Students’ Opus Dei experiences vary

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Students have a mix of experiences and opinions when it comes to their involvement in Opus Dei. The Opus Dei community, located on Notre Dame Avenue, offers students a range of experiences, including spiritual guidance and community involvement.

A "fantastic experience"
Brothers Phil and Phil Moss, a senior and a sophomore, respectively, have been involved in Opus Dei at Notre Dame. They have found the community to be a source of support and faith.

"It was just one of the things I looked forward to every week," Phil Moss said. "I enjoyed being a part of a community that cared for others and offered a sense of belonging.

Opus Dei offers students the opportunity to connect with others who share similar beliefs, and it allows them to grow in their faith through various activities and events.

Ticket shortage leaves many empty-handed

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The demand for tickets to the Notre Dame men's basketball season was high, with many students finding it difficult to secure their tickets. The ticket shortage left many students disappointed and frustrated.

"I was one of the few who was able to get a ticket," one student said. "It was a letdown to see so many of my friends sitting on the sidelines.

Opus Dei priest once a week
Senior Cara Farr converted from Methodism to Catholicism with the help of Opus Dei. She now seeks spiritual direction with the Opus Dei priest once a week.

"It really emphasizes personal holiness, and that was something that I was also interested in," Farr said. "I knew that Opus Dei was very serious about Catholicism, and coming into college I knew that I really wanted to develop my faith."

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Youths trick-or-treat on campus

By JEN R O W L I N G
News Writer

Young trick-or-treaters from the South Bend area flocked to the Notre Dame campus on Halloween for the annual "Great Pumpkin" event. The event was designed to provide a safe and fun alternative to traditional trick-or-treating.

"It was a great way to spend the night with friends," one student said. "I loved seeing all the decorations and the kids in their costumes.

Bar closes early due to fight

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

A Notre Dame football player was arrested for a fight at the Library Irish Pub on Sunday night. The incident occurred during the university's homecoming weekend, leading to questions about student behavior and safety.

"We need to do a better job of ensuring the safety of our students," one student said. "I hope this incident serves as a reminder for everyone to be responsible and safe.

Vaccination effort suffers low attendance

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The vaccination effort on the Notre Dame campus has suffered from low attendance, despite efforts to increase access and convenience. Students express frustration at the difficulty of securing vaccines.

"It's frustrating to see so many people lined up just to wait in line for hours," one student said. "I wish there was a better way to make vaccines more accessible and efficient.

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Keenan freshmen lead a group of kids from the Boys and Girls Club through the haunted house.
INSIDE COLUMN

For love of the game

October is coming to an end and I am stoked. Not because of the crazy costume parties and scary movie marathons happening this weekend, but because in three days November begins. November is the month of the biggest binge day, but more importantly, the beginning of the finest sports season — college basketball. College and basketball. Two words already great by themselves, but put them together and you get hysteria combined with incredible athletic talent to create the greatest sports spectacle in the country.

I am blessed to have lived in Indiana my entire life. Call it Hoosier hysteria, this state, basketball is sacred. And with Notre Dame’s men’s basketball team predicted to place high in the Big East, it’s likely to bring life back to Indiana basketball. Last year, the only Indiana team to make it to the NCAA tournament was Valparaiso. March was a sad month for Indiana basketball. And, as my friends and I, on a big screen on the beach in Ft. Myers, Fla., watched IU beat Oklahoma to make it to the final game, I thought that Indiana basketball had finally redeemed itself. Last year’s tournament proved otherwise.

This year, Notre Dame has a chance to bring Indiana basketball back up to its prestigious level. With senior captains Jordan Cornette and Oren Ichilov, junior guard Chris Orris, and senior forward R Obtain, the Irish Legion can expect a strong performance and a tournament bid this year.

Nothing beats the adrenaline in a field-house packed wall-to-wall with people screaming and hammering the bleachers during the State Farm All Star Close game. The smell of popcorn, the sound of the pep band and the beat of taxis dropping off the players, the scrum outside the arena. The players, the coaches, the parents... it’s a spectacle.

A full moon shines down on the Golden Dome and the Basilica as campus lights are reflected in Saint Mary’s lake.

IN BRIEF

The Student Union Board will screen “Spiderman 2” at 8 and 10:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday at 101 DeBartolo. Tickets cost $3.

Rajmohan Gandhi, professor/activist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, is featured speaker today at 11 a.m. at the annual John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace. The lecture will be followed by a buffet lunch and discussion.

Gerhard Bloewinger will lecture today from 4 to 6 p.m. on Islam and Christianity: The Inner Dynamics of Two Cultures of Belief. This lecture is the third of an eight lecture series.

“Before Sunset” will be shown in the Browning Cinema at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight.

The All the President’s Men film festival will go on all day Saturday in the Browning Cinema. “Primary” will be shown at 11 a.m., “The Best Man” at 12:30 p.m., “The War Between” at 3 p.m., “Journeys With George” at 5 p.m., “Primary Colors” at 7 p.m. and “Wag the Dog” at 10 p.m.

Flipside sponsors the Cedar Point Halloween weekend. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased at the Info Desk in LaFayette. The bus picks up at 7:15 a.m. at LeMuns Circle and 7:30 a.m. at Library Circle. The bus will arrive at the park around 11 a.m. and depart at 11 p.m.....

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OFFBEAT

Baby is worth his weight in public relations

ESSEXVILLE — Oh, thank heavens! 7-Eleven employee Erin Kappan got a bonus of having a baby that weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Kappan cashed in her son, Parker John VauRomer, who was born Oct. 4. She got a check for $711 from Garb-Ko Inc., which operates the 7-Eleven store where she has worked part-time for 18 months.

Saginaw-based Garb-Ko pays the $711 bonus to any employee giving birth to a 7-pound, 11-ounce baby. It operates 90 stores in Michigan, nine in Indiana, and eight in Ohio. "It's not something that happens every day, but then the 25 years that I have been with this company, it has happened several times," said Larry Hauck, the company's marketing director.

Patrons share their taste in politicians

BEELING — Looking to please your political palate? How about Betsy Kerry? Or Spicy Bush?

Customers at a restaurant in southern China are expressing their opinions about the coming U.S. presidential elections by choosing duck dishes named after the candidates. The restaurant in the city of Foshan in Guangdong province has put up a banner urging customers to "come, participate and select the candidate of your choice."

On the menu is a spicy concoction to match Bush's "war-mongering personality," and a bonier version with sauce with hints of Kerry’s "keen-witted and capable nature."

So far, Kerry duck is ahead with 53 percent, while Bush duck trails with 47 percent.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you doing for Halloween?

In the week leading up to Halloween, we asked students what they were doing for the holiday. Here are some of their answers:

Alec White
sophomore
Sports Wire

Doug Schlamman
freshman
Carroll

Emily Burgardt
freshman
Carovaugh

Paul Wallenberg
freshman
Knott

Peter Seipel
freshman
Knott

Tyng Gulick
sophomore
McGlinn

"My rector told me never to be quoted in this."

"No clue."

"Putting a sheet over my head and pretending to be a ghost."

"I am dressing up as a Spiderman."

"I am going as Oren Ishii from Kill Bill."

Maggie Oldham
Sports Wire

Editor

The smell of popcorn, the sound of the pep band and the beat of basketballs fill the air. I can't wait until November. Bring it on, November. And thus my love of the game continues... bring it on, November.

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Campus rests without football

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

With the majority of weekends in the semester thus far filled with the hustle and bustle that characterizes Notre Dame home football games, students and campus employees are relishing the break from the action.

"When I’m wearing the 'Cappy the Fan' hat, I’m disappointed. When I’m wearing the 'Cappy the Usher' hat, it’s a relief," Cappy Gagnon, manager of stadium personnel, said of his feelings about the break.

Gagnon said that preparing for home games, which have sold every seat for 178 consecutive games, is a major process that requires plenty of planning. This includes sign-in sheets for the workers, payroll each week and the hustle and hassle that comes with the massive influx of fans on fall football weekend.

"I can’t believe it, there are five home games in a row next year," she said. "So much for that home-work." Senior Mark Elletstad, who will not have to deal with that problem next year, does not find balance between the two worlds to be easy.

"I feel bad about the weekends," he said. "I’m up at four o’clock on Saturday," freshman Vince Miller said. "I feel so energetic, I went through those doors," she said. "The other day, they were lined up out to the side dozens high."

Miller said that South Dining Hall averages about 2,000 people a night. She also added that while the game weekends are highly stressful to workers, they’re, like, so gruesome, they’re, like, so stressful, she said. "They keep me so young."

"I think we should have more weekends, the Rock the stadium weekends are highly stressful to workers and staff," she added.

"I don’t know what I’m going to do on Saturday," freshman Vince Gano said. "Anything from home-work to being lazy to doing nothing."

"My feelings about the weekends are, I’m never going to sleep in until noon," Contact Nicole Zook at zook8928@stmarys.edu

Rabbi lectures on religion and politics

By TRICIA deGROOT
News Writer

With the election less than a week away, the Rock the Vote series wrapped up Thursday with a lecture by Rabbi David Saperstein on "Religion and Politics in Election 2004." Saperstein began his lecture with references to past examples of religion in political, including Kennedy's presidential campaign and the Republican's belief that Democrats would ban the Bible.

He then touched on several hot religious controversies and concluded with part of his presentation by saying that "what is good for religion is good for America, and what is bad for religion is bad for America democracy." Saperstein talked about the shift in voting patterns in America over the years, going from votes determined by ethnicity to today's voting, which is influenced primarily by religion.

"America is the greatest nation in the world for us because of religious identity in connection with the state," Saperstein said.

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Arafat heads to Paris for treatment
RAMALLAH, West Bank — An ailing Yasser Arafat — too weak to stand, unable to hold down food and spending most of Thursday sleeping — agreed to leave his battered West Bank compound for the first time in more than two years and fly to Paris for urgent medical treatment.

The 75-year-old Palestinian leader’s planned departure Friday, a decade after he arrived in the West Bank with the promise of statehood, caps a mark of the end of an era. Arafat, who hoarded power and declined to groom a successor, leaves behind a people in disarray.

Violent eruptions during mass burial
PATTANI, Thailand — Fresh violence erupted Thursday with the bombing of a bar in Thailand's mostly Muslim south, while villagers held a mass burial for some of the 78 protesters who suffocated while in army custody this week.

Town settles with abuse victims
Davenport, Iowa — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport agreed to pay $9 million Thursday to settle 37 claims of sexual abuse by priests — a deal that could end immediate threat of bankruptcy.

National News

Terror threat to fade
WASHINGTON — U.S. government officials say the level of information they received up to an election terror threat has ebbed recently, but they still believe the danger posed by al-Qaida and other foreign terrorists remains.

Law enforcement authorities hope to prevent any terrorist plots before the Nov. 2 election.

Afghanistan

Foreign election workers kidnapped

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Armed men in military uniforms stopped a U.N. vehicle in Kabul on Thursday, beating the driver and abducting three foreigners in Afghanistan to help oversee landmark presidential elections.

The daylight kidnapping followed warnings that Taliban militants could target foreigners, in echo of the brutal insurgency rolling Iran. It came less than a week after a suicide attack killed an American translator in Kabul.

Two of the kidnap victims were women: one with joint British-Irish nationality, and another from Kosovo. The third was a male diplomat from the Philippines.

A man claiming to speak for a Taliban splinter group, Jamaat Islami, said it was responsible. The veracity of the claim could not be verified.

After the kidnapping, Afghan forces mounted roadblocks inside and outside of Kabul, as NATO helicopters searched for clues from the sky.

Norwegian armored vehicles briefly sealed off a street in the upscale Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood. Police said NATO troops searched about a dozen houses before pulling out. Reporters also saw U.S. troops checking vehicles leaving the city on the main road to the west.

The American military was ready to help "locate and if need be to rescue these individuals when they are found," spokesman Maj. Mark McCann said.

Afghan and U.N. officials said the three were stopped and abducted by about five gunmen.

An Interior Ministry official said the Afghan driver, who was beaten and left behind, told investigators a black four-wheel-drive vehicle with tinted windows pulled in sharply in front of the U.N. car.
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An on-duty South Bend officer was sent to the bar to make an assault report, but was too busy to file a report of dispatch, 2:20 a.m., Ryan was no longer on the premises, Williams said.

According to the police report, Marriott claimed an individual struck him as he walked through the crowded bar, Williams said. After Marriott said “excuse me” and “an attitude,” Ryan struck him directly, and then two exchanged blows until the officer intervened, Williams said, adding that Ryan later claimed Marriott spilled beer on him.

Williams said no witnesses were formally listed on the police report.

South Bend police have assigned the case to a detective for investigation, Williams said, but he was unable to comment on any progress made.

Assault reports that are not assigned to a detective are sent directly to the St. Joseph County prosecute’s office, Williams said.

Chief deputy prosecutor Ken Cotter confirmed the office had not yet received a police report and did not have Ryan’s name on file.

Ryan was not considered arrest­ed or issued a citation for being an underage patron in the bar. Williams said he was unaware of the circumstances as to why the player was not issued a citation.

“The was in that bar at 20 years old, he should’ve been arrested,” Williams said.

Notre Dame spokesman Matti Serna said there are University­wide policies in place to apply to any student who breaks Indiana law.

Normal channels would include questioning the student about proper behavior and potential viola­tions of state law, Serna said.

Irish football coach Tyron Willingham said team policy is consistent with University regulations.

“We go strictly by everything the University adheres to. We should treat our guys just like they’re a regular student,” he said. “Now that does not mean that if some­thing happens there can’t be an additional penalty, but the University guides the conduct of our students.”

Any additional penalties are determined on a case-by-case basis, Willingham said.

The Library regularly employs off­duty South Bend and Mishawaka police officers to check patrons’ identification and provide security, Hammons said.

Whether in or out of uniform, off­duty officers retain their power to make arrests, both South Bend and Mishawaka police said.

“If you’re in the state of Indiana, a South Bend police officer has police powers 24/7,” South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent said. Mishawaka patrolman Tyer, who would not reveal his first name, said the same applies to Mishawaka police, including when officers are in South Bend jurisdic­tion.

The Library is located at 113 E. Wayne Street in downtown South Bend.

Security officers have made arrests in The Library before, Hammons said.

He said police have not contacted him since the incident, and added that although he had seen Ryan in the bar before, he would not call the incident a repeat pattern of crimes. He said he was unaware that Ryan played football.

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“It’s unfortunate that they don’t offer more student tickets,” Welch said.

Even students that arrived before the 7 a.m. start time were left with­out tickets. Sophomore Jonathan Kiechle was among the first to be turned away.

“Around 9 ... the ushers started coming around and said the people in front of us was ‘on the bubble,’” Kiechle said. “The only way we would not get them they said was if every person in front of us was pur­chasing six tickets. That obviously was not true.”

A policy change was implemented after the ticket shortage problems last year, and is aimed at allowing more students to see the team play. For the first time, students are encouraged to share ticket booklets.

To gain admission to the game, a student will only need that game’s ticket and their student I.D. The entire booklet, as in years past, will not be needed.

“Any student can use any other student’s ticket,” Berlo said. “We are trying to satisfy demand ... We want as many students as possible to be able to come to the games.”

Also changed was the distribution venue, as the desire for quick and organized sales prompted the use of the stadium box offices this year, which have more windows.

Concern over ticket shortages extended beyond the student body. Message boards on NDNation.com contained postings from season ticket holders who heard about the quick sell-out. Some responded by offering to sell their unused tickets to students for the student price.

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Fuel prices negate cost-cutting
Soaring expenses undermine airline industry's attempts to rein in labor costs

**Associated Press**

Even as big airlines are beginning to successfully rein in labor costs — $1 billion in annual concessions from Delta's pilots being the latest example — some fuel expenses are essentially negating their efforts, leaving many of the carriers in perilous financial shape.

"It's like they're all training water, but they've got 100 pounds around their necks," said airline consultant Robert W. Mann of Port Washington, N.Y. "You can only do it for so long.

As a result of cutbacks in recent years, labor expenses for the airline industry as a whole are about the same today as they were a decade ago at about 34 percent of total costs, according to the Air Transport Association. But that masks the differences between high-cost carriers such as Delta Air Lines Inc. and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines and competitors such as Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp. that pay workers lower wages.

And while all carriers have been hit by higher fuel costs that Mann says will account for about 17 percent of industry-wide operating costs in 2004 — up from 12 percent in 2002 — executives of high-cost airlines face the most difficult job of finding other ways to cut costs.

For Delta, that meant winning an agreement late Tuesday between negotiators for its pilot union for a new contract that calls for a 32.5 percent wage cut effective Dec. 1 and no raises for the rest of the five-year pact. The airline's roughly 7,000 pilots, some of whom earn as much as $300,000 per year, must vote on the deal.

Analysts said the Delta pact, following earlier labor cost reductions at bankrupt carriers UAL and US Airways Group Inc., increases the pressure on Continental Airlines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. to squeeze concessions out of their workers.

After slashing its annual costs by $5 billion — more than half of which came from labor — UAL is now seeking an additional $1 billion in savings, a significant portion of which is likely to come through layoffs at its United Airlines unit.

Similarly, US Airways, which was thrust into bankruptcy court for a second time as high fuel costs drained its cash, says it needs $650 million in givebacks from unions representing machinists, flight attendants and passenger service employees. This is in addition to the $300 million in annual savings already achieved through negotiations with pilots and other workers.

"It's not clear any of these business models works well with these energy costs," said Mann. Indeed, profitability is as elusive today for large carriers as it was shortly after the Sept. 2001 terrorist attacks.

On Thursday, US Airways and UAL reported third-quarter losses of $232 million and $274 million, respectively. The seven largest U.S. carriers reported more than $3.3 billion in combined net losses for the third quarter and lost $5.1 billion for the first nine months of 2004.

And while oil prices trading above $50 a barrel, even the plucky budget carriers are beginning to show signs of strain.

The carrier's chief executive, David Neeleman, blamed the company's disappointing performance on record high fuel prices and a "weak pricing environment" — a revealing, if heartwarming, assessment from a low-fare airline.

**FBI starts Halliburton investigation**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — The FBI has begun investigating whether the Pentagon improperly awarded no-bid contracts to Halliburton Co., seeking a second look at its work with a top Army contracting officer and collecting documents from several government officials.

The line of inquiry expands an earlier FBI investigation into whether Halliburton overcharged taxpayers for fuel in Iraq, and it elevates to a criminal matter the ongoing question of whether the Bush administration showed favoritism to Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

FBI agents this week sought permission to interview Bun natine Greenhouse, the Army Corps of Engineers' chief contracting officer who went public last week with allegations that her agency unfairly awarded KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

 Asked about the documents, Greenhouse's lawyers said Thursday their client will cooperate but that she wants whistleblower protection from Pentagon retaliation.

"I think it (the FBI interview request) underscores the seriousness of the misconduct, and it also demonstrates how courageous Ms. Greenhouse was for stepping forward," said Stephen Kohn, one of her attorneys.

"The initiation of an FBI investigation into criminal misconduct will help restore public confidence," Kohn said. "The Army must aggressively protect its client will cooperate but that she wants whistleblower protection from Pentagon retaliation."

FBI agents also recently began collecting documents from Army officials in Texas and elsewhere to examine how and why Halliburton got the no-bid work.

"The Corps is absolutely cooperating with the FBI, and it has been an ongoing effort," said Army Corps spokesman Carol Sanders.

**An American Airlines jet is refueled at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport in Grapevine, Texas. Fuel costs are leaving many carriers in poor financial shape.**
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ship
to other people?" "And how often a week, but so much good
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Schneider was also invited to read certain books kept under lock
and key in the library for the congregation and Opus Dei that were not to be
left the city.

Langan confirmed the presence of such books, saying that most
contain the rules of Opus Dei and that anyone who can learn the spirit of
Opus Dei through reading the books.

"It is enough in the beginning to keep these books to be the
spirit of the rules," Schneider said. "I believe that better
closure could have prevented his disclosure.

If they had told me in the begin­ning what would be required of
them, they would have had fewer
problems. Audience

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Flu shots

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The vaccine. The University plans to keep
the vaccine. The University has been exhausted by the pop­
ulation of students, faculty and staff who have a heightened
risk of contracting the virus.

The vaccine will be offered to
remaining the high-risk individuals to come in," Kleva
said.

"While the University has offered some
locations for these extended clinics will be
announced by the University in the form of a
major email.

For the future clinics, Health Services will expand its defini­
tion of high-risk to include
individuals bringing on cam­
pus who have an infant under
1 year of age, or who are
students at Notre Dame.

In response to the suspension
of a crucial manufacturing
license at the Chiron Corporation, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's
said the vaccine will be
implemented soon. The University will provide for its high-risk
population the supply used for the recent vaccinations
which was obtained from an Ohio-based company run by a
graduate of Saint Mary's College. Kleva was unable to disclose the
name of this company.

In November, Health Services will offer the intramuscular
flu vaccine FluMist to all mem­
bers of the community who are
younger than 59 and demon­
strates good health. The University has acquired roughly
200 doses and will offer the
vaccine at a cost of $5.

The vaccine will be available across the country
without the chaos of
whirlwind, Kleva described Thursday's clinic as
efficient and "enjoyable." The University recruited
some individuals to bring chairs in anticipation for a six
weeks, Kleva said that 350 shots were administered in the first 75
minutes alone.

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Questions about this talk:

The Center for Asian Studies presents

Professor Stanley Sue
Distinguished University of California, Davis

Monday, November 1, 2004
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Asian American Studies: Past, Present, and Future

This presentation discusses the roots of Asian American studies as a means of understanding the future trends. From the beginning
of immigration movements in the United States, we can see the tremendous national growth in the number of programs (and departments) and increasing student enrollments. Factors that account for growth are examined such as continued student activism, academic legitimacy, interdisciplinary/multi-disciplinary orientation, awakening student inter­est, and political influence. Also discussed are different model of Asian American Studies.

Traditionally, Asian American Studies has been taught from historical, literary, political, critical theory, and demographic orientations. One
relatively new direction in Asian American studies is the involvement of psychology and mental health psychology. This perspective is presented as an emerging area of scholarship within Asian American studies. The effect of Asian American communities and the mental health needs of these communities are examined. Questions are raised such as: Is acculturation associated with personal and psychological health? Are traditional Asian values exist? How do Asian American family and child rearing practices enhance resilience or risk for mental health problems? Audience participation in the presentation is encouraged.

Dr. Sue has studied psychological patterns that hold particular interests include ethnic and cross-cultural influences on behavior. Specifically, his focus is on mental health and personality issues as they pertain to ethnic communities, especially Asian Americans. Dr. Sue has studied the effects of ethnic match between therapists and clients, prevalence of psychopathology among ethnic populations, and cross-cultural validity of assessment instru­ments.

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Wartime leadership questioned
Candidates exchange charges over commander-in-chief's responsibilities

President Dick Cheney. Democrats hoped to make a campaign issue of it. Their eyes cast abroad, many voters even in economically strapped battleground states are judging the candidates on their ability to lead a nation at war. Thus, character is a final-hours issue.

"A president cannot afford to blow in the wind," Bush said in a stinging reference to Kerry. "In neighboring Ohio, the four-term Massachusetts senator called on his rival to "start taking responsibility for the mistakes that you've made."

Chief among them, he said, is Iraq, where insurgents slaughtered 11 Iraqi soldiers Thursday in a bloody reminder of the trouble that awaits whoever sits in the Oval Office at a minute past noon, Jan. 20, 2005.

FIVE days before Election Day, the polls were close and the campaign was braced for an uncertain outcome. The Justice Department said 1,990 federal poll watchers would be sent to monitor elections in 25 states to assure compliance with voting laws.

Three months before the polls closed, a four-star general, two former Secretaries of Defense and a retired four-star general were bracing for an uncertain outcome. The Justice Department said 1,990 federal poll watchers would be sent to monitor elections in 25 states to assure compliance with voting laws.

The point? Have some fun, add to the great excitement, momentum and positive energy that surrounds this campaign," Kerry said in Findlay, Ohio, to a rally of more than 10,000 supporters. "The polls were close and the campaign was braced for an uncertain outcome. The Justice Department said 1,990 federal poll watchers would be sent to monitor elections in 25 states to assure compliance with voting laws.

"The African Union has committed 2,000 troops to halt the violence against civilians and monitor the cease-fire agreement in Darfur. At present, there is no request for any requirement for U.S. or other non-African combat forces. The U.S. should provide logistical and financial support to the African Union force. The African Union force should be trained and equipped by the U.S. and should be under the command of the African Union. The U.S. has pledged just over $50 million — a woefully inadequate sum to halt the genocide. I will provide far more generous support. Should the African Union require additional assistance beyond the genocide, I would consider providing unique U.S. capabilities, such as command, control, communication and intelligence support, if requested."
Duty doesn’t end Election Day

Open a newspaper or turn on your television and you are bound to hear about the election. Day in and day out, the candidates exchange barbs on the campaign trail — and the public hangs on every word. Saying nothing? Not an option.

Political pundits have said this is the most bitter and hotly-contested election year in years. The pollsters are in agreement, with reports circulating that the election could be the closest since 1932.

Polls, however, the polls will be meaningless and the stump speeches will be a distant memory.

Someone has to win.

While Republicans and Democrats project confidence, both sides have also prepared for the possibility that they may not emerge victorious. The week just preceding the election, approximately $50,000 absentee ballots were reported lost in Florida.

As Americans learned in 2000, there is no guarantee an election will end on Election Day. In some veins, the civic responsibility to remain informed does not end after casting a vote. After such a heated campaign — coupled with the history that precludes it — citizens have no excuse but to stay attuned not only to politics but to this election’s impact on Constitutional issues such as the Electoral College and the United States’ recognition and role on the international stage.

As the world watched the nation’s destiny unfold, the topic of the voting in the United States — billed as the ‘battle of democracy’ — will run its own accountable election in which all properly casted votes are counted.

We, as observers, have the right to analyze and reject, as our society is a complex of individuals who are not necessarily those of The Observer.

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News Desk

Alex's siblings either shared their parental political identity or rebelled against it. They never wondered how conservative wisdom could become incarnate in such an unassuming household. But what made Alex Keaton a conservative? It does not seem to me that he was the product of his environment. Alex’s siblings either shared their parents’ scathing disdain for liberalism and expressed no interest in politics. The Keaton parents did not allow cable and so Alex and his siblings were often forced to watch the television station their father worked for. As we all know, public broadcasting disperses nothing but liberal propaganda and talk shows, perhaps the source of his political identity was genetic rather than environmental. Could there be a recessive gene for conservatism that had become dominant in young Alex Keaton? Might a similar gene be the source of his political persuasions?

The article appraised the past 50 years of study on the psychology of conservatism. The study claims that conservatism is a form of “motivated social cognition.” Conservative ideology, like any belief system restricting liberal ideology (sy), is said to develop in part out of psychological need. This is not to say that such an ideology is not responsive to reason or grounded upon strongly held principles. It might, however, be initially motivated by some psychological factor and then further developed and articulated into a set of core beliefs.

The psychological variables that the study claims might contribute to the adoption of a conservative ideology include anxiety regarding death, intolerance towards ambiguity, resistance to change, avoidance of uncertainty, need for order, structure and closure, fear of loss or threat, aggression and lower than normal levels of self esteem. It is worth noting that none of these core characteristics departs from what might be considered “normal” character traits. One might reasonably concur that contrary traits could lead to a deviance in a liberal ideology. What brings us as individuals to our particular political persuasions is worth considering amid this most heated and divisive of elections. It is probably a complex interaction of personal traits, genetic disposition, environment and experience that turns us into liberals or conservatives or anywhere in between. Much of this complexity is lost in the process of trying to so clearly paint people in particular political stripes. It is worth considering that even the most vaunted political principles we hold and express so dearly might be less the product of our own rational thought than we care to admit. Perhaps our genetic traits and the environment in which we find ourselves predispose us more than we would like to admit towards a particular political position. This might offer reason for thinking a bit more deeply about the basis of our own political principles, but also the factors that have brought those around us to opinions that might be very different.

In the space of my youth, my love for “Family Ties” has faded with it my admiration for both Alex Keaton and Ronald Reagan. Interestingly, now I share with that character the experience of seeing a black sheep, the left-leaning child of two party-line Republican parents. Now I have a hard time making sense of why my parents insist on watching Fox News while I would rather turn to public television. My parents’ experiences and personalities are similar in but many ways far different than my own. While at times we might attempt rational discourses of being of a these often devolve into the kind of fiery arguments only a family of hot-blooded Italians is capable of.

At the end of the day there is something of a vacuum in our political ideologies that can not be reduced to political positions and factual analysis. As a newspaper, our role is to inform. If I had my way, I would contribute to the development of sites that encourage the discussion of politics these often devolve into the kind of fiery arguments only a family of hot-blooded Italians is capable of.

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The funding crisis in graduate education

Notre Dame aspires to be an elite university, rivaling Harvard, Princeton and other competitors. But despite the university's recent achievements, it is facing a crisis in graduate education and research, with some departments seeing significant declines in funding for graduate students and programs.

A key issue is the increasing cost of living and the amount of funding available for graduate students. In recent years, the average stipend for graduate students has not kept pace with inflation, leading to decreased support and funding for research and education.

The university is facing a crisis in graduate education and research, and the situation is unlikely to improve in the near future. This is a serious concern, as graduate education and research are critical components of academic excellence and innovation.
To start with a Notre Dame-oriented question, what dorms did you live in?

Mapother: My freshman year I lived in Grace Hall, and my sophomore year through graduation I lived in Morrissey.

Some time later, I started out in Paszborn, and just after I had made all of my friends and settled down, they announced that they were changing it to a women's dorm. All of my friends moved to Cavanaugh, but I missed the cut and had to live in St. Ed's. They then announced that Cavanaugh was becoming a women's dorm, and we were about to move to Flanner when they announced that it was going to become an office building. After that, I took the hint and moved off campus.

How did each of you become involved with "The Grudge"?

Susco: I met up with some producers in 2002, Roy Lee and Doug Davison. They had heard tales that Shimizu told them and showed me that they loved. These were the original tapes of "The Grudge" movies. I loved them, I had ideas and I was attached as the writer/director in 2002. There was a certain movie and then a second one and that became a major hurdle. The producers ultimately decided to keep the original director [Takashi Shimizu].

Mapother: [Executive director] Sam Raimi said that he wanted to direct in order to retain the flavor of the original. He didn't want to Americanize it too much.

Susco: Basically, over the course of the first year, Shimizu made the first feature version. Sam Raimi saw it, and said I should do it with same director. I negotiated staying on as writer, and that's where I came into the project. It was a long process but worth it.

Mapother: We met with Sam and his partner [producer] Rob Tarter for another project in development. About two months later I got a call asking me if I would be interested in "The Grudge."

They had enjoyed the meeting and my work, and they thought that I would be a good fit for role of Matthew. Sam wanted me, but Sony said "hang on, make sure he can do it." So I read, and I got the part.

Susco: William was one of first people I heard of being cast. I was a huge, huge fan. One of my favorite movies was "In the Bedroom," so when I heard that I knew the film was becoming very legitimate. The original idea had been to do the film in Tokyo for 3 or 4 million with up-and-coming actors. When they called me, I had just arrived. Sarah [Michelle Gellar] and Jason [Behr] and Katie Strickland and myself all went out with him, and the two of us ended up talking for hours.

Mapother: Not only that, but after we hung out in Tokyo and we were back in the States, I said come over, and he came and watched the Oscars with his fiancée. Sony had a few online journalists come over too, and I forwarded the article to my sisters, both of whom had gone to Notre Dame, and one said, "Is that the Steven Susco who went to Notre Dame?" We spent time in Tokyo and in the U.S. together, and didn't know that we both went to ND. The Notre Dame connection is almost incidental, but it's there.

Susco: When you go to Notre Dame, it's usually one of the first things you talk about. It's astounding that we never talked about it.

For Steven, what challenges did you face writing the script, which was based on a Japanese film, "Ju-On: The Grudge," and Susco worked closely with the director of the original film, Takashi Shimizu, who also directed the American remake of the movie.

Susco: I would give essentially the same summation: do what you love to do in terms of looking for what that helps me with now is writing characters and allow them to find their own things. Legendary philosophy. I like to enable actors to do their work better and in directing, it helps me communicate and use the collaborative medium. Theatre: I did a lot of acting, and it opened me up to different ways of thinking. It instilled a lot of confidence and gave me an awareness of the storytelling theme, while still allowing me to read and break down scripts easier. Second: The environment. I made a lot of friends and like most fell a bit castigated, but within that there is a great deal of security. In Japan's case, it helped me figure out what that safety I was able to explore.

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Playing that role is quite a challenge, isn't it?

Susco: It is a lot of fun. I thought it was a great role. I was happy. I had three different scripts, and all of them all made me a better actor. Susco: I would give essentially the same summation: do what you love to do in terms of looking for what that helps me with now is writing characters and allow them to find their own things. Legendary philosophy. I like to enable actors to do their work better and in directing, it helps me communicate and use the collaborative medium. Theatre: I did a lot of acting, and it opened me up to different ways of thinking. It instilled a lot of confidence and gave me an awareness of the storytelling theme, while still allowing me to read and break down scripts easier. Second: The environment. I made a lot of friends and like most fell a bit castigated, but within that there is a great deal of security. In Japan's case, it helped me figure out what that safety I was able to explore.

For William, tell us about the character that you play in the film. What do you think that you bring to the role, and how did you prepare?

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Steven Susco about their work on the path choosing a career in the paths their lives have taken

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What skills do you think have allowed you to suc-

and there's a likelihood of employment. The answer is where I have set the

What's it a tough road.

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What's the most exciting project that you've worked on?

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Susco: It's a brutal road.

Mapother: As a trade-off, actors

Susco: That's great to hear.

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Susco: For writing, and possibly

Mapother: I would say it's

Susco: I think it's interesting because when I met

William, I was walking back from being director to writer to maybe not being

Tell me about working on the film.

Mapother: First, I'd like to say how much fun I had mak-

Mott: As a trade-off, actors get rejected more often, but it can

Susco: This is something you'll find in any profession—roadblocks. You're going to have to prove yourself over and over.

Susco: This is something you'll find in any profession—roadblocks. You're going to have to prove yourself over and over. It sounds daunting and you always have a thick skin, but it's sort of like anything else. You're not going to be happy if you don't have what you love.

Susco: As an addendum to the advice I gave earlier, I say to someone after they've come out and are having a crisis. First advice, come out and are having a crisis. First advice, come out and are having a crisis.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish ready for two road games

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish (11-6, 4-0 in the Big East), have registered a 2-9 record this season and hope to add to their road suc-
cess as they face Georgetown on Saturday and Villanova on the last time.

The last time the Irish took to the courts, they defeated St.
John’s by just three games 30-16, 30-20. Notre Dame showcased its
offensive skills in the contest, hitting 330 in every game and
ending with a .356 attack per-
centage.

Since that match, Stasiuk
said the team has worked to
zone its serving and passing
skills in practice.

“We’ve really been focusing
on scoring points when we
have the serve and getting on
run to finish off our oppo-

nents,” Stasiuk said. “Everyo-
one’s had a really great game
the last few weeks and they’re
getting 100 percent.”

Additionally, the Irish have
been focusing in on their
rightor
taking games
by watching tapes of games
and learning about each team’s
strengths and weaknesses. 

Georgetown (13-10) boasts big hitters, according to Stasiuk, and is
known for putting
up a fight. After losing to West Virginia on Sunday 30-26, 30-25, 30-26, the Hoyas will
definitely be looking for
redemption.

Villanova (7-14) also looks to
be a tough competitor, as it will
thrive against the mounting
Wildcats gained from
Wednesday’s win. The

Owls defeated Wagner in three
games 30-21, 30-9, 30-19.

Despite the challenges the
Irish have faced this sea

The Irish have one of those wins
that is great for their football
program said. “We have
done well,” Healey said.

“We’ve been kind of frustrated
this season because we’re not
playing very well as a team.
We haven’t had a little bit of a
rest at the right time,” Healey
said. “We’re not quite ready to
play as well as we can,
which usually happens when
we really need to win.”

Freshman Adrianna Stasiuk said.

“I don’t think we’re going to
win the tournament, but we’ll
be a tough team in the Big East,
” She said.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles look to begin season against Hope

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles will participate in their first conference challenge of the season this Saturday as they face opponents Olivet and Hope, in a meet held at Hope College.

Saturday marks the first day of contest within the MIAA swim competition. All of the schools in the conference will be making their first attempts at capturing conference points to start the season off in a comfortable position in the standings.

The Belles will swim in three conference meets, including Saturday’s, before the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships at the beginning of February.

With only two returning seniors on the team, captains Michelle Stanforth and Ashley Dyer, the Belles are going to have to deal with the challenges that inexperience will cause for the team.

Eight freshmen joined the team this season, replacing the six swimmers that graduated after last year.

But with the inexperience comes a fresh outlook that might be exactly what the Belles need.

Saint Mary’s will be diving in headfirst on Saturday for their competition against Hope and Olivet. Hope has won the league championship for three of the past five years, with Calvin claiming the title during the other two years.

In order to really be successful in the 2004-05 season, Saint Mary’s will have to overcome the deficit of divers that the team has experienced in recent years. Two new divers added to the roster should give the Belles the boost that they need in order to be really competitive within the conference.

Saturday, Saint Mary’s will be able to put its new roster to the test, and see what it has to offer to the conference competition for the 2004-05 season.

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SMC SOCCER

Perfect home record looms

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

With their season all but finished, the Belles still have one more goal to check off their list – going undefeated at home.

Saint Mary’s will attempt to finish the season 8-0 at home when it takes on conference rival Calvin College Saturday at noon.

“We’re undefeated at home, so winning this game leaves us undefeated for the year,” junior defender Shannon Culbertson said. “We want to win for our seven seniors, so it’s a really important game.”

The Belles will face a tough challenge in Calvin, who currently sits atop the MIAA standings. Saint Mary’s has proven itself capable of knocking off a top team at home once already this year, defeating then-conference leader Hope 2-0 Sept. 29.

“We’re undefeated on our home field, and we plan on keeping it that way,” goalie Laura Heline said.

Saturday will mark the second matchup for Saint Mary’s against Calvin. In their first meeting, Calvin got two goals from 2003 MIAA MVP Sarah Wodeles in a 3-1 defeat of the Belles.

“We’ve never lost to a team twice this season, and we’re hoping to keep that record,” Culbertson said. “We’re capable of winning. We know we’re a talented team, but we just came up short a couple times. We just want to go out there and play our best, and get one more win at home.”

The loss to Calvin earlier in the year came on the road, where the Belles have had little success this year. Had they even held a .500 record on the road this year, Saint Mary’s would have been near the top of the conference, in strong position to make the playoffs. Instead, they are left wondering what might have been.

“Individually, we’re a very talented team, but for whatever reason, we just find it easier to put it together at home than on the road,” Culbertson said.

The Belles will look to rebound from Wednesday’s 3-2 loss to Hope, their second in their last three games.

“We played a good game against Hope, and we’re disappointed we lost, but we’re focused on playing a big game on Saturday,” Heline said.

The Belles will receive some extra motivation knowing that this weekend’s game against Calvin represents the last home game for the team’s seven seniors.

“The seniors are tremendous leaders; they’ve turned the Saint Mary’s soccer program completely around,” Heline said. “We went from being a consistent last place finisher to competing for first every year. I don’t even know how to put into words the great things they’ve done.”

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**MLB**

**Astros manager Phil Garner, left, shares a moment with Astros outfielder Carlos Beltran during warm-ups at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Oct. 21. Beltran was among 65 players to file for free agency.**

**Key players enter free-agent market**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran got off to a fast start in the free-agent market, too.

After hitting eight home runs for the Houston Astros to tie the postseason record, the speedy center fielder was among 65 players who filed for free agency Thursday on the first possible day, just hours after Boston completed its historic sweep of St. Louis in the World Series.

Acquired during the season from Kansas City, Beltran has said he would consider resigning with the Astros if they keep the core of the team together.

"I experienced being on a team where they don't do anything to help the ball club," Beltran said. "One of my priorities if I stay with this ballclub will be keeping the young guys... our young players have potential to be real good."

Beltran, who is represented by Scott Boras, could get the biggest deal of the off-season.

Dodgers third baseman Adrian Beltre, who led the major leagues with 48 home runs, also filed along with Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley. Beltre, also a Boras client, had arthroscopic surgery Thursday to remove two large bone spurs from his left ankle.

"Obviously there's a lot of interest in those guys," Boras said. "We're getting a lot of calls, so we thought we'd file."

Also filing Thursday were Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado, Chicago White Sox outfielder Magglio Ordonez, Minnesota right-hander Brad Radke and Philadelphia right-hander Kevin Millwood.

While the Red Sox have 17 players potentially eligible for free agency, a group that includes Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek and Orlando Cabrera, backup outfielder Gabe Kapler was the only player to file Thursday.

Players may file through Friday and start negotiating with any of the other 29 teams the following day.

Cardinals right-hander Chris Carpenter, sidelined since mid-September because of nerve damage in his right hip, filed conditionally. St. Louis must decide whether to exercise a $2 million option for 2005.

Florida right-hander Carl Pavano and Philadelphia left-hander Eric Milton are among the other starting pitchers eligible to file.

Preliminary talks figure to start Nov. 8, when general managers gather for a week of meetings in Key Biscayne, Fla., the New York Yankees ended three days of high-level meetings in Tampa, Fla., on Thursday as they prepared for the off-season.

**IN BRIEF**

Texas' Francisco faces a lesser charge

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers reliever Frank Francisco will face a misdemeanor assault charge rather than a felony for breaking a woman's nose when he threw a chair into the stands during a game.

"He has no record. He threw a plastic chair. It's not a gun. It's not a knife," Alameda County Senior Deputy District Attorney Norbert Chu said Thursday, explaining his decision.

While Francisco still faces a maximum three years' probation and one year in county jail, if convicted, he escaped the three years in state prison connected to a felony conviction. A misdemeanor charge also means that Francisco does not have to appear in court for some proceedings, including the initial arrangement, Chu said.

Francisco threw the chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spec-

tators in the head during a Rangers-Oakland Athletics game Sept. 13.

He hit Jennifer Bueno, whose husband, Craig, was part of a group of fans heckling the Rangers before the fracas. The couple's attorney, Gary William, said he expected such an outcome.

Mauresmo, Sugiyama reach quarterfinals

LINZ, Austria — Top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo reached the quarterfinals of the Generali Ladies Open by beating Polish teenager Marta Domachowska 6-4, 6-0 Thursday.

Defending champion Ai Sugiyama also advanced, cruising past Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-1 to set up a match against Mauresmo.

Mauresmo, briefly ranked No. 1 this year and now No. 2, withdrew from recent tournaments in Zurich and Moscow because of a groin injury and played Thursday with her right thigh taped.

But Mauresmo said she "was not hindered at all."

In other action, Meghann Shaughnessy of the United States beat qualifier Julia Schriuff 7-5, 6-2 and will play 2003 runner-up Nadia Petrova in the quarterfinals.

Pacers pick up option on Jones, waive three rookies

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers exercised their option for reserve guard Fred Jones on Thursday, extending his contract with the team through the 2005-06 season. He will become a restricted free agent at that time.

Jones, a first-round draft pick out of Oregon in 2002, averaged 4.2 points in his first two seasons with Indiana.

The Pacers also waived rookie guard Rashad Wright, their second-round pick out of Georgia, and rookie free agents Randy Holcomb (F, San Diego State) and Denson Farmer (G, Southern California). Around the Dial

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Friday, October 29, 2004
MEN'S SWIMMING

Welsh hopes squad will rise to challenge

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

This weekend's meets will measure more than just speed for the Irish.

Notre Dame travels to Utah this weekend, first facing Utah today and No. 22 Brigham Young on Saturday in the team's second meet of the season.

Coach Tim Welsh anticipates that swimming at a higher altitude in front of a home crowd will allow Notre Dame to gauge their resilience in the face of adversity.

"We're hoping to satisfy our curiosity this weekend," Welsh said. "We've been training extremely well and every thing we see is positive. We're pretty balanced; we have some strong swimmers in each event. We don't know if we're fast enough."

Welsh emphasized that the change in altitude will likely provide one of the most demanding challenges for the Irish this weekend. Notre Dame's opponents are used to training above sea level and coping with the effects of the thinner air.

The Irish hope to match the performance of the week's impressive victories at the Dennis Welsh Invitational while the women are ranked sixth in the nation going into the race.

As their rankings indicate, the Irish women have had a lot of success in this race. They are two-time defending champions, and last year, Huddle finished third in the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-Nationals.

The Irish have been led by a solid group of runners all season. For the men, sophomore Kurt Benninger has placed in top 10 twice already, taking eighth in the Pre-Nationals and second in the Notre Dame Invitational. Benninger has clearly been a major reason for the men's success all year.

This year has been Stanford, who finished ahead in both the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-Nationals. The Irish have been led by a solid group of runners all season.

We want to be aggressive and unified in our approach," Welsh said.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish compete in Big Easts today

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

The Irish look to continue what has been a successful season to this point when they compete in the Big East Championships today. The Irish have displayed consistency all year, which will be a huge positive for them going into the race.

Both the men and women face tough opposition in Boston this weekend, as they will be racing against several competitive teams.

The men, who are currently ranked 8th in the nation, will have to face a slew of ranked opponents. Georgetown heads into the race ranked seventh, Villanova is ranked 18th and Providence is ranked 22nd.

The women do not have it much easier. Ranked sixth in the nation, the women will have to face Providence and Villanova, among others. According to one poll, Providence is ranked second going into the race, and Villanova is ranked 18th.

As their rankings indicate, both the men and women have performed extremely well all season.

Both teams finished first in the National Catholic Championships, and then against tougher competition, the men took second in the ND Invitational while the women took third.

On Oct. 16, both teams again finished second in the Pre-Nationals.

The only team that the Irish have had consistent trouble beating this year has been Stanford, who finished ahead in both the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-Nationals.

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For the men, sophomore Kurt Benninger has placed in the top 10 twice already, taking eighth in the Pre-Nationals and second in the Notre Dame Invitational. Benninger has clearly been a major reason for the men's success all year.

On the women's side, Molly Huddle has been a model of consistency this season with a third-place finish in the Pre-Nationals and a second-place finish in the Notre Dame Invite.

The Irish women have had a lot of success in this race. They are two-time defending champions, and last year, Huddle finished third in the event leading a pack of Irish runners, Kenny Meagher, Lauren King and Stephanie Madia, who all finished in the top 20.

King won the race in 2002. The race will begin today at 11 a.m. for the men and 11:50 a.m. for the women.

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No. 2 Welsh Fam meets No. 7 Breen-Phillips Sunday

By MIKE LASKEY, MIKE TENNANT, AND TAMBRA CRAOCHILO

For Breen-Phillips, merely qualifying for postseason play is not good enough. The seventh-seeded Babes will look to shake up the playoff bracket this weekend when they take on the second-seeded Welsh Family Whirlwinds. The game is scheduled for 4 p.m. on Sunday at the McGlinn Fields.

Babes captain Jaimie Feltault is excited at the prospect of playing spoiler. "We’re coming in as underdogs. It’s a make or break situation," Feltault said.

The Babes find their team slightly hobbled heading into the playoffs, losing several players to injury and finishing the regular season with two tough losses and a tie.

"We’ve had a good rivalry with them the past few years," said butcher. "We’re looking to have this one end our way.

In what could potentially be her final interhall football game, the senior Feltault is not ready to hang up the spikes just yet. No. 3 Walsh vs. No. 6 Pasquerilla West

It’ll be a rematch Sunday as the Wild Women and the Weasels square off in the opening round of the playoffs.

Walsh and Pasquerilla West battled to a 6-6 tie early on in the season in a defensive struggle where both teams failed to convert on their extra points. But Weasels captain Abby Nerlinger is confident this game will be different.

"When we played them, it was our first game of season, and that makes a difference," the Weasels senior said.

The Wild Women will be dealing with a different Pasquerilla West team this time around, as the Weasels have since found a quarterback in junior Heather Van Hoegarden.

"I’m confident our offense will be strong," Nerlinger said. "We have some of the best receivers in the league.

Van Hoegarden’s targets will include sophomore Maureen Campbell and senior Brenna Mannion, both of whom are having good seasons at wide receiver.

The Walsh offense will be led by freshman quarterback Mary Murray, and will certainly be looking to reach the end zone often.

"There is always a key," Walsh captain Carrie Camp. "Campbell is also confident her defense will set the tone early.

"Our defense is really good at gaining momentum, and our offense keeps up the energy," the senior Wild Woman said.

Leading the Walsh defense will be senior cornerback Katie Besmend. Besmend and company have only allowed two teams to score on them all season, one of which was Pasquerilla West in the Wild Women’s second game of the season.

The Weasels defense has been impressive as well, thanks to strong play from their line and a superb season from senior linebacker Gina Lopresto.

The Wild Women finished the season strong, winning their last four games after suffering the first two, gaining the third seed in the playoffs. Meanwhile, the Weasels have worked their way to a 3-1-2 record, leaving them with a six seed.

No. 4 Pangborn vs. No. 5 Lyons

Pangborn has a game plan to continue its success this season. The Phoxes only tie has come from this weekend’s opponent, Lyons. Pangborn’s inability to shutdown Lyons earlier this season has forced them to re-evaluate its strategy.

"We really need to contain Traci Kazmerski, their quarterback," Pangborn captain Katie Murray said. "We’ve heard about this game and realize that a key to stopping the Phoxes is to some­how keep their solid receiving corps in check.

They do not run a set defense every week but adjust to opponents’ offenses. They are similarly adaptable on the offensive side of the ball.

Despite missing a few key players for undisclosed reasons, Pangborn hopes its squad will step up and give the clutch performance that a game of this magnitude against a team of this caliber requires.

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Belles look to reverse woes

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Beginning today Saint Mary's will play its final four games of the regular season. The Belles are currently on a five-game losing streak matching their longest skid since beginning the season 0-5. Their recent lapse has dropped their regular season record to 5-15 overall.

Saint Mary's will travel to Illinois to partake in the Benedictine Tournament, a two-day trip which pits the Belles against four non-conference teams. So far this season, the Belles have played four teams outside of their league and have yet to win. The Belles will take on Monmouth College beginning at 4 p.m. The Fighting Scots come into the contest with a record of 17-10. Saint Mary's did not play Monmouth last year and will have its hands full against a very good volleyball team.

Following the match, the Belles will have little time for rest as they immediately take on Illinois at 8 p.m. The Crusaders are only 5-28 this year. Their final match begins at noon and the Belles will be facing one of their most difficult opponents of the year. The Big Blue of Millikin College are 24-4 this year, and Saint Mary's must bring its best game if it hopes to have a shot at coming away with a victory.

Saint Mary's will be relying on players such as Michelle Turley, Elise Rupright and Shelly Bender to lead the team's offense. The Belles will look to Anne Cusack to continue her dominance on defense. She leads the team with 323 digs. Teammate Amanda David should also help keep the defense after accumulating 131 digs this year.

At the completion of the Benedictine Tournament, the Belles will begin the MIAA Tournament which begins on Sunday. The games have yet to be determined, but Saint Mary's, who finished seventh in the league, will probably face Kalamazoo College who currently resides in third place in the conference.

This weekend's tournament will hopefully give the Belles a chance to polish up their game and tie up any loose ends that still remain. It is vital they finish the season strong if they hope to have any chance at making a run in the conference tournament.

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY

Belles' season comes down to MIAA race

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Saturday will determine the Belles' fate in the MIAA championship as the Saint Mary's cross country team will travel to Calvin College to compete for the conference championship. The team finished sixth place at its only other conference race this year, the MIAA Jamboree. In order to achieve a fourth place spot in the final standings, the Belles will need to have one of their best performances of the season.

Albion, Kalamazoo and Alma will all prove to be obstacles for Saint Mary's to overcome. Coach Dave Barsits knows that the team has a challenge ahead of them.

"If we can beat Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo can beat Alma, we'll finish fourth overall in the standings," Barsits said.

Saint Mary's is poised and ready to capitalize on any opportunity that the Belles have to move up in the conference standings. Freshman Megan Gray is confident in her team's ability to compete on Saturday.

"All of the workouts ... and especially the hill workouts ... have made us stronger runners. At this point, the potential is there, it's just have to relax and run," Gray said.

Senior and co-captain Risa Zander also has high hopes as well as high expectations for her fellow teammates. For the seniors on the team, this Saturday may mark the final cross-country meet of their collegiate careers.

Zander, along with co-captain Elizabeth Connors and senior runners Sara Dunn, Ashley LaLonde, Aubrey Suary and Kristin Zaininger will all run in their final team competition. Although the top seven runners in the conference race will go on to compete in the regional meet, Saturday will be the last time that the entire 2004 team will run together.

Zander looks upon her final race with the team as something to remember.

"Being a part of this team is going to be one of the things that I will miss most about Saint Mary's, if not the single most," Zander said.

There would be no better way for the ladies to finish off their four years than with yet another step up the ladder in the MIAA Conference standings.

After finishing sixth place in the 2003 season, their highest finish since running in their first championship in 1998, the entire team is ready to gain improve upon their performance and again make history for Saint Mary's.

The team will travel to Calvin with this goal in mind, and although it has potential to make it a reality.

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Carroll looks to bounce back against Fisher

By JOHN EYRETT, TOM DORWART, ANNA FRICANO AND RAMA GOTTMUKKALA
Sports Writer

This Sunday on the South field at 1 p.m. Siegfried and Fisher will be playing in the first round of the interhall play­offs.

Both teams have won three games, but each team also has one loss going into this game. Now that it is time for the playoffs, each loss seems a bit more important.

"We're trying to get more guys out to practice," Fisher coach Jerremy Morene said. "We are preparing, like every game, to win. They throw the ball a lot, and we're preparing for that."

Last year when Fisher and Siegfried faced each other, Fisher came out on top with a tight score of 10-7.

"They are defending champs," Morene said. "They are tough competition. We know it's not impossible to beat them. It can be done." Some of the players on the Fisher team that have been playing well this year are quarterback Pat Gotte, running back and linebacker Andy Roaldi and linebacker/defensive end Matt Bifulco.

"Our whole offense has done good this year," Morene said. "(They are) playing like a unit and giving the quarterback time."

This is a deciding game on who will continue on in the playoffs. This game is very important to both teams because whoever loses does not get to continue.

"We've got to go out and play like every other game," Morene said. "Go out and win."

No. 3 Dillon vs. No. 6 Alumni

"At first glance, this weekend's matchup between the No. 3 and No. 6 ranked teams in the men's interhall playoff bracket is just that — a playoff game. But intangibles give any game a whole new spin. Especially considering the two teams are neighbors, Dillon (2-2-1) and Alumni (2-1-1), heated rivals whose last regular season game ended in a 6-6 tie.

In a strange coincidence, the Dawgs and the Big Red find themselves facing each other again on Sunday for the first game of the playoffs. This time, though, the stakes have been raised and only one team can take that crucial first step towards one big game away from playing in Notre Dame Stadium.

"Our team is obviously pretty pumped about playing Dillon again," Alumni captain A.J. Remen said. "It's always been a big rivalry and everyone is going to be going out there and, on both sides of the ball, giving it 110%. Everyone played their hearts out last game and it ended up in a tie. But, unfortunately, someone's got to go home with a loss this game and hopefully it's Dillon.

Although Dillon has the advantage with a zero in the losses column, Alumni holds the distinction of being the only team to score on the tough Dillon defense all season. The Dawgs hope to replicate that success for this Sunday.

"Their defense is a pretty solid defense," Remen said. "They've been good basically all year. Obviously our biggest concern is being able to put points on the board against their tough defense. And offen­sively, our biggest concern is trying to get our offense into a little better rhythm so that we're a little smoother as far as precision in running routes and blocking."

Facing a challenge to their defense in their last game, Dillon hopes to set the tone early defensively in Sunday's game and channel the mental­ity that has served them well throughout the season. "We're not changing much from what's worked for us in the past," Dillon captain Mike Roaldi said. "We know what we saw from them last time so that gives us a little bit of heads up. But we'll try to get the quarterback and get a few sacks early as well as first stop­ping the run and making them throw the ball, which is what we did last time."

But no matter how much ten­sion there is in this matchup, one simple fact remains. In the playoffs, the win or go home mentality takes a whole new importance, no matter who the opponent is.

"Once you're in the playoffs, that stuff goes out the window," Roaldi said. "If you can't get excited about a playoff game, you shouldn't be playing. We're looking for a tough game with four tough quarters."

The Big Red and the Dawgs face off at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sheila West Field.

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Notre Dame will also be look­
ing to continue its positive momentum after defeating then- No. 1 Boston College Oct. 22 by the score of 3-2. Notre Dame's upset win knocked the Eagles to No. 2 this week, and moved Minnesota Duluth to the No. 1 spot, prompting Poulin to joking­ly say that the Irish are "the only team in the country that's played two number one teams already."

One crucial part of Notre Dame's success against the Eagles was the play of senior goalie Morgan O'Neill. Cey was rewarded for his 30-save per­formance with a bevy of weekly awards, including being named the CCHA goaltender of the week and USCHO/TECH defensive player of the week. "It's all starting to come together for Morgan," Poulin said. "I think his freshman year he came in with a lot of raw tal­ent but wasn't quite as strong as he needed to be, and had to take some time to feel that out. Sophomore year the team strug­gled in front of him. Junior year he had to deal with injuries, and I think the culmination of all the hard work he's done is really starting to pay off now."

Oyly's play has been especially improved at home, where the goalie has a tie against Minnesota Duluth also to his credit. The Irish as a whole seem to play better at the Joyce Center, and Poulin said his team's home ice this week­end as an advantage.

"We've created a really nice advantage in this building over the years," he said. "We're com­fortable here and get to practice here everyday — a lot of teams aren't able to practice in their buildings every day. We've been able to to maximize what we have to work with."
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"I'm not going to take any credit away from their quarterback," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "He found open receivers at will and on other days hit them when they were open. At the same time I think some of those plays were because of us not doing our responsibility." The Notre Dame secondary has been a bit of an anomaly this season. The team held Michigan and its vaunted receivers to just 240 yards through the air and one touchdown, but couldn't stop Heisman candidate Kyle Orton and Purdue, as the Boilermakers sliced through the team's defense for 413 yards passing and four touchdowns.

"Right now I don't think we're playing our best game," Irish secondary coach Steven Wilks said. "We're in position at times and not making plays. Not getting on the ball as we should.

"A lot of times we're playing too far off on first down and giving up the hitch [route] and that's just something that we can't do. We've got to mix our coverages up, and one thing we've got to do for sure is make tackles." Perhaps the most noticeable miscue by the Notre Dame secondary Saturday came late in the fourth quarter on the middle of Boston College's game-winning scoring drive. With 1:33 left in the game and facing fourth-and-13, Peterson had plenty of time to find a wide-open Larry Lester on the right sideline for a 17-yard pass, giving Boston College a much-needed first down and helping the Eagles gain some positive momentum in the hostile road environment.

"We were really hoping on getting that play stopped and getting the defense on the field so we could win the game," Irish safety Tom Zibikowski said. "When that h a p p e n s you've just got to regroup - that's football." Wilks said. "You know that eventually they're going to make a complete pass or you've got to step up after that.

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In addition to her goal, it was not long for Buczkowski to register an assist for the Irish. She sent the ball 35 yards to the left side of the box for Katie Thorlakson in the 29th minute when they were open. At the same time, we were once again able to break the Irish mentality was let's make a few plays, and we're not doing our secondary Saturday came late. The Irish pass defense - like the rest of the team - has a much needed bye week to work out its fundamental problems and get ready for Tennessee and its quick-strike passing offense led by talented freshman quarterback Erik Ainge.

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Happy Birthday: So many things are happening this year. You will have to hang on and do your best to order to accomplish the most. This won't be a year of rest, but can be progressive if you don't procrastinate or let others slow you down. Your numbers are: 10, 13, 17, 22, 48

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be thinking clearly when regarding your position and the direction you want to take. Nothing should stop you from checking out possibilities. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotional matters may escalate but, if you are prepared to handle the situation, you will clear matters up quickly. Trust in your own abilities. ***

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): The more accepting you are, the better you will be today. Your wisdom and good sense will allow you to make a difference to everyone else. ***

ARTHUR MILLER (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be introduced to someone special. ***

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A dish best served cold
Notre Dame gets revenge on Michigan with 4-0 drubbing

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

For the fourth time in the program's history, the No. 2 Irish (17-0-1) have finished the regular season with an undefeated record after a 4-0 victory over Michigan. "We did not have one bad performance," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last few weeks we've controlled games, but have not been getting the goals until late. It was huge because this is what we didn't do to Michigan last year in the playoffs."

Last season, Michigan ended the NCAA playoff run for the Irish in the second round with a 1-0 victory. But it was apparent the Irish were out for redemption in Thursday afternoon's rematch. The Irish came out quickly as secondary in the second half and two touchdowns. It just doesn't get any easier for the Irish. Notre Dame is set to face its fourth ranked opponent of the young season this weekend when No. 15 Northern Michigan travels to the Joyce Center for a two-game CCHA series with the Irish. "These kinds of games force you to up your level," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We are practicing better and faster; the intensity has increased in practices because the guys have seen how we have to play in order to be successful."

HOCKEY

Irish ready to take on Wildcats
Irish goalie Cey named USCHO/ITECH defensive player of the week

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Batteast on top of the Big East
Irish forward named conference preseason player of the year

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
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Just two days after being named the preseason National Player of the Year by Basketball News, Irish senior Jacqueline Batteast was named the Big East Conference Preseason Player of the Year. Batteast averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game as a junior, and was named first team all-Big East. She was a unanimous selection for this year's preseason first team all-Big East as well.

Meanwhile, Irish junior guard Megan Duffy was named to the preseason all-Big East second team. Last season, Duffy was named the Big East Most Improved Player after a campaign that included averages of 9.9 points and 3.9 assists per game.

Both preseason selections were announced Thursday at the Big East women's basketball media day, held in Newark, N.J. Also at media day, the Irish were picked to finish second in the Big East after a poll of the Big East coaches, one year after finishing second with a 12-4 league record.

Three-time defending national champion Connecticut was picked to finish first. The Irish beat the Huskies last season by the score of 66-51 in South Bend. Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hvhoegarden@nd.edu

FOOTBALL

Secondary upset with play
Irish defensive backs allowed 297 yards passing in second half against Eagles

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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Paul Peterson's game-winning 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 54 seconds left in the game was a microcosm of how the Eagles' quarterback was finally held to just 86 yards through the first half and two touchdowns.

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Irish defensive back Quentin Burrell wraps up Boston College's L.V. Whitworth in the Eagles' 24-23 win Saturday.

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Welsh Family and Breen-Phillips meet in the first round of the Big East Championships.

By ASSOCIATE SPORTS WRITER

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