Fear in the friendly skies
Terrorist attacks prompt higher security, lower prices

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Until Sept. 11, Notre Dame sophomore Colleen Cummings planned to fly home for fall break on Southwest Airlines through Midway Airport in Chicago. The events of that day, however, caused her parents to amend their daughter's travel plans. Now, the St. Louis resident is making the six-hour trip home by car instead.

"Her (my Mom's) main reason for doing it was because she knew flying would be a hassle," Cummings said. "Since I'm from St. Louis, she thought it would be easier. Dad come pick me up instead. I think things would be more complicated with flying home so I don't really mind.

The weeks following the events of Sept. 11 led many Americans, like Cummings, to forgo air travel, motivated partially by fear of terrorism and added hassles.

Last month's events had a significant impact on the airline industry. The New York Times reported a 33.7 percent decrease in traffic in September for American Airlines, the world's largest carrier.

Over 100,000 airline workers lost their jobs the week following the attacks and most major airlines continue to fly at a reduced schedule.

For effectively three weeks after the 11th, we saw an overall 40 percent drop in bookings," said John Anthony, President and CEO of Anthony Travel, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's official travel agency.

Five weeks after the attacks, travel is beginning to return to normal and Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students should not expect any major changes for flights home, according to Anthony and John Schalliol, AAE and South Bend Regional Airport Director.

"I think traffic is just about back to normal," Schalliol said. "The airlines tell us they're off a little bit, but not by much." 

Seeking Safety

Despite a slow return to normal activity, students will likely notice changes in security at South Bend Regional Airport and the Chicago airports.

"Most of the short-term parking is closed and there are police and National Guard in the driveway," Anthony said. "It's a very noticeable difference."

The FAA has added increased security measures within the airport as well. Travelers are limited to one item including, briefcases and purses. Only ticketed passengers will be allowed into the inner concourses, and more see AIRLINES/page 6

Tailgating citations to continue

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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Students who chanted "Let us Tailgate!" at last Friday's pep rally won't get their wish any time soon as enforcement of the University's student tailgating rules will continue this weekend.

Students found in violation of rules will be subject to tailgating or Indiana State drinking laws will be given University violation notice or a State of Indiana Uniform Traffic Ticket requiring them to appear before a judge at St. Joseph County Court.

We have a woman who's enforced alcohol issues on game days, but we decided we needed more enforcement ... this is part of a whole new initiative to get a handle on alcohol," said Director of the Notre Dame Security Police, Tom Bawol.

According to Jeff Shoup, Director of Residential Life and Housing, du Lac states that all students are prohibited from hosting tailgaters where alcohol is served or participating in student hosted tailgates where alcohol is being served. Students under 21 are prohibited from possessing or consuming alcohol at any tailgater. Du Lac also prohibits any student from possessing an open container of alcohol on public areas of the campus, but Shoup said this rule is generally not enforced for students who are 21 and older on game weekends.

We would almost have to bring in the national guard to enforce that rule, although some see TAILGATE/page 6

Trustees unresponsive to student proposal

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Student government officials presented to a seemingly unin­terested Board of Trustees Thursday a plan that proposed construction of a University-funded commercial center and off-campus housing complex.

Student body president Brooke Norton and more than a dozen students from her office unveiled the plan at the trustees' annual fall meeting.

The plan was part of the office of the President's report on off­campus student life.

"It would take students out of residential neighborhoods and increase their connection to campus," a student presented about the proposal that would build school sponsored apartments and a "campus village" of shops and restaurants somewhere south of the Notre Dame campus in South Bend's northeast-side neighborhood.

The Board's student affairs committee allowed the Observer into the McKenna Hall conference room on the condition that quotes weren't attributed to attendees.

"We should have students working with Notre Dame and city officials to develop the project," the same student said.

"This could serve as a benchmark for how students and administrators can work together to improve the quality of life for students and everyone in the community."

The Board appeared unresponsive to the plan.

Throughout students' 40-minute presentation, some trustees were noticeably distracted or engaged in conversations with each other.

In the discussion that followed the presentation, the trustees asked no questions about the building projects.

Instead, they drilled the students on questions about a proposed safety forum.

The students subsequently appeared visibly annoyed and surprised by the line of questioning. Trustee told the Board that it was straying from the primary focus of the presentation.

The recommended safety forum was, in fact, only a minor part of the student government report. Citing
INSIDE COLUMN

Take a Walk on the Wild Side

Okay. So it’s mid-semester now. Classes are becoming routine. Students have started to lose the spring in their step as the school year moves on. Matters are here and gone. So who cares?

We like our monotonous lives. We like the stress of one class to the next, from one project to the next. We like making things exciting by ragging on one another and by bugging ourselves down with tons of junk, most which has no value whatsoever.

Why do we do this to ourselves? Why do we live in this rut and never try to jump out of it? Why must we force ourselves to be things that are not entirely ourselves?

So, as we venture forth on this week-long break, let us embrace some of the things we’ll be doing. Where will you go? What will you do? Will you relax? Will you work?

Will you continue to treat life as the status quo and forget to see if anything new is available?

I certainly hope that you’re not.

I’ll bet bet of those people who won’t be going anywhere for break. I have a project to work on I’ll be working on campus. But I won’t be ragging. I won’t be stressing myself out. I will be as relaxed as, if not more-so than, the people going on ‘relaxing’ or ‘reliving’ break experiences.

I’m going to have fun.

I plan to take a walk on the wild side. Eee! Did I just hear her right? Did she just say to take a walk on the wild side? That’s supposed to mean?

Well, to walk on the wild side means to take chances. Be daring. Step off edge without looking first. But it doesn’t mean to be careless or irresponsible.

It means doing things you wouldn’t try before, taking risks like being rejected or being loved or being ignored or looking for something you know is in your heart, and having the courage to follow it.

Don’t follow your norms. Don’t get stuck up in your routine, because a routine will come back to haunt you.

So on this mid-semester break, wherever you may be, make sure to look for the different, the special, the real. Don’t put on mask and stuff it in and really be wild. Don’t just get hooked in by something that is catchy and get caught in and trapped into a routine. Keep yourself free, step outside your box or the ominous Notre Dame Bubble, and look for a way to keep things fresh. You’ll relax when you find it. You’ll be happy when you find it. You’ll have fun when you find it. But you’ll never know unless you look. You have to give it a chance, you have to take a chance. It’s the beginning of the real you. Be real. Be wild.

Take a walk on the wild side, it’s where the wild things are.

Angela Campos is a senior Anthropology major, taking chances by learning three languages at once and finding ways to be wild. She wishes everyone a safe and fun Fall break. You can contact Angela at campus2001@email.stanford.edu.

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INSIDE COLUMN

THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY’S HISTORY

Hesburgh delivers final address

Tuesday, October 14, 1986

Notre Dame’s 800 faculty members gave two standing ovations to the man who served as University president for more than 3 decades during his last annual faculty address. University president Father Theodore Hesburgh, in his 35th year, held the longest tenure among active presidents of American universities.

BEYOND CAMPUS

U.S. Florida student records found in recycling bins

ANGELA CAMPOS

Lab Tech

Tampa, Fla.

Social Security numbers are the gateway to a person’s identity, and one that officials say should always be protected. Though the University of South Florida, for unknown reasons, lost its gate open by throwing away documents with sensitive student and university employee information into communal area recycling bins. Stacks of reports, some only two years old, filled a recycling bin this month in the Student Services Building loaded with students’ birth dates and Social Security numbers. Most of the reports were generated by the registrar’s office on behalf of Student Health Services to track students who had not gotten immunizations shot. Tony Emby, associate registrar, was visibly concerned when he saw the reports. "They’re not supposed to be just thrown out," he said as he made notations and leached through the stack. "They’re supposed to be taken out with a lock on them." Emby said this is the first time this has happened.

Abbot considers run at top office

Abbot is looking into running for Governor for South Dakota in 2002. The reports.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Law may block access to records

STANFORD, Calif.

Stanford University officials are welcoming a provision of a federal anti-terrorism law that was added to the anti-terrorism legislation, 11.F. 2975, currently being finalized in Congress. While the Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act requires a student’s written permission to release existing Family Education Rights and Privacy Act requires a student’s written permission to release information about a student, this new law would block access to records.

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The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Oct. 19

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Grad students cited
for student tailgating

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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Notre Dame’s policies for student tailgaters do not differentiate between undergraduate and graduate students, and graduate students have been cited for student tailgating during the last two home games.

Bill Haynes, a 35-year-old Gulf War veteran and fifth-year Ph.D candidate in the department of Chemical Engineering, was tailgating with a group of graduate students, their spouses and University staff members before the Phoenix game when he was cited for student tailgating.

Haynes said the tailgate was serving omelettes, burgers and other food, in addition to alcohol.

Haynes, who said he has been legally drinking for half of his life, called his citation "ludicrous" and said it would be extremely humorous, if it did not cause him to have to spend time dealing with the Department of Residence Life and Housing.

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Professor discusses good sex

By KATIE RAND

New Wire

Patricia Beatrice Jung, associate professor of theology at Loyola University Chicago, spoke at Saint Mary’s Thursday night about her new essay, "Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World’s Religions."

The book is a collection of essays by feminist scholars from various religions and cultures dealing with how women are redefining sexuality.

Jung started off the lecture by defining the basics of good sex. She stated that minimally, good sex should do no harm and ideally, it should be fun.

"Sex is, in a sense, everybody’s business. Our sexual lifestyles cannot be completely private when an individual’s habits affect others," Jung said.

For this reason, the state privileges and promotes marriage because it is beneficial to the community, Jung stated that ideally, good sex occurs between married couples who possess the necessary virtues of truthfulness, fidelity, hospitality and prudence keeping.

"I know this is hard for you to understand as undergraduates," Jung said of the marriage discussion.

According to Jung, the main characteristic of good sex is that it should be pleasurable for both. Studies note that 32 percent of American women, 26 percent do not orgasm regularly. 23 percent do not find sex pleasurable, 25 percent almost always suffer from pain, and 33 percent find sex painful at least some of the time. The conclusion from these statistics is that sexual activity is not serious or pleasant for many North American women.

"The absence of sexual delight in so many women’s lives has been socially constructed and religiously sanctified," Jung stated.

For Roman Catholics, celibacy was taught to be the morally Christian lifestyle. However, if the goal was to procreate, sex was thought to be good.

In heterosexual sex, it appears that male pleasure is privileged. Male orgasm is necessary for reproduction and is a requirement for procreation. But female pleasure is not necessary for conception.

"While the prescription of sex alone does not prohibit sexual delight, neither does it demand or command it," Jung said. The studies show that in most cases, only the male partner experiences pleasure.

"It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to realize that if only one person is pleased, the sexual relationship will not be successful," Jung said.

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GSU presents healthcare problems to Trustees

By ANDREW THAGARD News Writer

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) has presented a plan to improve the student health care insurance plan Thursday afternoon in a meeting with 13 members of the Board of Trustees and University administrators.

Gabriela Burgos, GSU president, Kishori Deshpande, vice president, and Adrienne Minerick, health care committee chairman presented the GSU's position on healthcare reform to t h e University and Board representatives.

"It was fantastic ... I think they really understand the problem. We are positive about the outcome." Kishori Deshpande GSU vice president

By ANDREW THAGARD News Writer

"Graduate students are on welfare, they're taking out student loans," Burgos said. "We think we should negotiate a new policy to achieve an optimum point between costs and benefits."

GSU's ideal plan includes access to a locally available off-campus primary care provider, prescription co-pays, affordable coverage for dependants and preventative care coverage, including immunizations and mammograms.

The Board representatives appeared receptive to the GSU's request though they suggested the group make the same presentation to University and academic offices and emphasized that a more careful assessment of the policies and premium costs would be necessary.

"We think the adoption of a new policy to the University is now accepting applications for the position of MARKETING INTERN *15-20 hours per week * Position through May 2002 (or longer is student is available) * Local store marketing * Local store marketing * Local sales building * Promotions * Flexible schedule * $8-10/hour * Commission * Work directly with owner Send resume and letter of interest to: Alison Patton 4504 Epinay Court Louisville, KY 40272 Or fax to:(502) 933-3599 PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA is an EOE *FUN*EXPERIENCE while educating *50% pizza
Russia says no meat from Florida: Russia has banned meat products and live stock shipped from Florida, citing fears about anthrax cases in the state. U.S. agriculture officials said Thursday. The Russian agriculture ministry notified the Department of Agriculture about the temporary ban Wednesday.

Ex-Yugoslav general to surrender: A former Yugoslav army general charged with destroying much of an ancient town during the Croatian war plans to surrender to the U.N. war crimes court this week, his lawyer said Thursday. Retired Gen. Pavle Strugar, 68, and three other former Yugoslav army and naval officers are accused of murder, plunder and the destruction of nearly 70 percent of Dubrovnik.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Internet tax ban set to expire: A ban on taxes that target the Internet will expire this weekend. Congress declined to pass an extension Thursday, mired in a dispute over how state sales taxes should apply to billions of dollars in e-commerce. Analysts and lawmakers say it is unlikely that state and local governments will rush to impose Internet taxes when the moratorium expires Sunday. But given enough time and an increasing need to raise revenue, that could change. "Starting Monday, there's an opportunity for considerable economic mischief," said Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

Simpson's attorneys ask for mistrial: Former football star O.J. Simpson's attorneys asked for a mistrial Thursday in his road-rage trial after jurors admitted talking among themselves about testimony in violation of routine instructions from the judge. Simpson allegedly yanked the glasses off another motorist in an angry road encounter Dec. 4.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Police arrest drug dealers: Two men were arrested for theft after they bought dinner with the money an undercover informant gave them to purchase marijuana. Detective Andrew Reiss said he and a confidential informant spent 12 hours Tuesday waiting for two Frankfort residents to buy $25 worth of marijuana. Instead, the accused drug dealers ate dinner in Lafayette and either lost or spent the money.

Afghan group opposes Powell's plan

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Afghanistan's opposition told the United Nations Thursday that it vehemently opposes Secretary of State Colin Powell's plan to include moderate Taliban representatives in a future Afghan government. The Taliban should be tried in court — not allowed to govern, said Havan Farhadi, Afghanistan's U.N. ambassador who represents the former Afghan government.

Farhadi stated the opposition's position in a note to Richard N. Haass, the State Department's director of policy planning who is Powell's coordinator for Afghanistan. "The Taliban have given not only shelter to (Osama) bin Laden but they facilitated his international terrorist acts," Farhadi told reporters after handing the note to Haass in a U.N. corridor. "We don't agree with Mr. Powell because we think that the Taliban leaders ... need to be (on) trial in a court." The "position paper" Farhadi handed Haass accuses the Taliban of committing "genocide and crimes against humanity" in relation to the Afghan people, and of providing training centers and safe haven for terrorists. "In no way they could be considered as eligible for the future political set up of a democratic Afghanistan," the one-page statement concluded.

Farhadi represents the ousted Afghan government led by Burhanuddin Rabbani, which is still recognized by the United Nations. It is part of the northern-based opposition alliance fighting the Taliban, which currently controls less than 10 percent of the country.
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time will be devoted to inspecting aircraft.
The FAA has also required the installation of cockpit door
reinforcements, and United Airlines plans to have all secu-
ritv bars in place by Oct. 21,
according to a company press release.
These changes in airport security mean longer delays in
the check-in procedure. As a result, South Bend Airport rec-
ommends students arrive one and one half hours before take-
of and Midway and O'Hare advise arriving two hours early.
"The check-in counter takes longer because they're ran-
domly searching bags," Anthony added. "None of us are
really used to seeing some-
one rifle through our bag. I
got a guy tell me last week he
made sure to pack his good underwear.
"Schalliol and Anthony both
feel that the FAA's new policies
are really used to seeing
massive discounts in air-
fare, according to Anthony.
"South Bend is not a market
determiner for price but we
benefit from Chicago," he said.
"Here we're seeing an attempt
(by the airlines) at a smarter
way to discount which is done
on the routes where they have
to, not across the board."
As time goes on, Anthony
sees airfare increasing as com-
panies attempt to return to
profitability.
"Long term people will pay
more," he said. "This added
security will cost more. It has
to go paid for somehow." KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has
already increased the price
of flights to the United States,
the Middle East, and Israel by
5 percent. The carrier has also
implemented a $10 round-trip
security fee.
"It's a safety surcharge," KLM
spokesman Hugo Baas
told Reuters. "We have taken
a lot of issues to boost safety,
and that incurs costs."

American carriers, including
KLM's US partner Northwest
Airlines, have not announced
similar plans at this time.
Anthony, however, expects
that will change as booking
levels return to normal. He
estimates price increases will
begin to be implemented by
January or February.
"Despite added hassles and
the possibility of increased
costs, Schalliol and Anthony
anticipate few students will
change their method of trans-
portation as a result of last
month's tragedy.
"I think people are going to
fly," Schalliol said. "They'll
have to suck it up a little but
they'll go."
Many Notre Dame and Saint
Mary's students who live in
states including California,
Florida and Texas have little
choice but to fly if they want
to go home over breaks.
Julie Babonas finds herself in
that category. The Notre Dame
junior lives in San Diego and
sees air travel as her only tick-
et home. This weekend she
is flying to Boston for break.
"I By home all the time and
I've never been scared," Babonas
said. "I'm not going to let the terrorist attacks
change my plans but I'm still
scared to death.
Other students who live clos-
er, like Cummings, have the
option to fly or drive. Schalliol
and Anthony predict that many
of them will return to the skies
for November break, as the
events of Sept. 11 grow more
distant.

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students think we have the
national guard out there now
that doesn't mean that if I passed
you with an open container in
front of your residence hall [on
a non-game day], that you wouldn't be cited," said Shoup.
During the Pittsburgh game, 99
citations were issued while only
12 citations were issued at the
West Virginia game last week-
end. Administrators attribute the
low number of citations last
weekend to the poor weather
conditions.
"Other departments have
volunteered their
services, recognizing that
we have a tremendous
alcohol problem," said
Rex Rakow
Director of Notre Dame
Security/Police

According to a clerk at the
Traffic and Misdemeanor Court,
students have 30 days to set a
court date as a result of a citation.
If they do not set a court date, they face
having their driver's license sus-
pended. The clerk said most stu-
dents will have the option of a
pre-trial diversion program,
which allows them to pay a fine
and do community service. If one
year goes by and the student has
to no other violations, the charge is
dismissed from their record.

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"Social Security Reform: The
Potential and Pitfalls of
Private Accounts"
with Teresa Ghilarducci
Assistant Professor of Economics
10 a.m. Hesburgh Center Auditorium

Coming up

- Nov. 3, 11 a.m. (Tennessee) – Seamus Deane, the Donald and Marilyn Keough
Professor of Irish Studies, on "Newman and Ireland: Converting the Empire"
- Nov. 17, 11 a.m. (Navy) – F. Clark Power, professor of psychology, on "Moral
Education at the Crossroads"

Saturday Scholar presentations take place 3 1/2 hours before kickoff in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. Visit http://saturdayscholar.nd.edu for more information.
Concert benefits Special Olympics

By MIKE CONNOLLY

A special relationship with a special person inspired a local business to help the Special Olympics.

"I fell in love with a hug," said Jack Lalonde, owner of Keistler's Deli, about his relationship with 17-year-old Michael Parks. Lalonde was a friend of Parks, a special-needs child, before Parks died of cancer a few years ago. Lalonde's relationship with Parks inspired him to work with the Special Olympics to help other people like Parks.

Lalonde serves on the fundraising committee for the St. Joseph's County Special Olympics, which is a completely volunteer run program.

This Saturday night, Lalonde will host a fundraiser at Keistler's Deli on the corner of Route 23 and Ironwood Road next to Blockbuster Video to raise money for the approximately 300 athletes in St. Joseph's County.

The benefit will feature Irish head coach Bob Bayliss and assistant coach Billy Tate.

California Juice Bar, will donate 10 percent of all food sales to the Special Olympics. Bullseye Discount Liquor has also donated a keg to the event and all money from alcohol sales will be given to the organization.

Keistler's Kitchen will begin playing at 8 p.m. There is no cover for the concert, but all the tips the band receives will be donated.

Lalonde will arrive sometime later in the evening. Lalonde estimated Brey's arrival at 9 p.m.

There will also be an auction of Irish memorabilia that includes tennis lessons from Irish head coach Bob Bajliss and assistant coach Tilly Tate.

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Members of Kennedy's Kitchen played earlier this year at Senior Bar to benefit the families of New York Firefighters.

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increased safety concerns that non-campus students face, the students suggested that the Office of Student Affairs make a security workshop mandatory for students planning to live off campus.

Trustees and student Affairs administrators repeatedly questioned why a safety information session should be mandatory considering that many students move off campus to escape University rules.

"In one ear, I'm hearing that you want greater independence, and in the other, it seems like you want greater freedoms," a trustee said about the students' request for increased Residence Life services, implying that students wanted the benefits of University affiliation without being subject to the rules.

"How do you make a security meeting mandatory?" another trustee asked. "What's the penalty for not attending?"

The student report included statistical data about the growing number of students moving out of campus residence halls and included reasons why seniors especially choose to stay on or move off campus.

About 60 percent of seniors live off campus this year, according to the report. Some 59 percent lived off campus last year, and about 55 percent did in 1999. In 1996, about half of seniors lived off campus.

On average, seniors who aren't resident assistants make up 12 percent of on-campus undergraduate population, according to the report.

The impact of the off-campus moving trend is negative for on- and off-campus student organizations, according to the report.

In dorms, younger students become hall presidents and senators. Freshmen are more likely to go off campus to socialize. And there is decreased hall and school spirit.

Away from campus, students feel disconnected and even abandoned by the University, the report indicates.

Presenters said the off-campus construction project would address those concerns. They also supported the construction or renovation of on-campus gathering places, including revamping the Alumni-Senior Club.

"We can throw as many dances as we want to at Alumni-Senior Club, but students want a place to socialize on their own terms," a student said about adding a restaurant to the campus bar.

"I really think we need to look at having a larger venue for students on campus," the same student said.

Contacted for comment Thursday, representatives in the Office of the Student Body President did not return phone calls.

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Anthrax case total rises to 6

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A CBS employee who opens Dan Rather's mail and a postal worker in New Jersey were added Thursday to the troubling roster of Americans infected with anthrax. As many as three more people reported telltale skin lesions that may signify a bioterrorist attack.

“Our labs are working around the clock to try and get clarity,” said Dr. Julie Gerberding of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The disclosures brought the number of confirmed cases of anthrax nationwide to six since Oct. 4 and complicated the Bush administration's effort to reassure an anxious nation it was working aggressively to combat bioterrorism and other threats.

"Our antennae are up for all conceivable risks," said Tom Ridge, appointed the nation's first director of homeland security in the wake of Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that killed thousands.


Standing by Ridge's side at a news conference, Surgeon General David Satcher said stockpiles of antibiotics are sufficient to respond to the anthrax attacks. Ridge laboring to minimize the "risk of succumbing to a spate of anthrax-tainted mail."

Even apart from the new cases of anthrax, there was ample evidence of inconvenience, dislocation and concern that the government struggled against a deadly threat that is invisible to the human eye.

Congressional activity was largely shut down, the House officially, the Senate in session but its sprawling complex of three office buildings closed. Officials said they had received laboratory results for hundreds of people, but no additional reports of positive tests for anthrax exposure beyond the 11 disclosed on Wednesday. All were linked to a letter opened earlier in the week in the office of Majority Leader Tom Daschle, and included 23 aides to Daschle, five police officers and three aides to Sen. Russell Feingold, who occupies a Senate office building suite adjoining Daschle's.

"At this time, there is no evidence of contamination in the ventilation system of the building that houses his office," said Daschle, D-S.D. He said in an interview later with NBC, however, that "there has been some additional contamination found" in his office, adding, "By and large, it has been contained to the office and mailroom."

Asked whether there were any "hot spots" in the Capitol itself, Daschle said, "We've been looking at all the different reports. At this point, none have been verified."

Feingold issued a statement saying that none of his three staff aides who were involved had been in Daschle's offices on Monday, leaving open the question of how they were exposed to the anthrax.

"We know we've got a hot zone in the Hart Building, probably in the Dirksen Building," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said. "The remaining question is, Are there hot zones in other areas of other buildings?"

Dick Gephardt
House Democratic leader

The CDC's Dan Burton said they had received a "hot zone" report from a passenger on a flight from New York to Los Angeles who was later diagnosed with anthrax.

A U.S. Postal Service official said they had received a "hot zone" report from an office building housing IRS employees who had handled mail from Dan Rather.

CBS announced at midmorning that it had become the latest major television network to be touched by anthrax.

Network officials said a woman who works for Rather was on a flight from New York to Los Angeles when she was diagnosed with a skin lesion on her cheek earlier this month, "before anthrax was on anybody's mind," Rather told CBS president Andrew Heyward. "Her prognosis is excellent.

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Attorney general

Ashcroft leads the search for the senders of the letters containing anthrax. He is alerting warnings to anyone who might stage a phony bioterrorism attack.

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Tommy Thompson
Health and Human Services secretary

Thompson is asking Congress for $1.6 billion to prepare for possible large-scale bioterrorism.

David Satcher
Surgeon general

Working to keep the public informed and calm, Satcher is also telling doctors not to prescribe unnecessary antibiotics.

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan
Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The CDC is examining anthrax cultures to learn their origin and potency and advising local officials on how to spot bioterrorism.

Tom Ridge
Homeland Security director

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Federal smallpox plan ready

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Even a single case of smallpox would be an international emergency, triggering vaccinations for dozens of people close to the patient in an urgent attempt to contain the highly contagious disease, says a federal plan obtained by The Associated Press. Detectives would immediately begin retracing the victim’s every move over the preceding weeks.

Although many experts consider a bioterror attack with smallpox unlikely, they have long called for better preparedness. Thus, the new plan provides step-by-step instructions for state health workers who would have to battle a disease not seen for decades. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is putting final touches on the plan, work that was accelerated after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington. But officials say they consider the plan operational, and have begun sending it to state health departments so they can designate a person in charge of following the rules to make preparations.

The news comes even as some government officials raise the possibility of one day resuming routine vaccinations of Americans against smallpox, inoculations that ended in this country in 1972. The government has 15.4 million doses of smallpox vaccine and hopes to buy an additional 300 million. “It is the intention to determine, after we have sufficient supplies available to commence inoculation, to make the decision at that time,” Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge said Thursday.

Yet compelling photographs in the CDC document show children with severe, sometimes fatal, vaccine side effects — illustrating why routine inoculations would be tough to revive unless smallpox ever reappears.

“You’re always hesitant to immunize people against the disease unless you’re fairly certain that there is going to be a risk,” said Surgeon General David Satcher.

In fact, the plan makes clear that entire cities or states won’t get vaccinated unless CDC has evidence of more than a few cases. Instead, the CDC will carefully apportion vaccine to families, friends, co-workers and other close contacts of a smallpox patient, as well as health workers and others who come in contact with a patient in a hospital. It takes fairly close proximity to catch smallpox — you must be within about six feet of a person suffering the characteristic rash to breathe in the virus — and quickly vaccinating those who live with or work around a patient.

But, “a single case of smallpox would require an immediate and coordinated public health and medical response to contain the outbreak and prevent further infection,” warns the plan’s opening page.

Smallpox hasn’t occurred in the United States since 1949; the world’s last naturally occurring case was in Africa in 1977. When smallpox was declared eradicated in 1980, all research stocks of the virus were supposed to be contained at the CDC’s Atlanta laboratory and a similar lab in Russia. But the Soviets instead produced smallpox for their bioweapons program in the 1980s, and bioterrorism experts fear some may have spread to terrorist-sponsored labs.

Smallpox symptoms include fever and a pock-like rash all over the body, appearing between seven and 17 days after exposure. People are contagious from the time the rash appears — particularly in the first week of illness — until the scales fall off. The CDC’s emergency plan would kick in when a doctor alerts state or federal health officials about a patient that should be tested for smallpox, a test that can be confirmed only at CDC or Fort Detrick, Md.

If someone has smallpox, he or she would immediately be quarantined and CDC Director Jeffrey Koplan would send vaccine from the government’s stockpile while alerting the FBI and White House. Disease detectives would grill the sick person and his family about every step taken for three weeks before they became ill, where did you travel? What’s your route to work? Who did you have lunch with? Did you go to the movies? They’ll also want addresses and phone numbers of every person who had close contact with the patient.

CDC then will have state health officials track down all of those people, vaccinate those who need it, and do daily monitoring of whether they get a fever — a sign they might be sick with smallpox.

The plan instructs how to give the hard-to-handle vaccine. It has been made with a live version of a virus related to smallpox, and thus can cause serious reactions in certain people, including the immunosuppressed or people with the skin condition eczema. The document pictures a child covered in eczema-like lesions after contact with a recently vaccinated sibling. The worst reaction is a very rare — one in 1 million vaccinated babies — but deadly encephalitis.

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FRANCE

4 convicted for Anthrax hoaxes

Associated Press

PARIS

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Also Thursday, a court in the alpine town of Albertville convicted a restaurant owner and his wife of sending an envelope containing white powder to the mayor of the nearby village. Both Jean-Pierre and Nicole Deville-Larderat were fined $1,376. Police in Paris say the number of false alarms has steadily risen throughout the week — three on Monday, 26 on Tuesday and 43 on Wednesday.

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U2 uses concert as opportunity to send a message

For those who did not attend the concert, at the end of last Wednesday’s performance, Bono, the lead singer of U2, commented on the events of the past few weeks. He commended the policemen and firefighters of New York for their heroism. An Irishman, he expressed solidarity with the people of the United States. Then Bono put forth his belief that aberration poverty is the root of terrorism. He urged country leaders and average citizens to work to end poverty. He emphasized the role of the United Nations in this endeavor. The concert ended with the image of the Y21b and NYFD, walking across the stage to U2’s song, “Walk On.”

Bono, a musician and a rock star, and the other three members of U2 made a political statement. They used the stage not only to entertain, but also to send a specific message to their audience, in this case, mostly students of this University. The contrast between U2’s use of their platform and that of most artists of the dominating pop culture shocked me. Over the past few years, popular music has become overwhelmingly apolitical. The songs of the Backstreet Boys, Britney Spears and NSYNC, offer no particular message. They sing of perfect relation ships. Their lyrics express the pain of lost love. They sing of themselves. In many ways, the popularity of the boy and girl bands has depended upon the ambiguity and general scope of their message. Their careless lyrics agreed with the carefree atmosphere of a booming economy in a country at peace. In a nation without worry, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera posed no danger of compelling their listeners to acknowledge an underlying cause for concern.

Of course the events of Sept. 11 have forced Americans to confront the reality of hatred for our country in the world and the threats to our safety lurking in the background. In this changed atmosphere marked by terror and insecurity, I wonder if theapolitical performers of the past few years will maintain their appeal to the American public.

In the Vietnamese Era, the voices of musicians functioned as a primary agent of political dissent. John Lennon and Bob Dylan, cultural icons, spoke loudly against the war. The message of Lennon’s song “Imagine” rings still in the ears of today’s university students. At Woodstock, youth united in the name peace and music. Jimi Hendrix defiantly played the Star-Spangled Banner in protest. If as appears likely, the war against terrorism continues for years and involves ground troops fighting in foreign countries, a specifically political tune will likely return to American popular music. Benefit concerts staged in the past month already demonstrate a shift in the culture. The dissenting voices in the music culture — and throughout the entire country — during the sixties and seventies have received some blame for the failure of the United States in Vietnam. Yet in reality, music functions have been organized to strengthen and to unify our country. It exists as one of the most effective and peaceful means by which people can express their opinions and emotions. Along with other forms of art, it helps the viewer to express himself. Surely legal drinking is such a problem at this University that they’re legal.

During the encore, Bono mentioned that a musician like himself, a rock star and a public persona stood like everyone else, helpless in the wake of tragedy. Yet I believe that those with the ability to combine both the poetry of words and the melody of musical forms have a unique opportunity to help America. I’m not sure if this is the message of the current crisis emanates from the radio towers. Now this country needs something more, something deeper than the Backstreet Boys.

Joanna Mikulski

A major poll question to ask now is: Are you worried about the prospect of biochemical warfare in light of the recent anthrax cases?

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Knowing CPR could save a life

Picture yourself walking to class one day. Suddenly you notice that someone is lying face down on the ground. You can tell that they aren’t breathing and that they might be having a heart attack. Do you know what to do from here? Could it be good for you? If the answer is no, then why not?

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a skill that everyone can learn and it can help to save a person’s life. It increases a person’s chances of surviving cardiac arrest by supplying blood and oxygen to the victim’s brain and heart. Without sacrificing months or years on medical training, it is the most concrete thing you can do to save a person’s life.

Most people have seen CPR performed on TV shows such as Baywatch, ER or Chicago Hope. Everyone has probably seen the heroes on the show perform a few minutes of chest compressions and a couple of breaths and miraculously revive the victim in cardiac arrest. They also seem to revive about 75 percent of victims in cardiac arrest. Unfortunately things don’t work that way in the real world.

In reality, the only way to revive someone in cardiac arrest is to use a defibrillator to deliver an electric shock to the heart. I’m sure you’ve seen the actors on ER yell “CLEAR!” and use the “paddles” to shock a patient. This actually does not “jump start” the heart; it actually stops the heart for a few seconds in order for it to regain the correct rhythm. This is the only effective way to get a patient’s heart rhythm back to normal.

That being said, why do CPR? The reason is that it “buys time” for a fully trained defibrillator to arrive. A defibrillator can arrive at the victim. It helps keep their brain and heart alive until someone arrives who is fully trained in CPR. Today automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) are handheld units which can be placed almost everywhere. The units are basically idiot-proof and use a computer to analyze the victim’s heart rhythm. They give all the necessary instructions, even with a computerized voice. They have been successfully placed in police cars, fire trucks, airports, large malls and even airplanes.

The chances of surviving cardiac arrest vary widely and depend mostly on where it happens. Survival rates can range from two percent to 30 percent. Some communities have seen their cardiac arrest survival rates jump from two percent to 30 percent after implementing AED programs. With the effective placement of AEDs, the safest place to have a heart attack today probably is a Las Vegas casino. Most casinos have AEDs placed no more than two minutes from any location in the casino. This has resulted in cardiac arrest survival rates as high as 74 percent when the victim is shocked within three minutes of collapse.

When it comes down to it, you might be hesitant to actually perform mouth to mouth on someone. More than a few people have told me that it is a reason why they don’t take CPR classes. Since I’m also not interested in sucking face with a total stranger, I feel the same way. I have two suggestions. The first is to buy a keychain CPR shield. It’s a pouch that attaches onto your keychain that contains a plastic shield with a one-way valve to place in the victim’s mouth. You blow into the one-way valve, which prevents any of the victim’s breath from coming up. Although there has never been a documented case of someone getting a communicable disease from mouth to mouth resuscitation, using a mask does act to ease your mind. It also prevents the victim from spitting up into the defibrillator. They cost about five dollars and can be carried around anywhere.

Another thing you can do is to learn about chest compressions as compared to chest compressions with mouth to mouth. The study showed that the survival rates were nearly identical between the two groups.

The theory is that the victim’s blood is relatively well oxygenated in the first few minutes following a cardiac arrest. In this case, chest compressions are better than nothing. It buys the victim time until someone arrives who is fully trained in CPR. One study is not enough for the major medical associations to change their guidelines but I think it is a valid option if you are not willing to do mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Now all you need is to get certified in CPR. You can’t learn CPR just by watching TV shows so get out there and get certified! You can contact the South Bend chapter of the Red Cross at (219) 234-0191. They will be able to tell you where and when the next class is being held. I hope you never need to give someone CPR but you may end up saving someone’s life. That person might be someone you know or a member of your family. I think that is reason enough to learn CPR.

Steve Carroll is a sophomore biology major. He is certified as an EMT and a firefighter in Pennsylvania and Indiana. He can be reached at carroll.22bnd.edu. This article is dedicated to FNY Rescue company 1, who lost a whole shift (11 fire­ fighters) in the cowardly and senseless attacks of Sept. 11th.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

A response to "random ignorance"

First and foremost, I would like to illuminate the point that this letter is not about the issue of recognition for OutreachND — by now that topic is too, and I believe that the group should not accept any recognition or money from the University unless it is accompanied by "throw stones" (vandal­ ous Bible reference) and pass judgment upon the lifestyle of others. I would like to toss a tiny pebble his way.

Although I would like to give great dis­ serve to myself and the gay/bisexual/lesbian community by recog­ nizing your arrogance, I simply must. In his letter, Klukowski likens homosexual activity to "random violence" and uses an analogy referring to a "random group of students in the campus who manifested this behavior in many ways."

I extended this notion to the financial aid director of the University, who stated that the administration would not change the budget if we were all present by our doors. Never, I said, more than 40 percent of one third of the student body. Of course, this was not the act­ ion of any students or groups.

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By JULIE BENDER and CHRISTIE BOLSEN

Scene Writers

What began in London as a small six-week theater project in 1973 has become an underground cult classic by today’s standards. Written by Richard O’Brien, "The Rocky Horror Show" started off as an experimental musical, mixing science-fiction and horror, while at the same time teasing the boundaries of alternative behaviors, sexuality and attitudes.

With high audience approval and positive reviews, "The Rocky Horror Show" graduated to larger, more widely known theaters. As the audience grew, so did its fame, and so did its ritual.

Cast members acting in “Rocky Horror” troupes have an uncanny ability to mimic the film, the audience transformed into an escape from society’s conformity. People began showing up dressed as the androgynous characters, wearing gothic velvets and lace and sometimes only underclothes.

This audience interaction soon took on the role of actually acting along with the characters on screen as the film played in the background. Acting troupes formed in various cities, some troupes took the show so seriously they held auditions.

With time "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" evolved into its own phenomenon. Although every troupe has its own traditions, certain aspects of the film are universal. Before each showing, the master of ceremonies announces the rules of the theater while Rocky Horror survival kits are handed out or sold to the audience.

Next, the virgin sacrifice: anyone who has never seen the show is dragged onto the stage and is subject to embarrassment, but harmless rituals, which vary depending on the acting troupe that is performing.

After everyone is seated again, the lights dim and the film starts. A spotlight shines on the actors up front as they lip-sync the on-screen characters. Throughout the film the audience will periodically rise from their seats and dance in the aisles of the theater while shouting and sexually explicit comments at the screen.

So exactly what is the draw of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"? The answer lies in the audience’s interpretation of the film. As far as movies go, "Rocky Horror" lacks a solid plot and sometimes (always) borders on the bizarre. And certainly, none of the actors play Oscar-winning roles in the movie, even with names like Susan Sarandon and Meatloaf. Yet, audiences keep coming.

The theme of the film, one of openness and freedom. In "Rocky Horror" there are no inhibitions regarding sexuality and alternative lifestyles. Going to "Rocky Horror" is to come to a place where everyone is embraced. Inside the theater there is no judgment; everyone becomes a part of a unique group of people far from the mundane. Social conformity (and extra clothing) is left at the door.

The film celebrates the extraordinary stories of several individuals, in which they explore and act out their sexual curiosity. Brad Majors, played by Barry Bostwick, and Janet Weiss, played by Susan Sarandon, are the two newly engaged protagonists. While driving to visit an old college professor one cold November evening, their car runs into some tire trouble, forcing the couple to seek help up the road.

The palace they come upon is owned by a “sweet transvestite” named Frank N. Furter (Tim Curry); Frank takes the pair on a liberating journey meeting characters such as Riff Raff, the butcher (Richard O’Brien); his incestuous sister Magenta (Patricia Quinn); Columbia, the tap dancer (Little Nell) and Eddie, the undertaker (Meatloaf). Along the way the pair runs into Dr. Scott, the old college professor they were on their way to visit (Johnathan Adams); and Furter’s scientific creation, Rocky Horror himself, played by Peter Hinwood.

By the end of the film, the innocent Brad and Janet find themselves confused and unsure of what normality is anymore. With all the "Rocky Horror" characters returned to the planet Transsexual in Transylvania, Brad and Janet must face the task of readjusting to society alone after such an experience. Upon leaving the theater, viewers of the film often feel the same way.

The experience of seeing the production is quite unique. Many people may think that they have seen the film, but it is guaranteed to be unlike any other experience. Upon leaving the theater, viewers of the film often feel the same way.

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mecca. Their show is filled with mischief, mayhem and mixed up sexuality.

Shortly before the Pink Invaders' pre-show, an actor stripped down to shiny green bikini underwear and proceeded to perform lap dances for innocent audience members. Meanwhile, another cast member sold survival kits, which contained various props for the audience to throw during key scenes in the movie.

Included were: bags of M&Ms, a roll of toilet paper, a pair of latex gloves, newspaper, some playing cards, toast and other useful items.

When the pre-show itself began, it became obvious that most of the audience had never seen the movie on countless occasions since they have the lines memorized and shout back at the screen in unison. Callbacks involve responding to the characters' actions or words on-screen, usually twisting the meaning of the lines with sexual innuendo.

The encore, Shawn Stutler, owns the Crosstown Theater and is the leader of the Pink Invaders acting troupe. He performs "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" with the group on a weekly basis.

Stutler begins the show with a disclaimer for the easily offended to leave within a ten second countdown. That said, the obscenities and sexual references flow freely for rest of the show.

The pre-show is a bizarre mix of theatre and ritual; for example, last Saturday part of the mad festivities included passing around a sequined collection hat to pay an audience member to cut off his mullet. After the secret Rocky Horror virgin rituals were performed, the movie began.

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Jennifer Grzanka, a Pink Invaders cast member who plays Riff Raff and has also been Dr. Scott, Janet and Magenta, thinks that the unique cult appeal is largely based on this audience interaction. "It's definitely about being who you are and not being afraid to be whatever you want to be ... the whole atmosphere of 'Rocky' is very open and accepting," Grzanka said.

Many of the actors credit the tolerant atmosphere as being a major factor in its widespread appeal. The movie portrays characters of all sexual orientations and appearances, from the clean-cut Janet and Brad to the outrageously flamboyant Frank N. Furter in his black makeup and drag.

Jennifer Grzanka, a crew member and actor, began watching the show three years ago. Though she wears red glittery corsets and black leather galore, not to mention plenty of visible undergarments. "It's all about sex and drag," Grzanka laughed, only half-jokingly.

"It's also about open-mindedness, having a good time, laughing at yourself and being secure with your sexuality," Gamlin agreed. "It's probably one of the most unique experiences in theatre you're going to see ... how many movies do you go to where people are shouting at the screen, throwing different props at different scenes; people are acting it out in front of the screen; everybody goes up and dances at some point during the film — just that alone, where else do you get that? I don't think they did that at "Titanic.""

"The Rocky Horror Picture Show" is featured every Saturday night at midnight. On Oct. 27, the Pink Invaders will have their special Halloween show. Tickets cost $5, and a survival kit is $1 a piece. For more information call the box office at (219) 980-0589.

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Yankees beat Mariners 3-2 to take ALCS lead

Associated Press

SEATTLE
Lou Pinella's stare was hard when he walked into the interview room tonight, his cheeks puffing over clenched teeth. The Seattle Mariners won 116 games and took the regular-season mark and the Yankees are threatening to banish that assumption into the small print of record books.

The Yankees edged Seattle tonight, 3-2. In the American League Championship Series, doing the same things they did to win Game 1, the starting pitcher throwing well and handing a lead to the bullpen, Mariano Rivera blowing away the last hitters.

The series is shifting to Yankee Stadium for the next three games beginning Saturday, and the Mariners' task is extraordinary: they must win four of the next five games against a team that has won three straight World Series championships and their last five playoff games.

The Yankees were on the verge of elimination now, and Piniella was furious, his face crimson.

Before anyone asked a question, Pinella made a statement. "We're going to be back here to play Game 6. Now you can ask any questions you want."

Pinella's words sharpened thereafter, and he stayed on message, talking through a question about some of his slumping hitters.

"They have done it all year for us, but you know what — there's still time," Pinella said. "We've got another five games to play."

Pinella's statement was replayed within seconds in the Yankees' clubhouse, and one coach emitted a loud whistle. The utilityman Luis Sojo said, "That's not going to happen."

It won't if Seattle cannot generate more runs. Andy Pettitte stifled the Mariners in Game 1 and tonight it was Mike Mussina, who held Seattle to two runs in six innings despite having less than his best stuff.

Fredy Garcia started on three days' rest for Seattle and the Yankees scored all their runs against him in the second inning. Scott Brosius ripped a two-run double and Chuck Knoblauch dropped a run-scoring single just in front of center fielder Mike Cameron to tie a regular-season mark and the Yankees were on the verge of eliminating Seattle.

It was the worst possible start for Seattle. The last time Yankees last lost in the ALCS was 1995. They went on to lose three straight games against the Tampa Bay Rays in the ALDS.

But Mussina could not exploit the experienced Mariners hitters as he did the Oakland hitters last weekend, when he pitched seven consecutive strikeouts, in fact, before lining a hit over second baseman Alfonso Soriano. David Bell slugged two more fouls, worked a full count and then struck out. The Mariners failed to score in the inning but they had taxed Mussina, forcing him to throw 29 pitches in the inning.

"I don't think he had his good stuff," catcher Jorge Posada said. "But he didn't give up."

There was extra stress on Mussina in the third inning, as well. Ichiro Suzuki, clubbed a long drive to center field and Bernie Williams, the baseball pinballing off the inside of his glove and falling to the ground for a two-base error.

New York's Alfonso Sorano throws to first base as the Mariners' Bret Boone slides into second base during the Yankees' 3-2 win.

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New Jersey ends winless streak, wins 6-1

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Patrick Elias, Jason Arnott and the New Jersey Devils snapped a four-game winless streak with a 6-1 victory over the San Jose Sharks on Thursday night.

Elias had three goals and two assists, Arnott had two and two assists, and Martin Brodeur had 24 saves in an overtime win.

The Sharks had scored six goals in five games, and New Jersey's loss streak made it look as if they were ready to win it.

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The Devils scored four times in the opening 11:51 of the second period to break the game open.

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The Devils' Elias scored an empty-net goal for Dallas with 1.2 seconds left in the game, and the team prevailed.

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**ND Swimming**

Skube joins ND staff

Special to The Observer

Irish head coach Bailey Weathers announced today the hiring of Josh Skube as an assistant swimming and diving coach. Skube replaces Kristin Heath, who left in July to pursue other opportunities.

Skube moves into a full-time role after serving as the Irish volunteer coach last season. Notre Dame finished the year by winning its fifth consecutive Big East swimming and diving title and qualifying three athletes for the NCAA meet.

"We are excited to have Josh remain on our staff in an expanded role. He brought a lot to our last team season and we expect him to do even more in his new position this year," Weathers said.

A '98 graduate of Indiana University, Skube was a member of the Roll State swimming team from 1994-96. Skube was also a member of the Indiana University Masters Swim Team.

A distance freestyle specialist, Skube is from nearby Chesterton, Ind., and attended Chesterton High School. Chesterton won the Duneland Conference title his junior and senior season, while he was named the team's most valuable player.

Skube has been published in Swim Technique and has served as an assistant coach at Bloomington North High School and Duneland Swim Club.

A member of the American College of Sports Medicine, Skube received a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Indiana and is currently pursuing a master's degree in exercise physiology.

"I am excited about continuing at Notre Dame in my new role and having the opportunity to teach and coach some of the best swimmers in the nation. I look forward to challenging this team and driving them toward continued success," Skube said.

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**SMC Volleyball**

Belles looking to bump out of last place

By KATIE McVOY

Associate Sports Editor

It's crunch time. With only two MIAA games left in the season before the tournament, the Belles will have to turn up their intensity to finish the season higher than last place.

"We need to keep the intensity up," head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

Even if they keep the intensity, the Belles are going to have a hard time bringing home wins in the next week. The Belles final two games come against two of the three teams tied for first place in the MIAA. The Belles will face off against the Scots of Alma on Saturday and the Flying Dutch of Hope College on Wednesday before heading into the MIAA tournament on Oct. 30.

Coming off of a near-win against the Bulldogs of Adrian, moving forward is key for the Belles.

"Our goal now is to not go backwards," Schroeder-Biek said. "To build for the future."

Saint Mary's (1-11) will have its hands full with the 9-3 Bulldogs and Flying Dutch. The Scots are 18-8 overall, while the Flying Dutch have reached an overall record of 15-9.

Both teams defeated the Belles in the last contest this season. Last season, Hope won the MIAA Championship, with only one loss all season. The Flying Dutch are coming off of a loss to Calvin that forced them to relinquish sole possession of first place.

Hope will again be led by junior Laura Hanfeld, who has been finishing most games in double digit kills in both kills and digs all season. Alma will not be any easier. The Scots are coming off of five straight victories that culminated with a 3-0 victory against Olivet on Wednesday.

"The Scots are on-track to finish better than their 9-5 MIAA record last season and possibly win the MIAA championship, something that has not happened under head coach Penny Allen-Cook," Schroeder-Biek said.

The Belles, who have seen strong play by individuals, are looking for a strong team effort to wrap up regular-season play.

"I am looking for this team to come into this one with intensity," said Schroeder-Biek. "And everybody needs to take care of their game and play their game." Arlon gets under way at 1 p.m. at Alma on Saturday.

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NBA
Jordan makes first start

Associated Press

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich -

Michael Jordan scored 16 points and grabbed six rebounds for the Bulls, but his Washington Wizards lost 114-88 to the Detroit Pistons in a preseason game Thursday night before a soldout crowd of 11,639 at Van Andel Arena.

Detroit’s Jerry Stackhouse scored a game-high 36 points. Jordan was 7-for-20 from the field and 9-for-12 from the free throw line in his third exhibi­
tion game before a soldout crowd of

18,000 at Miami.

He made a few crafty cuts to

finish several layups, both of

which shows. In other sequences, however, Jordan looked savvy at times by getting into

the passing lane and knocking

the ball - but was unable to

pick up three first-half fouls

39 seconds into the game.

He looked vulnerable during

other sequences, however, picking up three first-half fouls and five in the game. Seven-

year veteran Michael Curry, never known for his offensive skills, scored easily on Jordan with a drop-step move a few minutes into the game.

"That's something that's

been out there a while, but it's

still early in the process," Chryst said. "As this package here is being developed, I see the stan-

dards broadening as an encouraging sign for us." The council, which is to

meet in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday, is expected to send the propo-

sal to its full member-

ship for comment. No final decision is expected until at least next spring.

The proposal would change current standards by eliminating a confer-

ence exemption that allows leagues with at

least six schools to main-

tain Division I-A status if half of the league mem-

ber schools meet either of the two requirements - aver-

aging 17,000 fans over a four-year period or having

a stadium that seats at

least 30,000.

The changes would require schools to award

80 percent of the 85-

scholarship limit in foot-

ball and 20 scholarships in all sports totaling at

least 64 million, sponsored a minimum of 16 varsity

sports - eight of which are women’s sports - play host to at least five Division I-A football games and average at

least 15,000 in atten-

dance.

The changes would put

almost half of the MAC's 13

teams in jeopardy of retain-

ing their status.

Council chairman Charles

Harris, commissioner of the Mid-Eastern Athletic

Conference, could not be

reached for comment.

But Chryst views some of

the broader standards as a

good sign for his schools.

"The MAC has historically

sponsoring a lot of sports," he

said. "We sponsor 23 chal-

lenges now and we schol-

arship a lot of kids. That's

what encouraging." The problem for the MAC

always has been football.

Six of the 13 conference

schools averaged fewer than

15,000 in attendance last season and a seventh, Northern Illinois, averaged

15,757. Of the 10 schools

averaging fewer than 15,000

this season, five are MAC

schools - including Northern Illinois at 14,752.

Four others are averaging

fewer than 19,000.

Still, Chryst said, there are

signs of progress. Marshall

has been one of the nation's

most successful football pro-

grams since joining the MAC and Toledo is ranked No. 25

this week, Chryst hopes that

will benefit his schools.

"What we've tried to do is

try to improve ourselves in

the market place," Chryst

said. "We've got another

team in the Top 25, we've got

a second bowl game for

the first time in our history

and in the top end of the

league, attendance is better

than it's ever been. Our aim

ain't to water down the stan-

dards, our aim is to get bet-

ter." Football is just one item on the council's agenda.

The council is expected
to discuss several changes in basketball, including the 5/8 rule, which allows a school to award no more than five scholarships in one year and no more than eight in any two-year period, and limiting the summer recruiting peri-

od to 20 consecutive days instead of two 10-day period.

"Those are all up for the

second time, and everything has to go to the management
council twice," NCAA spokeswom­

an Jane Lankowski said. "If they get approval it will go to the Board of Directors." In addition, the council is expected to table proposed changes on amateurism rules until its spring meet-

ing.
SMC SOCCER

Belles don't get a break

By KATRINA KALASKY
Sports Writer

While most will be relaxing during fall break, the Belles will hit the road to play three games against Alma, Albion and Olivet. Then the Saint Mary's season comes to a close next Saturday against Adrian at home.

"Ideally we would like to win all four of them," said head coach Bobby Johnston. "That's a goal of ours and that's been a goal all season. Just about every game is important.

The first game will be Saturday against No. 7 Alma. The Belles have already beaten the Scots 4-3 earlier in the season. Alma has only won one game in the conference this season. The Scots only have two seniors and 13 underclassmen on the team this year. Their roster is similar to Saint Mary's, whose roster has 13 freshmen. The Belles will have to watch out for junior Jessica Roberts, one of Saint Mary's leading scorers.

The game at Alma College at noon on Saturday.

"We're at least looking to improve how we played the previous games against the teams," said Johnston. "If we could win all four games that would be the best way to end the season."

Next Tuesday brings the Belles' biggest challenge of the next week, number one Albion College. In an earlier match up, the Belles lost 1-4. The Britons were also first in the conference last year and have eighteen returning players on the team this year.

Albion is currently undefeated in the MIAA conference. The game is at four o'clock on Tuesday at Albion College.

"This is the second time around that we're playing these teams and that's an advantage to us. With such a young team a lot of our players hadn't been able to see who our competitors were," said Johnston.

The Belles suffered a disappointing loss on Wednesday to Olivet but they will have a chance to redeem themselves on Thursday. The Belles lost a close game in overtime to their rivals the Comets. This game has been rescheduled from a game that was postponed earlier in the season. Olivet is currently ranked fourth in the league. The game is at 4 p.m. at Olivet.

The final game of the Belles season will be played at home against Adrian College. Saint Mary's already defeated Adrian earlier in the season, 4-1. The Bulldogs are currently ranked last in the conference.

The game is at noon at Saint Mary's.

"[A good MIAA ranking] is fairly important but it's not the top priority right now," Johnston said. "It was one of our goals at the beginning of the season to be up there in the top of the conference but as we've progressed through the season we've learned more that ranking isn't as important as improvement as a team and I think we can easily say we've improved every week. We just want to finish the season well and hopefully get a good ranking."

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6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 am
Aaron Talarico returns a shot during a match earlier this season at the Eck Pavilion. Notre Dame faces USC this weekend in their first dual match of the fall season.

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will remain the same.

"It's pretty close in the top seven or eight (singles players)," Bayliss said. "But it will be the same guys between Casey, Javier, Luis, and Aaron." The No. 5 singles position for the Irish will most likely be filled by Matt Scott, while the No. slot will feature either Andrew Laflin or Brian Farrell. "Matt Scott will definitely play," Bayliss said. "And it's probably between Laflin and Farrell for rounding out the top six. I feel like those guys are both top six players, they've both had real good falls." The doubles portion of the lineup should also be familiar, as the pairing of Taborga and Smith will defend the Irish at No. 1, followed by Talarico and Haddock—Morales at No. 2. The No. 3 doubles team is yet to be determined, but Bayliss has a number of options and is not without the resources to form a solid duo. "Third doubles will be between, at this point, Paul McNaughton, Ashok Raju, Brent D'Amico, and perhaps Brian Farrell," Bayliss said. "All of those guys are in the hunt there." This early season test will not be an easy one, as the Trojans boast a powerful lineup highlighted by four singles players ranked in the top 100 in the nation, along with the No. 1 doubles team in the country.

Rankied 34th, the Irish doubles team of Smith and Taborga will have the opportunity to compete against the top pairing in the nation, USC's Ryan Moore and Nick Rainey. Smith and Taborga have already compiled a 9-2 record, and recently won the consolation title at the ITA All-American Championships, where they won 6 of 7 matches and defeated three top 30 opponents.

As the whole season is ahead of them the Irish are gradually coming together and developing to the level they expect. "The team is taking shape," Bayliss said. "It's slowly beginning to mold its way into some sort of form."

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However, if the Irish hope to defeat USC, they will have to rely on more than more knowledge of their opponent. Louderback is hopeful that the senior members of the Irish will lead the team to victory.

"The key for us will be how well our seniors play," he said. Senior starters Nina Vaughn and Becky Varnum will definitely be crucial elements in that equation. Two weeks ago, Varnum earned five tough wins against some of Georgia's top players in the nation. Meanwhile, in Palm Springs, California, Vaughn tuned up her game in the individual singles tournament.

With some Irish starters playing their first dual-matches ever, Louderback is convinced that senior leadership is necessary to stabilize the team against their experienced opponent. However, he is quick to point out that regardless of the outcome, this match will not make or break Notre Dame's season. "Even though early season matches like this won't necessarily help or hurt us, it's going to be a really fun one to play," he said.

The match will be held at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

No. 4 Irish wrap up Big East play at No. 15 UConn

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

In the Notre Dame women's soccer team's final Big East game of the season, the No. 4 Irish face their biggest league challenge so far this year, taking on No. 15 Connecticut on the road in Storrs, Conn. on Sunday.

There hasn't been a better time for the Irish to face the Huskies, as Notre Dame is playing some of its best soccer this season right now, having dispatched St. John's and Miami last weekend with a combined 11-0 score.

"That's true (that the Irish are playing well)," said freshman defender and forward Candace Chapman, who has played solid soccer this season. "But I think our best soccer is yet to come."

The Irish scoring explosion has been spearheaded by sophomore striker Amy Warzeza and senior midfielder Mia Sarkesian. Warner had three goals last weekend alone, and was honored as Big East Offensive Player of the Week for her efforts.

As the two best teams in the Big East, Notre Dame and Connecticut have engaged in some epic battles over the years, including the last five Big East championship games, all of which were close Irish victories.

If a team has ever had another team's number, Notre Dame has Connecticut's. The Irish have defeated the Huskies twice in the league championship game every season since joining the conference in 1995. the year the Irish also won the national championship. Ironically, Notre Dame beat Connecticut 2-0 in 1995 in the third round of NCAAs.

This Big East Championship streak included the 2000 Big East Championship game, where the Irish defeated the Huskies 1-0 to take the Big East title at Alumni Field. Notre Dame realizes whatever the history of these two teams, this is still a season-defining game.

But the Irish aren't losing much sleep over Sunday.

"I don't think anyone is worrying about it," said Chapman. Connecticut comes into Sunday's contest with a 10-4 record, and are 5-1 in Big East play. The Huskies' stats are almost identical to the Irish. Both teams score just over two goals a game, while allowing 0.8 scores a game. Both teams can be expected to take around 17.5 shots per game.

"Honestly, we're just going to go out there and take it to them," said Chapman.

In their preparation, the Irish have not tailored their practice to any specific strengths or weaknesses of the Huskies. Notre Dame has simply concentrated on playing their usual style and their game.

"[We've] definitely have been looking forward to it," said Chapman. "It's a big game. We're just doing our thing."

And if history is any indication, that thing is securing a win over the Huskies.

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Sophomore forward Amanda Guertin kicks the ball forward during Notre Dame's victory against St. John's earlier this season.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish carry momentum into weekend matchup

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Following one of the program's biggest wins ever against No. 6 Indiana, the men's soccer team will return to Big East competition Saturday against Boston College at Alumni Field.

The Irish now must turn their attention from their huge win back to conference play. Over fall break, Notre Dame will play three Big East games. The outcome of these games could have great implications regarding the conference tournament.

"We've got to settle down very quickly. We've got to re-focus, and we've got to be well prepared," head coach Bobby Clark said. "This is a huge game for us. In my mind, it is the biggest game we've played all year."

Notre Dame currently stands in sixth place in the conference with its 4-2 conference record. While the top eight teams are granted a spot in the season-ending tournament, the top four teams get to host the first round of play. Currently, the Irish are in a dog-fight for one of these top four spots, with just two games separating them from first-place Connecticut.

"If we can take something out of this game, we are in great shape for making the conference tournament," Clark said. "It would also be very nice if we can get a [top four] seed, because then somebody has to come to your home instead of you going to theirs."

The Irish could again have their hands full with the No. 21 Eagles this weekend. Boston College is 6-3 on the year and 5-2 in the Big East, in second place behind Connecticut.

"I was watching tape this morning on the Boston College [Connecticut] game, and we're good. I thought they were a better team than [Connecticut]." Clark said. "Boston College is a very good team. They are certainly one of the top teams in the Big East, so this is going to be a huge game for us."

The Eagles have outscored opponents 25-9 this year, and are lead in scoring by sophomore forward Adam Pfeifer, who has thirteen points with five goals.

On Wednesday, the Irish may get a bit of a breather, as they take on Big East bottom-dweller Providence on the road. The Friars are currently winless on the year, with a 0-5 record in Big East competition.

If the Boston College game is not the biggest match-up of the year for the Irish, the contest against Connecticut on the last day of fall break could very well be. On the night of Oct. 27, Notre Dame travels to Storrs, Conn. to play defending national champion Connecticut. The 13th-ranked Huskies stand in first place in the Big East at this point in the season with an 8-2 overall record and a perfect 5-0 mark in Big East play. If the Irish continue to play well, this match-up could prove very important for seedings in the conference tournament.

"We play our season one game at a time," Clark stated. "Right now, our first thing is to find a way to get into Big East tournament, because we didn't get there last year."

The Irish kickoff their three-game Fall Break schedule at 7 p.m. Saturday at Alumni Field against Boston College.

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

**Irish destroy Wildcats**

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team scored seven goals in the first 11 minutes on its way to a 15-4 win over the Northwestern Wildcats in the first regular season game.

Junior Danielle Shearer and sophomore Kate Marotta each scored three goals while Natalie Lofts, Angela Dixon and Lauren Fischer added two apiece in the win.

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**MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL BLUE LEAGUE**

Sorin makes playoffs with 22-6 win

**By JOE HETTLER and JOE LINDSEY**

Sparen Wines

It wasn't pretty, but Sorin got the job done.

Despite missing players, freezing weather and a muddy field, the Otters defeated a winless St. Ed's team 22-6 on Wednesday night to secure a playoff berth in their final regular season game.

"We played pretty well," said Sorin quarterback Greg Carney. "It was good to come out here on a Wednesday night after not being able to practice and do well."

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"A lot of people are starting to catch on and realize what they are supposed to do," said Carney. "We're definitely going to add some stuff because we have a week to start thinking of new plays."

St. Ed's co-captain Nick Sciola feels that the season was an overall positive experience despite not winning any games.

"It was our last game and we left it all out on the field," said Sciola. "Obviously without victories its tough to say we all loved every second of it, but with a two-yard touchdown all around season."

**Fisher 14, Zahm 6**

The Fisher Green Wave went on to score 14 points against Notre Dame Stadium and interhall football championship as they beat Zahm 14-6 Thursday, thus adding another win to their undefeated season.

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"He was just awesome, all day long," said Gorman. "He played great."

"We have a good plan, and we need to keep working on it."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Spartans invade Rolfs tonight

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Sneaking in one more dual meet before fall break, the Irish swimming and diving team will face off against the Michigan State Spartans tonight at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Maintaining focus will be the key for the 1-0 Irish, especially coming off a week of midterms, said head coach Bailey Weathers.

"We have to be focused enough to maintain control," Weathers said. "I don't think it should be super-hard for us, as long as we're smart about what we're doing and we're focused."

The Irish should have the competitive advantage over Michigan State, who will dive into the pool for its first competition tonight. The Spartans have only competed in two exhibition meets so far this season, while the Irish have already chalked victories over Pittsburgh and over six teams at the exhibition meets so far this season.

"It's definitely an advantage," said senior co-captain Maureen Gillemeyer. "We know where our team stands, and we've had the chance to get some races under our belt."

Senior Kelly Hecking will go up against two Spartan Big Ten top finishers in the backstroke events. Seniors Ashley Ballock and junior Katie Duncomb lead the Spartan swimmers lead the Spartan swimmers in the backstroke. Supporting Hecking, sophomore Danielle Hallak, freshman Kristin Peterson and sophomore Jessica Roberts will even out the Irish backstroke corps.

"We feel pretty comfortable with [Hecking]," Weathers said. "Butterfly will also be a test for the Irish, going up against Spartan senior Bidike Szczelzyk. Sophomore Lisa Garcia and senior Amy Deger will swim both the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly events for Notre Dame."

The Irish diving squad, led by All-American Heather Mattingly, will also face a test against Spartan diver Carly Weiden. Weiden was the top Big Ten finisher in 2001.

Tonight's meet begins at 7:30 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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A Notre Dame swimmer comes up for air during the breaststroke at the Notre Dame Relays earlier this year.

GOLF

Irish to compete at final tourney

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The weather is beginning to turn cold and nasty, and soon it will be time for the Notre Dame men's golf team to put the clubs away. That is, at least with respect to playing in golf tournaments.

After an eighth place finish at the Xavier Invitational two weeks ago, the Irish are hoping that continued improvements since then will lead to a top finish in the final tournament of their fall season. The Irish will compete at the Tillinghast Invitational Monday and Tuesday in Scarsdale, New York.

The tournament is hosted by St. John's University, and the Irish are expecting much of the same competition they have faced in their previous tournaments.

The field includes Northwestern, Navy, Providence College, Boston College, Rutgers, and Michigan.

"Hopefully we can finish up there in the top few places," said senior Steve Ratay, who finished fourth for the Irish at the Xavier Invitational. "That was his best performance for the Irish this season after leading the team all of last year.

Ratay believes Notre Dame's confidence level has begun to increase on the links.

"It's better, but we're not bubbling over with confidence. We can start playing a little better," Ratay said.

The Irish are looking forward to play the Tillinghast Course, which, according to Ratay, is nicest course they have played this fall.

"It's an awesome course," he said.

The line-up for the Irish hasn't yet been finalized.

Despite who represents the Irish, though, after two weeks of inaction, and with no other tournaments in sight until February, Notre Dame is excited about next week's chance to prove themselves.

"We're ready to go," said Ratay.

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Turning the tide

Arrival of Bobby Johnston brings respect for once-struggling program

By KATIE MCVAY
Assistant Sports Editor

In early November 2000, things were looking bleak. There had only been three wins all season, team confidence was low, and things didn’t seem to be getting any better. Then, to top things off, the coach left.

“A lot of things were up in the air and it was kind of hard to have faith that we could have this new coaching staff come in and a freshman class that was extraordinary,” junior captain Heather Muth said. “Everyone was a little bit doubtful.”

In the last year, things have turned around. With the season not yet over, the Belles have already racked up five wins, added two more near wins and taken a step towards becoming a real contender. In the wake of a very disappointing season, the Belles were unsure about themselves and the program.

“At the beginning we were trying to be optimistic for the season but we still had doubts,” Muth said.

Both mentally and physically, the team was not where it wanted to be. After suffering several disappointing losses, focus and confidence were low.

“They were probably not the strongest team of a disappointing season in many aspects,” Johnston said.

Muth added that the team, although talented, had not developed their skills as much as they wanted to.

“I think we have a very talented group of players on our team, but at the beginning of the season we needed to brush up on skills,” said Muth.

Then, late last spring, Bobby Johnston, a native who had been coaching high school soccer, was hired to replace the previous head coach, Jason Milligan. Milligan had resigned after the season ended. When Johnston came in, he was going to turn the team around.

“I didn’t come here to be an average program,” Johnston said. “I have the mentality that this is not a glorified intramural program.”

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Tennis teams meet in battle before the war

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

With the first dual-match-up of the season finally here, the Irish men’s tennis team gets to test out its lineup and see how they will contend.

Notre Dame will play host to the USC Trojans tonight, and look to start the season by slating one in the win column.

The Irish will most likely go with the same lineup that has appeared in tournament play of the fall season, with senior Javier Taborga topping the singles lineup, followed by Casey Smith, Aaron Talarico, and Luis Haddock-Morales. However, the order is not set in stone, and the crowd shouldn’t be surprised if changes are made.

Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss is planning on evaluating a variety of factors in making final lineup decisions.

“I’m going to look at all of the fall results and factor that in,” Bayliss said. “Whoever has done the best — I’ll try to look at who they’ve played, who they’re beaten, who they’ve lost to. It’ll be mostly the same people, but not necessarily the same order.”

A shakeup could come in response to the disappointing singles performances by首席 and Talarico in the recent Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships. Both Taborga and Talarico were knocked out in the qualifying rounds of the event after each held leads against his opponents.

Regardless, the top four in the Irish

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by COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writer

Irish, Trojans both competed in women’s national finals last year

There won’t be any time wasted when the Notre Dame women’s tennis team faces off against the highly-touted USC Trojans today.

The women’s first dual-match play competition will be a challenge as they face a USC squad that finished last year ranked No. 8 in the nation and returned all of their top starters.

Head coach Jay Louderback is excited about the prospect of starting off the year against such a tough team.

“It’s always good to get a feel for the top teams in the nation,” Louderback said. “I think its going to be a great match.”

Past matches against USC have proved to be close and competitive. Two years ago, the Irish faced off against the Trojans twice, narrowly losing both contests 5-4.

Notre Dame always features a number of players from the Southern California area, which should make the match-ups even more interesting. Nina Vaughn, Caylan Leslie, Lindsey Green and Michelle Hamilton all hail from the Southern California region.

“A lot of these girls have known each other for years and they’ve played against each other growing up. They are a good team to play because you always know the matches will be fair,” said Louderback.

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ND, USC meet in ‘biggest game’ of 2001

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Southern Cal-Notre Dame series has included 18 national championship teams, 11 Heisman Trophy winners and the beginning of Notre Dame’s tradition of wearing green jerseys for important games.

But with this year’s game featuring two teams with losing records and neither team ranked in the top 25, it is easy to understand why Sports Illustrated called this series the “most overrated college football rivalry.”

Neither team has been ranked in the top 25, it is easy to see why this game has become meaningless.

By MIKE
Vollers, whose is from Southern California. “Even in terms of national title implications, this game has become meaningless.”

But that doesn’t mean the game has lost any importance for the players and coaches.

“This is a 75-year tradition,” said Irish offensive tackle Kurt Voller, whose is from Southern California. “Even if both teams are below .500, this is a feature game all over the nation. That speaks for itself that we can’t be under .500 and everyone still wants to watch. There is too much tradition in the past to overlook it this year.”

For Southern Cal fans, there are only two games on the schedule that really matter: UCLA and Notre Dame.

There are a lot of people who say we don’t care what you do on the rest of your schedule as long as you beat Notre Dame and UCLA,” Southern Cal first-year head coach Pete Carroll said.

Irish head coach Bob Davie, who has been involved in other intense rivalries at previous coaching positions, said nothing can compare to the pageantry and tradition of Notre Dame-USC.

“There’s just some pageantry that you don’t have anywhere else,” said Davie who has coached in other noted rivalry games such as Texas A&M-Texas and Pittsburgh-Penn State. “This is an amazing contrast. It’s Notre Dame and USC. And the traditions, and the Midwest and the West, South Bend and Los Angeles … that bright sunshine back there against those dreary east coast or Midwest days.”

While both teams have very different backgrounds, they both desperately need a win Saturday to stay in bowl contention. USC at 2-4 and Notre Dame at 2-3 can ill afford another loss if they hope to qualify for a postseason game.

“We’re a football team that got in a hole early in the year,” Davie said. “We still in that hole. We’re scratching and clawing to get up out of it.”

While Southern Cal’s hole is a little deeper the Notre Dame’s, the Trojans could very easily be 6-0. All four losses have come by a combined 14 points. Both No. 7 Oregon and No. 11 Washington beat Southern Cal with last second field goals. The Trojans also lost to No. 12 Kansas State by just four and Stanford by five.

By the time Saturday’s game all over the nation. That game has lost any importance or Midwest.

“Look at USC and I see a team that’s played really good football teams this year,” Davie said. “They were in position to win in every one of those games.”

Carroll said his team has yet to put together an impressive performance but there is no better time to make a statement than in a big rivalry game like Notre Dame.

“I want to make sure we come out and play really hard and give them a good football game,” he said. “This is the biggest game we’ve had.”

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The Notre Dame Athletic Department Salutes its 2001-02 Student-Athlete Advisory Council

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) is comprised of representatives from each of the 26 sports, cheerleading squads and student managers groups. The SAAC serves as a liaison between student-athletes and Notre Dame Department of Athletics administration. It provides suggestions and feedback on issues pertinent to student-athletes, initiates and participates in community service projects and works to improve relationships among student-athletes, the general student population, faculty and staff.
**A true student-athlete**

Senior linebacker emerges as a leader on the field and has outstanding grade point average

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Senior linebacker Tyreo Harrison takes West Virginia tailback Avon Cobourne during Notre Dame's 34-24 win against the Mountaineers last weekend.

**Tyreo Harrison**

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Bob Davie
fifth season at Notre Dame
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Davie
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Sept. 8 at Nebraska - L
Sept. 22 Michigan St. - L
Sept. 29 at Texas A&M - L
Oct. 6 Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 13 W. Virginia - W
Oct. 20 USC
Oct. 27 at Boston College
Nov. 3 Tennessee
Nov. 17 Navy
Nov. 24 at Stanford
Dec. 1 at Purdue

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

COACHING

Give Davie credit — he hasn’t given up. He showed guts last week by calling the sideline kick and going for it on fourth down four times. The most important thing, though, is Davie is trying to get out a successful season this year.

QUARTERBACKS

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IRISH RUSHING

Palmer is highly touted by NFL scouts, saying his mobility and strong arm are ideal characteristics for an NFL quarterback. However, he’s thrown nearly as many interceptions as touchdowns (seven).

IRISH PASSING

Holiday keeps looking better and better. For the second week in a row, he picked up more than 100 rushing yards. It doesn’t matter if he doesn’t complete the deep pass — his legs are just as effective. Holiday is also getting valuable confidence as the season goes on.

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While Davie’s team finally has some momentum, Carroll’s team lost at the last second to Washington and Kansas State. But the fact that they were up and couldn’t hold the lead suggests that Carroll can’t put teams away.

For the Irish to win this game, Holiday must perform at his best. Expect 100-plus yards on the ground again and a few key passes to push the Irish over the edge. Javon Hunter is due for a big game and will reach up and bring down a victory. Setia comes through in the clutch to finish it off.

Palmer might be a good quarterback in the pros, but this college, not the NFL. Holiday’s footwork makes up for his passing flaws, but if the Irish fall behind by a lot, Holiday will be pressed into doing the things he doesn’t want to do — pass.

If the Irish concentrate on running the ball, they will dominate this category, but if Fisher and Jones can’t play, they will have problems. The Irish aren’t the second guess team USC will face. The first, Kansas State, put up 355 rushing yards against the Trojans.

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Davie has always wondered why USC never plays at Notre Dame in the cold November weather. But when the Trojans step onto Notre Dame Stadium, the blustery winds and cold temperatures are going to make them wish they were back in sunny California. Both passing games will be non-factors and the Irish running attack with give Notre Dame its third straight win over the Trojans.
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TROJAN RUSHING

TROJAN PASSING

SPECIAL TEAMS

INTANGIBLES

Roberts has emerged as a strong force on the defensive line. Weaver is wreaking havoc from his defensive end position. While the Irish have been using mostly nickel packages in the past two games, the line backers will once again play a significant role.

The secondary has truly distinguished itself in battling a pair of spread offenses. Walton is especially good in man-to-man coverage schemes. But this week, the Irish will find out how much of the secondary's success was the presence of five and six defensive backs.

Kelly is definitely Palmer’s go to receiver. He averages five catches a game. And Palmer does a good job throwing the ball in short yardage situations. While he is averaging 250 passing yards a game, he is turnover prone.

MactanBay isn’t the world’s greatest punter, but he buries kicks inside the 20-yard line a third of the time. The Trojans don’t have any game-breaking return men, but they get the job done.

On paper, Notre Dame should be able to dominate USC’s offensive line. However, West Virginia exploited holes in the Irish defensive line last week. Nobody will know which defensive line will show up to play — the one that shut down Pitt or the one that Nebraska humiliated.

Setta has yet to miss an extra point or a field goal this season, and he’s shown he can hit field goals from a long way out even if a towel is in his way. While Fillidnold’s leg has cooled off, he had one punt last week that landed inside the 5 yard line.

Notre Dame finally has some momentum on its side since the Irish started out 0-3. Two straight wins have given this team more confidence. And if the weather stays cold, that will play into Notre Dame’s hands.

Carroll does not know what the Notre Dame- USC rivalry is all about. This week he will find out. USC players will remember Notre Dame’s come back win two years ago.

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Sept. 1 San Jose St. - W
Sept. 8 Kansas State - L
Sept. 22 at Oregon - L
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Oct. 6 at Washington - L
Oct. 13 Arizona State - W
Oct. 20 at Arizona
Nov. 3 Oregon State
Nov. 10 at California
Nov. 17 UCLA

Pete Carroll
first season at
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career record:
2-4
at USC:
2-4
against Notre Dame:
0-0

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3 Carlos Perez QB 6-4 210 SR
4 Leon Harris DB 5-11 180 JR
5 Durrell Hill DB 5-11 180 FR
6 John Young LB 6-2 210 JR
7 Kendal Carter DB 5-10 180 FR
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9 Chad Pomeroy TE 6-10 210 FR
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Record: 2-4
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ANALYSIS

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The Trojans will feel the heat this weekend when they enter Notre Dame Stadium, despite the cold temperatures. Carlyle Holiday has been a proven spark to the offense since Notre Dame’s homecoming against the Texas A&M, his big strides have propelled the Irish to two much needed wins. His handling of the offense will give the Irish their third win to even out their record.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34 USC 17

USC hates the cold and rain even more than the rich guys in the gold seats do. Saturday’s game will be frigid and wet. Dave’s October winning streak will continue for another week as the Irish pound the Trojans into the mud.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27 USC 17

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Running up the middle actually works

The numb-skull spoke up around the 10th time Notre Dame ran the ball up the middle on first down. From somewhere in the upper levels of the student section, some genius who knows more about underwater basket-weaving than football lowered out, "There we go again — run the ball up the middle on first down, Davey, why don't you pass everyone once in a while?"

The answer is simple. Running works. It doesn't matter that everybody in Notre Dame Stadium knows that on first down, the Irish are going to be running the ball. It doesn't matter that on television sets across the nation, people from Pacmaker-losing senior citizens to pocket-protecting business executives know that the Irish love to give the ball to the tailback and let him barrel his way up the middle.

It doesn't matter that when it's fourth-and-one and there's not a wide receiver in sight, everyone and his dead uncle know the ball is going up the middle.

What does matter is that the Irish have been making yardage by sending Tony Fisher up the middle, Julius Jones around the end or Carlyle Holiday wherever he decides to run. "I don't think for the sake of being unpredictable that you have to do something you're not adopting," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "I think we're going to try to play to our strengths."

And that strength is running the ball. In Notre Dame's three losses this season, they ran the ball almost as much as they passed it and averaged 228 yards of total offense. In their two wins, they ran the ball about four times as much as they passed and averaged 367 yards.

It's easy to say that Notre Dame won its last two games because the Irish have cut down their turnovers dramatically. It's easy to say Notre Dame won its last two games because the Irish beat lesser opponents. It's easy to say that Notre Dame won its last two games because the defense gave the offense a great field position.

However, it's correct to say that Notre Dame won because the Irish ran the ball. Sure, running the ball on 69 of Notre Dame's 80 offensive plays likely has to do against West Virginia isn't the most exciting offense in the world. But if you're looking for creativity, go find a coloring book. On their last 56 first downs, Notre Dame has run the ball 55 times. Predictable? You bet. But in the two games that Notre Dame won, the Irish averaged an impressive 4.7 yards a carry. By contrast, when the Irish were "surprising" and "unpredictable," they managed 2.3 yards per rush and lost three straight times.

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Rogers could get the ball on the loudspeaker and broadcast what every play is. Fisher could put on a helmet that has "I'm getting the ball this play" in bright fluorescent pink letters across the front. Carlyle Holiday could walk up to the line of scrimmage, shake the hand of the defensive tackle, and say, "It's nice to meet you. On the next play, I'll be running a quarterback draw to your right side. Have a nice day."

But if the defense can't shut down the rush, it doesn't matter how unpredictable the Irish are. "If it's predictable and everyone knows it's coming, they still have to stop it," Fisher said. Of course, there might come a point where the defense realizes what the Irish is doing. So instead of stacking nine men in the box like West Virginia did last week, USC might demonstrate the rigorous academic standards California establishes for its public universities and play all 11 defenders within five yards of the line of scrimmage. Then Notre Dame will be able to appraise the underwater basket-weavers and throw the ball down the field for a big play.

"The run setup the pass anyway,” Everyone knows that,” said offensive tackle Kurt Volmers. "I guess we are setting up a great big pass to blow everyone away."

The Irish may not throw downfield a lot. Nor will they pull off any spectacular double-reverses, halfback passes or other high-risk plays to break the game wide open.

But by running the ball on first down, the Irish get into short yardage situations. And when the Irish get into short yardage situations, they run the ball up the middle and pick up a first down. They repeat the cycle for 11, 12 or even 13 plays until they score a touchdown. When the Irish do this on every possession and pull off the occasional 50-yard run, they win.

The new offensive philosophy Davie and Rogers are touting is that the Irish have to run the ball to win. It's not exciting. It's not flashy. But don't knock it. It's working. Andrew Soukup can be reached at soukap@nd.edu. The views of this column are those of the author and are not necessarily those of The Observer.
**GAME OF THE WEEK**

Texas, Colorado has Big-12 title implications

By GREG LADKY
Sports Writer

College football fans should thank the Big-12 Conference.

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