Ticket exchange can’t meet student demand

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Standout attendance at this year’s student ticket exchanges may indicate an increased feeling of disheartenment amongst even the truest fans, as Notre Dame’s football team continues to perform unsatisfactorily.

In the recent student ticket exchanges for the USC and Florida State games, students braved long lines to trade in their football tickets, coveted in more successful seasons. Many students were unable to trade their tickets, for far more than the 300-person limit showed up to make the exchange.

Students began camping out before dawn to trade in their USC tickets two weeks ago, Breen-Phillips junior Sarah Cancellare said.

Students arriving even an hour prior to the ticket exchange could not exchange their tickets. This was due to the process’ chaotic organization, which allowed many students to work the system to their advantage, Cancellare said.

"There is absolutely no rhyme or reason to the ticket exchange process," she said.

While the number of students vying to exchange their USC tickets was unusually large, the number seeking to swap tickets in this year’s other exchanges has not been remarkable, assistant athletic director Jim Frakeigh said.

"The exchanges have been consistent throughout the past few years," he said.

Because of the team’s performance this season, some students feel that an increase in students wishing to exchange is justified.

"This season was supposed to represent a return to fundamentals, yet a majority of the problems we have seen are fundamental mistakes," Chris O’Boynick, an off-campus senior, said. "This season is not the one I envisioned for my senior year. If students want to trade in their tickets, that’s fine by me."

Others remain hopeful that the Irish can rekindle last season’s spark, holding out for the team’s next upset. "Even though this season isn’t as exciting or as successful as last season, I still support the Irish every Saturday because I know Ty’s a great coach and that our players can be better," Frakeigh, a Breen-Phillips Hall junior, said.

"I think everyone’s quick to jump off our bandwagon but the students have to stay. I definitely wouldn’t have sold my ticket. I’d rather be in the student section than watching it on TV." Phillips said.

Many other students have resigned themselves to an imperfect season but will continue to see TICKETS/page 4

Institute reacts to Kroc gift

Money drives graduate program expansion

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The record $50 million gift from the late Joan Kroc to the University has left many students and faculty connected thankful and moved.

Kroc specified in her will that the donation should be used to enhance the graduate program and moved to be in operation for the fall semester of 2004.

Saint Mary’s provides on-campus alternative

Students may pick new apartments over off-campus

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary’s Editor

Off-campus housing, where available, is something that college students nationwide often consider. Numerous reasons exist for why students may seek alternative housing arrangements, but many cases simply involve the attraction of increased independence and freedom.

As construction continues see HOUSING/page 4

Groups use Halloween for service

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

For many campus organizations, Halloween isn’t just a time for ghosts and goblins—it’s also a time to help others.

Different groups and dorms have been planning activities for today’s holiday in an effort to raise money and donate their time to children and the less fortunate. Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids sponsored a Halloween costume party in the LaFortune Ballroom Thursday night, said Kim Simko, executive director of the club, which is in its second year of existence. The club’s goal is to raise money for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., which cares for children with life-threatening illness, such as cancer or HIV.

"What we do is have all club members write designated letters to family members and friends, or to anyone they know," Simko said. "They fill out the letter [at the party], and we drop it in the box."

In many cases

 Fans cheer Irish on nationwide

‘Subway alumni’ exist across the country

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

When Paul Kress attended Catholic elementary school in Rochester, N.Y., rooting for the Irish was not a matter of choice.

"Every fall Friday, the nuns would gather us together outside," Kress, now 72, recalls. "We would all kneel down, concentrate hard and pray the rosary for Notre Dame to win."

The earliest prayers of Kress and his classmates were a microcosm of the loyalties shared by Irish-Americans and Roman Catholics across the United States, as evidenced by his encounter years later with a California fan of the same generation. With a straight face, the man responded to an innocent question about his Notre Dame T-shirt with the outburst that "This is God’s team—if you don’t cheer for this team then you’re rooting for the devil!"

While God’s team represented the pinnacle of football prowess, Notre Dame, represented the height of educational achievement for a generation of immigrant European Catholics. For the first half of the 20th century, very few Irish—or any other heritage—could aspire to attend college. Thus Notre Dame began to stand out, earning a reputation that could take pride in and establishing itself as an institution they could revere.
INSIDE COLUMN

This is how legends get started

There's a huge difference between wild Zahn resident Charlie Gales, class of 1982, and the man who has enforced the rules at home for the last 18 years — or so I thought. However, as the summer of 2003 grew to a close, and my departure for Notre Dame grew imminent, I began to see someone I hadn't seen before — my staid, rule-observing father became "Charlie" before my eyes.

Charlie is a proud former resident of Zahn Hall's second-floor 10-man suite. He and his former roommates — Sean, Moon, Gerry, Burt, Rudy, L., Blim, Vasey, Sab and others keep in close contact and recently celebrated their 20-year reunion. Sean will actually be here to tailgate with my family this weekend for the first time.

The stories these adults tell are hard to reconcile with "Dad the disciplinarian." Charlie grew up on a farm, and the muscles he built baling hay made him talented among his dormmates. Since kegs had recently been outlawed in dorm rooms, Charlie's ability to carry four cases of special drinks from the parking lot to Zahn were prized. He also used his impressive physical strength to barricade the assistant rector in his room with a cigarette machine.

Dad was a瓦nuts mum when I was assigned to Cavanaugh — the home of Zahn's old rivals.

"Charlie," my mom asked, "doesn't it feel funny to you that Kate is living in a men's dorm?"

"No, Dad replied. "Cavanaugh guys were pretty girly anyways."

This was reinforced with the story of "L" sending bottle rockets down a hallway past the Cavanaugh chapel. Bottle rockets were also shot out of upper-story windows over student-studded dorms.

Dad spent a lot of time in his freshman-year room, 313 Zahn, during Frosh-O weekend. He also enjoyed the "Zahn, best six years of your life" sign and giant Z. It was an odd sense of deja vu that I went to my first college party in Dad's old room. It was odder yet that Dad's main reaction was a sense of relief that those new Zahnies were carrying on the tradition.

Cavanaugh has changed a lot in the last quarter-century. However, being a legacy means that a sense of continuity pervades my time here at Notre Dame. I'm thrilled to see my family this weekend for the first time since I've left for college. I'm sure more interesting stories are on their way.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.

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IN BRIEF

Watch the movie "Seabiscuit" showing today at 8 p.m. and Saturday at DeBartolo 101. The event is sponsored by the Student Union Board.

Come cheer on the Irish at the Pep Rally at 6 p.m. today in the Joyce Center. Doors open for students at 5:15 p.m. and for the general public at 6 p.m.

Come cheer on the hockey team as they play the University of Nebraska-Omaha from 7:30 to 9 p.m. today in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Hear John Kelly from Oxford University speak about "Robert Emmet and Irish Literature," today from 3 to 4 p.m. in Flanner Hall, Room 424. This talk is sponsored by the Keough Institute for Irish Studies.

The Glee Club will present its Fall Concert today from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office for $3.

Listen to anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom speak about "Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War" Saturday at 11 a.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. This event is part of the Saturday Scholar Series.

Support the Notre Dame women's volleyball team as they take on Syracuse at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Joyce Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observnews@nd.edu.
Blak Images to showcase talents

Talent show will be held Saturday night

By KATE GALES
New Wire

The Black Cultural Arts Council will host its annual event Blak Images Saturday, a talent show that includes poetry, singing and various other acts. Club secretary Leah McGee said.

"We just want the student body to know that we're trying to create a more diverse environment," Thomas said. "We just want the student body to know that were trying to create a more diverse environment." Thomas said.

The show is open for everyone; its not segregated just for black people. Its purpose is to create a more diverse environment.

Talents said preparation work has been intense for members of the BCAC.

"We had auditions open to the entire campus," she said. "After auditions, we've been having run-throughs and rehearsals," Thomas said. "We had three, with another scheduled for Saturday."

Residents of Siegfried volunteered to help with stage crew and lighting, Thomas said. The coordinators - Thomas, Jourdan Sorrell, Nicole Rogers and Winn Samuels - will work behind the scenes, as well.

"Though the University is sometimes criticized or stereotyped for a lack of diversity on campus, a major goal of the BCAC is to bring different racial groups together. The show aims to appeal to the entire campus, not just minority students, McGee said.

"We want the student body to have a taste of different cultures, different musical styles, different genres," McGee said.

The show is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the LaFortune Office Building. McGreevy Department Chairperson, Professor of Anthropology, Carolyn Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Anthropology, was one of the locations the anthrax contaminated letters following Sept. 11. He spoke on the military plans for such attacks, and their defenses against them, but expressed concern over a lack of civilian readiness for such events.

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Blak Images to showcase talents

General speaks on military defense

ND grad now an Army senior expert

By ANNA GELHAUS
New Wire

Civilian medical authorities will need to learn about medical homeland security, according to Brig. Gen. Michael Dunn.

Dunn spoke on the issue at a lecture last night titled, "Medical Homeland Defense: Yesterday's Demons and Tomorrow's Threat." He is the commanding general for the Western Regional Medical Command and the Army's senior medical expert on chemical and biological defense, as well as a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame has a great reputation among medical circles," Dunn said. "You couldn't be in a better place to prepare for a career in medicine."

Dunn focused on the results of past attacks on medical defense and what needs to be done to prepare the nation for the future. He stressed the importance of learning about the technical issues in order to be prepared for possible attacks.

"We are no longer looking at chemical and biological threats as a war time thing; we are looking at them as day-to-day occurrences," said Dunn. "This makes us a little apprehensive."

Dunn was personally involved in such attacks when he was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center, which was one of the locations receiving anthrax contaminated letters following Sept. 11. He spoke on the military plans for such attacks, and their defenses against them, but expressed concern over a lack of civilian readiness for such events.

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Dunn said, "I felt very comfortable going into Iraq and Afghanistan," he said. "I had a chemical suit. I had a gas mask. I had antidotes ... guys with detectors."

While the military is able to assist civilians in many instances, such as Olympic events or inaugurations, they are sometimes "off doing the nation's business," said Dunn. Therefore, the civilian medical field needs to make changes.

But at the same time, people must be wary of the actions taken to prevent attacks. In reference to discussion about national smallpox vaccinations, Dunn said, "Do you want to be that one in a million who dies from the smallpox vaccine?" He also talked about the vast resources needed to do such work that could be used for other practical problems such as smoking cessation. Personal freedoms would also be lost if quarantining was established.

"This country is not the same as it was before Sept. 11," said Dunn. "I think the public, medical and government need to recognize, in a way never seen before. That is something we have to pay attention to."

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Fall 2003 Schedule

Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

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9/20 - Michigan State
"A Different Kind of War: Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War" Carolyn Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Anthropology

10/18 - UNC
John McGreevy, Department Chairperson, John A. O'Brien Associate Professor of History "Catholicism and American Freedom"

11/1 - Florida State
Carolyn Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Anthropology "Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War"

11/8 - Navy
Jim McGimpsey, Professor of Political Science, The Dr. William M. Schell Chair in International Politics "Big Browser: Are we being watched?"

11/15 - BYU
Alasdar MacIntyre, Professor of Philosophy "Truth Telling and Lying"

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"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthropologist Looks at the Realities of War" Carolyn Nordstrom, Associate Professor of Anthropology

Nordstrom studies the political anthropology of peace and conflict. She has undertaken extensive field research on the frontlines of wars across many regions around the world, including southern Africa, Southeast Asia and central Europe. Her current research examines post-war transformation, including its relationship to organized crime and extra-state patterns of development.

Nordstrom's recent publications include A Different Kind of War Story and Fieldwork Under Fire, co-edited with Antonius Robben.
Saint Mary's to open apartments

By ANNE MAHONEY

New Saint Mary's on-campus apartments will be open for residents next fall, public relations director Melanie McDonald said.

The apartment building, designed to house 73 students, is the first of its kind to be built at Saint Mary's. On-campus apartments are a growing trend at colleges and universities nationwide, and construction has already begun on the complex.

McDonald said that on-campus housing is an attractive option because it provides security and helps students stay more involved.

"Seniors are an important part of college life," McDonald said. "We are hoping to keep these students around because it's hard to get them back on campus after they move off.

A student survey administered last year at Midnight Madness found an overwhelming number of students in favor of the new option.

"I would definitely be interested in living in the new apartments," junior Kate Lohmuller said. "On-campus housing with the convenience of location and the same freedoms as off-campus living has a huge appeal." The three-floor plan includes both two- and four-bedroom apartments. Each comes furnished with a kitchen and dish-washer, and a laundry room is located in the basement. Each floor will have a lounge, and an outdoor deck will be built on the second floor and a chapel on the first floor. Storage will also be located in the basement.

The cost of the project will be about $5 million, half of which came from an anonymous donor.

Most students have expressed curiosity about the guidelines for the new housing. McDonald said residence life policies are still being discussed by a committee composed of herself, director of student affairs Linda Timm and student representatives. Decisions will be made in January with the help of a professional advisor, and the guidelines are expected to be different from the residence halls.

The same committee also plans to discuss the selection process for future seniors interested in living in the apartments. No final decision has been made about whether students will submit applications or if a lottery will be used.

Additional apartment complexes may be included in Saint Mary's long-term plans, depending on available funds.

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imperfect season but will continue to attend the games and support the team.

"It's been disappointing to not have a better record senior year, but at this point it's game-by-game situations, and I'm just hoping we can take a few," off-campus senior Karyn Dionisio said.

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on the new campus apartments at Saint Mary's, many hope that the facility will provide an alternative to students seeking the benefits of off-campus living.

According to Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life and Housing, 244 College students currently live off-campus, of which 149 are seniors. The number of students who decide to move off-campus remains relatively consistent from year to year, said Michelle Russell, the director of Residence Life.

"As students reach their senior year, they are looking for different living options such as apartment style living," she said. "They want more independence and freedom in their housing environment." According to students, independence and freedom account for some of the major reasons to move off-campus.

"I moved off-campus this year because I needed more freedom, more space and more independence before preparing for what will come after graduation," said senior Betty Mitchell.

Russell said she often confronts students like Mitchell who simply want to live with friends, have their own kitchen instead of a meal plan and have more independence. Some simply feel that they have outgrown the experience of living in residence halls by their senior year, she said.

The Office of Residence Life attempts to provide options and benefits that entice students, particularly seniors, to remain on-campus. One of the most popular options is Annunciata, the top floor in Holy Cross Hall designated specifically for seniors. With larger rooms and a developed sense of community among fellow residents, a wait list typically exists for housing in Annunciata year after year.

"It's a great option for seniors because they will only be living with other seniors, and it has a different feel to it than a tradition- al residence hall," Russell said.

"I think the convenience of being on-campus keeps some seniors here. They want to be close to classes and their activities — living on campus keeps them in the center of it all," said Maureen Russell, a senior living in LeMans Hall. 

"My second major is at Saint Mary's, so between going to those classes and band every night, I would never be in a place for that long," she said. "I like living at Saint Mary's because at least between classes I can go sit in a place I can consider home."

For those students who choose to move off-campus, Russell said she discusses with students involves financial implications, household expenses and the impact moving off-campus may have on financial aid packages.

She said she feels hopeful that the presence of the new campus apartments, scheduled for completion in 2007, will appeal to students by merging the convenience of on-campus living with the independence of off-campus housing.

Unlike other local housing options, the apartments will be in close proximity to academic buildings, have a card access safety feature and offer amenities such as cable, Internet and local phone that would typically incur additional cost.

While she anticipates the apartments will attract all class years, Russell is especially hopeful of their attraction to seniors.

"I think in time we have the potential to keep more and more seniors on campus once they see what the apartments are like and what it's like to live in them," she said. "They are going to be a wonderful addition to the Saint Mary's community."

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said. "Once you accept that we can't win every game (or many) this season you stop caring and just enjoy yourself."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Sharon ready to negotiate

Conservative Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday he is ready to negotiate with the new Palestinian prime minister at any time, if U.S. officials ask him to do so, in a tough stance, saying the Palestinians first must "comfort terror and violence.

Israel previously indicated it would not talk with the new Palestinian government led by Abu Mazen. Sharon is closely associated with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Tories rally behind new leader

Michael Howard, whom Prime Minister Tony Blair called an "old adversary" for their bruising debates years ago in Parliament, made a bid for the top job in his ailing party Thursday with a promise to "lead from the center."

Senior Tories have united behind Howard, hoping his inclusive wit and gift for oratory would reuscitate the once mighty party, which is trailing in the polls since its crushing defeat in 1997 elections.

Former Pers. faces more charges

LIMA — Peru's Congress approved more charges against former President Alberto Fujimori, now alleging he authorized the torture of a journalist in 2000, officials said Thursday.

Fujimori's government collapsed amid a corruption scandal in November 2000 and he has since lived in Japan, where he is protected from extradition by Japanese citizenship.

He has denied any wrongdoing.

NATIONAL NEWS

Weather eases fire conditions

San Diego County — Fog and drizzle Thursday came to the rescue of firefighters laboring to save resort towns in Southern California besieged by wildfires that have killed at least 20 people.

"It is helping, but it is a long way from putting fires out," said Ray Snodgrass, chief deputy director of the California Forestry Department. "It's the respite we were hoping for."

The forecast, however, also called for gusting winds that could drive the flames into more homes.

Firefighters dug in to protect hundreds of homes still threatened in San Bernardino and San Diego counties. But only a few hundred as many as 50 fires were burning overnight by one of the most devastating and erosive of the fires — a blaze 30 miles east of Lake Arrowhead in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Dean lands key endorsement

WASHINGTON — Democrat Howard Dean is poised to capture a coveted endorsement from the largest union in the AFL-CIO — if the Service Employees International Union decides to back him. The union's 63-member executive board will decide at its Nov. 6 meeting.

LOCAL NEWS

Voter manipulation charges filed

HAMMONT, Ind. — A Hispanic civil rights group is filing charges of improper voting practices on the day that four people walked into a have East Chicago Mayor Robert A. Pallone's office, demanding to be let in, just days before the general election.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Hammond by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund claims that Pallone's supporters illegally tried to manipulate the Latino vote.

About half of the northwest Indiana city's population of 31,790 is Hispanic, and about three-quarters of that segment is Mexican, according to the 2000 Census.

Democrats rock Iraqi capital

Explosions rock Iraqi capital

Violence continues as U.S. supply train, market, are attacked by resistance fighters

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saboteurs brought a trainload of U.S. Army supplies to a fiery halt west of Baghdad on Thursday, as a Ramadan campaign of terror bombs and against attacks spurred a new Iraq pullout by international aid groups.

An explosion rocked a trainload of Iraq's Old City late Thursday, killing two people, according to police, and reopening the uneasy in the Iraqi capital.

Many Baghdad parents apparently were keeping their children home from school out of fear of further bombings like the four that killed three dozen people and wounded more than 200 across the capital on Monday, start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"We heard rumors about big bomb that might happen," said Duha Khalid, 18, most of whose friends stayed home Thursday from her school, situated near a police station.

The police, prime targets in the bombings Monday, were targeted again Thursday, when officers interrupted a motorcade for President Bush. The driver tried to toss a hand grenade into a police station on the edge of Baghdad's heavily guarded "green zone," the headquarter enclaves for the U.S. occupation.

An Iraqi's boat finally gave way to cooling winds off the desert, removing the looming threat, as trouble focused on the hills this weekend — Saturday in Muslim Jordan.

One leaflet on the streets, purporting to be from a shadowy underground of Baathists, invited Iraqis to hold a general strike Saturday through Monday to prove to our enemy that we are united people.

The plainly typed flyer will further fuel the debate over the identity of the shadowy underground of bombers striking Iraq's cities and ambush teams harassing U.S. forces. Are they die-hard Baathists, other anti-U.S. nationalists, foreign Islamic fighters, or some combination? The identity of those war-waging over the sabotaged train was said in Baghdad, Iraq, 35 miles west of Baghdad. The man fell upon the crippled train to loot it of computers, tests, bottled water and other Army supplies.

Those goods had been bound for the town of Haditha, 100 miles up the Euphrates River from Fallujah, when a makeshift bomb exploded along the tracks four miles west of Fallujah. As the unjured engineer fled, four shipping containers on flatcars went up in flames, and more than 200 area residents descended on the other cars to make off with whatever they could carry.

U.S. forces came to the scene, but at one point the towers scattered when two American helicopters whirled in for a look. At another point, Iraqis backed trucks up to the bombed train to offload goods.

The 6-month-old U.S. occupation is highly unpopular in Fallujah and in much of the rest of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, a favored region under the Baathist regime toppled by the U.S.-British invasion force last April.

Monday's bombings, one of which devastated the Baghdad headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross, prompted international aid organizations to quickly review their presence in Iraq.

On Wednesday, the ICRC announced it would reduce its 30-member international staff in Iraq but would continue operations. Among other things, the Red Cross, which has 600 Iraqi employees, tries to ensure the rights of prisoners of war and other post-war detainees, has worked to improve water quality, particularly for hospitals, and delivered medical supplies to Iraqi hospitals.

House closes amid security scare

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives shut down Thursday following a reported security breach at a nearby congressional office building, but police later determined that the incident involving and Halloween costume were to blame and lawmakers were unharmed.

U.S. Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said "two staff members bringing in Halloween costumes" were responsible. "I don't think they had any ill intent," he said, adding he expected no charges to be filed.

Start to finish, the incident lasted two hours or less — but it triggered a massive security response in a time of terrorism worries. Police in battle gear moved into the Cannon House Office Building in pursuit of suspects.

Gainer said the two female staff aides had stopped to chat with security personnel after placing a bag on a security station X-ray belt at the entrance to the office building, then went into building. Moments later, security officials noticed the bag and flagged it on a video screen, and triggered an alarm.

The security personnel performed "walk within standards" and "the two staff aides were 'very sorry all this happened,'" Gainer said.

The incident triggered memories of a lethal incident on July 24, 1998, when a man with a history of mental illness rushed into the Capitol and killed two security guards. The accused shooter, Russell E. Weston Jr., is awaiting trial.

Rep. John Shimkus, R-Ill., contacted Capitol police to report that his aides were the two people authorities were looking for. Security personnel raced to the office and learned about the costume and toy gun. Shimkus' office would not identify the two aides and no charges were filed.

"I don't think anybody was trying to trick anybody," Gainer said. "I think it was just an unusual set of Halloween circumstances that unfolded on us."

Shimkus said the staff members didn't realize they were the suspects until Capitol police said they were looking for a woman.
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could reverse. Dubbed the "subway alumn
the fans of this era earned their light hearted nickname from the South Shore Line train that wound its way through the immigrant bor
oughs of Chicago and Northwest Indiana on its way to South Bend, the Basilica and Touchdown Jesus — a football fan's paradise and a transplant ed Catholic's holy
gal. The late Herb Julian, author of the 1993 book "Notre Dame Odyssey" and self-described former organiz
er and leader of the subway alumni, has written that on these trips, arriving at "the football stadium ... I could almost feel the presence of the great ghosts.

The mighty ghosts of George Gipp, Frank Leahy and the Four Horsemen are not all that keep the subway alumni coming back. The intense football

spirit of today's students and the overwhelming atmosphere of the campus itself have inspired Kress and his friends tell him he is the epitome of the label "subway alum ni.

"They say 'subway alumni,' and I say, 'That's me,'" Minor said. "I'm a Notre Dame fan no matter what — win, lose or draw I love them, and I always will."

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**IN BRIEF**

Sweatshop conditions denied by Hillenbrand Industries Inc., the nation's biggest maker of hospital beds and funeral caskets, said Thursday it has agreed to buy a New Jersey-based medical equipment provider for $330 million.

Hillenbrand is acquiring privately held Medig Inc., a nationwide provider of medical equipment services to hospitals including equipment rental and sales and asset management. Medig provides services to about 80 percent of the nation's acute care hospitals, with more than 80 branch offices in 46 states.

Drug company wins FDA approval of new product

*Associated Press*

BEIJING — The leaders of China and the European Union vowed Thursday to build closer economic and technology ties so the two regions can become each other's biggest trading partners and, by implication, counterbalance their relations with the United States.

To that end, the two sides agreed to give China a stake in developing Galileo, a European global positioning projec- that would rival the U.S.-run satellite navigation system known as the Global Positioning System, or GPS.

"Europe, with its new reality, and China, with its new reforms, are two areas that can give better contributions to the changing world," European Commission President Romano Prodi said after a meeting between EU leaders and Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"We need to intensify our relations, both in the trade and invest­ment sectors. We must become the biggest partners," Prodi said. "We must have the biggest relations — more than anywhere in the world."

The EU hopes to have the $2.1 billion Galileo project operational in 2008, and Thursday's agreement allows China to take a $236 million stake in the program.

"The agreement was signed represents a quantum leap in terms of cooperation between the two areas," said Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who holds the rotating EU presidency.

The talks also signed an agreement saying China and the EU will consult on industrial policy so that regulations don't hinder trade, and that they intend to make it easier for Chinese tourists to visit 15 European countries.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao hailed all three efforts as a sign of stronger ties and growing friendship.

"One can say that the development of the Chinese and European relations is becoming ever more mature and ever more strategic," Wen said.
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the party], address it to the person
they want to send it to and ask for
a donation for the hospital."

Simko said the club provided
refreshments at the party and
anyone on campus was welcome
to attend. The club hoped those
who attended the party would
contribute a small donation.

"Whoever comes that isn't a
club member can just come and
have a good
time," Simko said.

"If
anyone donates a dollar to our
cans, it goes straight to the hospi­
tal."

The club will also hold a T-shirt
sale today, the proceeds of which
will go to the hospital.

Last year was the first
year for
the organization, but it still man­
aged to raise about $10,000. With
more members and better infor­
mation this year, Simko and her
fellow executive directors have set
a much higher goal for events.

"We're hoping to at least triple
that because we have so many
people participating this year," Simko said. "Already, with all the
donations we've gotten, we're
over $6,000."

Simko said she expected about
60 club members to attend the
party, in
addition to other partici­
pants.

For Keenan, last night was a
chance to help out kids from the
Boys and Girls
Club
of South Bend
with their annual Keenan Great
Pumpkin event.

Keenan president Matt Kinsella
helped organize the activity,
which brought over 80 children
from the community center onto
campus for a few hours early last
evening.

"We bring in kids and take them
trick-or-treating throughout all
the other dorms, and we have a
haunted house for them in the
campus.

"The kids love it," Kinsella said.
"The older kids might even love it
more than the little ones."

Contact Joe Hettler at
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Southern black population up

WASHINGTON — A strong economy and vastly improved race relations are luring record numbers of black Americans to the South, a region that many deserted early in the 20th century.

More than 680,000 blacks aged 5 and older moved to the South from another region between 1995 and 2000, out-numbering the 313,000 who moved away by a better than 2-to-1 margin, according to a Census Bureau report released Thursday.

The report found no other region of the country had an increase in black migration, a reverse of the trend seen in the first half of the century, when many blacks left the South for the industrial Northeast and Midwest.

"Many blacks left not only because of economic opportunities but because of the political and social constraints of segregation," said Charles Ross, historian and interim director of the African-American Studies program at the University of Mississippi. "Those things have changed dramatically in the South.

Migration from the South rose through the early decades of the 20th century, as tens of thousands of blacks left to escape segregationist Jim Crow laws and a poor economy. That led to a rise in black populations in Northeastern and Midwestern cities, where blacks came for jobs in steel mills, automobile factories and other industrial plants.

That movement north slowed as job opportunities dwindled and racial tensions rose in northern cities in the 1960s and 1970s, Ross said.

A return of blacks to the South was first documented by the Census Bureau between 1975 and 1980, when 100,000 more blacks moved in than moved out. The trend continued between 1985 and 1990, when there was a net increase of 200,000; the net increase was near 1 million between 1995 and 2000.

Blacks who move to the South tend to be more educated than those who never left the region. Migrants to the South also tend to be slightly older than those who left the region, indicating some may have returned after leaving earlier in their lives, the Census Bureau said.

Older blacks who moved to the Northeast or Midwest in the mid-to late 20th century may be returning to the South to open their own businesses and connect with family roots, said William Spriggs, executive director of the National Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality.

"Most of these African-Americans came from the South," Spriggs said. "The politics of the South have changed enough so that these new business operations can get contracting opportunities.

Georgia took in the largest number of blacks from other states regardless of region, with a net increase of nearly 130,000 between 1995 and 2000. It was followed by North Carolina and Florida.

According to separate research from University of Michigan demographer William Frey, Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta had the largest jumps in black populations among large metropolitan areas between 1990 and 2000, each growing by about 62 percent.

Rodrick Harrison, a demographer at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, which studies minority issues, said Atlanta "has developed a reputation as a place where the black middle class is growing, thriving and leading high-quality lives.

Reflecting the overall shift in U.S. population, the South was the region to see a net increase of migrants from other regions among blacks, Asians, Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites, while the Northeast was the only region to that have a net loss in each century. While the South gained migrants to the South outpaced those leaving for other regions, the rate was lower than blacks.

Overall the South had a net increase of 1.3 million new residents from other states between 1995 and 2000, while the Northeast had a net decrease of almost 1.3 million.

Overall, Hispanics were the most mobile group between 1995 and 2000, with 56 percent having changed addresses — whether moving to a new region or within the same region. About 54 percent of Asians moved, followed by blacks (49 percent) and whites (43 percent).
Weekend Events

The Following Events Are Happening At
The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Author Events:

Ted Mandell, N.D. '86 will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys*, on Friday, October 31st from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Connie McNamara, will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words: Go Irish*, on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C. will be signing copies of *2003 Advent Calendar*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:00am to Noon.

Jason Kelly, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of *Mr. Notre Dame*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 12:30am.

Fr. Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C, ND ’56, will be signing copies of *Signs of Grace: Meditations in the Notre Dame Campus*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Jack Connor, will be signing copies of *The Life Story of George Connor*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Special Events:

The Undertones, Notre Dame acappella group, will perform on Saturday in the Bookstore one hour following the game.
Parking garage collapses

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The top five stories of a parking garage under construction at a casino collapsed Thursday, sending concrete slabs and metal beams crashing down as workers ran for cover. Three people were killed and one was missing, officials said.

Officials previously believed four people were dead, but the count was revised Thursday evening, said Michael Schurman, deputy director of emergency management for Atlantic County. Nineteen others were injured.

Authorities, worried about the structure's stability, didn't send rescue crews in right away.

"There is the real potential for a secondary collapse," Gov. James E. McGreevey said. "He didn't know where to run. I tried to run to a staircase, but the staircase was wiped out. I went to another staircase and that one was wiped out," Simmons eventually made it out by following other workers. He said 300 to 400 workers were at the site when the garage floors collapsed.

The parking garage supports one side of an 18-story hotel tower also under construction as part of an expansion project for the Tropicana Resort.

The garage was being brought in to shore up the building. He called it one of the worst collapses Atlantic City has ever seen.

"It's ugly. Horrific. The whole stairwell is crushed," Bill Crilley, a worker from New Jersey, said.

Construction workers had been pouring a concrete floor deck when a corner of the top floors collapsed, leaving five layers of concrete and steel sloping downward at a steep angle, said state police Capt. Ed O'Neill.

Harold Simmons, 42, a piperfitter, was on the second floor of the garage when he heard rumbling around 10:40 a.m. "It sounded like an earthquake," Simmons said. "The whole building was shaking.

"You didn't know where to run. I tried to run to a staircase, but the staircase was wiped out. I went to another staircase and that one was wiped out," Simmons eventually made it out by following other workers. He said 300 to 400 workers were at the site when the garage floors collapsed.

The parking garage supports one side of an 18-story hotel tower also under construction as part of an expansion project for the Tropicana Casino and Resort.

"It's a tragedy. We're devastated," said Maureen Siman, a Tropicana spokeswoman.

The project's general contractor, Keating Construction, said in a statement: "This is a difficult time. Obviously, our first concern is the well being of the people that are injured or missing."

Last October, three workers were injured at the Tropicana site when a one-story panel of concrete they were standing on collapsed.

Bill Crilley, 42, an insulator, working at a project in another part of the city, said he rushed to the building after hearing Thursday's collapse and saw authorities carrying one body away.

"It's ugly. Horrific. The whole stairwell is crushed," he said. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration was leading the investigation into the cause of the collapse.

At the site, construction workers gathered on the street nearby to gaze up at the collapsed floors. Family members began crying arriving at the scene looking for relatives.

"He was working up there last night, I know," said one distraught woman as she searched for co-workers of her husband. The Tropicana expansion project is intended to diversify the casino's offerings with forms of entertainment other than gambling, including an IMAX theater, nightclub and restaurants. It had been scheduled for completion next spring.

Congress to approve financial aid package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the most contentious issue resolved, the House and Senate looked to give final approval to the $87.5 billion financial aid package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Congress could send the package to President Bush for his signature by Friday or possibly early next week.

House-Senate negotiators worked out the final details of the package Thursday night, eliminating a Senate provision that would have required that half of the $18.4 billion for Iraqi reconstruction and security forces be given as loans instead of grants.

The White House had threatened to veto the bill if loans were included. It said Iraq was already too deeply in debt and didn't have a government authorized to take on new loans. It also said that any loans secured by Iraq's oil revenues would only support the arguments of war critics who said the United States was using Iran's oil.

Supporters of the loans said U.S. taxpayers are already paying plenty for Iraq and Iraqis should have a bigger stake in their country's reconstruction. The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said Thursday that dropping the loans shows a "tin ear to what the American people are saying."

The loans had bipartisan support. The Republican-led Senate had voted 51-47 to convert part of the rebuilding funds into loans. The House did not include loans in its package, but it supported the concept in a 277-139 nonbinding vote.

The package worked out by House and Senate conferees cannot be modified. Most of the money in the package is to support U.S. military operations and both chambers passed their versions of the bill overwhelmingly: 305-125 in the House and 87-12 in the Senate.

The final version of the bill included $64.7 billion for military operations, just under the $65.1 billion Bush had sought. The $18.4 billion for reconstruction and Iraqi security was less than $20.3 billion requested. The bill would provide $1.2 billion for Afghanistan, compared with $800 million sought by Bush.

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Racial preference promotes unfairness

Natalie Bennett's description, in her Oct. 30 letter, of affirmative action as an "equalizer in a world that is still not equal" is an inaccurate description of affirmative action. Affirmative action, as it is currently enacted, is considered an equalizer only for disadvantaged minorities, not for all disadvantaged people. Therefore, because it aids certain people while discriminating against others, affirmative action is a discriminatory policy.

Bennett used as an argument a claim, that because minorities have a greater percentage of certain health problems, "they should not be allowed to have a doctor who looks like them." Beyond the fact that her conclusion does not follow from her premises, this argument can be further analyzed. Why are there few minorities in medicine? During four years of undergrad­uate study, students of all colors have the opportunity to prepare for medical school. Therefore, the low percentage of minorities in medicine can't be blamed on race, as most educational disadvantages can be overcome during undergraduate study.

A further point can be made that the color of a practitioner's skin makes no difference in the quality of the treatment they provide. I would prefer primary or emergency treatment from a purple-skinned medical genius over treatment provided by a mediocre physician of my color. In her final paragraph Bennett writes, "I doubt that there are less competent surgeons because they are not qualified, but maybe because they still do not have access to the same economic and educational advantages." While she doubts our guilt for the sake of thoroughness and fairness, her argument must be extended to encompass all who are economically and educationally disadvantaged, not just minorities.

Not all minorities are disadvantaged people, and not all disadvantaged people are minorities. Considering these facts, it follows that if preferences are to be given, they should be given based on economic status, not racial status. Certainly it would be unfair for Michael Jordan's children to receive preferences over poor white children. Preferences based on economic status would not only benefit the disadvantaged of all colors, but would also promote a colorblind society.

Michael Lucci
freshman
Keenan Hall
Oct. 29
I am haunted by water

It is a slow and arduous process. Siting awkwardly on the edge of a rock, trying to keep thin plastic tube submerged while the water container remains vertical. You slowly pump the filter, drawing water from the cold, fast flowing river, through the tube and into your bottle, where it falls, clear and pure. I think the process itself, slow and methodical, producing its effects in drips and sudden splatters, is an ample metaphor for one path toward enlightenment. I have no doubt that the river itself is a source of enlightenment, I stand beside it as autumnal splendor surrender to barren winter here in West Virginia. On the banks of this river I see the solace of re-creation. Rivers seem to know the secret of staying constant and becoming ever new. The river before me has wound its way to me. It seems to know that the river is the same from moment to moment.

I have traveled miles to the banks of this river for solace from work and study. For a taste of nature that might remain with me so that in the months to come I might, like William Wordsworth, feel that "These forms of beauty have not been I, as is a landscape to an blind man's eye: But oft, in lonely rooms, and mid the din, of cities, I have owed to them, in hours of weariness, sensation, sweet, felt in the blood, and felt along the heart, and passing even into my purer mind, with tranquil restoration." Yet perhaps such thoughts are foolish, I have sworn too much for the time to come and live too little in the time I have left in the lives of others?

I have traveled 606 miles to the banks of this river to observe the river flow towards their own absorption. Whether in lake, sea or ocean, the waters will one day end their journey in a greater whole. The river is an ample container remains vertical.

I don't know about you fellow Irishmen and women, but I've had enough of traditions here at Notre Dame. I couldn't possibly be happier with the death of the traditions that I have witnessed here over the last few years, such as the Alumni Wake and dorm dances, and I applaud the new alcohol policy. The present systematic killing of all other traditions, especially the ever-malicious marshmallow wars during Notre Dame home games is even better. After all, those deadly rocks might actually be felt by the person they are thrown at. Now I know what you're thinking: "The police say there are rocks and penned in the marshmallows, but we don't believe that." However, in defense of Notre Dame's finest, I say that even though you and I have never seen or felt rocks in the marshmallows does not mean they don't exist. After all, have you ever seen the administration let the student government decide something important? I haven't either, but I'm sure it happens.

This rock/marshmallow controversy does bring up an interesting point, as a few of my opponents have noted: "Why don't the cops stop the kids from bringing in these 'rocks' instead of stopping them from bringing in the marshmallows?" The answer is: it doesn't really matter, and not the marshmallows. These rocks are going to hurt much more now that they no longer have that squishy white blanket of fun to insulate them."

Well, don't worry about that. I got some insider information that NDSP will regulate the rock-throwing at football games as soon as they crack down on the more important issues at hand, such as inter部门 badminton. This wasn't supposed to be made public, but there is about to be a major bust of all badminton players who hit the birdie in the 'rocks' instead of stopping the rock-throwing.

Dan Sushinsky
Senior Associate Editor

America's debt to soldiers far overdue

As American soldiers continue to look death in the face, the citizens of this nation owe it to them to take action to bring the conflict in Iraq to an end. Americans who have so loudly protested the unilateral actions of the Bush administration since February seem to be losing their voice when they need it most. No clear Democratic presidential candidate has emerged, and the party seems to be bent on nominating the person who will at least appear to be interested in bringing the conflict in Iraq to an end, and would stop arresting the millions of protesters by next November? If they are truly patriotic Americans, they will be driving their SUVs to the polls to vote against a president who has waged a war to protect the oil they put into their gas-guzzling automobiles. This is the way a democratic process and the freedoms that are the backbone of the United States are supposed to work.

Protests aside, it is time American citizens, regardless of whether they support president Bush or his policies, begin taking pride in what the soldiers in Iraq have done and are doing. Despite the protest, the soldiers have waged a war to protect the oil they put into their gas-guzzling automobiles. This is the way a democratic process and the freedoms that are the backbone of the United States are supposed to work.

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Spend a semester
Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s study in Asia while spending the fall semester on the Semester Around the World program, spending the semester in India on the weekends after the first snowfall of the year. It takes something really special to pull students away from an autumn on campus. But for the 39 students spending the semester in India on the Semester Around the World program, the sacrifice is more than worthwhile.

By SARAH BATES AND MARIA SMITH
Scene Writers

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College students, when asked about the best experiences of their college careers, would reminisce about football Saturdays and campus-wide snowball fights after the first snowfall of the year. It takes something really special to pull students away from an autumn on campus. But for the 39 students spending the semester in India on the Semester Around the World program, the sacrifice is more than worthwhile.

The chance to study in a variety of countries is one of the biggest benefits of studying at ND or SMC. The schools together offer programs in 20 countries, sending hundreds of students overseas every year. Although turning down bigger programs like London or Seville can be difficult when trying to choose where to study, the SAW program offers some students an opportunity they couldn’t find anywhere else. Over the past 20 years, SAW students have visited Taiwan, Nepal, Malaysia and a variety of other countries rarely included in school study programs. More importantly, the three months spent studying in India give students a chance to understand a country which is the center of one of the world’s major religions and home to 16 percent of the world’s population.

"The opportunity to go to countries like the ones we visit is so rare," said junior Amy Peckins.

"It’s not going to be like ND moved to another country," said junior Meredith Shepherd.

Semester Around the World was created by Cyriac Pullapilly, a professor of History at SMC who was born in southern India. Pullapilly first introduced the concept to SMC in 1975. It took eight years to work out the logistics of the trip and convince the College of the importance and value of the program.

"The program forces students to think about the cultures they meet and their own back home, making it necessary to create a balance," Pullapilly said. "On SAW, the whole world becomes your home, not just a little corner of it."

The result of Pullapilly’s planning is a program which takes students traveling around Asia for about two weeks and throughout India for three weeks before settling down for two months of classes in Cochin, a city on the southwest coast of India. Students focus entirely on India in their studies, learning about history, economics, philosophy, politics and fine arts. Their classes are at Sacred Heart College, a school founded and run by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, a dedicated congregation which runs more colleges and schools than any state government or organization in India. After finishing courses in early December, the students fly together to Frankfurt, where they split up to travel around Europe using the extra money on their Around the World Fair tickets before returning home to start the next semester.

Only nine students applied for the first group Pullapilly took in the fall of 1983. Since then, interest has grown considerably. Over 80 students sent in applications last fall for this year’s program. Around 60 students were called for interviews and 39 were selected for the final group. The program is open to all students from SMC, and ND, and occasionally to students from other colleges as well. High school graduate Katie Camillus plans to attend Sacred Heart College next year but was invited to participate in the program because three of her sisters and one of her cousins had gone on the trip in previous years.

Due to the rigorous planning involved in carrying out such a complicated program, Pullapilly only takes a group every other fall. Since the first program 20 years ago, 11 groups have had the opportunity to participate.

The SAW experience is different for every group that goes on the trip. This year’s group was scheduled to visit China, Tibet and Vietnam, but plans were changed because of the SARS epidemic. Visits to Japan and Thailand were left on the itinerary, and Australia was added as a substitute for the other countries.

After meeting in Los Angeles, the group flew to Tokyo on Aug. 22 and spent two weeks traveling through various cities, including Kyoto, Brisbane, Cairns, Sydney, Bangkok and Phuket. Members of the Students Around the World group pose in front of the Helan Shrine garden in Phuket.

The students flew into Delhi on Sept. 4. They quickly grew accustomed to Indian traffic, a mixture of buses, mopeds, cars, bikes, pedestrians, cows and goats. They learned to use Indian-style toilets and adjusted to the instant notoriety that came with being American in India. In their three weeks of travel, the group visited Hindu temples and shrines across the country, the Ellora and Ajanta caves containing some of the oldest Buddhist art in the world, and saw such architectural wonders as the Gateway to India and the Taj Mahal. They also had the opportunity to meet with the Vatican Ambassador to India, ride elephants and stay in the breathtaking foothills of the Himalayas.

By the time the group reached Cochin, they had been traveling for 36 days and had been in 6 different countries, 32 cities, 13 airports, 4 train stations, 14 buses, 3 boats, 19 different hotels, and had spent about 20 hours in the air. Settling into a more normal day-to-day class schedule for the next two months was a relief for many students. Traveling at a fast pace, although exciting, doesn’t always leave much room for in-depth understanding of the

Notre Dame junior Andy DeVoto sits with some young children outside a temple in Tanjore in Southern India.

Notre Dame sophomores Nicole Mitchell and junior Andy DeVoto sit with some young children outside a temple in Tanjore in Southern India.

Notre Dame juniors Heather Tsukamoto and Mark Fredenberg at James Bond Island in Phang Nga Bay in Thailand during their semester abroad.
around the world
Students learn about other cultures semester studying abroad

A few students bonded quickly bargaining with Delhi street vendors and suffering through spicy foods. However, since Pullapilly accepts students from both ND and SMC, the guys going on SAW tend to find themselves a bit outnumbered. This year’s group includes 32 girls and only 7 guys.

“Sometimes it’s more like Shopping Around the World,” sophomore Eric Rocca joked.

Although the closeness of the group provides every­one with plenty of friends, people who like to meet the locals in bars and clubs can still find the program socially frustrating. Women are rarely seen buying alcohol in Cochin, and revealing clothing, even shorts, is out of the question. Although students find their 10:30 p.m. curfew at the hotel restrictive, there is rarely anywhere to go after that. Indian students often have parties in the middle of the day in order to get home for their own curfews, and many of the girls don’t socialize much outside of their families and classes.

Many students worry about being away from family and friends for an entire semester when they go abroad. Although being away from family is never easy, SAW students found they also get to experience firsthand,” sophomore Sarah Nowak said. “Learning about these subjects back in South Bend will never compare to actu­ally being here.”

With such a complicated travel itin­erary which changes from year to year, there are unavoidable complications annually. Students pay an extra fee in addition to normal tuition which changes each year depending on travel plans. As with any country that lacks the fixed prices and sales regulations Americans are used to, students have to be careful about where they make major purchases and how much they pay. Going on SAW also involves extra immunizations and other medical con­cerns — remembering which day of the week to take anti-malaria pills can be harder than it sounds. Pictures from this year and the last two trips and more information about the trip can be found at www.saintmarys.edu­/world.

The future of SAW is still unclear. Pullapilly currently plans to take anoth­er group in the fall of 2005, but in future years the program may or may not continue. Since the program depends so much on Pullapilly’s plan­ning and knowledge, transferring the program to a different director when Pullapilly decides not to take another group might be difficult.

Whether or not the Semester Around the World continues, it is a unique experience that forces its participants to truly look at the world, seeing not just the good but the bad as well. In one semester, these students see and expe­rience countless things that many people will never have the chance to see. SAW teaches its students about the importance of stepping out of their comfort zones, opening them up to the chance for true learning and under­standing of the world.

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SAW is not a program for the faint of heart — or those too attached to their hair dryers. Students who choose to find themselves halfway around the world, living for four months out of a suitcase which must weigh less than 44 pounds — not leav­ing much room for extra shoes or entire CD collections. Although students see many beautiful sights, others are far from glamorous. In a country where 26 percent of the people live below the poverty line, the group wit­nesses extreme cases of poverty and homelessness. As hard as this can be to handle, it plays an integral role in the life-changing experience of SAW.

“When you live in America, you learn that there’s poverty everywhere and you feel bad, but over here you don’t feel bad as much as you understand it bet­ter,” said junior Erin Cox. “Living the Eastern life, you learn that everything doesn’t need to be Westernized. Being here makes you want to live a simpler life.”

Although the semester is filled with learning opportunities, it is still an academic sacrifice for some students. SMC refuses to accept SAW classes for religion, philosophy, government or economics requirements. Since all the students take the same classes, regardless of their different majors or backgrounds, the classes are designed as more of an overview of various subjects than an in-depth exploration of any topic. Some professors advise their students not to go for academic reasons. However, most students on the program feel they can learn as much from their travel experiences as they can in a South Bend classroom.

“Real education isn’t just reinforce­ment, but also the exposure to new ideas,” Pullapilly said.

“The unique aspect about SAW is that what we learn in the classroom.

Students go abroad during the semester as SAW participants. These students spent their semester abroad.

Notre Dame junior Heather Tsukamoto with schoolchildren down the street from Sacred Heart College in Cochin.

SMC sophomore Jackie Zurcher, ND junior Meredith Shepherd, sophomore Nicole Mitchell, junior Laura Vargas, sophomores Marcia Lutio and Ken Dineen at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand.

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MLB

BOSTON — Manny Ramirez makes so much money that even his biggest spenders in baseball don't want him.

The Boston Red Sox placed him on irretrievable waivers Wednesday, and teams have until 1:00 p.m. Friday to claim the slugger left fielder.

If he's claimed, Boston would get nothing in return but would unload the contract, the second-richest in baseball history, if he didn't claimed, it would remain with the Red Sox.

The New York Yankees' payroll of $164 million — not including postseason or award bonuses — is the highest in the major leagues, but they have no interest in Ramirez. The big-spending New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers’ local offshoots are said to have bid for Ramirez on irrevocable waivers Thursday as a way to gauge other teams' interest in him and pay the entire remaining bonus. The team holds $101.5 million on a two-year bonus. Ramirez is a diligent student of hitting, often analyzing video studying tapes of himself at the plate. But he is an average, often nonchalant fielder who lacks hustle on the bases.

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"He signed as a free agent by former Boston general manager Dan Duquette and is scheduled to make $20 million in 2005, $19 million in 2006, $18 million in 2007 and $20 million in 2008.

He also had 37 homers and 104 RBIs. Ramirez is a diligent student of hitting, often analyzing video studying tapes of himself at the plate. But he is an average, often nonchalant fielder who lacks hustle on the bases.

The Red Sox would have plenty of hitting without him if they let him go. Boras said "as you look at his on-the-field performance, I think he's performing at a very high level. Obviously, the club must have other factors in their decision." Ramirez said that he was benched by Little League in the late 2003 season after he cut a crucial series against the Yankees with a sore throat and fever, yet got together with New York infielder Enrique Wilson to reminisce about their days in Cleveland.

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Manny Ramirez is caught stealing in game three of the ALCS against the Yankees. Ramirez was placed on waivers Wednesday by the Red Sox.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Improved Rix expects a win

Associated Press
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A year ago, Florida State quarterback Chris Rix lost his starting job after a dismal performance against Notre Dame. This weekend, the 22-year-old junior will try to show he's improved enough to lead the fifth-ranked team Seminoles to a road win that keeps them on the national championship path.

"If I do my part and do what I'm pushed to do I think we win the ball game," Rix said as he prepared for Saturday's game at Notre Dame (2-5).

He is now 21-8 as starter at Florida State, but just 2-5 against ranked teams — that includes an 0-3 record against Miami.

Florida State (7-1, 6-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) has already clinched at least a share of another league title, but the Seminoles are only 5-7 against nonconference teams the past three seasons.

Turnovers have plagued Rix in the big games. He suffered three in Florida State's 22-14 defeat against Miami earlier this month, three in the Notre Dame loss a year ago and a nightmarish six as a freshman against Miami.

"The biggest thing from last year is, of course, the turnovers and the trying to do too much," Rix concedes. "And that's my goal to eliminate this year."

He's also been ineffective in rainy weather, inept in last year's loss at Louisville and again in a downpour three weeks ago against Miami.

Rix lost the starting job for a month after last year's Notre Dame loss, regained it when Adrian McPherson was dismissed from the team for allegedly stealing a check from a local business and then declared ineligible by school officials for the Sugar Bowl after failing to take a final exam in a religion course.

Attendance drops in West Lafayette

Associated Press
WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue coach Joe Tiller is mystified by the lack of local fan interest in Saturday's game against Northwestern.

Projected attendance at Ross-Ade Stadium is set at 22,000 — about 10,500 short of a full house.

"Maybe a month ago they decided they weren't going to go," Tiller said. "I don't know."

A month ago Northwestern, at 2-4 and coming off a 42-17 home loss to Minnesota, was looking every bit the conference doormat it was the year before.

Purdue, meanwhile, was building a six-game winning streak and climbing the national rankings.

So if Tiller's assumption was accurate, fans had every right to expect a blowout in the Boilermakers' favor this Saturday.

Times have changed.

Northwestern quarterback Brett Basanez and tailback Jason Wright are finally starting to deliver the big plays coach Randy Walker has been waiting for, and the defense looked strong in holding Wisconsin's explosive ground game to 135 yards and yielding only seven points last week.

"We've been able to play with greater focus," Walker said. "I've thought all along that we could be a pretty good football team, a quality team. We just couldn't put it together for 60 minutes. Now we're letting go of the past, good or bad, and we're really doing a good job of playing complete and focused football."

The Boilermakers are still in contention for at least a share of the Big Ten title and the trip to the Rose Bowl that goes with it.

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Athletes begin testimony before grand jury
Track and field champions questioned about nutritional supplements lab

Associated Press
SAN FRANCISCO — Two U.S. track and field champions, 1,560-meter runner Regina Jacobs and shot putter Kevin Toth, were among the first of a group of athletes to testify to a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Jacobs and Toth were among four track and field athletes who appeared before the federal panel on Thursday. Both Jacobs and Toth have been customers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, or BALCO, which is the target of the probe.

Dozens of other athletes, including baseball's Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi and boxer Shane Mosley, have been subpoenaed in the case.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not imply any of the athletes is a target of the probe. Federal officials have refused to discuss the scope of the grand jury or its secret proceedings.

But a source familiar with Thursday's daylong proceeding said the athletes were asked whether they had taken any of the newly discovered designer steroid THG or the endurance-boosting hormone EPO.

"I really feel sorry for these athletes, because they're really become the victims here," Douglas Schwartz, attorney for Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has said.

Schwartz, who requested anonymity, said the athletes were asked whether they had obtained THG or EPO from BALCO.

An attorney for Victor Conte, BALCO's founder, has said his client is the target of the grand jury probe and is innocent of any wrongdoing.

The source also said the athletes were asked whether they had knowingly purchased steroids from BALCO, or whether they thought they were buying legal nutritional supplements.

"Did you meet Conte?" the source said the athletes were asked. "Did he tell you to be quiet?"

Jacobs and Toth were among four U.S. athletes who tested positive for THG at the U.S. track and field championships in June at Stanford, according to another source close to the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

Jacobs and her attorney, Douglas Schwartz, refused to comment Thursday when asked outside the grand jury room whether she had tested positive for THG at that meet.

Jacobs, 40, won her 12th U.S. national outdoor title in the 1,500 at Stanford.

"Regina was here. She did nothing wrong. She left the grand jury to carry on," Schwartz said after Jacobs had completed her afternoon testimony.

"I really feel sorry for these athletes, because they've really become the victims here." Toth, who has the longest throw in the world this year and won his first national title in June, would not comment after his grand jury appearance.

BALCO was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and local drug agents in September. Conte also has been accused by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency of supplying athletes with the designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG.

Conte also was fingered by British sprinter Dwain Chambers, who admits he tested positive for THG during an out-of-competition test Aug. 1 in Germany. Chambers said through an attorney that he was assured by Conte the supplements he was given were within international rules.

Authorities in track and field, and other sports, have begun retesting samples for THG since the discovery of the previously undetectable steroid. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday declared THG an illegal drug.

EPO, or erythropoietin, boosts endurance by stimulating the production of oxygen-carrying red blood cells in the body. A banned substance, EPO is considered among the most abused drugs in sports.

NBA
Iverson injures shoulder in practice

Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers All-Star Allen Iverson strained his left shoulder in practice Thursday.

The guard collided with a teammate during a five-on-five drill and left practice with an ice pack on his shoulder and his left arm bandaged. He was listed as day-to-day, pending the results of an MRI test.

Iverson "has always been an individual who can tolerate a lot of pain," 76ers coach Randy Ayers said. "If he's healthy and he feels good, he'll try to play."

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NBA

Rockets debut $202 million arena with victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets opened their new arena with a series of firsts and the biggest of all was a victory at Toyota Center.

Cantino Mobley scored 21 points as the Rockets never trailed and beat the Denver Nuggets 102-85 Thursday night in the first game played at their sparkling $202 million downtown arena.

A sellout crowd of 18,189 was on hand as the coach Jeff Van Gundy era started with a runaway victory.

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Francis capped the run with a long pass to Mobley for a fast-break dunk for the Rockets, who were up 72-60 at the end of the third quarter.

"There was no particular emotion, other than wanting to play well," Van Gundy said. "Coaches work in strange ways. I'm thinking about Memphis (next opponent) right now. We didn't play as well as I thought we might. We had a lot of blown assignments and mistakes."

Sonics 109, Clippers 100

Rashard Lewis scored 25 points, and Ronald Murray had 24, leading the SuperSonics past the Clippers 109-100 Thursday night in Mike Dunleavy's debut as Los Angeles' coach.

Lewis made two 3-pointers in a third-quarter run that gave the SuperSonics an 83-69 lead heading to the fourth.

The Clippers closed the gap to four points late in the final quarter at SaltLake City Arena. With less than a minute to go, Clippers guard Eddie House sank a 3-pointer, and Corey Maggette's score made the margin four.

But Calvin Booth's dunk with 20.6 seconds left gave the Sonics a six-point cushion they didn't relinquish.

House, a reserve, led the Clippers with 22 points. Maggette and Elton Brand each scored 21, with Brand grabbing 15 rebounds.

It was the first of two games in Japan for the teams, neither of which made the playoffs last season. This is the sixth time the NBA has had regular-season games in Japan; the last time was in 1999, when the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Sacramento Kings played at Tokyo Dome.

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The Sonics are here without three-time All-Star guard Ray Allen, who has an injured ankle.

New Orleans 100, Orlando 98

New Orleans was composed after falling behind by five points with the clock winding down, and the Hornets stayed calm when Orlando's Tracy McGrady took off toward the basket trying to force overtime.

Jamaal Magloire blocked McGrady's driving layup with 3.9 seconds to go, sealing New Orleans' 100-98 victory Thursday night. Had the Magic man's shot hit the mark, it would've erased a rally that saw the Hornets score the game's final seven points.

"We're prepared," said George Lynch, whose fast-break layup with 36 seconds remaining was the game-winner. "Coach has done a great job of getting us in situations in practice so we're able to adjust to it. We don't panic; we just play through it."

David Wesley scored 28 points.

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Juneau ends Canadiens’ three-game drought

Associated Press

BOSTON — Joe Juneau ended Montreal’s drought of over three games without a goal when he scored 1:39 into overtime to give the Canadiens a 1-0 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

The Canadiens had not scored a goal since Monday night’s game against Ottawa, a span of 199 minutes, 25 seconds.

Juneau scored when he broke in and slid the puck past Felix Potvin. Juneau exemplified the Canadiens’ frustration when he threw his stick in the air after scoring.

Jose Theodore earned his third shutout of the season, making 21 saves for Montreal. Despite being rarely tested, Theodore denied Brian Rolston on a breakaway with 9:38 remaining in the game with a glove save.

Potvin, who shut out the Canadiens on Tuesday, allowed only his second goal in the last three games.

The Bruins were also shut out at home last Thursday by Carolina and were shut out in consecutive games for the first time in 1999.

Montreal, who snapped a three-game losing streak, had four power-play opportunities and is 1-for-24 with the man advantage over the last seven games.

The Canadiens were shut out in three straight games twice in their history, most recently in 1949.

Boston had not allowed a goal in 163:37.

Lightning 2, Sharks 2

Dave Andreychuk scored a game-tying power-play goal early in the third period as the unbeaten Tampa Bay Lightning earned a 2-2 tie Thursday night with the San Jose Sharks.

The Lightning (6-0-1) were bidding to become just the ninth team to start the season with seven consecutive wins.

Only the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs (10 games), the 1954-55 Maple Leafs (eight games) and 1975-76 Buffalo Sabres (eight games) have started the season with more than seven straight wins.

Devils 3, Flyers 2

The unlikely hero of Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals helped the New Jersey Devils end an unexpectedly long home winless streak.

Mike Rupp scored his second goal in the first time at home this season by rallying for a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

"It was my best game, not just because I scored," Rupp said. "I think I was using my body and our line was establishing a forecheck. We had a solid game."

It brought back memories of last June when Rupp scored twice in the Devils’ 3-0 win in Game 7, making him an instant hero.

This season has been anything but that for him. He did not earn a point in his first six games.

Sabres 5, Maple Leafs 3

Five seems to be the lucky number these days for the Buffalo Sabres.

Miroslav Satan scored his 200th career goal with the Sabres and added an assist to lead Buffalo past the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3 Thursday night.
College Football Polls

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Women's Soccer 2003 Big East Tournament Pairings

Sunday, Quarterfinals

Game 1 — Marist at Notre Dame, 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Rutgers at St. Joseph's, 1 p.m.
Game 3 — Villanova at Connecticut, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — St. John's at West Virginia, 1 p.m.

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Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
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Eye on Irish Opponents

Thursday

Duke State 55, BYU 12

Saturday

FSU (7-1) at Notre Dame (6-5)
Washington State at North Carolina (5-1)

Michigan (7-2) at Maryland State (6-5)

Northwestern at Purdue (6-5)

Pittsburgh (5-2) at Boston College (3-3)

Tulane at Lafayette (5-3)

Syracuse (4-3)

Bobby Rahming photo

NBA

Orlando's Tracy McGrady drives past Detroit's Clifford Robinson last season in game seven of the NBA Eastern Conference Quarterfinals, which the Magic lost. McGrady is ready to step up as the leader of the Magic.

McGrady ready to be the team leader

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ask Tracy McGrady what the future holds for the Orlando Magic, and he wearily shakes his head.

"Everything," he says, depends on the "young guys" getting on the same page as the veterans.

They depend on the young guys? Tracy, you're only 24!

"But I've got six years under my belt. So I feel like I've been here a long time," he said.

McGrady is an experienced superstar who may just be taping into all of his talents.

He is the defending NBA scoring leader, and last year was the youngest player to average 30 points since the ABA-NBA merger of 1977. McGrady also is one of only three active players with at least 8,500 points, 2,700 rebounds and 1,600 assists through their first six seasons. (The others are injured teammates Grant Hill and Antoine Walker of Dallas.)

Scorer, rebounder, passer, defender. Now McGrady can add another role: leader.

The Magic's front office, by staking the franchise on McGrady's jersey, is making official what has been common knowledge: This is Tim Mac's team.

"Now he can start to do the things that we equate with being a leader," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said. "But as far as on the floor, he's been there and has done that."

McGrady demonstrated his leadership Wednesday night in the Magic's opening-game overtime win over the New York Knicks.

Despite an awful shooting performance through three quarters, his defense and playmaking kept the Magic close. His 13 points in the fourth quarter and overtime gave Orlando a two-point victory.

"I was getting frustrated all night and my shots weren't falling," said McGrady, 9-for-24 from the field. "As bad as we played they never ran away with a big lead. I told my teammates if we take it over to the last, I will win this game."

McGrady the leader will be judged by wins and losses, and that's fine with him.

"If a teammate doesn't go all out in practice, tunes out for coaches or breaks a play to make himself look good, the captain will notice."

"If we don't do those things, we're going to be one of those teams that play $2 games then go home," McGrady said. "I definitely don't want that, because i enjoy playing in the postseason."

In Brief

Thomas to return to White Sox next year

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas is staying with the Chicago White Sox.

Thomas said Thursday he will exercise a $6 million contract option for next season rather than test the free-agent market for a second straight year.

"After weighing our options, we felt the best decision for Frank was to return to the White Sox," Aram Tellem, Thomas' agent, said in a statement. "I know Frank would like nothing better than to help the White Sox win a World Series title."

Thomas tested the free-agent market for the first time in his career last year after the White Sox invoked a clause in his contract that allowed them to defer most of his $10 million salary.

The two-time AL MVP wound up re-signing with the only team he's ever played for, agreeing to a one-year deal with three mutual options that guaranteed him $22.5 million.

In addition to the $6 million option for next season, he has one for $8 million in 2005 and $10 million in 2006, a year that has a $3.5 million club buyout attached to it.

Even if Thomas had declined the option, the White Sox could have held onto him by exercising an $8 million option. The White Sox also have options of $11 million in 2005 and $12 million in 2006.

"Frank is certainly the greatest hitter in the long history of this organization," said Kenny Williams, the White Sox's general manager. "Very much to his credit, Frank rebounded at the plate in 2003, and we are looking forward to another season with having Frank as one of the most potent offensive players in the American League."

Thomas hit 267, his highest average since 2000, with 42 home runs and 105 RBIs this season. He also hit his 400th career homer and collected his 2,000th hit.

Brand injuries foot in season-opening loss

LOS ANGELES — Forward Elton Brand sustained a hairline fracture in his right foot during the Los Angeles Clippers' season-opening loss to Seattle in Japan.

He is expected to be out four to six weeks, the team said Thursday.

X-rays taken in Tokyo after Wednesday night's game showed a hairline fracture of the fourth metatarsal.

Brand had 21 points, 15 rebounds and a career-high eight blocks in the Clippers' loss.

Brand missed 18 games last season with a stress fracture in his lower left leg. He averaged 18.5 points and 11.3 rebounds in 62 games last season.

He signed an offer sheet with the Miami Heat in July. The Clippers retained Brand by matching the offer with a six-year contract reportedly worth $82.2 million.

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SMC SOCCER

Belles look to bounce back from tough loss

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer
October break proved to be rocky for Saint Mary's.

The Belles came out of the break with a 1-1-1 record only to suffer a heartbreaking 2-1 double overtime loss to Kalamazoo Wednesday night. The loss to Kalamazoo puts Saint Mary's at 9-3-3 for the season and in a tie with both Tiffin and Ohio Northern in the MIAA standings.

"The consistent Saint Mary's defense couldn't preserve the tie," said Coach Peter Haring. "The defense can only hold for so long," Belles coach Peter Haring said. "The offense needs to finish the golden opportunities in games." 

This was the second loss Saint Mary's has suffered in the last two weeks. Saint Mary's endured a 1-0 loss to Hope College Oct. 18. But the team had to play without defender Shannon Haring said. "We let mistakes get to us and we're all a lot of confidence at the beginning of the game."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles hope to finish home season strong

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the Saint Mary's volleyball team, its season has literally come full circle.

The Belles finish the 2003 regular season at home today against Albion, the same team that they played in their conference opener Sept. 1.

In that match, Saint Mary's fell in five sets.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek is anxious for her team to get another chance at Albion, especially considering how close the Belles were to defeating the Britons back in September.

"I'm very excited to play this team, because we've improved so much since that first game," she said. "It's a really big win for us, because if we win this game we'll be in the conference and if we lose we'll end up seventh."

The Belles have shown great improvement over last season, in which the team went 7-21 and only won a single conference game. This year, Saint Mary's has a 15-12 record going into the final game of the regular season and a 4-9 record in the MIAA.

Players even more impressive is that the Belles have made such strides on a team with only one senior — Libero Alison Sheek — on the roster. Freshman outside hitter Kristen Playo, who ranks in the top three in the MIAA in both kills and service aces, has led talented underclassmen this season—a year in which the Belles are not to be taken lightly by conference opponents.

"This year has really been about team improvement, but we've had some great individual performances as well," Schroeder-Biek said. "We've made some big steps toward getting this program turned around."

"We really have come out of the basement and have started to get respect from the other teams in this conference." Albion (11-10, 2-10 in the MIAA) is coming off a straight set victory over Olivet Wednesday. The match's tip off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Badin looks for revenge against McGlinn

By ANN LOUGHERY AND BOB GRIFFIN
Sports Writers

Don't expect a repeat of the last match between the third seeded Buffalo Bills and sixth seeded St. Francis, said McGlinn receiver Carolyn Gibbs.

When the two met earlier in the season, Badin shut out McGlinn 13-0, McGuire quarterback back Bridgeait Meacham desiring that loss as the worst of their season.

Since then, the sophomore-heavy Shamrocks (3-3) have focused on strengthening the offense, thus allowing the defense in regards to blunting schemes and formations. This, Gibbs said, will ultimately bolster the Shamrocks to a win and in the playoffs.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

By JOE LINDSLEY
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Both the mens and womens cross country teams will spend Halloween in the Bronx, where each Irish squad will contend today for the Big East title. Though the race will not be an easy win, the women, who are the defending conference champions and who are ranked fifth nationally, are likely to scare the opposition, particularly given their third-place finish two weeks ago at the Pre-National meet.

Meanwhile, the men, who took fourth place at last year's race, have reasons not to be afraid this season — they are running at a venue where they have not failed to take the Big East title since 1995, and, unlike last year, they will be with the services of former All-American Todd Mobley. Mobley is a senior who missed last year's event due to injury.

Every year the Big East Championships alternate between Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. and Franklin Park in Boston. When the race is held in Boston, the mens cross country team seem to be subject­ed to some sort of Halloween streak, their longest in three years.

The Irish have been able to maintain their run, though they will still have to contend against some highly­ranked conference foes. The eighth-ranked Providence Friars and 16th-ranked Georgetown will provide challenges. Other ranked Big East teams include No. 25 West Virginia, No. 27 Boston College, and No. 32 Villanova.

Last year, when the female Irish runners took their first­ever Big East title, Lauren King took individual honors closely ahead of teammate Molly Huddle.

Since then, the same two runners have generally led the Irish, but the order has been reversed, with the sophomore Huddle usually leading the elder King. At the Pre-Nationals, Huddle fin­ished 10th, amidst a pack of top runners. In each of the seven col­legiate races she has run, Huddle has arrived at the finish line in the top 10. On her heels that day was junior Kiev Meager, who is in his first sea­son running varsity races. King was 10 seconds behind and took 19th place.

While the Big East title race can affect the teams' rankings, as well as their chance for at­

large bids to the National Championships, the NCAA Great Lakes Regional, which will be held Nov. 15 in Terre Haute, Ind., is the opportunity for both teams to qualify for the NCAA title event.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 14 Irish look to extend 11 game win streak

By HEATHER VAN HOGERDAN
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The Irish are glad to be back at the Joyce Center. No. 14 Notre Dame returns home Sunday for just the second time in two weeks, where they face Syracuse (16-11, 3-4 in the Big East).

The Orange tagged off a 3-2 loss to Boston College, and are hungry for a win. The Irish, on the other hand, will look to extend their 11-1 win streak, their longest in three years.

Notre Dame (18-2, 7-0) is led by their nation-leading 3.79 hitting percentage, while they hit .219 as a team. The Irish have held opponents to a .142 attack percent­age this season. In the seven col­legiate matches so far this year, the Irish have hit .190.

Defensively, the Irish have been led, and rightfully so, by libero Meg Henican, who fin­ished with 17 digs on Sunday. The Irish have also had 11 kills with no errors on 21 attempts.

Brewster has been nicely com­plemented by Lauren Keibel, who led the way for the Irish in Wednesday's win over Illinois State with 11 kills on .444 hitting. Keibel also added 15.5 points serving, while Brewer led with 17 points.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder led the offense with another double double, as she had 29 assists and 12 digs, the 24th such match of her four-year career.

The Irish are the only team with a win streak of coach Debbie Brown's era. Brown's 18-2 record marks the best start for the Irish since 1994, when Notre Dame started 32-2 and finished 33-4. The longest winning streak in Irish history is 17, done in 1986. During the current 11-match streak, Notre Dame has won 44- of 48 games, only losing one each to Purdue, Villanova, Connecticut and North Carolina.

Sunday's match kicks off at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Women's Basketball

Irish third in Big East

Special to The Observer

Connecticut, the defending NCAA champion, has been cho­sen to win the 2003-04 Big East women's basketball regular sea­son title. The poll is determined by a vote of the league's head coaches who were not permitted to place their own teams on their ballots.

Bergers earned the remaining first-place vote and 155 points for a second-place finish in the poll. The Irish played in the NCAA Championship for the eighth straight year and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the fifth time under coach Muffet McGraw. Notre Dame finished 21-11 for its 10th consecutive 20-win season. Junior forward Jacqueline Batteast, a member of the 2003-04 preseason all-Big East first team, is expected to lead the Irish.

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Dillon looks to continue domination as playoffs begin

By STEVE COYER, ANNIE BRUSKI, DAN TAPETILLO AND KEVIN O'NEILL

Sports Writers

It's been two very different seasons for Sorin and Dillon, but this weekend that means nothing as both teams look to advance in the playoffs.

Dillon has rolled through its schedule this year and emerged the only undefeated team in the league after a 14-8 victory over Keenan. With confidence from last year's playoff success and this year's dominant regular season, Dillon looks ready to play up to its No. 1 seeding.

Sorin started with a thrilling 3-0 victory and ended with a huge 6-0 win. In their other two games, the Otters took difficult losses yet made it into the playoffs with a third-place finish.

Sorin realizes it has a powerful opponent to face but the team's attitude remains upbeat.

"We're facing the top seed and we have our work cut out for us," said Colleen O'Keefe. "But we're thrilled to have made it into the playoffs." Dillon's defense has been very solid with shutting out and holding only 11 points all season.

On offense, Dillon has been strong and was explosive in its 42-6 defeat of Keenan. Key players on offense for Dillon include Robert McFadden, Kevin McCarthy and Ben Burnin.

Sorin has had to face injuries all season and the upcoming playoff game will be no exception.

"We have some key players returning on defense but we're still going to have to deal with injuries this game," O'Keefe said.

Dillon's undefeated play this season makes them the team to beat going into the playoffs.

The game will be played this Sunday at 1 p.m. at Riehle North.

No. 2 Siegfried vs. No. 7 Alumni

Sunday's body contested inter­hall playoff game between the Siegfried Ramblers and the Alumni Dawgs will be a rematch of last year's championship.

Not that either team needs any added incentive, though, for they both know it's do-or-die time when the playoffs roll around.

"It doesn't matter where we're seeded. If we don't come out there strong it will be an early exit," Siegfried corner back Natz Raschke said.

Both teams return nearly all of last season's players and although Siegfried was victorious last year, anything can happen in Sunday's game.

"We can't look past Alumni or anyone else. Alumni is a good team and we can't take it for granted that we're the defending champs," said Raschke, a junior.

"I know Siegfried is a great team. It will be a tough game," Alumni wide receiver Corey Harkins said. "Being a senior, I really don't want it to end quite yet."

"We're very confident. We're excited to get a second chance at Siegfried," said Alumni quarterback back Chris Cottingham, recalling his team's 14-7 loss in the championship last year.

Second-seeded Siegfried - 3-1 - after a disappointing loss to St. Pats, has a talented roster led by quarterback Marty Mooney, tight end Dave Knapke.

"The game was won behind the defense we were a much more differ­ent team than last year," Keenan team captain Patrick Downey said.

But despite Keenan being the newcomer of last year, anything can happen in the playoffs.

"We'll have a lot of new faces and we are a much more different team than last year," Keenan team captain Patrick Downey said.

"We've had some unfortunate breaks along the way but we're a pretty good team, and we have our game plan ready," Harkins said. "We're confident we can go out there and give it our best."

No. 4 Knott vs. No. 5 Keenan

Sunday's game will not only be a battle for life in playoffs, but also for pride.

After both teams missed the playoffs last year, No. 4 seed Knott will meet No. 5 seed Keenan in a first-round game.

"The Jaggerknots want to prove how explosive their offense and defense have become since last season," Knott assistant coach D. Lee said.

"Knott annihilated Carroll 19-0 in the last game of the regular season and does not expect dif­fer­ent results in the first round of the playoffs.

We hit on all cylinders this year and we're going to take that into the playoffs," Knott cap­tain Drew Donovan said.

To achieve this goal, Knott will have to rely upon its improved defense, led by quarterback Ben Gillilian and wide receiver Mike Peters and, along with the con­sistency of its defense which Donovan adds in both solid and the inner strength of the team.

But Knott will also need to stop Keenan's offense if it expects to see life in the second round.

The Keenan offense is led by team captains quarterback Patrick Downey and receiver Reed Lanton.

The Knights want to show they're a "new and improved" team during the first round.

"We have a lot of new faces and we are a much more differ­ent team than last year," Keenan team captain Patrick Downey said.

"We're looking to focus on the offense this week," captain Mike Maimone said. "The key for us to contain their offense." said Maimone.

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MEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

The undefeated Manorsites head into the game boasting a powerful offensive attack led by quarterback Marty Money, tight end Dave Purcell and the run­ning back tandem of brothers Steve and Nick Klein. Offensively, the Manorsites look to first establish a running attack before using the pass to set up the passing attack.

The Manor will also bring a talented defense led by middle line backers Jason Wise and Brian Dinsmore. "Nobody has put together a drive on our defense," said Rousseh, refer­ring to a unit that has allowed just one offensive touchdown on the season and shut out three of four opponents. "They will look to play solid defense and establish a good running game. It's a simple formula. Our personnel is good enough to win and we have a lot of depth said Rousseh.

The Zahmbies come into the game with confidence, having won their first two games of the season over Sorin and Fisher. The Soph game was won behind a solid ground attack led by run­ning back Eric Tarnowski, while Fisher was bested behind the passing of quarterback Mitch Knapke.

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ning two games over the break, including a 1-0 win over then-No. 1 Boston College Saturday.

"There's that subconscious follow up question about what's going to happen after a big win like that," Poulin said.

Despite scoring two goals in the first period, the Irish were lucky to keep Nebraska-Omaha off the board. Nicole Dante had several turnovers in their defensive zone, but Cey was equal to the task.

"I thought [Morgan] played very well," Poulin said. "I would have liked to have seen him just give up one goal, but Omaha's a good hockey team and they really battled very hard.

McLean got the Irish on the board halfway through the first period when he followed up a rebound of a Brett Lebda shot. Notre Dame had a dominating one-on-one game out of reach just a few minutes later, when McLean made a perfect pass to forward Kisio, Walsh might have played his best game of the season.

Kisio's goal, Irish forward Walsh managed to get away a hard slap shot from the lead to two with just eight seconds remaining in the second period. Walsh was just terrific in the game, and Mike Walsh might have played his best game of the season.

"I'm minutes into the second period, Nebraska-Omaha got on the board during a flurry of shots in front of Cey. The Irish goalie made several saves, but could not collect a rebound which went to forward Brent Kisia, who swept it into the empty net.

Less than two minutes after Kisio's goal, Irish forward Michael Bartlett entered the zone on a two-on-one and made a perfect pass to forward Rob Godke, who hesitated for a moment before whirling the puck between Haaland's pads.

Notre Dame would put the game out of reach just 30 seconds later, when McLean made a dominating one-on-one move, just getting enough on a shot while falling down to fling it through Haaland's five-hole.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Bauters leads by example for the Belles

By PAT LEONARD

Call her captain. Call her coach. Call Jackie Bauters. Matter of fact, why don't you just call her all three.

The senior captain of the Saint Mary's cross country has been the team's top finisher in five of its six meets thus far this season. Not only that, she has become the physical and motivational lifeblood of the program.

"We have a lot of great chemistry," Bauters said. "It's like our little family.

Last season as a junior, Bauters was the top Saint Mary's finisher at the NCAA regionals and only once did not finish in the top three runners this season. Bauters is one of five seniors on the Belles squad.

Nicole Garcia, Jessica Kosco, Jessica Millanes, Mary's and Nicole Garcia, Jessica Kosco, Mary Pendergast join her as the season-versed veterans. Bauters, however, has emerged as the clear-cut leader of this team.

She has kept her times in the 5,000-meter race relatively steady between a 20:50, good for a 17th overall finish at the National Catholic Invitational and a 20:11, 27th place finish at the MIAA Jamboree.

Most recently, Bauters kicked it into high gear with a 17th overall finish and a time of 19:52 at the Eagle Invitational at Benedictine University.

Her coach, Dave Barstis, has observed Bauters' development into a top competitor, but he knows her value exceeds what happens on the course.

"She's a leader and she leads by example," Barstis said. "She's just an extension of myself. Since I don't get to run with them, I count on her to keep them in front. She's basically my coach in the field to go, and she's great at it.

So she is a captain and a coach, as well. Bauters can handle that. "I kind of feel like it's my team, too," she says. "I really enjoy having this leadership opportunity because the girls are very easy to work with. It's also easy for me because the leader role is one I've always been comfortable with.

She was comfortable with her captain's role at Cathedral Latin High School in Cleveland. Bauters team won the district championship her junior year and was named first team all-conference her senior year.

The same drive has followed Bauters to Saint Mary's and become contagious. "I think I'm a very highly motivated person," Bauters said. "I really push myself, so I know that the girls on the team look up to me as the leader. If I don't give my best effort which doesn't mean I have to win — and if I don't try my hardest, that is not doing everything I can. I never want to let my team down.

Bauters' team-oriented attitude shows an example to the younger runners.

"She has bought into my coaching philosophy," Barstis said. "She keeps the team motivated by reiterating what I've been saying: be patient. Keep your head up. Everyone has a bad race, you'll have a good one. She's a great leader, no doubt about it.

Freshmen Katie White and Sara Otto, among others, are already showing improvement physically and mentally from following Bauters' example.

"These two girls are great team runners," Bauters said. "They have a lot of leadership that will carry the team next year.

But Bauters is graduating. Normally a senior captain would not be so considerate of the team's future well-being.

"I will miss her when she graduates," she says. "A captain wouldn't be so considerate, but a coach would.

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more than another day of training. Places meant nothing, I was looking at progress and viewing it as a workout.

"The team has progressed as I hoped, and the Eagle Invitational is a good indication of that," he said. "We used that as a trial run to test to see how we were going to do in the (MIAA) championships. The team has bought into my coach's role and is a captain and a coach, as well. Bauters can handle that.

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The MIAA championships begin at 11 a.m. Saturday.

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for a second time," Waldrum said. "We beat them fairly comfortably at home which is a good thing from a confidence standpoint. The bad thing is having beat them before you don’t have the kids going in like we did Wednesday night, mentally unprepared to play." The last time the two teams played, the Irish were coming to the end of a grueling stretch of seven games in fifteen days. The schedule has not gotten much easier for the Irish, who have continued to play a lot of games. "With all the mid-week games in the last three weeks we really haven’t had many good practice days," Waldrum said. "We play a game, recover the next day, then play again. So we’ll get back into the basic things we were doing at the beginning of the year."

Despite failing to complete the fourth unbeaten regular season in team history the Irish are excited to play Miami again and to enter the post-season. "I don’t think when we played them here that we played very well, and we beat them 3-0," Waldrum said. I think we need to be a little more prepared to play them since it is going to have a playoff atmosphere to it."

Notes
¬ The Irish have an 18-0-0 record all-time in Big East Tournament competition, winning the tournament the seven previous times they have competed.
¬ The Irish outscored their Big East opponents 22-0 on the season.

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last Saturday. Detter began the scoring with a goal at the 6 minute, 40 second mark off an assist from junior defender Kevin Goldthwaite. He then won the game seven minutes into overtime by chipping a ball over Virginia Tech goalkeeper Chase Harrison.

The game-winning overtime goal was Detter’s second of the season. His first came in an early-season, 2-1 victory over Fresno St in the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament. The second goal also tied Detter with senior forward Devon Prescod for the team lead in goals with eight. Detter’s 20 points (8 goals, 12 assists) leads all Notre Dame players.

This honor marks the first time Detter has been named to the Soccer America College Team of the Week in his career.

Detter’s overtime goal assured Notre Dame home field advantage in the first round of the Big East championship tournament, provided the Irish defeat Villanova tonight at Alumni Field.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Bouncing back

No. 2 Notre Dame looks to rebound against Miami after its first loss of the season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off of their first loss of the season, the Irish will look to rebound by getting the postseason off to a good start against Miami on Sunday.

The Irish will again be looking for coach Randy Waldrum’s 200th Division I soccer win, and will be trying to earn a trip to the Big East semifinals at Rutgers next weekend.

One of the major keys for the Irish will be seeing how they respond to their first loss of the season.

“They know they didn’t perform the way they should have,” Waldrum said of the game against Michigan. “I think the key in talking to them after the game was to try to make sure they don’t let that ruin Sunday’s game.”

“We’re starting the second season now, so we’ve got to be ready to play.”

As in the game against Michigan, Waldrum is prepared to play against Miami without two of his top players that are battling injury in senior defender Melissa Tancredi and junior Mary Boland. It is possible that either player could play, but unlikely. Waldrum said that Tancredi would be available next week if the Irish advance past the Hurricanes.

“There’s no question it hurts not having them, they are two quality players that have been a big part in what we’ve done this year,” Waldrum said. “But we certainly are a good enough team to have gotten past Michigan without those players. We’re deep enough to get by with it.”

The game will be a rematch of a game played just three weeks ago at Alumni Field, when the Irish earned a 3-0 win on the strength of goals by Boland, Amaouda Gourini and Katie Thorlakson.

“It’s a mix (playing Miami for a second time),” Waldrum said. 

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MEN’S SOCCER

Irish fight for home field advantage

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Forget the pumpkins and trick-or-treaters, ghosts and goblins when 7:30 p.m. strikes on Halloween night — the Notre Dame and Villanova men’s soccer teams will be focused on only one thing: a Big East win.

If the Irish do not beat No. 25 Villanova at Alumni Field tonight, the Irish risk losing home-field advantage in the first round of the Big East conference tournament.

Villanova needs to win this game more than the Irish. If the Wildcats do not defeat No. 7 Notre Dame, they risk being ousted from the postseason tournament altogether.

The Irish (10-2-3, 5-3-1 Big East) are in third place in the conference entering the weekend

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HOCKEY

Quick work made of Nebraska-Omaha

By JUSTIN SCHUWER
Associate Sports Editor

Blink and you might have missed it.

Notre Dame took care of business at home Thursday night against Nebraska-Omaha in a game that took only a little over two hours and included only one penalty call.

The Irish took advantage of the free-flowing game by scoring two goals in the first period on route to a 4-2 win over the Mavericks.

“I thought the referee did a good job both of letting the play go pretty much,” Poulin said.

“It’s something I like, really. I don’t like special teams. This game was designed to be played five-on-five,”

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles ready for final test of season

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Each meet has been a test. Every practice, a method of preparation.

For the Saint Mary’s cross country team, the entire season functions as a road of preparation to one final race — the MIAA Championships.

The Belles travel to Alma College this Saturday to compete in the annual conference championship race, one in which they placed seventh out of eight teams last year. But Saint Mary’s has shown great improvement since.

The Belles opened this season finishing fifth out of 12 teams in the Heidelberg Invitational, sixth in the Aquinas College Invitational and sixth in the MIAA Invitational the weekend before.

The coach believes runners should push work but not concern themselves with statistics or times. Instead, he emphasizes the gradual mental and physical progression that should culminate at the conference championships.

“The focus from day one has been Nov. 1,” coach Dave Barstis justifiably genteel throughout the season. I’ve used the meets as training runs. I’ve slowed them down more than another day of training. Places meant nothing. I was

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The Last Great Win

Ten years after defeating No. 1 Florida State, Notre Dame has failed to attain the success of '93
All that’s left is playing for pride

Two years ago on a dark November night, a first-year starting linebacker sounded off about his football team to anyone who would listen. At that time, the Irish were 3-5, hot seat and head coach were synonyms, a bowl game was a distant possibility and student support for the team had disappeared faster than girls after parted hair. So Courtney Watson teed off.

"From the beginning, you’re playing for pride," the then-junior shouted. "People try to come in and tell you you’re playing for pride, but that’s all you had. It’s a word that never seems to pop up when a program is up and temporarily contended Irish fans. It’s a word that always seems to pop up when a disaster happens, so does pride. Ask any football player what they are currently playing for, pride or a national championship. Those that chose a title are probably in contention for one. Those that don’t aren’t.

Two years later, Watson, now a senior, started his inaugural season 8-0 and temporarily contended Irish fans. Two years later, Watson, now an established leader of a once-raunted defensive unit, stood outside a locker room in Boston trying to explain why his team lost. Conversation inevitably turned to what the Irish, now teetering on the brink of yet another losing season, would find as motivation. The scene was different, but the words were the same. "You have to have some pride when you play the rest of the season," he said. There was that word again. Pride.

It’s a word that never seems to pop up when a team finds itself among the upper echelon of college football teams. It’s a word that always seems to pop up when fans do their best Chicago Cubs imitation and mutter, "Wait ’til next year." And that’s what’s happening to Notre Dame again this year, for the third time in five years. While Irish players spout off about playing for pride in Year 2 of the Tyrone Willingham Era, Irish fans are already thinking ahead to Year 3. Players may talk about how they always play for pride, but nobody was talking about pride when the season started. Nobody said in the preseason that winning a game — one game — would constitute a significant achievement, like the Irish were saying last weekend.

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"A lot of times, all you can talk about is the negatives if you’re having a season like this. But there are a lot of positives," Watson said two years ago.

Except that nobody wants to talk about positives. Notre Dame fans are already thinking ahead to Year 3 bowl games. Now, a program that hasn’t won a bowl game in a decade would leap at the chance this year to play in the Super Pub and Cheese Bowl presented by CJs.

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"We can knock off Florida State. We have to play consistent." — Tyrone Willingham, Irish head coach

"We really have to concentrate on our individual responsibilities." — Anthony Fasano, Irish tight end

"I got all the playbooks." — Matt Root, Former Irish current Seminole tight end

"In my lifetime, I have no reason to respect Notre Dame." — Courtney Watson playing for Notre Dame.

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A decade later
Notre Dame has struggled since its victory in the “Game of the Century”

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

It was the Game of the Century.

No. 1 Florida State, led by eventual-Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Bernie Kosar, took on No. 2 Notre Dame at Notre Dame Stadium in mid-November 1993. ESPN had its first GameDay show at the marketplace and 11,000 fans came to the game but couldn’t get a ticket.

The Seminoles entered the game two-touchdown favorites and scored on the opening drive to take an early 7-0 lead. But over the next two quarters, Notre Dame dominated in a fashion that no one had against Florida State that season.

The Irish tied the game when flanker Adrian Jarrell broke a 32-yard run on the ensuing Irish possession following the Florida State score. Running back Lee Fletcher and Jerome Bettis scored the next two touchdowns for Notre Dame and the Irish went into halftime with a 21-7 edge. It was the first time in 23 games the 5-0-1 Seminoles were trailed at half.

After the Irish extended their lead to 31-17 late in the fourth quarter, Ward led his team back with an 80-yard drive to cut the Notre Dame lead to 31-24. Florida State got the ball back and moved deep into Irish territory. After having a pass batted down, Ward and the Seminoles had three seconds to run one last play. Ward took the snap, rolled to his left, couldn’t find a receiver and fired a pass toward the end zone. Irish defensive back Shane Backes’ eyes lit up as he batted the ball down to seal the victory. Thousands of fans rushed the field in pandemonium.

It’s been 10 years since that memorable game in Notre Dame history. But in the present, the Irish football program finds itself in a very different position than in 1993. From 1988 to 1993, Notre Dame teams had a combined record of 64-9-1, won 10 games or more five times, went to 6 bowl games, winning five of them, and won a national title. And in the 10 years since that game, Notre Dame has combined to go just 10-44-1, had only one 10-win season in 2002, two losing seasons, no bowl victories and no national titles.

So, 2003, the Irish are a mere 2-5 and will face No. 5 Florida State at home for the first time since that 1993 game. It’s a far cry from the “Game of the Century” that took place a decade ago.

Remembering the game
Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz and current Florida State coach Bobby Bowden remember very different aspects of the ’93 game.

Ward had played down Notre Dame’s chances of winning the game all week while Bowden admitted he did everything wrong in the days leading up to the game and his players showed little knowledge or respect for the Notre Dame dynasty. Seminole wide receiver Kez McCorvey even mistakenly called Irish coaching great Knute Rockne “Rock Knutno” before the game.

“I did nothing right that week. I tried to downplay their spirit,” Bowden said. “I knew Notre Dame thrives off that. But they made us eat everything that was said.”

Bowden also said he made the mistake of having his players wear green hats with the Florida State name on them.

“I thought that would be a nice gesture for them. We’ll wear Notre Dame’s colors with Florida State on them this week,” he said.

For Notre Dame to get back to that level of prominence in college football, the Irish must find a way to do what they didn’t in 1993.

“We were No. 2 in the country at that time but we were a two-touchdown underdog. I thought that was sort of a lack of respect for our program,” Holtz said.

“We were loose and had great preparation so all you had to do was keep the players from getting too excited and that’s why you really know you’re home with your program,” Holtz said.

A fall from grace
After the ’93 game, few if any Notre Dame players or fans could have imagined the Notre Dame-Florida State game would be the last great victory for an Irish team for the next ten years. Three coaching changes and 44 losses since that November day, the Irish have fallen far from the prominence in college football.

“While each year Irish fans eagerly awaited another football season and another chance to change the losing trend, each year a different Notre Dame team found basically the same result — no bowl wins, no championships and one double digit win season,” Holtz said.

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham believes Notre Dame can get back to that prominence of 1993. But to reach that peak, as well as beat Florida State this season, the team must use the same formula the great Notre Dame teams used to win so many games and dominate their opponents. It is a formula that could help the Irish regain the consistent excellence it once had in football.

“We always take great leadership, great coaching, great playing to get Notre Dame back to its height,” Willingham said. “As you relate it to the ballgame, you have to execute — and I keep hearing that, but that’s something that you can’t say enough because it’s true — everything you do, if you execute it, you got your best chance of being successful.”

As the current team prepares for Florida State, many of the players haven’t put a lot of thought into the happenings of 1993.

Freshman offensive lineman Bryan Harris was just eight years old in 1993. He said the team respects the history of that game, but is concentrating more on beating the No. 5 team in the nation this week.

“Obviously, tradition means something to all these players,” Harris said. “But our main focus is beating Florida State this year, in 2003. We know the tradition of the game, we know the closeness with a win for Notre Dame.”

Quarterback Brady Quinn grew up a Notre Dame fan, but doesn’t remember too much about the 1993 game and doesn’t think it bears much impact on this year’s game.

“I can’t really recall that game well,” Quinn said. “But it is not really a factor this week.”

Notre Dame senior wide receiver Omar Jenkins was even a teenager when the two teams met in 1993. But he said that game’s significance could be in the back of the players’ heads this week as they prepare for Florida State.

“I haven’t watched the game. But I’m quite sure it’s in the back of some players’ heads this week,” Jenkins said.

Ten years after one of the highest points in the history of the storied Notre Dame program, the Irish must find a way to regain the championship form of the late-80s and early-90s teams. In 1993 Notre Dame was a double-digit underdog but managed to upset Florida State.

For Notre Dame to get back to that 1993 form, the Irish must start defeating highly-ranked teams.

They get another chance Saturday, hosting the No. 5 Seminoles.

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31 Jake Carney DB
28 Cole Laux RB
27 Lionel Bolen SS
22 Julius Jones RB
19 D.J. Fitzpatrick FB
18 Rashon Powers-Neal FB
16 Mike Richardson DB
14 Ashley McConnell FB
21 Marque Hall WR
9 Dan Santucci DE
8 Darrell Campbell DT
5 Scott Raridon OG
4 Sean Milligan OG
3 Mike Sullivan OL
2 Patrick Nally TE
1 Marcus Freeman RB

FLORIDA STATE

FLORIDA STATE 2003 Schedule

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Sept. 13 at Michigan - L
Sept. 20 MICHIGAN ST. - L
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Oct. 18 USC - L
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Nov. 1 FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8 NAVY
Nov. 15 BYU
Nov. 29 at Stanford
Dec. 6 at Syracuse

COACHING

The Irish had a week off from classes to prepare for Boston College, and they still came out looking unprepared. That has to fall on coaching. How does a defensive coordinator and a head coach not know that their star defensive lineman is out of the game?

The junior is ranked for Boston College's struggling secondary won't be for 352 yards, the Notre Dame rushing attack has been nearly non-existent. The Irish ran for only 47 yards last week against the Eagles and 111 the week before against the Trojans.

Quinn had a pretty good week against the Eagles in leading the failed Irish comeback. The freshman was 23-for-39 for 350 yards with a pair of touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. Quinn needs more help from the running game and his receivers.

Quinn has overcame a rocky sophomore season last year, which included him losing the starting job after a rough outing against the Irish, to lead the Seminoles this year. The junior is ranked 28th in passing efficiency with a rating of 140.5.


FLORIDA STATE

With his win over Wake Forest last weekend, Bowden moved ahead of Joe Paterno for all-time coaching victories lead. Bowden is not only a great coach, but he also surrounds himself with some of the greatest minds in the game as assistants.

Quinn is improving, but doesn't have the experience of Rix, who is in his third year as a starter for Florida State. It already has over 3,000 yards passing in the season and has thrown 13 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

The Seminoles rank 19th in the nation in rushing offense, yielding only 108.6 yards rushing a game. They have opportunities to under three yards a carry and have given up only four rushing touchdowns all year.

The Seminoles could bring one of the nation's best, most talented defenses. Quinn is in his third year as a starting quarterback to make great strides when receivers consistently drop passes and there is very little semblance of a running game to keep defensive pressure off. Quinn still needs protection and a running game to be successful.

Bowden has won more games (35-26) than any other coach in the history of the game. And, he again has his Seminoles in the running for a national title. Bowden and his staff have encountered some obstacles this year in stumbling in a 2-5 record.

Florida State is a team as talented if not more so than Michigan and USC...two teams that pummeled Notre Dame. Notre Dame has struggled all season, while the Seminoles have steadily improved and are competing for a national title. Notre Dame may need more than "the luck of the Irish" to pull off the upset.

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Football State

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Florida State has a good balance of power and speed in the backfield. The senior Jones carries 255 pounds out of the tailback position, and the youngster Booker brings a speed explosion. Both average over four yards a carry.

The Irish have been strong against the run all season. They rank 36th in the nation in rushing defense, allowing 124 yards a game and three touchdowns. Campbell may be slowed by an injury he suffered in the second half against the Eagles.

The Irish defense shut down the Florida State rushing game last season, allowing the Seminoles only 91 yards on 32 carries. If the Seminoles do turn the Irish around this year, it will not likely be on the ground. They may just run the ball enough to set up the pass.

The Irish secondary has struggled with injuries and has struggled through some position changes. Earl will be out and Hurrell hobbled off the field last week against the Eagles. The Irish have allowed 213 yards per game passing.

The presence of several new faces on the defense could help create new defensive schemes. The Irish defense front will need pressure Rix and some inside pass rush to keep the defensive backs on the line. The Irish have allowed 12 touchdowns through the air.

This game marks the 10th anniversary of the "Game of the Century," when a steady and top ranked Notre Dame team was upset by No. 2 Notre Dame. Don't think Bowden isn't still reliving a little from that time less a decade ago.

Every week since the embarrassing loss at Michigan, the Irish have had a chance to turn around their season. Saturday is absolutely their last chance, but the Seminoles have two years on their mind — 1993 and 2002.
Sizing up the Irish and the Seminoles

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Key Matchup

**Chris Rix**

**Irish Defense**

In order for the Irish to have a chance Saturday, the entire defense needs to play well against the Florida State quarterback. The front seven needs to get pressure on Rix to limit his time to throw. The secondary won’t be able to cover the Seminole receivers for long, but defensive backs can’t get burned off the line. Giving Rix plenty of time in the pocket will allow him to scan the defense and find the open receiver.

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Seminoles playing for more than just a win

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As if the Irish didn't already have their hands full inhosting the fifth-ranked team in the nation Saturday in Florida State, they will also have to deal with a team bent on revenge. After Notre Dame went into Doak Campbell Stadium last year and dominated Florida State on its home turf, the Seminoles are hungry to repay the favor this season.

Last season, the Irish scored on their first offensive play — a 62-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Arza Bittle — on route to a convincing 34-24 victory.

The sound defeat makes Florida State coach Bobby Bowden's task of firing up his team that much easier.

"The advantage that we have in that regard, mentally, is what happened to us last year," Bowden said, in reference to Notre Dame's win over the Seminoles in 2002. "They came in and just thoroughly beat us on our own home field. I think if I didn't say something, they'd remember that.

"But the loss still stings for many in the Florida State program. After all, the game wasn't really as close as the score indicated as the Irish held a 34-10 lead well into the game before yielding two late touchdowns with fewer than two minutes to play. Bowden even compared Notre Dame's play to the work of a serial killer, a comment which he later took back.

"We used to never lose a game like that in Tallahassee," Bowden said last Sunday, recalling the game in 2002. "They came in and just wore us out." The game could also serve as a battle of traditions and generations. The Irish have the long pedigrees and history of college football greatness. The Seminoles, meanwhile, have a commanding recent history of their own — a sort of "Notre Dame of the 90s."

While older generations grew up with Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy or Ara Parseghian, younger ones are more familiar with Bobby Bowden, Deion Sanders and Charlie Ward.

Florida State cornerback Stanford Samuels — who may miss the Notre Dame game due to a neck injury — is intent on not forgetting the Irish tradition, or what the traid did to the Seminoles last year.

"I mean, we have tradition here, but they have tradition on top of tradition," he told the Miami Herald. "Those are the things movies are made of." For that reason, he thinks it's a big game. And you know it's a big game because of what they came down here and did to us last year."

There are those on the Florida State squad that want redemption for individual performances against the Irish last year. Seminole quarterback Chris Rix was injured against the Irish defense last season in going 13-32 with 17 yards and two interceptions and a fumble before being benched.

Bowden was pleased with the way Rix handled the demotion and is confident his quarterback can redeem himself this weekend.

"Well, the main thing is, after it happened, he didn't go into the corner someplace, or leave," Bowden said. "It's all a learning experience, and it's a learning experience that was good for him."

And there's sophomore tailback Lorenzo Booker, who was heavily recruited by both the Irish and Seminoles. Booker, who gave indications that he would choose Notre Dame as late as midnight before signing day, gave his commitment to the Seminoles in front of a live national audience.

"I'm sure it will be a big game for the near-home."

"I'm sure it will be a big game for me," he said. "I'm sure it will be a big game for everybody."

But everyone can see we are starting to get some consistency with throwing to the tight end. That's another receiver available to us and we have some plays that position that could make some plays for us."

Fasano came to the Irish as a highly-touted recruit from New Jersey. He sat out last season and climbed his way to the top of the tight end depth chart while last year's starter Gary Godsey was knocked out by a season-ending injury and incoming freshman Greg Oden transferred.

But the coaching staff didn't just insert Fasano into the starting lineup — he had to earn the playing time off the field.

"I think hard work every day in practice, learning the play book and working in the weight room really gave me the opportunity to get on the field," Fasano said. "I went to practice when I was called and it was a big game for me."

"I think to continue [working on] the things he's done. The more experience he gets, the more playing time he gets, he's going to understand that the things he has improved on can even get better and even he can go the peer more than he has," Denbrock said. "I'm sure he's the first one to tell you he has a lot of progress to make."

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Anthony Fasano is fulfilling one of Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham's initial promises.

Upon bringing his pro-style offense to South Bend, Willingham assured Irish fans he had recruited a significant group of Irish tight ends. The season before.

"We face this week over, Notre Dame's tight ends had two catches for the entire year."

Florida State playing for more than just a win.

But that's not the only major contribution Fasano has made recently. He caught four passes against Pittsburgh and Boston College and gives the Irish another receiving tight end threat besides Jared Clark. Denbrock attributes that success to a good chemistry between Fasano and quarterback Brady Quinn.

"I think in practice the more we get together on the field," Fasano said. "I think we feel more comfortable and that's why he feels more comfortable throwing the ball to me in the games."

Of the four tight ends. Denbrock feels he can regularly contribute to this team, Fasano appears to be the best all-around. Clark works best at a receiver, as seen by his six catches in Notre Dame's first two games. Billy Palmer thrives at blocking and Marcus Freeman hasn't developed as quickly as his classmate Fasano.

Having a multi-dimensional tight end prevents the defense from having a better chance at knowing if the play is a run or pass based strictly on personnel.

The flexibility Fasano provides is something the coaching staff has searched for the past two seasons.

"Fasano gives us a chance not to be predictable offensively, to run and pass equally well when he's in the game. That's a good asset to have," Denbrock said. "It has to continue to be part of our development. We are not nearly as far as far as I'd like to see us."

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