning, with a high of 60°F and a low of 40°F.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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Women of color in American film have traditionally been typecast in a narrow range of roles, said Patrick White, an associate professor of English at Saint Mary's, Friday.

White used specific scenes in various films to expand his point. Historically multicultural women have only seemed to fit in certain roles due to the differences between white actresses and Latina actresses, according to White.

"In the movies from the 1930's until about the 1960's, white women were often portrayed as virginal, frail and pure," White said. "And darker women were portrayed as passionate, sexy, sensual, strong and often hot-tempered."

White pointed to "High Noon," a western film produced in 1952. Typical of this time period, women of color were given certain characteristics. Katy Jurado, the Latina character, was portrayed as more sensual, passionate and strong than the other supporting actress, Grace Kelly. Katy Jurado knew those traits of white females found in movies — she was virginal and pure.

"Katy Jurado was nominated for best supporting actress and went on to have a very distinguished career," White said. "But she was always asked to basically play roles where she was the contrasting character, or the multicultural character."

During the 1970's and 1980's, movies switched from looking at Chicanas and began to concentrate on the men of color. Examples of these films include "Yo Soy Chunico" (1972) and "La Bamba" (1987). White explained that current movies with Chicanas portray them as dealing with realistic problems that face a multicultural society. The example given was "Lone Star" released in 1996, starring Elizabeth Pena. Pena plays a history teacher who, among other things, faces the battle of wanting to teach her class history from a multicultural standpoint, but receives much resistance from opposing white parents.

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**ELECTION 2000**

**Recount headaches continue**

Associated Press

Lawyers for George W. Bush asked the Florida Supreme Court to halt the continued hand recount of ballots in the state's disputed presidential election, arguing in a court filing Sunday that state law sets out a clear deadline for vote returns.

Bush argued ahead of a showdown hearing Monday that Florida election law provides for one week of ballot counting after the election. That deadline passed Nov. 14, stalling Elizabeth Pena. Pena plays a history teacher who, among other things, faces the battle of wanting to teach her class history from a multicultural standpoint, but receives much resistance from opposing white parents.

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"It is clear, that for the Democrats and the Republicans, the object is to win, and that is understandable."

Katherine Harris

Floridian Secretary of State

"Meet the Press.

Bush gained 1,380 votes to Al Gore's 750 from a count of the overseas absentee ballots, but supporters of the Texas governor complained that Democrats were trying to disqualify military ballots because they were more likely to favor the GOP.

"They knew those votes primarily were Bush votes," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., on ABC's "This Week."

**Memorial Mass in honor of Brionne Clary**

November 20, 2000

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

5:15 p.m.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, c.s.c., presider

Brionne was a former member of Welsh Family Hall and of the junior class.

The mass is open to all students, faculty, and staff. The support of the Notre Dame family at this service will mean a great deal to the Clary family, who will be in attendance. You are all welcome and encouraged to attend.
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is uncertain how long this will remain so low.

As the class sizes increase, the average faculty teaching load by college is being decreased. Malloy pointed to this decrease in course load per professor as one of the greatest variables in managing the increased enrollment. The administration is trying to combat this offset, however.

“In accordance with the college document, the faculty has been increasing by 10 to 15 members every year,” Malloy said. “It is projected to continue to grow from here.”

The College of Arts and Letters has received most of the benefits of a larger faculty to aid in their attempts at lowering the number of courses taught by adjuncts.

“In the fall of ‘97, 18 percent of classes were taught by adjuncts,” Roche added. “That is too high for a school of Notre Dame’s caliber.”

By the fall of ‘98, that percentage was reduced to nine percent, and continued to drop over the following years. At the start of this academic year, only seven percent of classes were taught by adjuncts. However, with the necessary increase in the number of classes offered, the task at hand is still difficult, Roche added.

Roche is hopeful that these problems will come level out. He advocates “enrollment management,” a call to all departments to have a minimal number of students enrolled in higher level courses. Roche feels that urging the faculty to justify the numbers of enrollment in higher level courses will assure the availability of more professors to teach at the lower level.

Meanwhile, in an effort to curb the rising rate of enrollment, the University is trying to develop “more precise figures,” according to Malloy. “We’re trying to push in the dynamic between the administration, financial aid and the registrar to tighten up the numbers within each class,” he added.

Malloy does not feel, however, that this problem is specific to Notre Dame. “Every university is struggling with the same reality of an increase in the number of people wanting to attend college,” Malloy said. “We’ve done well compared to our peer institutions in paying attention to the undergraduate learning environment and keeping manageable class sizes a high priority,” he concluded.

There has been no talk of significantly increasing the size of the undergraduate student body. However, Riley does expect that the number of applicants will continue to rise over the coming years, as will the SAT and ACT scores of those applying. “We will continue to try to pick the best of the best,” he said.

VIETNAM

Clinton wraps up historic visit

Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY

Concluding a historic visit, President Clinton urged this communist nation Sunday to open its economy and allow greater individual freedoms, saying the rewards of a free-market system “should be embraced, not feared.”

The first U.S. president to visit since the Vietnam War, Clinton declared. “The years of animosity are past. Today we have a shared interest in your well-being and your prosperity. We have a stake in your future and we wish to be your partners. We wish you success.”

After a two-day visit to Hanoi where he nurtured long-bitter U.S.-Vietnam relations and got the Communist Party’s upbeat view of post-war Vietnam from the party’s top leader, Clinton arrived in the city once known as Saigon to cheers of thousands of people who lined the streets late at night.

In the final hours of the president’s visit to the country, Clinton stopped at a shipping dock on the Saigon River. Under the shadow of two giant cranes, he spoke at a container terminal that is a joint venture between a Vietnamese state-owned company and a multinational firm.

Clinton said Vietnam’s own government acknowledges that state-owned enterprises cannot create enough jobs for Vietnam, one of the poorest countries in the world with an average annual income of $372. “But Vietnam’s young people have the talent and ideas to create the jobs of the future for themselves in a new era of entrepreneurship, innovation and competition.”

“That must be the future for Vietnam and its young people,” the president told an audience of about 2,000 people in the midday heat. The United States and Vietnam signed a sweeping trade agreement this year that will force major economic reforms and allow generally unfettered commerce. Clinton said it would bring more investors here.

“Both our nations should ratify this agreement and implement it. The changes it will bring should be embraced, not feared,” he said. Clinton promised that the United States would establish a $200 million line of credit to support U.S. investment in Vietnam.

Earlier, Clinton plunged into crowds in a narrow shopping street, shaking hands and stopp ing at open-front markets to buy last-minute gifts. To a generation of Americans GIs, this bustling city of 5 million people was known as Saigon before its surrender to communist forces in America’s most humiliating military defeat.
**World & Nation**

**World News Briefs**

**Austria avalanches kill 4 skiers:** Two avalanches swept away groups of skiers at separate resorts in the western province of Tyrol Sunday, killing four people, police and rescuers said. The first avalanche roared down a mountain at the ski resort of Obergurgl, 215 miles west of Vienna, killing three German skiers. Five members of the group, from a ski club from Mannheim, Germany, managed to free themselves from the snow.

Queen's hunt angers animal groups: Queen Elizabeth II came under fire from animal rights activists Sunday after she photographed wringing the neck of a live pheasant with her bare hands during a royal shooting session. Press reports said a hunting dog picked up the wounded bird and carried it to the queen. "It was clearly the most effective and humane way of dispatching the injured bird," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

**National News Briefs**

Clinton library shaping up: In the hours before dawn, 50 tons of President Clinton's memorabilia were unloaded Sunday into an auto dealership remodeled to store the country's largest presidential collection. The first shipment for the Clinton Presidential Library contained paintings, antiques, books, and gifts from the heads of state of foreign countries, said Skip Rutherford, coordinator of the privately funded $25 million project.

Former editor dies: James Russell Wiggins, a former Washington weekly newspaper he owned from 1966 to 1991 until his declining health forced him to stop, served briefly as ambassador to the United Nations, died Sunday at his home in eastern Maine. He was 96. Wiggins had retired to Maine, where he continued to work at the weekly newspaper he owned from 1966 to 1991 until his declining health forced him to stop. In July, Defense Secretary William Cohen described Wiggins, his friend of 30 years, as "one of Maine's greatest assets."

**Indian News Briefs**

20-year-old wins coroner election: At an age when many of his peers are studying for college exams, 20-year-old John Brazzell is preparing to take over the reins of an unlikely post: county coroner. Brazzell, who may be Indiana's youngest elected official, defeated the Terry Gaff, a physician who had previously served as coroner, on Nov. 7, in the race for Noble County Coroner. During his campaign, the young Republican was dogged by complaints that he was riding on the name of his father, who has been coroner for eight years.

**Peru**

**President Fujimori to resign**

Associated Press

LIMA

President Alberto Fujimori, whose 10-year authoritarian rule has crumbled in recent months over corruption scandals, said in Tokyo early Monday that he would resign within 48 hours.

Fujimori issued a brief written statement confirming announcements made hours earlier in Peru by his prime minister and his second vice president. Second Vice President Ricardo Marquez said Fujimori, who has been in his ancestral homeland Japan since Friday, had asked him to step in as president until special elections are held in April and a new leader takes office in July.

The statement issued by Fujimori did not explain why he was stepping down. Prime Minister Federico Salas said the president would give his reasons when he presents his resignation to Congress on Monday or Tuesday.

"What I know is that he does not want to be an obstacle to the process of democratization so that the next elections can be elections absolutely transparent for the Peruvian people," Salas told radio station Radioprogramas.

Fujimori refused to meet with a crowd of reporters who had gathered at his Tokyo hotel. A Peruvian embassy official, who refused to give his name, handed out a brief statement in Spanish confirming that the president would resign.

"President Alberto Fujimori confirmed that he is resigning as president," the statement said. "In the course of 48 hours, he is going to formalize the decision with the newly elected president of the Congress." It was not immediately clear if Fujimori intended to go back to Peru to hand in his resignation.

"We are all indignant with this attitude of the president. I urge him to return to the country. He has a moral obligation to the nation and must assume it," Marquez said at a news conference.

Fujimori's ministers said they had decided to resign but would continue on until it was clear who was taking over the government. In a written statement, the ministers expressed their "indignation" that Fujimori's announcement was "made outside the country in the context of a grave crisis and uncertainty about his return."

**Fire forces ski resort evacuation**

Associated Press

VAIL

Four fire-forescued dozens of guests to flee their rooms at a ski resort during the night and caused millions of dollars in damage as overwatered firefighters were hampered by a frozen water standpipe.

No guests were reported injured by the blaze that burned for six hours after breaking out late Saturday at the Marriott Vail Mountain Resort. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion and another for smoke inhalation.

Some guests complained of confusion during the evacuation. The blaze was quickly spotted by a crew that had gone to the hotel for a medical emergency, said Fire Chief John Gulick. However, Vail had to call in help from half a dozen departments as far away as 60 miles. Damage was estimated at $20 million.

"We were overwhelmed by the fire," Gulick said. "The Vail Fire Department could not have handled it alone. Had the east stairwell fire standpipe not been frozen, we could have handled the fire quicker and reduced the amount of damage."

Gulick said he asked the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to determine the cause of the fire because his investigators were exhausted. "We have not ruled out any cause or mechanical cause at this point," he said.

The 350-room, three-building hotel, which had opened for the ski season on Wednesday, was about 50 percent full. General manager David Shahriari said 116 rooms were lost to the blaze on the fifth and sixth floors of one building, which housed 86 guests before the fire.

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**Market Watch 11/17**

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**TOP 5 Volume Leaders**


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Sunday, November 20, 2000

Compiled from the Observer wire services
Spangiars remember 25 years since Franco

Associated Press

MADRID

He became Western Europe's longest reigning dictator this century, ruling Spain with an iron fist after unleashing one of the continent's bitterest civil wars.

Twenty-five years after Gen. Francisco Franco's death, the small size of the gatherings at memorial ceremonies in and around Madrid this weekend was further testimony that the vast majority of Spaniards have no desire to cherish his memory.

"Praised to ridiculous lengths during four decades, today his name produces indifference or negative sentiments among 80 percent of the population, especially the young," the leading daily El Pais wrote in an editorial Sunday.

The paper, like most others, published hefty supplements dealing with the anniversary, most centering on how better off the country had improved in nearly 25 years since Franco.

But few as they may be, the dictator's rallies attracted tens of thousands of people. But as the years rolled by and Spain shrugged off the near 40-year dictatorship to fully embrace democracy and free-market capitalism, the rowdiness shrank rapidly.

This year, Spain seemed to take a different tack on the dictator's anniversary, seeing it more as a reason to celebrate the 25-year reign of King Juan Carlos, who was crowned two days after Franco's death on Nov. 20, 1975, launching the country's return to democracy.

In July 1936, Franco urged Spain's soldiers to revolt against the leftist democratic government, sparking the Spanish Civil War in which some 500,000 were killed.

"El Caudillo," or 'the Supreme Leader,' as Franco liked to be called, followed up the victory in 1939 with 36 years of rigid authoritarianism and repression.

Workers and civil rights were greatly ignored while nationalist and cultural expression in the Basque, Catalan and Galician regions was brutally suppressed.

Resistance was limited to a communist underground that fought until the early 1960s.

Later, the Basque armed separatist group ETA took up arms in 1968, targeting security force members.

The Spaniards still have no desire to cherish his name, if only we had another Franco and Spain could have that empire feeling again." commemorative Mass attendee

Foreign-born princess dies at 78

Associated Press

ROME

Princess Orietta Emily Mary Pogson Doria Pamphilj, of a centuries-old noble family that counted a pope among its members and provided Rome with its biggest park, died Sunday in her Roman palace.

She was 78.

Mary Fort, who works for the family, said the princess died after a long illness, which Fort didn't specify.

Among the many activities of the princess was the administration of family holdings, including the Doria Pamphilj Palace in Rome, home to a public painting gallery with works by Titian, Caravaggio and Velazquez.

The palace also hosts Rome's Anglican Center, which was visited last month by Queen Elizabeth II.

During the queen's visit, the princess received the honor of Order of the British Empire, according to a statement from the Doria Pamphilj Palace announcing the death.

Born in London in 1922, she was the daughter of Prince Filippo Andrea VI Doria Pamphilj and Genevieve Mary Dykes. Her family was strongly anti-fascist and much of her youth she was educated abroad.

After the war, the princess went to Ancona as a volunteer in a group of Catholic women and met her husband, then a British naval officer, Frank Pogson. Upon their marriage in 1958, her surname was joined with that of his wife's family.
ITALY

Trains, graves disrupted by rain

Associated Press

ROME

Heavy rains washed away some tracks on Friday and uncovered corpses buried for nearly a century as Italy was hit by its third bout of rainstorms in a month.

In Sicily, the engine and two carriages of the main-line train to Milan were derailed by mud on the tracks, slightly injuring two people, police said. North of Naples, a local service engine and a carriage were derailed, but no one was hurt.

In the northern coastal region of Liguria, streams of water washed away the earth and uncovered the dead in a cemetery in the village of Manarola.

Dozens of corpses were left exposed and will have to be reburied once the rains stop, provincial officials said.

"The earth cannot take this rain any longer," said Franco Bonamini, the head of an association of Cunque Terre, a cluster of picturesque seaside villages which includes Manarola.

Five days of continuous rainstorms have swamped the north of the country with lakes Como and Maggiore overflowing and sending water gushing into Italy’s major rivers, including its longest, the Po, during the weekend’s Ibero-American Summit.

Viva Panama, the land where the most famous criminal in all the hemisphere has been captured, Castro said to cheers from an audience of leftist students at the University of Panama last Saturday.

Cuba. Under Cuban law, anyone born on the island is usually considered a Cuban citizen even if they adopt other nationality.

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INDIA

Cease-fire honors Muslim holy week

NEW DELHI

India’s prime minister made a gesture to Islamic groups by proposing a cease-fire by Indian security forces in Kashmir during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee said his government has ordered security forces “not to initiate combat operations” during the month and called on guerrillas to do so as well in the Himalayan region.

“I hope that our gesture will be fully appreciated and all violence in the state and infiltration across the Line of Control and the international border will come to an end (will) prevail,” the statement said. The Line of Control is the 1972 cease-fire line dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

During Ramadan, due to start around Nov. 26 under Islam’s lunar calendar, pious Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. At the end of the holy month, the government would consider whether the cease-fire would be extended. Defense Minister George Fernandes said.

There was no immediate response from guerrilla groups.

India’s government has been making symbolic gestures toward the guerrillas while attempting to bring them into negotiations. In August, a weeklong cease-fire between the Hezbollah and the Lebanese government’s army was extended.

A dozen guerrilla groups are fighting a separatist war in the Indian-controlled Kashmir, a region against the wishes of all other countries. India and Pakistan, which control part of Kashmir, are fighting a separatist war in the region demanding an independent state or a choice to join Pakistan, India’s rival for five decades.

PANAMA

Castro praises capture of would-be assassin

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama

Cuba and Venezuela are seeking the extradition of Luis Posada Carriles, a Cuban exile who Fidel Castro says planned to assassinate him during the weekend’s Ibero-American Summit.

"Viva Panama, the land where the most famous criminal in all the hemisphere has been captured," Castro said.

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Criticizing Gore's tactics

Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms 2000

Recently I've taken some heat from my Democratic friends about my last column three weeks ago, which predicted that George W. Bush would win the presidency race comfortably. I politely reminded them of my qualifying statement—"barring a colossal screwup or a massive 11th hour comeback by Gore." It's testament to how right I was that both happened and Gore still managed to best a tie. "Why a tie, Mike? He won the popular vote!" Yes, but how did he accomplish it? Somehow, a quarter-century old expunged misdemeanor offense committed by George W. Bush was leaked to the press just five days before the election. Of course, Bush himself is to blame for not defusing the bomb before it was armed. And while there's no clear evidence that the Vice President or his staff had anything to do with the release, the timing was perfect.

First, Gore had been losing in the character battle. In an instant, the burden of proof of character defense fell on Gore. Bush had been winning the battle for something that happened 25 years ago. Al Gore's shady campaign schemes over the last eight years and falsely claiming that the Bush family was a "criminal family" and that the Bush administration had committed by George W. Bush was the cause, it was clear that he'd said or done something to justify his newfound lead. And the margin of victory is less than one-half of one percent. to the whole nation, it's clear that he'll say or do anything to become President. And he might very well still succeed.

Mike Marchand is an off-campus senior English major whose column appears every other Monday. He was shocked not to have received any letters of opposition to his last column, so he would like to point out...
Learning from the Holocaust

I attended the Washington Seminar over fall break, and had an incredible time making new friends and learning about international humanitarian issues. During the trip we visited the Holocaust Museum and a lobbying group named Partners for Peace. The museum presented an honest and horrifying view of the atrocities committed in Nazi Germany, while Partners for Peace made me aware of the discrimination Palestinians face in Israel. Upon returning to campus, I was appalled by the violent actions of the Israeli government towards Palestinians. Furthermore, I was even more surprised by the biased media reporting on the violence in Israel.

When I visited the Holocaust Museum I was horrified by the disregard for human life. From "medical experiments" like high pressure tests to the use of gas chambers by placing prisoners in ovens, the disgust I felt was unbearable at times. Then we moved on to the scale model of the Auschwitz gas chambers. The display, showing the enorous scale of the killing, made me truly wonder how human beings were capable of such barbarity. Looking at the current situation in Israel, I cannot understand how a Jewish government can justify the killing of hundreds of Palestinians. In the last month alone at least 126 Palestinians (35 percent under the age of 15) have been killed, while seven Israelis have died. The Jewish government of Israel supports this killing. Israel, formed as a place of refuge for Jews after World War II, is now involved in killing people based on their religious background—whether they be Jewish or Arab, after facing the horrors of the Holocaust, justified the killing of Palestinians?

The media coverage of this has also been extremely biased in support of Israel. On Oct. 13, a Palestinian mob killed two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah. On the same day a U.S. destroyer was bombed off the coast of Yemen. The New York Times placed both events under the same headline, leading one to connect the Palestinian mob with the bombing of the U.S. destroyer hundreds of miles away in Yemen. There was one sentence in the article saying that there was no proof of connection between the two incidents. This clearly seems like an attempt to attribute extra­neous attacks by terrorists to the Palestinians.

In the same article there was a picture of Palestinian rioters with Israeli blood on their hands. The violence is not justifiable, but there have not been any graphic pictures of dead Palestinians gunned down by Israeli soldiers in the New York Times since that incident. The bias is clearly seen considering that over one hundred Palestinians have died since Oct. 13. As a result, we look at Palestinians as a rock-throwing mob and not as a civilization.

It seems that influential Jewish lobbying groups in Washington and Jewish control of several important media organizations have resulted in widespread support of Israel by the United States. Having our elected representatives spread killing of Palestinians when we so loudly denounce the cruelty of the Nazis during the Holocaust?

As a people who claim to fight for equality and denounce discrimination, we should reconsider the $3 billion a year aid to Israel, which accounts for 20 percent of the annual Israeli budget. When we look at the horrors of the Holocaust we must say no to the presence of Israeli violence based on religious differences.

Mike MacDonald

Assessing protest methods

I'm writing to express my concern over what appears to be a growing "movement" on campus. It seems that at night a small group of environmentalists are parking around the parking lots and placing bumper stickers on the tailgates of SUVs that say "I'm changing the climate, ask me how!" This idea originates from a website that promotes this activity as a way of protesting what they perceive to be an environmental threat to the planet. This action, however, is not the act of civil disobedience that this site makes it out to be. It is vandals tagging SUVs, a crime in most states. I fully support people's right to protest whatever they feel like, but nobody has the right to inflict damage upon others' property just because they disagree with their choice of transportation. And for the record, I am not just a pissed victim; my SUV remains to be tagged.

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More than meets the eye

I have many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. But more than anything else, I am thankful for the Transformers movie coming out on DVD.

The movie took me back to 1987; it is full of action that makes one want to conquer the world. I guarantee you will feel your childhood energon cubes fully recharge. Nothing will bring you back to life like playing air guitar to the Transformer theme song written and performed by Vangelis (one of the greatest '80s hair bands).

I remember the shows that I watched and how they shaped me into the person who I am today. They taught me many of the life lessons on which I base my day-to-day decisions. Optimus Prime and the other autobots trained me to adapt as a youngster and not to disassemble my friends. And when there is a greater evil present, cooperation is extremely important.

I should also never give up, no matter how high the odds are stacked against me. Furthermore, of you aren't still embarrassed, you were the ones raised to play with plastic robot toys, and I should also never give up, no matter how high the odds are stacked against me.

The show made, than that, the show let us laugh at our problems. We are identity. We are that we could all associate with in one way or another. Even more him in a locker.

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Why go?
Third quarter flurry leads Irish to win

Jersey boys turn Rutgers turnovers into 45-17 victory on the road

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

For two-and-a-half quarters, Rutgers fans perched on the edge of their seats as their underdog team contended with the Irish. Then the Scarlet Knights handed the game to the Irish, and the sea of red turned into a band of blue and gold.

The Scarlet Knights came close to knot­ting the score in the third quarter before the Irish capitalized on a batch of Scarlet Knights mistakes to win 45-17.

Rutgers tailback Dennis Thomas dashed for the longest run of his career, a 65-yard touchdown, narrowing the Notre Dame lead to 24-17. On the ensuing Irish possession, a Matt LoVecchio pass landed squarely in the hands of Rutgers defensive back Tony Berry, giving Rutgers a chance to take control, but Berry dropped the ball.

"From where I was, I thought he had intercepted it, and I had already flipped back and gone to defense," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "I thought he had it and was running down the sidelines. That was a huge play. If they would have intercepted that ball, it could have been a different game."

Notre Dame soon began to gather steam. The Irish forced the Scarlet Knights into punting on their next drive, and David Givens blocked Rutgers' Mike Burr punt with the recovery by Notre Dame's Chad DeBolt. Notre Dame took over at the Rutgers 31-yard line, and a six-yard Tony Fisher run set up a 25-yard touchdown pass from LoVecchio to Javin Hunter and a 31-17 Irish advantage.

"When it was 31-17, a few guys looked up at the scoreboard and said, 'Man, it's starting to get out of hand,'" Thomas said of the Scarlet Knights. "A fraction of the team started to not execute their plays. We couldn't afford that."

Rutgers only held onto the ball for seven seconds, before Notre Dame defensive tackle Anthony Weaver forced quarterback Mike McMahon to fumble the pigskin. Irish defensive end Ryan Roberts dove on the ball to put Notre Dame back in possession, a Matt LoVecchio pass landed squarely in the hands of Rutgers defensive back Tony Berry, giving Rutgers a chance to take control, but Berry dropped the ball.

"I think we have proved that, during the past weeks, that we have three talent­ed running backs that can make big plays," Howard said.

Forty-one seconds later, Rutgers again handed over the ball. McMahon sent a pass to Josh Hobbs that was caught midway there by Irish safety Ron Israel of Lawnside, N.J.

Rutgers' next possession again ended in disaster, as Notre Dame's Vontez Duff picked off McMahon. That interception marked the third straight Rutgers possession to end in a turnover, in addition to the blocked punt and missed interception.

The Irish got one more touchdown on a 43-yard touchdown pass from LoVecchio to senior wide receiver Joey Getherall. The Irish came back at the Knights with a faked field goal that kicker Nick Setta tussled 25 yards to Tom Lopieneksi for a 14-3 Irish lead.

Rutgers' Thomas turned in a one-yard touchdown run to narrow the gap early in the second quarter. But Notre Dame opened things up again on a 35-yard Setta field goal and a one-yard Howard touchdown run.

Despite the final 28-point margin of victory, Notre Dame didn’t look like a school trying to convince pollsters it was worthy for most of the game.

The Irish struggled with penalties, committing 12 for 135 yards.

"Those are mental errors that we have to correct," LoVecchio said. "Those are easy things to correct. You’ve just got to buckle down and stay focused until the end of the game."

Rutgers, meanwhile, looked better than its record until midway through the third quarter. It was fighting for its 13 seniors and soon-to-resign head coach Terry Shea to win their final home game, and it showed — for awhile.

But the Irish won out, leading to the third time in five years that they’ll close out their season in Southern California trying to hold off the Trojans to secure a major bowl game.
**INSIGHT**

Irish defensive end Anthony Weaver (No. 98) makes a tackle Saturday in Rutgers Stadium. The Irish defense capitalized on several Knight offensive mistakes, recovering two fumbles and making three interceptions.

Scarlet Knights drop ball on upset

PISCATAWAY, NJ

It was one of those moments when you expect the unexpected. 

The timing was perfect and almost perfect, the Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio's pass attempt to tight end Dan O'Leary sailed through the air, Scarlet Knight cornerback Tony Perry stepped in its path, he felt the ball in his hands and thought about the wide open field heading toward the end zone. Not so fast. Bobbling the ball for five yards, Perry's plan to tie the game at 24-24 with a trip to the end zone slipped away like the ball from his hands. Forget touchdown — talk about ledown. "You have to have that play," Knight head coach Terry Sheas said. "The emotion of the game changed so drastically and so quickly, you have to get back on the ball." Perry's inability to capitalize on an opportunity typified the problem Saturday with Rutgers football. Great teams have playmakers and dazzling athleticism; good teams make do with what they can get and take advantage of their opponents' mistakes. The 3-7 Knights showed a split-second of great and two quarters of good. They had every opportunity to take the No. 11 Irish down to the wire and they squandered them all in the second half, suffering a miserable 45-17 defeat.
New Jersey natives put on homecoming show for Irish

By TIM CASEY
National Sports Correspondent

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Along the red-painted wall in the closed end zone at Rutgers Stadium, which separates the field from the metal stands, there's a slogan. It reads: "Rutgers ... The Birthplace of College Football.

That's not a misprint.

On Nov. 6, 1869, Rutgers defeated Princeton 6-4 in New Brunswick, N.J., in the first college football game ever played. One hundred and thirty-one years and 12 days later, four of New Jersey's native sons helped Notre Dame defeat their state university 45-14 in front of only the second sold-out crowd in stadium history.

"They played well," coach Bob Davie said of the four New Jersey natives who played roles in the win. "Particularly the quarterback. He's an amazing guy.

For the sixth straight game, Matt LoVecchio proved to be the most improbable story in an unexpected season.

The Franklin Lakes resident's statistics (13-of-19 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions plus 79 yards rushing) were again solid at 24-24. Roberts, both from Lawnside, Pennsylvania, turned in one of his best performances of the year. The center gained 69 yards on 16 carries and had two touchdowns runs. His one-yard score with 19 seconds left in the first half gave the Irish a 24-10 lead.

LoVecchio completed a shovel pass to Howard in the third quarter. If Berry held onto the ball, he would have had a clear path to the end zone and tied the game at 24-24.

"You kind of look ahead a little bit," Howard said.

Focus on one moment, during the middle of his press conference. A reporter asked LoVecchio what he thought of putting mouse pads by his teammates.

"Anytime you're not given a chance to huddle up, it's definitely an advantage to the offense," said Howard. "Their offense didn't give us as many opportunities to blitz as normal."

Since replacing Grant Irons in the Nebraska game, Roberts has been on a tear. He recovered two fumbles on Saturday while also recording four tackles. Linebacker Anthony Brannan, a Cedar Grove native and defensive tackle Jim Molinaro, from Willingboro, "You try to look and say Rutgers isn't so good. If you keep looking ahead a little bit, you kind of look ahead a little bit.

Howard, who eluded tacklers and got under a 240-pounder from a normal 18-year-old.

A reporter asked LoVecchio what he thought of the turnover. "A lot of friends and my family didn't get a chance to come out to South Bend and see me play," Howard said. "It feels great.

The Notre Dame-New Jersey connection was not limited to the offense. Safety Ryan Howard and defensive end Ryan Roberts, both from Lawnside, New Jersey, sparked an improved unit. LoVecchio completed a 25-yard pass to Howard, eluded tacklers and gained 12 yards. Play four years later, on a fake field goal. Notre Dame's 1975 season was the second sold-out crowd in the stadium.

Both on this mid-November day, the season-ending injury to cornerback Shane Walton, (who broke his right forearm in the first quarter), overshadowed the homecoming.

Without Walton, the Irish allowed 175 yards through the air and straggled at times against a quick, aggressive defense. "Anytime you're not given a chance to huddle up, it's definitely an advantage to the offense," said Howard. "Their offense didn't give us as many opportunities to blitz as normal."

This weekend, another passing offense will challenge the depleted secondary. USC quarterback Carson Palmer has completed over 55 percent of his passes for 2463 yards, including 350 in Saturday's 38-35 win over UCLA.

Yet regardless of the outcome against the Trojans, at least one of Davie's post-Rutgers comments will remain the same.

"We'd like to come back (to New Jersey)," Davie said. "And get some more (players).

New Jersey native and Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio takes a snap in Notre Dame's 45-14 win over Rutgers. The freshman completed 13 of 19 passes and threw two touchdown passes.
Irish strong safety Ron Israel (5) intercepts a pass from Rutgers quarterback Mike McMahon as Scarlet Knights receiver Aaron Martin (82) looks on. It was a return to high school days in more than one way for Israel, who played receiver at Haddon Heights High School in New Jersey.

**A LITTLE GIVE AND TAKE**

The Irish were happy to accept when the Scarlet Knights offered to hand over the ball multiple times during the game, virtually assuring Notre Dame a victory. Notre Dame’s offensive production didn’t hurt in the process. Jabari Holloway returned the goodwill by bringing an opponent back to his feet.

Photos by JOSE CUELLAR

Senior tight end and captain Jabari Holloway (87) lends a hand to a Scarlet Knights defender trying to get back to his feet.

Senior wide receiver Joey Getherall (18) prepares to catch a touchdown pass from Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio (rear). LoVecchio threw two touchdown passes.
give them anything to make them feel welcomed and loved. They spent two weeks traveling around Vietnam with families, but spent the rest of the time in their own apartments. Even though they could not speak English, language was not a barrier. "They didn't speak English, but we could communicate quite fine - smiling and gestures," he said.

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Some of the Indians in Southern India had never seen white people before and would just stare at them. "When the bus would stop during a tour, people would literally line up on both sides and watch us," he said. But most of all, the group found that the Indians didn't have much and were willing to

to have been there. "Vietnam was a really cool experience with the war memorial museum. Especially with the history and relationship that it has with the United States," he said.

Although Vietnam was an amazing experience, Casado could not stop talking about India. "India is a country you learn to love," Casado said. "That's the place's that most unlike the U.S. It's the most different experience.

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Other options
So what if you still want to experience something amazing, but you don't think riding an elephant or seeing the Great Wall of China or even Paris is something you would really enjoy? Does a corner café in a plaza sound better? Or perhaps you would rather intern with the Members of Parliament in London?

There are vast opportunities for international experience in Notre Dame. Notre Dame has a semester-long program in its own campus in Freemantle, Australia where students live in a hotel-like facility, with rectors, resident assistants and all. In my junior year semester in London seems to be tourists for this. Glasses are located near Trafalgar Square, in the heart of London. Students reside in flats located near Marble Arch or north Oxford Street. Like Australia, the London program has a residence hall.

Okay, maybe you're tired of speaking English and "out," and the thought is more like R. Angers is the program for you. Angers is a medium-sized town west of Paris and in just a two-hour train ride; you can travel between these two cities.

The university in Angers is for international students learning French, so you have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. Or perhaps you enjoy Spanish more. You can always go to Chile, Mexico or Spain for a semester. In Mexico, Notre Dame has programs in Monterrey, Xalapa and Puebla. Although the programs in Puebla and Monterrey are well established, the Xalapa program is still in development.

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**Irish set sights on top 10 finish**

The Observer

Irish junior Sean Zanderson charges down a hill during the Big East cross country championships. The Irish travel to Iowa today to compete in the NCAA Championships.

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Ten is the magic number for Notre Dame today. The men’s cross country team needs to run error-free to finish among the top 10 in today’s NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa. The Irish can do that if they run consistently without getting out too fast and find a fifth runner to step up.

“The national meet is about whoever makes the fewest mistakes,” leading runner Luke Watson said.

Notre Dame is ranked No. 18 in the nation heading into today’s 10,000-meter race. But a top-10 finish isn’t out of reach. “I think we can be a top 10 team at nationals if everything falls right,” junior Pat Conway said. “We can easily be in the top 10.”

In the Great Lakes Regional meet Nov. 11, Watson captured the individual title and junior Marc Striowski finished in the top 10. Conway and freshman Todd Mobley also finished in the top 25, earning all-Regional honors, but the fifth runner for the Irish barely broke the top 100, as the final three Irish runners took too fast out of the chute.

The Irish hope to avoid the same mistake today. “We have to start with a very low stick with Luke getting a very low stick, then we have to have Marc run very well, then we need three solid performances,” head coach Joe Piane said.

A third-place finish at regionals paired with strong team performances all season long put the Irish in the national meet, where they have finished in the top 10 five of the past eight seasons. Last year, they placed eighth overall.

In this year’s Pre-National Meet, held on the same course as today’s championships, the Irish took 10th. Another No. 10 would send the Irish home for Thanksgiving with something to be grateful for.

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**Volleyball**

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN

SPORTS WRITER

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WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Belles’ swimmers fare well at Wabash Invitational

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

While most seniors were hanging out with their fathers for Senior Dads Weekend at Saint Mary’s, senior swimmers Olivia Smith, Erin McCarthy, and diver Ryann Cox were in Indianapolis and in the pool Saturday afternoon.

The meet, the largest invitational that Saint Mary’s will attend during the year, is the site for the U.S. Olympic Trials. The Wabash Invitational, which came into conflict with Senior Dads Weekend at Saint Mary’s, put many senior swimmers in a lurch to decide to swim or stay on campus with their fathers.

“I really wanted to be there for the freshmen at this meet because it is an intimidating pool and meet,” said co-captain Smith.

Smith also said she made the decision for herself as well. “It is one of the only times I can swim the 1650 and knew I needed to do it but also because of the pool and all that it stands for, I wanted one more time to be there.”

Of the 11 teams at the Wabash Invitational, the Belles placed sixth. “The invite is host to many Division II and III schools and provides for some very tough competition,” said Belles head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt. “But we swam really well, and had some great times.”

Swimming some off events, some of the Belles still came out on top, including Smith. Having never swum the 400-yard individual medley, Smith and freshman Katy Lebedz gained points for the Belles and earned impressive times. Freshman Candace Polsky also got a shot at the mile (1650) and did very well according to Hildebrandt.

“I'm so excited to have them swimming personal bests,” said Hildebrandt. “Everyone had great swims. It's great that they just keep dropping time with each meet.”

Freshman Megan Ramsey had another record-shattering weekend for the Belles. Ramsey, who broke the 100-yard butterfly record two weekends ago, reset her record and added another over the weekend.

The new record time of one minute, 1.1 seconds edged Ramsey into a second place finish in the 100-yard event. The new record was grasped along with a first place berth in the 200-yard butterfly, an event that Ramsey unofficially broke earlier in the year.

Ramsey also snatched a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle. McCarthy, after taking some time out for academics, was back in action on Saturday claiming season bests in her three events. “This was her first race since the ND Relays back in October and it was a relief for her to get in and come out with those times,” said Hildebrandt.

Also dropping considerable time was Polsky in the 500-yard free and Julie McGranahan in the 100-yard butterfly. While freshman teammate Maureen Palchak clinched fourth place points for the team in the 50-yard freestyle and nearly breaking the school record.

“I'm glad I decided to go this weekend,” said Smith. “I got one last chance to see the names on the wall of all the Olympians and to race in the pool.”

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Notre Dame uses big first half to blow out Valparaiso

By LIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

VALPARAISO

Despite opening their 2000-2001 season with a 71-46 victory over the Crusaders of Valparaiso Friday night, the Irish women’s basketball team proved vulnerable at the hands of a small-school opponent.

Although the Irish went into the locker room with a 47-17 lead, the second half was the antithesis of the first half. Valparaiso switched to a man-to-man defense, shut down the Irish transition game and forced Notre Dame into a half-court set. After hitting for 47 first half points, the Irish only managed 24 second-half points.

“If we play like we did in the first half, we’re going to have a lot of success. If we play like we did in the second half, we’re not going to have a lot of success,” said Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw. “The team in the first half was full of intensity and aggressiveness. In the second half we got a little complacent.”

Notre Dame used runs of 13-0 and 16-2 to break open the game and secure a 47-17 halftime advantage. The Valparaiso zone allowed the Irish to bomb away from three point range as well as Notre Dame connected on 9 of 11 first half three-point attempts.

“I got some open looks,” said sophomore Alicia Ratay, who led the three-point charge. Ratay hit up the field for 5 three’s en route to a team high 17 first half points and finished with 20 for the game. Guards Jeneka Joyce and Niele Ivey added three and two treys, respective­ly.

In the second half, Valparaiso coach Keith Freeman felt he erred in using the zone because it left the Irish too open on the perimeter. “We were concerned with our foul situations,” said Freeman. “We just felt with their ability to penet­rate we’d have to go to the bench and we can’t go too deep in the bench. So we had to go zone.”

The Irish held the Crusaders to 27 percent shooting in the first half with suffocating defensive pressure — especially by the guards. Senior point guard Niele Ivey had four of Notre Dame’s six steals. Irish domination of the boards led to one-and-one situations for the Crusaders and let the Irish convert on numer­ous transition baskets. Senior Kelley Sleiman led the Irish with 9 first half rebounds.

Freshman Jeneka Joyce scored 11 points off the bench, but only three in the second half. The rest of the Irish reserves combined for only seven points. McGraw felt that the team needed more of a spark from the reserves in the second half.

“That’s when you need the bench to contribute. We needed the bench to give us some energy, some intensity and we didn’t quite get that off the bench.”

Leading the way for the Crusaders were Jeannette Gray and Marlous Nieuwveen, who scored 14 and 13 points respectively.

“I really like the character of this team. I think over the course of the season we’re going to get better. I think games like this really help us,” said Freeman. “It’s the equivalent on the guys side of playing Duke.”

The Irish next face the Wildcats of the University of Arizona on Monday at the Joyce Center with tip-off set for 7:30 p.m. The Wildcats are coming off a 76-71 win over Brigham Young on Saturday.

The Wildcats are led by senior guard Reshea Bristol and fresh­man forward Veranda James. In her collegiate debut, James recorded a double-double — scoring 11 points and hauling in 11 rebounds.

Coach McGraw said of James and the Arizona team, “Arizona’s a very athletic team and really quick. They have a freshman on the block shooting like 75 percent from the field in exhibition games. She’s very, very strong.”

“This will be a great test for our team but I think we will be up for the challenge,” said Arizona coach Joan Bonvicini. “They have what I believe is one of the best inside-outside games in the country. We need to play smart and work on the mistakes we made tonight.”

Freshman guard Jeneka Joyce defends a pass during Friday night’s game against Valparaiso. Joyce led the Irish reserves with 13 points.

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‘Hoosier’ state matchup shows fearless Indiana attitude

Irish center Ruth Riley leaps for a rebound during an exhibition game earlier this season. Riley scored 13 points in Friday night’s victory over Valparaiso.

In the 1986 movie “Hoosiers,” Gene Hackman’s character, Hickory High School head coach Norman Dale, leads his hometown team to an upset over rival South Bend Central.

The matchup was similar Friday night in Valparaiso.

The game was played in an arena that more resembled the rickety gymnasium in “Hoosiers” than the Joyce Center. With the balcony closed off and Valparaiso students having left for Thanksgiving break, many of the 3,000 fans in attendance were cheering for the Irish.

While the team from South Bend escaped Valparaiso with a 71-46 victory Friday night, the Crusaders of Valparaiso showed the Irish that they, like Hackman’s 8-man team in the movie, could play with the big boys, actually outscoring Notre Dame 29-24 in the second half after falling behind early on.

“If our learning curve can be that good this year game to game as it was from the first half to the second half, I'd be happy,” said Crusaders coach Keith Freeman following the game.

Freeman wasn’t that satisfied early on. Early in the game, Valparaiso struggled. Perhaps the male cheerleader running across the court before the game with a sign reading “School Song” put too much pressure on the young team in their first game. Maybe the chants of “Ruuuuuuuuuth” — an homage to Irish All-American Ruth Riley — that echoed during pre-game introductions took away their home-team advantage.

Whatever happened, Valparaiso struggled mightily in the first half. If the Crusaders’ destination was the basket, it seemed their search would end in futility each time down the court. The team ended the half with four turnovers, which led to four more points than their 13 turnovers, and only guard Jeanette Gray made more than one basket.

After falling behind 47-17 at halftime, most teams would pack it in and get their bench players in the game. Rather than giving in, Freeman — a veteran Indiana coach who has been directing women’s basketball from the sideline in the state since becoming a head coach in 1983 at age 21 — was able to direct a performance that showed why the Crusaders reached the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament championship game last season.

After playing in a zone defense during the first half of the game, a defense that fell victim to a strong Irish perimeter attack that included nine first-half three-pointers, Valparaiso switched to a man-to-man attack in the second half. The attack worked, as Valparaiso opened the half with a 12-5 run. Keying the Valparaiso attack was freshman point guard Suzie Hammel. The Lebanon, Ind., native making her college debut showed no fear after being asked to guard Irish sharp-shooter Alicia Ratay.

Second-team all-Big East vs. rookie? No problem for the tough Hammel.

“I was glad they put me on her, actually,” said Hammel — who allowed Ratay to take only one of four shots in the latter half of the game. Hammel also helped out on offense, hitting a key 3-pointer in the opening minutes of the half.

The point guard also finished the game with six assists.

Hammel found success at point guard despite having never before played the position. “I thought she had a lot of poise. For never playing the point in high school,” said Freeman. “I feel like as our practices have gone on, she’s emerged as our best point guard.”

The game had a home-town feel for many players on each side, giving the game an atmosphere much less like a national powerhouse opening its season against a week opponent. It felt like Valparaiso started three native Hoosiers in Gray — a Valparaiso native, Hammel and forward Amber Scholer. Notre Dame’s superstar Riley hails herself from the small town of Macy, Ind., Ratay, an Illinois native, also had her mother in attendance.

Hammel at least, had people in the stands providing comfort.

“It’s a lot of fun knowing that you have people out there that you know,” said Hammel. “That’s one of the reasons why I picked coming here.”

Gray, who finished the game as Valparaiso’s leading scorer with 14 points, stood as the perfect example of her team’s guts and determination.

“Jeanette plays hard, I think Jeanette plays really hard,” said Freeman. “Two days ago she almost passed out in practice because she was sick. She’s a gutsy kid.”

Freeman’s team showed, at least for one half, that despite not being the deepest and most talented team on the court, they could compete with the big time.

“I like the chance of this team,” said Freeman. “I think over the course of the season we’re going to get better.”

In “Hoosiers” Hickory used eight players in overtime against South Bend Central to take the title. In an NCAA tournament known for pitting small schools against powerhouse houses, the Irish may have to watch out — Valpo could be right around the corner.

Irish center Ruth Riley leaps for a rebound during an exhibition game earlier this season. Riley scored 13 points in Friday night’s victory over Valparaiso.

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Irish offense proves its worth in penalty-filled game

Sloppy, run it again. The guy playing Ara Parseghian's football at Notre Dame, the guy who eluded it at his Irish team, and I wouldn't be all that surprised if current Notre Dame head coach Bobby Davie was thinking about yelling at something similar Saturday. 

Notre Dame beat Rutgers 45-17, scoring the last three touchdowns of the game. But as any math major could tell you, if the Irish scored the last 23 points and won by 28, there was a time in the third quarter when they only led 24-17. 

And if you divide the average age of all Notre Dame head coaches by the time at which the winter solstice begins ... Sorry — sometimes in IU we refer to that on a roll of numerical babbling and don't snap out of it for a while. 

Anyway, the point is (finally), Rutgers hung around at least a quarter longer than most people figured, receiving some help from Irish penalties. For the game, the officials threw the yellow flags on Notre Dame penalties 12 times for 120 yards. 

These mistakes stood out the most on the second quarter drive that ended in an Irish field goal, extending the Notre Dame lead to 17-10. 

The drive covered 47 yards, starting on the Irish 37 and ending at the Rutgers 16. To move that far, Notre Dame actually had to travel the equivalent eighty-five yards because they were whistled for three penalties. 

Actually, there were four. On a third down inside the red zone, the Scarlet Knights had their choice of door number one, "clipping," or door number two, "holding." When you throw in a Rutgers possession on the run after the penalty in the possession, that drive became a potpourri of penalties, complete with a false start, two clips, a holding, and the just mentioned "extracurricular activity." That's what the officials got points out of this series is a testament to this Irish offense and how much they've improved. The same can be said of the first quarter touchdown drive that followed up the erasing of Matt LoVecchio's 68 yard touchdown run because of a hold. 

For the second straight week, the Irish broke the 400-yard mark in total offense. Tailback Tony Parker, starting in the place of the injured Julius Jones, had his second straight 100-yard rushing game, and the team as a whole gained 295 yards on the ground. 

At the quarterback spot, no one is saying that the freshman LoVecchio is putting up Weineke-esque numbers. But in the last two weeks, he has completed nearly 75 percent of his passes for 272 yards, thrown two touchdowns, and rushed for 152 yards. 

You're seeing this offense do what it does best, line up behind a big offensive line, that, like any good team's O-line, probably deserves more credit than it gets, and feature a host of talent in the backfield. 

Those guys can't be featured unless you have threats to catch the ball and the Irish are now utilizing those threats. Opposing teams know Notre Dame isn't going to come out and beat them by throwing forty times for three hundred yards. But that's OK, because they do know the passing attack is there and the Irish aren't going to make big plays, whether those plays be a deep touchdown pass to Joey Getherall, or a shorter one that Javin Hunter turns into six. 

"Yeah," you're saying, "but that last game was against Rutgers. They're not very good." 

Point well taken. It's probably also right to point out that the Irish have ended each of the last two games with season highs in the number of yards they've been penalized. 

At the same time, at the end of each of the last two games, Notre Dame has walked away with season highs in total offense. "Point well taken," you say. "But what does it all mean?" 

That's a good question. Of course, every penalty called isn't against the offense. As coaches love to say, it's a team game. If it looks like I'm stalling, then you're pretty perceptive. I don't know if there is one good answer.

You look at teams like Florida State who is near the top of the polls and the list of most penalized teams, and you have to think that their incredible talent lets them get away with mistakes. 

The combination of the Irish's talent and discipline has let them make those penalties a non-factor the last two weeks. But just like LoVecchio isn't out putting up Weineke numbers, the Irish aren't the Noles. They can afford these kind of mistakes against the likes of Rutgers and still paste them, but doing that to USC, is something completely different. 

Whether USC is 10-0 or 0-10, they're going to be ready for the Irish and their BCS hopes to come 'a calling. 

Unfortunately for the Trojans, though, whether sloppy or sensational, Notre Dame does tend to lead in the most important statistic: the final score.

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Talented soccer team finally grabs attention of students

How could Friday night's women's soccer game be summed up?

Cold. Very cold.

But the freezing temperatures didn't stop several hundred ranked Notre Dame beat Harvard 2-0.

Who knew why all those people turned out? Maybe it was the yellow foam fingers that were given away to every student who entered. Maybe they were looking for something to do and standing in the cold was their idea of fun. Or maybe they wanted to see one heck of a soccer game and have a great time in the process.

"The fans were awesome and there were cheering a ton," said senior forward Meotis Erikson. "That really helps a lot.

The fan support at the women's soccer games has gradually risen over the season, with more and more people realizing just how good they are. And it's about time. After all, the No. 1 sign lighting a goal support at the football team. Our students who braved the cold weather were determined to have a good time. They cheered for the Irish, heckled the Crimson, and incorporated several cheers that have become standard at football games.

After every Notre Dame goal, a few students did pushups. Before every corner kick, the fans circled a hand over their head and yelled just as they do before every kickoff at a football game. Shouts of "Go, Irish, Go" and "Let's go Irish" sliced through the night sky. A few students even showed some creativity with their cheers. At the start of the second half, they moved to the bleachers behind Harvard goalie Cheryl Gunther and prodded to make the next 45 minutes the worst of her life. Cheers like "Chheerryylll, Chheerryyll" reverberated throughout Alumni Field every time the Irish mounted an offensive attack. And when a siding Mia Sarkesian knocked the ball past Gunther to put this Irish up 2-0, the twenty-some students behind the goal chanted, "It's all your fault! It's all your fault! It's all your fault!"

It was nice to finally see some support for these talented athletes, and the students who showed up couldn't have picked a better game to attend. The Irish play their final home game of the season Friday, when most of the campus will be celebrating Thanksgiving at home with their families. So, Friday's game was the last chance to see this talented team play this season. And the students who stood through the freezing temperatures to watch the Irish play weren't disappointed. Despite playing on a field that was more suited for hockey than soccer, the Irish came out fired up and dominated play for most of the game. When the final horn sounded, the team didn't grab their warm stuff and take off for the locker room. Just like they do after every home game, they walked across the field and waved to the fans as if they were saying, "Thanks for coming."

"We're really proud of our fans," Erikson said. "We hope they keep coming back.

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Santa Clara upsets BYU, will face Irish in quarterfinals

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PROVO, Utah

Senior forward Megan Horvath scored the game-winner in sudden-victory overtime to lead 24th-ranked Santa Clara in a 2-1 upset of eighth-ranked Brigham Young in NCAA third-round action this afternoon at South Field. Game-time temperature was 37 degrees under clear skies.

Horvath has recorded goals in the last four matches, three of which have been game-winners. Today's breakaway score came in 102nd minute of overtime.

Winners of five straight, Santa Clara improves to 16-6-1, while BYU's season ends at 19-4-1. The Broncos broke BYU's 14-match unbeaten streak this season, as well as its 20-match win streak at home, dating back to 1998.

Additionally, the Broncos have eliminated the Gauchos in the playoffs the last four straight seasons and lead the all-time series now 5-0-0.

Today's win also marked SCU's 20th in the postseason, as Santa Clara has advanced to the last 12 straight NCAA Tournaments. The Broncos, who have reached the semifinals seven times, including the last four straight, will face top-ranked Notre Dame in a quarterfinal match to return to the Women's College Cup. That match will take place at South Bend, Ind., on Friday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. Notre Dame is 22-0-1 on the season and the only team left undefeated. Santa Clara fell to the Fighting Irish 6-1 with a limited roster earlier this season in South Bend. The semifinals and Championship matches will be contested at San Jose State University, Friday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 3.

"Our goalkeeper made a couple of big saves for us in regulation," Santa Clara head coach Jerry Smith said of senior Crystal Gordon. "I am very proud of the team. We played with a lot of heart and guts against a great team -- probably the toughest team we have faced all year.

Brigham Young opened the match at the 4:47 mark when midfielder Sara Reading put a shot into the upper right corner of the goal on an assist from Natalie Lewis. Santa Clara responded in the second half, when freshman defender Chandonay Poole headed the ball into the net in the 56th minute on an assist from senior forward Heather Alderson.

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**Men's Basketball**

Ingelsby leads Irish to impressive rout of Sacred Heart

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

After starting at point guard during his first two years at Notre Dame, Ingelsby's pride took a major blow last season, when then-head coach Matt Doherty chose senior Jimmy Dillow as the starter. However, with the starting job locked up heading into the 2000-01 season, Ingelsby proved Saturday that he is out to make the most of his opportunity. The senior knocked down a career-high five three-pointers in the first 15 minutes of the game and finished with 15 points and six assists to lead No. 16 Notre Dame (1-0) to a 104-58 season-opening victory against Sacred Heart at the Joyce Center.

"I've been waiting for this game since we last went to Forest in the NIT Championship game last year," said Ingelsby, who also grabbed two rebounds and committed just one turnover in 30 minutes of play. "It was a great confidence boost just coming out there and hearing the crowd cheering for you and knowing that you're starting."

"I'm happy with the way we started the game," head coach Mike Brey said. "I've been waiting this game since we last lost to Wake Forest in the NIT Championship game..."

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**FOURTH AND INCHES**

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**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**


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**HOROSCOPE**

MIDNIGHT NOVEMBER 20, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: Summer, Stefan Hert, David Allman, Judy Woodford

Happy Birthday. You'll be focused on your goals, and nothing short of excellence is likely to satisfy you this year. You have energy and stamina, so if you work hard, you can turn your vision into a reality. You want to be the best at everything you pursue and will not give up until you reach your dream. Your numbers are: 1, 7, 17, 37, 44, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Mix business with pleasure for best results. You will appreciate some competition from colleagues and clients, so organize a contest requiring skill and endurance. 0000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Disappointment regarding your residence will cause discomfort in your plans. Make sure you take care of the needs of those you are responsible for. 0000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Late time will lead to disagreements with those at home. Recreation or redecoration projects could turn out well if you are willing to work with someone else. 0000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should listen to sound advice concerning a present emotional situation. You may find that career changes are being forced on you. Acceptance will be the key. 0000

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be highly creative in your work. Your unique vision will impress others with your spot-on prophetic skills. 0000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The people you work with today will be very helpful. 0000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Property investments will pay off. You can make positive changes at home. You will impress others with your sound ideas. Don't hesitate to ask for favors. Go after your goals. 0000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look to those with more experience and knowledge for answers. You can make romantic connections. Be positive that your potential mate is completely clear of past toes. 0000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will work much better on your own today. Frustration will mount as you have to wait for someone to complete his or her work in order to finish yours. Don't expect immediate results. 0000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be busy but happy. You will be happy while working with your hands or when dealing with children. If you don't already have a hobby, today is an excellent day to start one. 0000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Opportunities to make financial gains or sign contact is apparent. You may want to become serious about your personal relationships. You must make decisions regarding your future partner. 0000

PIBES (Feb. 19-March 20): Expect involved with a romantic partner if you have been too wrapped up in your business dealings. You may want to take time to explain your situation to someone before you make it up to him or her. 0000

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish play through freezing temperatures to beat Crimson

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It was a frigid night but the top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team was red hot. Battling the Harvard Crimson in the third round of the NCAA tournament, the Irish blanked the Crimson 2-0 in their first-ever meeting.

"I thought we came out with a lot of intensity," said Irish head coach Randy Waldrum. "We really set the tone for not getting ourselves in trouble. I never felt that we were struggling."

When a Harvard defender pushed the ball over the end line in the game's 31st minute, Notre Dame was awarded a corner kick, an opportunity they would be quick to convert.

Senior forward Meilis Erikson lofted a high cross to the far side of the box where a leaping Anne Makinen was able to head the ball into the lower half of the net to provide the Irish with all they would need to win.

Meilis played the ball to the far post, which was pretty much planned from practice, and the "in front of me that was marking me jumped at the wrong time," said Makinen. "It just came to my head and I headed it in."

"Anne can finish, so I was trying to hit her," added Erikson. "The Irish have enjoyed considerable success off set plays all season. Nine of the last 13 team tallies have come off corner kicks or free kicks. Waldrum emphasizes the set play in practice."

"We noticed that Harvard puts a couple players on the post and then man-marks in the box and that's very difficult in this kind of a space, because there's so much traffic," said Waldrum. "Late in the season we've begun to spend more time on set pieces and we have had a lot of success." Still leading by a count of 1-0 as the second half commenced, the Irish moved to put the game out of reach. Again it was a corner kick that made the difference. Erikson served the ball from the right corner and Mia Sarkesian slid the ball past Crimson goalkeeper Cheryl Gunther.

"We needed that second goal to ensure things," said Waldrum. "I was concerned that they might be able to counter us."

Harvard coach Tim Wheaton acknowledged that the second goal was the clincher.

"The second goal was very disappointing," said Wheaton. "In a game like this, to give up a second goal and keep battling is very tough. It takes a lot of character and a lot of fight. We were battling all the way through, trying to get a goal."

Despite the loss, Wheaton was pleased with his squad's effort.

"We thought we could give them a battle and I think we did," he said.

With the win the Irish extend their unbeaten streak to 23 games, just one short of the team record, and earn the right to play a familiar foe in the quarterfinals on Friday night.

For the second time this year, the Santa Clara Broncos will make the trip to South Bend. The Broncos were undefeated last year, before being shocked by the Irish, 1-0, in the NCAA semifinals, in a game they maintain they still should have won. After their 4-1 Irish defeat in September, the Broncos will look to come back and end Notre Dame's unbeaten season.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame claims Big East title after beating Rutgers

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team rounded out Big East play this weekend with sweeps over Connecticut and Rutgers for the conference title. This weekend marked Notre Dame's sixth consecutive conference tournament appearance with five titles.

"The Irish, now 25-5 overall and ranked 20th nationally, will move on to its eighth consecutive NCAA tournament appearance as a result of the Big East title," said head coach Randy Waldrum.

The Irish dominated Connecticut in three games (15-10, 15-13, 15-6) on Saturday to move on to the conference championship against Rutgers on Sunday.

"Winning both matches in three games was pretty big for us. Against (Conn) especially in the season we had to play five games with them as it was a goal to finish them off in three and we were able to do that," said senior co-captain Denise Boylan.

Notre Dame racked up a 6-2 lead in game one before allowing the Huskies to narrow the gap to just two points with a 9-7 score before coming on strong to secure the first game win. Connecticut put in a stronger performance during game two as it rallied from a 9-3 Irish lead to earn the 12-9 lead before Notre Dame came back to wrap up game two as an Irish win.

Junior Marcie Bomhack led the Irish offense with 19 kills while seniors Kristy Kreher and Malinda Goralski followed with 18 each. Goralski also added her 1,000th kill and 7-5 in the Big East tournament.

"I think we came out really well," said Bomhack. "I think we played better than we did last week." Notre Dame didn't need that second goal to ensure things.

Senior Christi Girton chipped in with 7-5 and 7-5 in the Big East tournament.

Connecticut falls to 18-12 with four game losses to Notre Dame earlier in the season.

"I don't think there was a point that we thought we weren't going to win in all. We may have gotten down during the second game against (Conn) but I don't think that there was a doubt in anyone's mind that we were going to come back and win it," said Boylan.

The Irish finished off the championship title run with a three-game sweep over Rutgers (15-8, 15-8, 15-10).

Girton racked up 16 kills and 10 digs to lead the Irish performance while Kreher and Goralski each added 15 kills. Bomback got up for 11 kills and 18 digs to aid Notre Dame. Boylan racked up 62 assists and 14 digs to earn Big East Championship Most Outstanding Player honors while leading the Irish to a 335 weekend hitting percentage.

"I think we did a really good job of keeping our composure and staying patient throughout the weekend. Our middles were really effective this weekend and that helped," Boylan said.

Notre Dame will face No. 6 USC in its final match of the regular season on Friday.

Junior Malinda Goralski tries to block a spike during Saturday's semifinal game against Connecticut. By winning the Big East tournament, the Irish clinched a postseason berth.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE