Spinal compression forces immediate
Mayo Clinic operation
By MIKE NORKUT
Sportswriter

Our Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz is scheduled to undergo major surgery Tuesday to correct a problem with his spinal cord in his neck. He will not return to his coaching position until he is physically able, which physicians are estimating will take three or four months.

The coach’s condition, known as a compression of the spinal cord, has been determined to be “imminently dangerous,” according to Dr. James Moriarity, university physician.

“Coach Holtz has been advised by the physicians attending his case that the condition will require an immediate operation to avoid permanent spinal cord damage and possible paralysis,” Moriarity said.

The operation is to be performed at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., a facility Holtz toured during his days as head coach of Minnesota.

The condition became noticeable to the coach about a month ago, when he experienced weakness in his hands and legs. The problem came to a head last week at the Northwestern game.

“On the morning of the Northwestern game, Coach Holtz came to us for medical advice after he was unable to run onto the field with his team, and ambulance had to lift him into the locker room,” Dr. James Moriarity confirms the seriousness of Lou Holtz’s condition. Holtz will undergo surgery Tuesday to correct a spinal cord problem.

Social forces, pressure push students to drink

Columnist urges students to live life of service
By RYAN CHRISTMAN
New Writer

Students must become educated about serving others according to Washington Post columnist Colman McCarthy.

McCarthy spoke to an audience of Notre Dame students in the LaFortune Ballroom on Monday night.

McCarthy, whose lecture was sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Student Activities and the Student Union Board, provided to give his audience insight on living a life of service, spirituality, and nonviolence in contemporary American society.

According to McCarthy, students need to be educated about serving others. The American educational system emphasizes career orientation and produces too many “peace illiterates” individuals.

Very few high schools offer classes educating students about helping others in need.

Even at Notre Dame, Peace Studies is a college concentration, not a college major,” said McCarthy.

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Kigar says that, despite the widespread perception that everyone else is doing it, “everyone at Notre Dame doesn’t drink.” She cites a poll that states that 25% of students surveyed drink little or not at all.

There is a gap between the perception that alcohol is a necessary activity and reality; students are often “choosing imaginary peers.”

Other social forces often drive students to drink, according to Kigar. Often, drinking is seen as a form of rebellion, because physicians are generally told not to drink.

First-year students often experiment in a new environment in which they are able to make choices on their own, without adult supervision.

Finally, Kigar adds that a main reason students drink is because it is fun.

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Kigar also says students sometimes see consumption of alcohol as a means of bringing about less tense relations with students of the opposite sex, especially since male and female students live in segregated dormitories at Notre Dame.

When asked how students become indoctrinated into the drinking culture at Notre Dame, Kigar says, “It’s a norm here.”

But she notes that the norm is not without a price. Younger, first-year students are beginning to realize that “drinking gets old; there are other things to do.”

Speaking for the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education, Kigar says the organization has no problem with people drinking, that it is a personal choice. But she says people need to realize that drinking is not a risk-free activity; they need to be educated and to understand what the consequences of such an activity can be.

Director of the University Counseling Center and Associate Professor of Psychology Patrick Uitz feels that students “fail to realize the intense marketing campaign behind the use of alcohol.”

He says alcohol products are marketed along with a large amount of misinformation, which needs to be corrected.

Alcohol is often portrayed by advertisers as a means of increasing one’s personality and extraversion, which is often not the case, according to Uitz. Second, “Uitz says alcohol is a drug, even though it is not always labeled as such.

“It has a nice effect. It gives the user a high, which be or she seeks again and again.”

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

**US cruise missiles keep pressure on Bosnian defenses**

**SARAJEVO**

American cruise missiles badly damaged Serbian air defenses, NATO said Monday, vowing to keep up pressure on Serbs to pull back artillery and tanks until the skies over Bosnia are safe for Western warplanes. The Serbs also were defiant, warning that the attacks could endanger the peace process.

The 13 Tomahawk cruise missiles fired from the USS Normandy late Sunday caused "severe damage" to Serb air defenses, Taiwan said. Group Capt. Trevor Murray said in Naples, Italy.

But he said the defenses were not entirely destroyed, and attacks would continue until they were.

Murray said NATO had no indication that the missiles killed or wounded civilians, as the Serbs claimed.

With the Serbs reeling from NATO's blow, the Bosnian government took advantage of their weakness to capture a strategic village and gain control of a route linking government strongholds in central and northern Bosnia.

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**NATO jets continue to bomb positions around the city following Sunday's cruise missile attack**

Karadzic said the attacks showed that NATO was working with the government army, and warned that they were jeopardizing a diplomatic breakthrough last week that set the stage for a new war.

"It is clear that the most powerful military alliance on earth is openly taking the side of our enemies," Karadzic wrote in a letter to Western ambassadors. "The entire peace process could be wrecked."

The Serbs have so far resisted NATO's demands to remove artillery and other heavy weapons from around Sarajevo. Western ambassadors are urging Gen. Ratko Mladic to persuade the Serbs to leave the area voluntarily and unconditionally.

And for the Serbs, removing weapons from around Sarajevo appears to be a secondary issue, because the meeting of foreign ministers in Germany on Friday appears to have already established the basic principles of an overall settlement.

**Deaths soar in women smokers**

**NEW YORK**

Lung cancer death rates among women smokers soared from the 1960s to the 1980s, a new study found. Such deaths increased from 26 per 100,000 to 125 per 100,000, said one of the researchers, Dr. Michael J. Thun of the American Cancer Society. During the same period, the rate nearly doubled in men who smoke, from 187 to 341 per 100,000, for both men and non-smokers.

Lung cancer has now surpassed heart disease as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths among white middle-class smokers, Thun said. The study, by Thun and colleagues at the Emory University School of Public Health, appeared in the September issue of the American Journal of Public Health. The findings came from a comparison of two large studies sponsored by the cancer society, one from 1959-1965 and the other from 1982-1988. Heart disease death rates declined by 50 percent in both smokers and non-smokers, the researchers found.

Death rates from lung cancer, coronary heart disease and other smoking-related diseases were measured in more than 200,000 current smokers and 480,000 lifelong nonsmokers in each study.

**Mother sentenced for killing 5 kids**

**OCEGO, N.Y.**

A woman convicted of smothering her five children more than two decades ago was sentenced today to 75 years to life in prison. Waneta Hoyt was given the minimum sentence of 15 years to life for each of the five counts by Tioga County Judge Vincent Sjuggerud. The maximum would have been 75 years to life. Sjuggerud said he imposed the minimum sentence because of Mrs. Hoyt's age and physical condition. But he said even that sentence does not take into consideration the children that were murdered. "No amount of sentence that can be imposed can bring back those children," Sjuggerud said. Mrs. Hoyt sat quietly with tears in her eyes and was breathing heavily while the sentence was read. Her husband and family were in the defense table. Her son, Jay, sat in the first row with tears streaming down his face. A court in a barely audible voice and had to stand in front of the judge's bench to be heard. "I loved all my kids and I will love them until I die," Mrs. Hoyt said. Justice will come before God. "I didn't kill my children."
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Association addresses African traditions, culture

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
News Writer

Caution should be used when attempting to modernize African traditional customs and laws a panel discussion sponsored by the Notre Dame African Students' Association concluded last night.

A general consensus of the panel was that many people do not know much about the traditions of Africa, let alone the effect of modernity of them. All panelists agreed that the African culture is not stagnant.

The most interesting positions of the night were brought forth from the personal experiences of the African panelists on the changes in their countries in the last few years.

Emmanuel Kuda, a student at the Institute for International Peace Studies, stated that, "There is still hope for Africa." However, modern movements must still be very careful. The should not go in thinking that Africa is some sort of blank slate. "Tradition is so huge that you cannot encompass it," he said.

Vincent Ninehille, a lawyer with the Center for Civil and Human Rights Law, agreed saying that "Africans must solve their problems themselves" and that most of modernity has been done in Africa with an eye of what can be taken from Africa.

The Notre Dame African Students' Association sponsored its first on-campus event last night with a discussion panel centering around the ideas of tradition and modernity intersect in Africa.

The panel featured five members who had different areas of experience with Africa. Two members are professors at Notre Dame, Professor Eriske Peters, a professor of African-American Literature and English and Professor William DeMars, a professor of Government. The other three members of the panel are African students and scholars. Bertha Amihi from Kenya, Emmanuel Kuda from Ghana, and Vincent Ninehille from Nigeria.

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Fundraising goals discussed

By HEATHER CROSS
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association (RHA) met last night to discuss upcoming events within each hall council and the association as a whole. Some of the main topics discussed were inter-hall video rentals, fundraising, publicity, and plans for hall and school-wide activities.

This year, the RHA is focusing on improving the living environment for all Saint Mary's residents. One way the RHA is working to accomplish this is through the establishment of committee chairwomen to be responsible for each hall.

The new committee chairwoman positions, hall councils are able to work together on common goals. Beth Ann Miller, vice-president of LeMans Hall council, is "really excited about all the councils working together under RHA." Miller feels that the new committee heads are a "great resource for individual hall councils." Each hall council is coordinating with the hall improvement committee for an all-campus video library program. The association hopes to "make video rental easy for everyone on campus," according to McCandless council member Erin Johnson.

RHA is also planning a publicity campaign to include selling hats with the logo "Go Blues," "We want huge publicity," said Miller. The new council wants to make all students active in hall councils, and this campaign will hopefully increase the awareness of RHA throughout the campus.

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French protest nuclear tests

By CHRISTOPHER BURNS
Associated Press

PARIS
Thousands of people, chanting "No to the arms race", took to the streets of Paris on Monday to protest France's resumption of nuclear test blasts in the South Pacific.

Several hundred protesters also demonstrated in Orleans in central France and in Reims in the east.

The protests were small by French standards, involving far fewer people than the typical union, student or other antigovernment demonstration. But they were still one of the largest shows of opposition yet in France to nuclear testing.

The Paris march was organized by some 140 groups, including leftist unions, environmentalists, humanitarians, and doctors angered by last Tuesday's blast under Mururoa Atoll. China is the only other country that has set off a nuclear blast in the past three years.

Jacques Chirac, assassin, we are all Polesians," chanted protesters, who carried banners reading "No to the militarization of society" and "Nuclear Bomb: State Terrorism."

Among those leading the Paris procession of about 3,000 people was Louis Vannet, secretary general of the Communist Party. "We demand an international ban," he said.

Although some 60 percent of French say they oppose the tests, many are protesting with problems closer to their wallets, such as unemployment.

With the exception of a demonstration involving some 10,000 people in June, the government has been spared much of the tumult at home that its nuclear policy has caused abroad.

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Powell reveals views on abortion rights

By RITA BEAMISH
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Retired Gen. Colin Powell, revealing for the first time his views on presidential campaign issues, said he supports abortion rights, some gun controls and the death penalty.

He has no problem with a moment of silence in the schools or with taking race into account when admitting students to universities, he said in an interview with Barbara Walters. However, he said he opposes any sort of required prayer in schools.

Powell also criticized President Clinton's foreign policy, saying it "lacks a certain coherence."

He said he rejected the prospect of becoming Clinton's secretary of state last winter because, "I am not a fan of the manner in which foreign policy issues are hammered out in this administration."

Powell was an integral part of Clinton's successful foreign policy initiatives — driving military coup leaders from Haiti, Powell was an envoy who went to Haiti and helped persuade the military rulers to leave peacefully.

"There is too much tactical judgling from day to day and week to week. And I think it hurts us," he said in the "60 Minutes" interview that was broadcast Friday.

Portions of the interview were aired on ABC News on Monday.

Powell is considering whether to run for president and said in a Time magazine interview this week that the times have come for him to begin letting the American people know his political views. While he has toured the country giving speeches, he previously has been coy about his views on many issues and his feelings about running for president.

The former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff enjoys approval ratings far higher than those of any Republican candidate or President Clinton, but is virtually certain to lose some of that support as interest groups begin to hear positions they do not like.

He said he would prefer that women give birth and then put an unwanted child up for adoption. "If, however, it is her choice to abort," he said, "it's a matter between her, her doctors, her family and her conscience and her God...So that's pro-choice."
Dismissing warnings that many children would be left home alone under Republican welfare legislation, the Senate rejected a Democratic attempt Monday to add billions of dollars to child care for the poor.

The near-solid party line vote of 50-48 on child care came as the Senate tackled the first of 200 proposed changes to the GOP plan to dismantle the federal welfare system, turn responsibility for supporting poor families over to the states, and require as many as 1 million parents to work for their benefits.

Two Republicans, Sens. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado and Jim Jeffords of Vermont, voted with Democrats to spend $11 billion on child care over the next five years, $6 billion more than under current law. Two other Republicans, Sens. Alan Simpson of Wyoming and Phil Gramm of Texas, did not vote.

In another vote, the Senate rejected, 56-32, a plan by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., that would have denied food stamp to able-bodied adults who have not worked for at least 40 hours in the month prior to receiving benefits.

Still ahead, as the Senate weighed its fourth week of work, is the GOP's marquee social legislation: The Republican plan to create a smaller, $16.8 billion in annual federal child care spending for welfare families under the age of 5 from sanctions for refusing to work if they lack adequate or affordable child care.

Democrats, however, said exemptions are not the answer and should be a fall-back plan, not national policy.

"If we are serious about promoting work and protecting children, we need to find the money to provide the child care that is needed. Home alone should not become stay at home under the present system," Kennedy said.

After the vote, Kennedy said Republicans "voted to leave children home alone." He and Sen. Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., voted to try again to persuade the Senate to put more money into child care and. They cited the lack of spending for one of the reasons that the Congressional Budget Office estimates that only 10 to 15 states would be able to meet the bill's work requirements.

Arguing against the Democratic plan, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said Congress doesn't have the additional $6 billion for child care, while Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., said child care spending in the bill was amply.

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GENDER EQUITY SHOULD EXTEND TO RESTROOMS

By Kara Pavlik

THE FLY is a handy thing for speed. For evidence, look towards any tree near Notre Dame Avenue an hour before kickoff on a football Saturday. Or at the short line outside the men's restroom. You may have noticed that men have little trouble when it comes to relieving themselves.

Relief, however, is not what women find among pre-game festivities. This unwritten rule of gender dynamics was reconfirmed two weeks ago as I performed my routine football ritual: dancing in circles to hold my bladder.

Usually, I can voluntarily control my bladder. Yet there are times when it becomes a muscular wall relaxing, its lining stretching, shooting signals to my brain that resonate, "Come on, baby, pee, just let it all flow.

At this point I no longer have a choice. I need relief that cannot come from dancing. Or waiting in line for the loo.

The fact is, at and around Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, women's bathroom rooms seem to have fewer johns. And this is common for many traditional American structures. Hundreds of stairs. Offensive bathroom rooms.

Certainly the stadium is an old-fashioned structure designed to accommodate the occasional female visitor. And fortunately, women will soon see significant changes. Not only will the stadium provide 26 additional rows, the number of overall rest rooms will increase. The design for the new structure boasts one rest room for every 200 female fans, instead of one rest room for every 540 fans as it presently stands.

In an ideal world, all buildings would provide twice as many bathroom stalls for women. Yeah, this is wishful thinking. I will not even get into the debate over economic hardship this would spark. Plus, as I see things, the American economy is not going to appreciate the value of decent female bathrooms until the American economy is run by women.

Take the Notre Dame Stadium, for instance. The University's fathers want to expand the stadium to create more seating. It's only now, with major renovations to the structure, that something is finally being done about the rest rooms for female patrons. This is despite the fact that a large number of women, who urinate, have been attending games for years.

Many laugh about achieving "urinal equality," but for a large number of women the issue has gone beyond being merely humorous. In fact, when female legislators grew笛niing with running down stairs and standing in line with tourists to use the bathroom, the American government became involved. Now there is a women's room just outside the Senate chamber.

States such as Delaware and Georgia have introduced bills that would require large theaters and stadiums to provide twice as many toilets for women as for men. And when Ohio state representative C.J. Prentiss, missed her home state marching band perform during her inauguration — waiting in line for the lady's room — she introduced legislation to mandate equality in rest room lines.

It's been proven that women spend more time than men in the loo. According to potty experts, women take three minutes while men need only 3.6 seconds. Keep in mind this does not include "pee time.

Simply put, women got the short end of the stick when it comes to relieving themselves. Women have to do more maneuvering in the bathroom. This includes accumulating their purses, flattening layers of clothes and anatomical differences. Not to mention a study by British doctors which found that women who cross over the toilet seat decrease their rate of urin flow.

One of the most amazing bathroom stories comes from Texas where Denise Wells, a single woman for rest room equality, was arrested for using men's bathroom at a concert. She was tried in municipal court on charges of violating a city ordinance that forbid women and men from using the opposite sex's rest room.

Although Wells was found not guilty after just 23 minutes, I wonder what might have occurred had I been caught by Notre Dame security using the men's room during the Northwestern game. Confiscation of my football tickets? A ban forbidding me to drink before the game?

Beyond such queries, I should point out the men of the Saint Mary's Notre Dame community are not exempt from this problem. At Saint Mary's library, men do not have the convenience of equal stalls. Here urinal struggle exists with seven stall stalls for women, but only two for men.

For male visitors, finding relief can be an arduous struggle. Because the fly means nothing when cut off from the facilities.

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Evolution definition has problems of its own

Dear Editor:

Professor Schurr (The Observer, Sept. 1) attacks Pieter Beeli's definition of evolution, (unlike Product) because it doesn't (in a non-


to his own attack of Beeli himself), pointing out that it is no part of evolutionary theory to hold that random genetic mutation or other genetic changes cause an increase in a given individual's adaptive powers; the idea is that such changes can be adaptive in the next and subsequent generations. Beeli's definition does indeed seem faulty in this respect. But Schurr's definition has its own problems. He explains evolution as "a change in a given population from one generation to the next." This definition is much too weak to be of any use in the various debates about evolution. Some people deny evolution; others (including myself) are dubious or agnostic about it. What they doubt or deny, however, is not the wet-noodle statement that some populations have displayed changes in gene frequency from one generation to the next; everyone agrees that this happens all the time.

By virtue of artificial selection, for example, there are now many varieties of dogs, some enormous, like St. Bernards, others minuscule, like Mexican Chihuahuas. No one doubts that these changes have occurred since the time of the population of dogs over the generations. The same goes for horses, cattle, fighting cocks, corn, peas, beans and other assorted greenery.

Indeed, strictly speaking, the human population displays a change in gene frequency every time someone is born or dies. No one, not even Jerry Falwell, would deny this for an instant. (I mention the Reverend Falwell only because common custom and political correctness dictate that he and his fundamentalist friends be dragged (as whipping boys) into any discussion of evolution.)

What people doubt or deny is not that wet noodle statement, but one or more of several much stronger thesis: for example, the thesis that all living creatures are really cousins, in that any pair of contemporary living creatures — you and the mosquitoes in your backyard, for example — share a common ancestor, if you go back far enough; or the claim that we human beings have nonhuman ancestors among our ancestors — not only human-like apes, but also reptiles, fish, and animals we do not know about.

Or they might doubt or deny the claim that all of the enormous variety of contemporary plant and animal life arose by way of the processes random genetic mutation, natural selection, genetic drift, etc.) to which contemporary evolutionary theory directs our attention, or the more specific claim that human beings came to be by virtue of these processes.

But nobody, not even Beeli himself doubts that some populations have displayed changes in gene frequencies. To propose a definition as weak as that simply obfuscates the issue, I'm suggesting, as it does, that opponents of evolution are really crazy — crazy enough to deny even the results that even an anti-evolutionists can fit into his model.

I agree that gene frequencies change over time, but I don't believe in evolution. For example, my son Andrew was born in December 1993. If we consider the moments before and after his birth Schurr and I will both agree that there has been a change in gene frequency. (Or should we consider the minutes before and after conception? Hmmm?) Surely thought it is absurd to say that Andrew's birth proves evolution.

This is thus abundantly clear that Schurr's definition lacks the necessary specificity for intelligible dialogue between people who embrace different models of origins. Schurr writes, "Creationism has become nothing more than a historical footnote. How such Schurr criticizes creationism when his definition of evolution does not distinguish between evolution and creation?"

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**LONDON**

Able to explore both timeless and modern, Londoners make the most of their time abroad

By ASHLEY SHANNON

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_Londoners_ live in the Baywater district of London, in two adjoining buildings known as "the flats"—that is, apartments. 33 and 34 Lenoir Gardens are paradise after two years of Notre Dame dorm life. There are no parietals, the buildings are so flat, and, best of all, the living situation is so close to that found in the supervised residence halls on campus. Students cook their own meals, regulate their own hours, and goings, and basically discover what it's like to live on their own in a large city. Londoners are rarely alone. With as many as eight people in one flat, conditions can be, well, crowded. And the evocative squawking seven women into one tiny bathroom every morning was definitely a challenge, we turned the living quiet rooms into close friendships," says Danielle Calnon, who participated in the Peter Aragich Programme in Fall 94. "In fact, some of us are still joined at the hip!"

Classes, taught by some of the best and brightest minds in London (and a few American professors as well, are another exciting aspect of the London experience. The classroom building is in the heart of London, just across from Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square. 7 Albemarle is a 45 minute walk from the flats, taking students through some of London's famed parks, although they can also opt to take the "Tube," or subway. Notre Dame's Law and MBA London programs share 7 Albemarle with the Programme; however, the three groups use separate sections of the building, so contact between the undergrads and grad students is limited. Although the London Programme is geared towards Arts and Letters students, the Fall semester offers physics for pre-professionals, and there is a special PLS seminar in the Spring, so that students from various disciplines may participate in the Programme. This is too a benefit of London in since one is able to meet a wide range of people from other parts of the world in the programme, also.

Londoners, says that without the physics course offered first semester, he would not have been able to go abroad at all.

London is not only about going to class and attending the ballet. The social aspects of the London Programme can be summed up in one word: pubs. As Matt Freeman, a sophomore in London Spring '95, says: "Pubs are at least ten times better than American bars. They're more casual—they can have good conversation rather than just get drunk. Plus, there are at least 16 pubs within comfortable walking distance of the flats." Besides the obvious advantages, pubs are considered upgrade joints here in the States, the pubs offer an opportunity for American students to meet and converse with British people. Should one's tastes run toward the more energetic aspects of nighttime entertainment, however, London is full of nightclubs and concert venues, as well as opportunities to watch football (the European kind) and rugby.

London itself, though the major part of any Londoner's experience, serves another purpose as well: it's the perfect jumping-off point for a European vacation. Paradoxically, however, these Continental trips serve to make London seem more like home. "After a nightmarish trip home through Paris, it was heavenly to get home to the flats," says Anne Corder, a Fall '94 Programme Participant.

Despite all the opportunities that are available outside of London, ultimately it is the city itself which steals the heart of nearly every Londoner.

"I only applied to law school at Notre Dame so I could go back to London," confides Paul Noeman, a third-year law student and now two-time alumus of the London Programme. Not content with his single semester as an undergraduate, Paul returned to London as an RA for the '94-'95 school year. Matt Freeman agrees. "London is magical," he says. "As big as it is, it's hard to feel overwhelmed." London's accessibility, its history and culture all combine to make London the ideal overseas experience. As Samuel Johnson so eloquently puts it, "When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all life can afford." Londoners would agree.

**Beating it before you beats it**

By JOHNN GALVIN

*Acute Medical Correspondent*

Is your head achingly dull? Have neck muscles become stressfully stiff? Have sinus glands become uncomfortable sore? Is the throat throbbing tender? These are just some of the alert-and-present symptoms that herald the developmental stage for a respiratory viral infection, popularly known as the common cold.

During this maturation period, the viral infections fortifies itself by slowing down body metabolism, thus causing a decline of the immune system by raising body temperature and lowering body resistance. The common cold can be caused by any of more than 200 viruses. These viruses attack and multiply in the cells that line the nose and throat. Contrary to popular belief, colds are not spread primarily through coughing or sneezing. They are transmitted through hand contact with infected eyes or nose, you are likely to infect yourself very quickly if you touch your own eyes or nose, and by contact with an infected person who may not have apparent symptoms. Carry with your own hands or items, they can "catch" a cold if you touch your eyes or nose after touching a hard, nonporous surface such as a doorknob or telephone. Shortly after an infected person touched it. This being said, there are precautions you can take to avoid getting your nose. Much is the same as with any cold, and knowing that adult average 2 to 5 a year, the general consensus is that airlines won't take away from cigarette smoke. Some people swear by Vitamin C. There is no harm in taking some, but be aware that here's some advice for specific symptoms.

**Throat:**

Try acetaminophen (Tylenol, Daltir, etc.), Ibuprofen (Advil, Naprin, etc., or aspirin). Thirst and dehydration:

Drink a glass of water, juice, broth, or tea every hour or two while you are awake. Avoid caffeine and alcohol, which can both increase cold and dehydration.

Sore throat:

Try aspirin and sugar substitutes. Also, gargle with 1/4 teaspoon of salt water or baking soda glass of water. Some people use Lozenges, hard candy and throat sprays to help loosen your cough.

Cough:

Add moisture to the air using a humidifier or a pot of boiling water. Cough medicines containing the suppressant dextromethorphan (DM) or Throat Coat tea (from health food stores) may help the symptoms.

**Cough**: Decongestants such as pseudoephedrine (Sudafed, etc.) relieve congestion. Antihistamines such as chlorpheniramine (ChlorTrimeton, etc.) can relieve runny noses. There are also combinations of decongestants and antihistamines that do both (Actifed, Dimetapp, Drixoral, etc.). Studies indicate that about 30 minutes. Here's another good news: sometimes a day relieves congestion—fill a bowl or sink with steaming tap water, bend your head over the bowl, place a large towel over your head to trap the steam, and breathe deeply, in and out, around the time while showing.

The old and true remedies for a cold, as we all know, are to stay in bed and get plenty of rest, drink lots of fluids. Bathing the back of your neck—no more than in the morning —is also an effective way to clear sinuses. It is only necessary to see a doctor if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above or if you have any of the symptoms listed above.

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Students who knew
shocked, dismayed
By SARAH TAYLOR
The Observer

Their great news is about to go under the knife, but ND students across campus were caught unaware by Monday's emergency surgery.

The vast majority of pulled students expressed great shock and adventure at the news of Holtz's emergency surgery.

Clearly, this information has been a well-kept secret.

"I was surprised; I hadn't heard anything about it until today," said Rob Holcomb, an Assistant freshman.

St. Ed's junior Matthew George was equally amazed by the news. "I just barely heard about it," he stated.

Those select few in the know, however, are devastated. "It's going to be interesting to see how the team reacts," said Rob Holcomb, an Assistant freshman.

Others, however, are optimistic. Though the temporary loss of Holtz's coaching ability will profoundly affect the team, the game must go on under other expertise.

George is one of the hopeful. "Bob Davie is a pretty good coach, though he should be able to do alright," he stated.

John Walser, a Fisher senior, expressed his dismay simply, yet fervently. "That's sad," he exclaimed. Perhaps the rest of the campus would react with equal passion, if only they knew.

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Mortality continued.

After viewing previous medi cal history, Holtz consulted several tests over the past week, doctors narrowed it down to sixteen possible conditions. Fifteen of them were terminal. He had a great sense of relief when he found out what it was," athletic director Mike Wadsworth said.

Doctors conducted a thorough diagnosis, the non-terminal one was "his.

Mortality explained that the spinal cord, which is normally shaped like a firm banana, takes the shape of a banana when it is compressed. The passage way, which is normally shaped like a doughnut, is pinched in Holtz's case, putting pressure on the spinal cord.

"It looks like in an X-Ray that there's a napkin ring around the spinal cord." Mortality continued.

The damage is a degenerative process, one that can only be stopped by surgery, which was the recommendation of the several physicians that attended the Irish coach.

"There were three different doctors, trying to find the least bit of encouragement to delay this," Holtz said in a statement. "But they all say it has to be done.

The procedure is not an uncommon one, with a morbidity rate being well less than one percent. Doctors hope he will be able to perform all of his regular functions after recovery.

In the meantime, the football team rests in the hands of Davie, Notre Dame's second-year defensive coordinator.

"What's important right now for this football team is for Lou Holtz to get healthy and this team to stay focused on Vanderbilt," Davie said. David will still handle the defense, while offensive coordinator Mike Fucking will call the plays on offense and assistant coach Dan Liters will handle the administrative duties.

"I think it'll be very important the message these coaches give the team right now," Wadsworth continued. "To them it's a message that they're pulling together, that they're putting together in the best way for Vanderbilt, Texas and for what's ahead of them come up before Lou returns."

Holtz captured his 200th career game against Purdue Saturday.

 Huskers lose star

By DAVE ZEBO Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb.

Just two weeks into the college football season, defending champion Nebraska is a team in turmoil. And it's nothing to do with losing games.

The Cornhuskers' two top running backs, including Heisman Trophy contender Lawrence Phillips, were arrested during the weekend for allegedly assaulting former girl­friend Diane Monteleone.

Another Nebraska player, receiver Riley Washington, was charged with attempted murder in early August and is awaiting trial.

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U.S. NEWS 

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Irish Outdoors - Irish Out­doors will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 in the Montgomery Theater, 1st floor LaForte at 9:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. For additional information, contact Chris Carey at 370-8744.

Climbing Wall Orientations - All Climbing Wall participants must complete a Climbing Wall Orientation session before they can have "open" use of the wall.

St. Ed's students, faculty and staff can sign up now to attend the Orientation and get a ticket for the first day of climbing.

Ski Club - A club for students interested in ski club activities or trying out for the ski team should attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 6:00 p.m. in 318 Neindsch. For questions, please contact Byun at 273-2406.
Union fate hinges on decertification vote

By WENDY E. LANE
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Will Michael Jordan's decertification effort carry the day or will his NBA colleagues back their union and a new labor deal? The answer will come Tuesday, when players' votes are counted.

But even that won't necessarily be the end of the NBA's tangled labor dispute. What happens next — and how longer the lockout continues — will be determined by who wins and by how much.

"We believe we've won," said Jeffrey Kessler, the lawyer representing Jordan, Patrick Ewing and other players pushing to disband the union.

"I think it will be a real revelation to people," said an equally confident Simon Gourdin, the union's executive director.

The losers, however, are likely to challenge the election results, erecting legal roadblocks that could delay the opening of training camp on Oct. 6 and drag on past Nov. 3, when the season is scheduled to start.

Vote Tuesday if the election to determine whether the NBA players' association will continue to represent the players or be disbanded will be counted publicly by National Labor Relations Board officials Tuesday afternoon.

In balloting on Aug. 30 and Sept. 7, players cast their votes. In large numbers, the heavy turnout believed to benefit the union.

A vote for retaining the union was considered a vote for a proposed labor agreement, one many players said they cast reluctantly. If the union wins the election, 21 of the league's 27 player representatives must formally ratify the new deal Wednesday at a meeting in Chicago.

The margins of the victory could well determine how the players vote. In June, they killed a proposed agreement by tabling a vote.

However, union leaders have said they expect the deal to be ratified this time. That would clear the way for the owners to approve the agreement at a scheduled Sept. 18 meeting and lift the lockout begun July 1.

"Our expectation is if the union has a clear victory in the voting next week, we will ask the owners to ratify it and end the lockout," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "The fact that challenges may be pending is something we'll have to take a look at."

After casting his vote last week, Jordan didn't seem inclined to continue his fight for dissolving the union if the players vote against it.

"If (decertification) doesn't carry, then the players have spoken their minds, and that's all I ask," Jordan said. "If the majority of players choose to accept this deal, I'm with them. I'm with the majority — as long as two years down the road they can live the repercussions of what this deal is going to give them."

Jordan and Ewing have been the most vocal proponents of decertification, arguing that players can get a more favorable labor agreement by dissolving the union and pursuing an antitrust lawsuit against the league.

Despite Jordan's conciliatory words, one agent says Kessler and other agents are certain to dispute the election results if decertification fails. Keith Glass, who represents 13 current NBA players, resigned last week from the players' group pushing for decertification, saying he was fed up with the propaganda coming from all three sides in the disputed election.

"I don't think the group I just resigned from will go quietly into the night," Glass said. "They're going to do anything they can to overturn the election."

If the union gets thrown out, it or the NBA could probably challenge the election, triggering an NLRB investigation. The NLRB is already probing the league's unfair labor practice complaint against the agents' group.

Irish crack top ten

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team, 3-0 on the season, has achieved its highest ranking in school history as they ascended to sixth in the Intercollegiate Association of America poll, released Monday.

Coach Mike Berticelli's squad was unranked in the ISAA preseason poll, and now find themselves with their first-ever top-10 appearance. In addition to being ranked sixth, Notre Dame is first in the Great Lakes Region poll, ahead of 12th-ranked Indians.

Notre Dame has outscored its opponents 16-0 in its first three outings, posting wins over DePaul (8-0), Valparaiso (7-0) and Syracuse (3-0). The victory over the Orangemen was the first in the Big East for the Irish.

Senior forward Bill Lanza is among the national leaders in scoring with four goals and six assists for 14 points. He is first nationally in assists, second in scoring and ninth in goals scored.

Goalkeepers Peter Van de Ven and Greg Velho are first nationally in goals against average.

Notre Dame will take its unbeaten record to New Jersey this weekend to face two Big East opponents. The Irish will meet seventh-ranked Rutgers on Friday and then Seton Hall on Sunday.

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Belles struggle on the road

By STEPHANIE BUEK
Sports Writer

While the eyes of the campus were glued to the action in West Lafayette Saturday, the Saint Mary’s volleyball team saw some of their own at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

Down two games to none, 16-18 and 4-15, the Belles rallied through the rest of the match, winning 15-11 and 15-12.

"I saw some action of our own at Saint Mary’s volleyball team looking not only to perfectly match our opponent, but to re-establish a winning attitude. Despite the loss, Head Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek saw outstanding improvement toward those ends.

"I saw so much improvement from the game we showed at home," said Schroeder-Biek. "They were two games down, and they showed spirit and heart winning three and four. Defensively, things are going better: we got more digs and kept the ball in play. We will keep drilling and fine-tuning those things in practice," finished Schroeder-Biek.

Freshman middle attack Laura Schreeg attributed the team’s improvement to a focus on communication in practice. According to Schreeg, the team’s work on constant communication in practice paid off in match play against Hope.

"We have been working on constant chatter and communication in practice," said Schreeg. "We really grew throughout the match, and even though we lost, we got something out of it," she concluded.

An altered team attitude gave rise to perfect play, according to sophomore setter Kelly Meyer. Though a weak passing game plagued the Belles’ performance against Calvin last week, Hope saw a new perspective of the Belles’ offense. Solid passes to Meyer gave the Belles the opportunity to run an efficient offense.

"Everything improved, especially the passes. The passing was wonderful, so I could get the ball to everyone. We never gave them a free ball; we attacked everything," said Meyer.

After overcoming weak passing, the Belles’ next focus is mixing up the offense and working with Meyer on different offensive combinations, according to Schroeder-Biek.

"When the passes are there, I can get involved in the attack; it keeps my options open," said Meyer.

"Now that we have overcome passing, I can run different options to the hitters. I can call the plays, instead of keeping the hitters in the dark about who is going to get the next set," Meyer concluded.

Though the Belles have made progress toward their goals, they still have work to do. Now 1-2, the Belles are their own worst enemy, often beating themselves with minor mistakes, such as free ball errors and mental lapses in play.

The Belles return home Tuesday, hosting Heidelberg College at Angela Athletic Facility at 7 o’clock."

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ALL SOPOMORES WELCOME!
Holtz sidelined

Players stunned after early a.m. meeting breaks surgery news

By TIM SHERMAN
Assistant Sports Editor

Through all the controversy that has surrounded the Notre Dame football program over the last two years, there has always been the stabilizing force of Lou Holtz. Whether it has been off-the-field difficulties or on-the-field disciplinary problems, Holtz has been the one constant in a complex equation.

Now, after announcing that he will undergo major spinal surgery, he and his health variables are, as are the reactions of his players and assistant coaches.

Judging by the sentiments expressed yesterday, the reaction was quite mixed.

Initially, though, the reaction was nothing but quiet disbelief.

"We had the meeting in the morning in Lotus and we had no idea it was coming," junior flanker Scott Sellmann "There was just dead silence in the room."

Surprise was certainly one of the themes of the day.

"The announcement was a total shock," said senior strong safety Brian Magoe. "It’s already been a rough season. We’ve lost a lot of people and now for this to happen, it’s tough."

There had been some hint that something was wrong with Holtz’s health, but nothing indicated the seriousness of the condition.

"All week, I’ve noticed that he seemed a little different," freshman Kory Minor explained. "Now that I think about it, he did ask us to watch out for him on the sideline this week. As a matter of fact, I don’t think he ran out onto the field with us. He said he was having trouble running."

"But we never knew this was going on. It’s just too tough to picture Coach Holtz not being on the sideline."

The Irish will have to get used to his absence, at least for three to four weeks. They are confident, though, that good will come from this.

"This is going to drive us even more and force us to go the extra mile," Minor noted. "All day, Coach Davie told us that we have to grow together as a team. In certain respects, we need to treat this as a positive."

That started yesterday in practice and should continue.

"He just told us to go out and win this one for him," Minor said.

For that to happen, the leadership slack is going have to be taken up not just by the coaches, but by the team’s on-the-field leaders.

"We, as seniors, need to step up and take over," said Magoe. "We need to keep this team focused and together.

"But for the present time, much of the thinking of the squad is still with Coach Holtz and his health."

"He means a lot to us," Minor said. "He’ll be all right and so will we."

Gerardo, Renola spur victory over UW

By DAVE TREACY
Sports Writer

Sometimes, everything seems so simple.

A game often can be reduced to a few moments which really constitute the heart of the contest. In a game with a narrow margin of victory, these moments are crucial.

So, in this weekend’s 1-0 win over 18th-ranked Wisconsin, it is fortunate that the Irish were the proud owners of these important moments.

Freshman Monica Gerardo was one of the most prominent contributors to the cause with the only goal of the game.

The attacking forward stripped a Badger defender of the ball in the middle of the first period, and beat the opposing goalie on the breakaway with a shot to the lower right corner of the net.

"The fullback had a bad collection, so I stepped in and took it from her. All I had to do was dribble in and put it in the net," Gerardo said.

Gerardo has been a surprise to some, scoring nine goals in the first four games of the season. But, there are others who predicted her success.

"I knew that she’d score a lot for us this year," said co-captain Jen Renola. "She’s the type of player who can find the goal and put the ball in the net. I’m sure she’ll continue to produce for us."

"Monica is a goal scorer," Petruccelli echoed. "If you give her a chance, she’s going to score."

Another key moment in the game can be attributed to the prowess of Renola.

The most promising scoring opportunity for the Badgers, who had six shots on goal as opposed to 21 for the Irish, came in the first half. The Badgers had a free kick from 35 yards out, and the Wisconsin player put the ball into the box, where another Badger gathered it in from about 10 yards out.

"She was wide open on my right, and she took a shot at the near post, but I deflected it out to the right. It was no big deal," Renola recounted.

It may not have been a big deal to her, but her play maintained the 1-0 lead that never increased.

"Jen saved a breakaway in the Indiana game when we were only up 1-0, and she had the big save against Wisconsin. She is highly responsible for our last two victories," Petruccelli added.

After winning their last three contests by an average score of over seven goals, the narrow margin of victory seems surprising. But make no mistake, the score indicates the talent differential between Big Ten power Wisconsin and their three previous opponents, not any lack of effort on Notre Dame’s part.

"We played a very good team on Sunday, definitely one of the best teams in the region," said Irish head coach Chris Petruccelli. "The expectations set for our team after our last three games were not realistic- we’re not going to score seven goals every game."

"They played well defensively," Renola agreed. "They were a difficult opponent because they tried to keep us from scoring, instead of trying to play an offensive game. They stopped us from playing our game. It’s hard to execute a game plan when the other side isn’t attacking."

"They were a much different team than we are. We’re a passing team, and they were more of a kick-and-run team. But we knew going in there that they’d be a tough team to play," Gerardo said.

Another positive outcome of the game was the use of midfielder Cindy Dawe. Dawe came back from a pulled quadriceps injury to substitute in against the Badgers and played 25 minutes.

"I’m happy to see her back, and hopefully it’s an indication that she’s ready to play more minutes," Renola said.

Women’s Soccer

By JIM PETERSON

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Junior co-captain Jen Renola has performed well in the net so far this season. Against Wisconsin, Renola stopped a blast from ten yards away to preserve the 1-0 win.