Lieberman's Jewish faith concerns some voters

By HELENA PAYNE

Though polls have shown that the vice presidential pick of the candidate rarely affects voters' choices in presidential elections, Democratic vice presidential candidate Joe Lieberman's strong faith in Judaism has raised concerns from voters who wonder what impact his faith will have on the nation.

"I think that there are people that probably have profound suspicion of Lieberman because of his Judaism," said Rabbi Michael Signer, University of Notre Dame theology professor.

Signer said that Lieberman refers to himself as an "observant Jew," which is different from liberal Judaism, but not necessarily strictly Orthodox as he has been categorized. This distinction, Signer said, brings about a difference in the way that he can handle the affairs of a vice president on the Sabbath.

"He recognizes in this Orthodox Jewish community that there are people that hold higher standards of observances than he does," said Signer.

Observant Jews rarely venture beyond their homes and the synagogues on the Sabbath and usually avoid using modern modes of transportation among other things.

However, Lieberman, the senator of Connecticut for eight years, has often fulfilled certain senatorial duties on the Sabbath if necessary.

"He will walk to the Senate to engage in voting on the Sabbath," said Signer.

Even in the case of a crisis within the Senate, Lieberman has raised concerns from the Jewish community that there are people who hold higher standards of observance than he does, Signer said.

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First Lady may be in 'dead heat' in NY Senate election

By ERIN LaRUFFA

One of the country's closest-watched Senate races is a statistical dead heat, according to the most recent Zogby international poll.

According to the poll, First Lady Hillary Clinton has 42.2 percent of the vote, while her Republican opponent, Congressman Rick Lazio, has 42.7 percent.

With the poll's 4.5 margin of error, who's leading is anyone's guess.

The polls, however, are not the most interesting story of this campaign.

Even before the Democrat Clinton declared her candidacy, speculation was rampant that she was going to run for the Senate seat being left vacant by the retiring Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

However, having spent years living in Arkansas and Washington, D.C., Clinton only recently established her residency in New York State.

As a result, many of her critics have labeled her a "carpetbagger."

"I don't really think that's a problem if she can maintain that she's become knowledgeable about the issues," said Notre Dame philosophy professor Jim Sterba, who also teaches within the gender studies program.

He added that Robert Kennedy also set up residency in New York to run for the Senate seat after 60 years at ND

By HELENA PAYNE

At the end of the football season, one man will retire after 60 years of greeting Notre Dame fans eager to see Fighting Irish teams battle opponents on the field.

Victor Couch, 86, started working as an usher when Knute Rockne hired him in 1926 to usher in Cartier Field at age 12. Although Couch was not old enough to usher when Notre Dame Stadium was erected in 1930, Couch was hired as a stadium usher in 1941 after a few years on the watchlist.

Since then Couch has remained on the 850-member team of stadium ushers, waking up every football Saturday for his part-time job at Notre Dame.

"He's sort of a fixture at Notre Dame like the Golden Dome and the Grotto," said Russell "Gappy" Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel.

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Students kick off free speech group

By HELENA PAYNE

Twelve-two students and one faculty member brainstormed ideas to promote free speech in a meeting for the newly formed coalition for free speech Thursday night. The discussion was an official University group, participants at the meeting were members of various student organizations that wanted to discuss the issue of free speech and how it is implemented on campus.

“If you want to advance as an academic institution, we must be able to speak freely,” said Dillon senator Brendan Dowdall who came along with other student representatives to the meeting. Members of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) were on hand to discuss different ways in which they could effectively send messages to both students and the administration about the importance and necessity of free speech.

“As a coalition we need to do constructive work and brainstorm ideas,” said senior Sarah Greene of PSA. Members said they would make a strong effort to work with administrators to collaborate on free speech issues. However, if that method did not work, many also said they would consider other forms of getting the issue heard such as free speech forums and rallies.

Graduate student and PSA member Aaron Kreider cited several examples in the past in which the University affected free speech, especially pointing out incidents when it censored student media as well as student organizations.

“Threats like this are nothing new,” said Kreider referring to recent debate about The Observer’s status as an independent paper free to choose its own advertisement. “The administration systematically violated freedom of speech.”

Philosophy professor Edward Manier, a graduate of the class of 1953, shared with students his experience as an undergraduate student at the University saying students were under even more restrictions in regards to free speech in the past.

“I’m sort of an old timer with a chip on his shoulder,” said Manier.

He said that compared to many other academic institutions, the University often limits its free speech here, usually on the grounds that statements or actions go against Catholic doctrine.

“People in power like to exercise that power,” said Manier. “If we can support those decisions with Catholic doctrine, they’ll do that.”

Cited students receive advice

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for the Senate. Originally, Clinton's oppo­

r rant was New York City mayor Rudy Guiliani.

However, in the summer of the primary, the two candidates withdrew from the race after being declared by polls to be tied with the then-presidential candidates.

Wolbrecht said, adding that some voters may be uncomfortable with Clinton's candidacy as a result.

"There's just a percentage of people opposed to a woman being president, and I think that filters down to governors, senators — any higher political office," Sterba said.

However, Sterba pointed out that many women now have careers of their own.

"Most women now work outside the home and there are a lot of two-income families," Sterba said.

"Maybe there will be a First Lady who has stepped out of the traditional role," said Wolbrecht, adding that some voters may be uncomfortable with Clinton's candidacy as a result.

"They know a lot about her," Wolbrecht said. "They know details of her life that they do not particularly like, according to Sterba.

"We have so many people who work for free just to be part of Notre Dame," said Gagnon.

Another traveling usher is a physician from Washington, DC who is not ushering this season because of his job. However, he used to fly to South Bend for games regularly.

Gagnon said he had not seen any stadium with the amount of ushers that Notre Dame has nor the quality of service they provide.

"I think that's an incredible act of kindness," said Gagnon.

"It may well be that she is a really polarizing person," Sterba said. "They know a lot about her."

Voters will need to consider whether to put their personal feelings of Clinton aside and instead be objective during the election.

"They are allowed to be — and overwhelmingly are — Notre Dame fans, they need to be objective in the stadium so as not to seem biased in guests from other teams.

"Can you put your fandom aside a little bit and instead be a host for a little bit?" said Gagnon.

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County Executive Robert Gaffney said wealthy, has banned drivers from using hand-held phones. "The Hamptons and other playgrounds of the wealthy, has banned drivers from using hand-held phones. "We are targeting a careless driving habit that didn't exist 10 years ago," Gaffney said.

Market Watch 10/26

**INDIA NEWS BRIEFS**

Manager admits faking robbery: The manager of a Christian bookstore, who tripped and hit his head while stealing money from the store, tried to file a police report believing he'd been bashed and robbed. Sgt. Matt Myers of the Columbus Police Department said police were dispatched to the Family Christian Store early Tuesday morning on a report that a robber had beaten the store's manager. Gilbert "Tony" Mattuccii, 28, of Greenwood, was manager of the store for less than three weeks. Myers said Mattuccii told police he was in the store and was coming out of the restroom when he was knocked unconscious by a blow to the head. Employees found him shortly after 7:30 a.m. lying on the floor with a small abrasion on his face. He told them he had been robbed and they called police.

**CHINA**

**Government jails sect members**

Associated Press

BEIJING

The 11 Falun Gong followers eating stewed pork and spicy peppers in a private room at a Beijing restaurant knew it could be their last supper before a long detention in prison.

Mostly strangers, they introduced themselves in hushed voices and shared their anger over a Chinese government crackdown on their sect.

It was a scene replayed throughout Beijing on Wednesday night, a day before at least 100 sect members were detained during one of Falun Gong's largest demonstrations since it was banned 15 months ago.

Thursday's events at Tiananmen Square were brief but violent. Like most of the sect's previous demonstrations, there were no smaller bands of Falun Gong members began to unfurl banners or throw leaflets than dozens of police rushed to pummel them and drag them to waiting vans.

One man, thrown to the ground, was kicked in the stomach and head until blood ran from his mouth onto the gray flagstones. An elderly woman was dragged by her hair for several yards by bystanders pleaded with police to stop.

Order was restored only after police cleared China's best known public monument for almost a half hour. One witness said 30 police vans filled with protesters drove off the square, which could put the numbers detained over several hundred.
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nation, Signer said that Lieberman could sway the vote significantly against his office in another time of unrest in the Middle East. "There's someone who on a daily basis had to deal with the Middle East," said Signer.

Signer said that as Kissinger handled the situation, Lieberman could also. In addition to comparisons to Kissinger, some have compared the situation of Lieberman to that of President John Kennedy in 1960 when Kennedy became the first Catholic U.S. president. If Lieberman should be elected with Gore, he could introduce yet another religion to the executive office.

Dowty said the comparisons are similar because both politician broke significant political barriers. "In a sense, it represents a kind of breakthrough for a particular religion. Catholicism then, Judaism now," said Dowty. "If anything it's a positive factor," said Dowty of Gore's choice of Lieberman for his ticket.

Tyszka, however, said if there was a conflict in Northern Ireland in 1960, he feels that Kennedy would hold the same bias and therefore be a poor representative in negotiations. "Even as a Catholic I would say that he would have to stay away from that bargaining table as well," said Tyszka.

However, some question Lieberman's religious bias, many hold the belief that his faith is not a significant issue. In an August ABC/Good Morning America telephone poll, 89 percent said they're "not concerned that Lieberman's faith would interfere with his duties as vice president." Monday Lieberman said during his lecture on "Faith and Values" that he did not see a conflict in U.S. society, but he noted sociologists have become divided into two sides: secularism for his religious rhetoric, but said it would not discourage him from talking about religion. "Some friends and foes alike discouraged me from speaking about religion any more. But my resolve has only been strengthened," said Lieberman. "The experiences I have had in this campaign convince me that this is a conversation that we as a nation need to have. I believe that we are still struggling to regain our moral balance in part because we are still struggling to regain our spiritual balance." One way that Lieberman showed his moral views to the American people was during the Clinton impeachment trial when he publicly criticized Clinton for his relations with Monica Lewinsky. To many people this was a bold action and in the August poll, 72 percent thought favorably of his criticism of Clinton.

For Lieberman, morality and spirituality work inextricably together, but he said that he would make sure that while trying to raise morale in the U.S. he would guard against excluding others who do not share his beliefs.

Dowty said by including all religions, Lieberman has not been divisive. Instead, he has used religious values like faith to appeal to all people in the U.S. "His candidacy has represented an appeal to basic religious values that look beyond any specific religion," said Dowty. However, Lieberman did acknowledge during the lecture that he had resolved criticism for his religious rhetoric, but said it would not discourage him from talking about religion.

"If you are not ready to talk about religion, then I wouldn't want you in the office," said Lieberman. He thinks that all U.S. people can benefit from religious values. "The core of those original values — faith, family and freedom, equal opportunity respect for the basic dignity of human life, and tolerance for individual differences — clearly had their roots in the Judeo-Christian ethic of the Founders. But they were not, and are not, exclusive to any one religious denomination," said Lieberman.

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ND plans

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The Notre Dame Alumni Association, Center for Social Concerns and other University representatives are sponsoring the “One Can Make a Difference Food Drive” today and Saturday.

The event is being held in conjunction with “Make a Difference Day.” Officials are asking that each student, faculty and staff member donate to the effort one can of a non-perishable food item.

The intent is to demonstrate to the community the impact that one person’s contribution can make.

The cans collected from the drive will benefit the North Central Indiana Food Bank in South Bend.

Collection points will be located outside the LaFortune Center and the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore today and Saturday. Another collection site will be located at Gate 10 outside the Joyce Center before the pep rally today.

Anyone with questions about the food drive can contact the Alumni Association’s community service department today or Saturday at 631-6723.
College Park may allow fewer students in each unit

By LIZ ZANONI
News Writer

College Park, the all-student apartment complex on Bulla Road, is considering limiting the number of students allowed in each of the 52 units, said College Park manager, P.R. Gibson.

Instead of permitting three to four people in each apartment, Gibson said that the apartments, owned by Southwest Corporation in Fort Wayne, might limit each unit to two or three students.

"Three is being talked about," said Gibson. "It seems to work out better, but none of it is carved in stone."

Past experience is the primary reason for the cap on the number of students per apartment said Gibson. Although each College Park apartment has only two bedrooms and two bathrooms, most current residences have three or four students living in each unit.

Although Gibson believes limiting students would have little effect on next year's potential residents, students who have heard the rumor are concerned about higher living expenses. This year's College Park students paid $915 for a lower apartment and $940 for an upper apartment per month.

"I don't think they'll find many people who can afford it," said senior Matt Schoettler, a College Park resident who lives with three other roommates on the second floor.

Schoettler said he and his roommates might not have lived at College Park if they were limited to three people.

Gibson, however believes that splitting the rent among three people is a reasonable request. "I'd like to know where else you can rent for $300 a piece," said Gibson. "If that is too high, somebody has a real problem."

Gibson said College Park currently has a few students who have chosen to either live alone or with only one other person.

"That would be the ideal situation," Gibson said in reference to maintaining two people per apartment.

Erin Place, a senior Finance major who lives at College Park, said that the rent would be obscene when split between only two students.

Although Gibson was clear in pointing out that the cutback was speculative, Notre Dame juniors Colleen Flood, Kate Diaz and Mandy Reimer were told by Gibson that for next year, only three were allowed in the bottom apartments and two were allowed in the upper apartments. Flood, Diaz and Reimer instead decided to rent from Ann Ward who bought some of the units within College Park and is allowing the three women to live in an upper apartment.

It is not clear at this point what the ramifications could mean to students wanting to live off-campus.

Despite the circulating rumor, Gibson said that College Park will continue to remain a student only apartment complex, regardless whether the maximum number of residences per apartment is reduced.

"We'd like to think we have the best place in town," said Gibson. "The kids tell me so."

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Concern raised over truck tires

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Officers at the Arizona Department of Public Safety were so worried about dangers tied to Bridgestone/Firestone truck tires that in 1998 the agency's director had all tires replaced on all vehicles.

But while the agency voiced concerns over accidents and tread separation blowouts to Bridgestone/Firestone in 1998, it did not alert federal regulators or the public. When Bridgestone/Firestone gave the agency a $42,000 report on conjecture, it accepted the tire maker's characterization of the problem as "customer dissatisfaction" rather than faulty tires, an investigation by The Associated Press found.

"It seems that they took a very short-term, practical approach to this and didn't look at the safety ramifications," said Grant Woods, who was the state's attorney general at the time. "It's one thing for a private citizen to do it. It's another for a government agency to do it. A government agency shouldn't do it.

Joan Claybrook, director of the consumer watchdog group Public Citizen and a former head of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said agencies like Arizona's public safety department, which have large fleets of vehicles, skilled drivers and consistent maintenance programs, are in the best position to recognize tire safety problems first.

"When you have the responsibility of public safety, you always have to be thinking of the public," she said. "My God, it seems like corporate behavior not public behavior."

Joe Albo, the agency's director at the time who ordered the switch to tires made by The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., said the risk assessment unit of Arizona's Department of Administration was told about its tire problems. No one from the state filed any complaints with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, according to the federal agency's records.

Gov. Jane Hull's spokeswoman, Francie Noyes, said the administration is reviewing the tire problems and the agency's response.

"We've just become aware of the issues you raise and we're looking into it," Noyes told AP.

Federal regulators are investigating 3,508 complaints and 119 traffic deaths in connection with tires made by Nashville, Tenn.-based Bridgestone/Firestone. Some of the complaints were about tread separation.

Arizona was one of four hot-weather states where most of the initial tread-separation complaints about Firestone tires originated. In 1997 and 1998, Arizona public safety officers were involved in at least five accidents caused by tread separations, according to the agency's documents.

Spending bill would nullify state food laws

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The food industry wants to use a must-pass spending bill to nullify state laws that require warnings on food products and dietary supplements and impose other regulations on processors. The food regulation measures were on a list of items Thursday that Republican Senate leaders planned to attach to the last appropriations bill that Congress is expected to pass before going home for the elections.

The measure, opposed by state regulatory agencies and the Clinton administration, would bar states from imposing labeling and food safety standards that are more stringent than the Food and Drug Administration's. States would have to petition FDA for exemptions from the law.

"This legislation is needed so that we have a unified, common-sense system of labeling in the United States and not a patchwork quilt of states trying to usurp the authority of the FDA," said Grant Woods, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

The legislation is sponsored by at least three dozen senators, many from farm states, including Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. Opponents of the legislation say it would effectively block industry efforts to act in areas where FDA has been ineffective or to goad the agency to regulate products it has not. The food industry has been trying for 12 years to get out of f rom under a California law known as Proposition 65, which requires a warning label on all products that contain cancer-causing agents or substances that are toxic to the reproductive system.

Manufacturers typically remove or alter products rather than face the negative publicity from a warning label. Because California is such a large market, whichever companies do there they are likely to do nationwide. The state used the measures to force manufacturers to reduce lead levels in calcium supplements.

The Republicans are going against the wishes of California voters with this anti-environmental rider, said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

She and other Democrats opposed to the industry-backed legislation sent a letter to the White House urging President Clinton to veto any bill to which it was attached.

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Israelis forces brace for more violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israeli security forces poured reinforcements into east Jerusalem on Friday amid fears of new violence after a Palestinian suicide bomber struck a military outpost in the sensitive Gaza Strip.

Police planned to restrict Palestinians from weekly Muslim prayers at Jerusalem's main holy site. Only men over 35 would be allowed to attend the noon prayers at Al-Aqsa mosque, Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said.

It was at the site — near a flash point hill known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount — that violence was sparked a month ago by a visit by hard-line Israeli politician Ariel Sharon. Since then, clashes have left almost 130 people dead, mostly Palestinians.

Security forces also feared a fresh outbreak of violence in the West Bank and Gaza. Israeli soldiers and Palestinian militants have called on Palestinians to turn Friday into a "day of rage" and attack Israelis after the midday prayer.

"We have been warning that these kinds of attacks were in the works," said army spokesman Col. Raanan Gissin. A wave of bombings on buses, markets and other public places left scores dead in the mid-1990s. But the number of attacks went down sharply especially since the May 1999 election of Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak. That was attributed to the Israeli-Palestinian peace moves and the sides' security cooperation.

With peace efforts now in ruins, Israeli security officials warn of an escalation of the conflict. They point out that Palestinian authorities have released dozens of Islamic militants from jails and have put security links on hold.

While the army held the main road in Gaza with a tank and uprooted olive trees that Palestinians could use for cover to fire on the isolated base, hundreds of people descended on the Arara Farm army home in Gaza City to offer condolences.

Elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza, sporadic clashes were reported Thursday. Involving youths.

He shouted 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Great) and blew himself up.

Israeli guard

State may takeover Philly schools

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

As Philadelphia teachers prepared to walk off the job Friday over stalled contract talks, the governor said he would consider a state takeover of the city schools if the mayor requests it.

Gov. Tom Ridge and Mayor John Street prefer a negotiat ed settlement but are not likely to tolerate a lengthy strike. The two met this week about the possibility of a takeover.

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Earlier Thursday, the mayor had expressed optim ism that a deal would be reached by the time children are to return to school Monday. But a Philadelphia Federation of Teachers official said the sides remained far apart.

The teachers' old contract expired Sept. 1, and they have been working under terms imposed by the city. The Philadelphia Federation of Teachers is chafing at the new rules, which raise co-payments and deductibles for health insurance.

The teachers also oppose the district's decision to lengthen the workday this school year.

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LA County, union agree on contract

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles County and the union representing 47,000 public service workers have reached tentative agreement on a contract covering a majority of the union's members.

Clerks, welfare workers, hospital technicians, road maintenance laborers and other employees will receive raises that start at 9 percent over three years, union and county officials said Thursday.

Most will see their pay increased between 11 percent and 14.5 percent over the life of the contract.

County negotiators had held firm on a 9 percent across-the-board increase, while union officials originally sought 15 percent.

"It's a huge victory. Our members, espe cially the ones that have been around for awhile, are saying this is the best contract they've seen in their lifetime," said Bart Hone, assistant general manager for Service Employees International Union Local 660. "It comes after a long, difficult struggle, but the struggle has paid off and was worth all the sweat and tears."

The agreement covers 39,000 employees and comes after county workers staged a series of one-day walkouts and a general strike Oct. 11. They went back to work the following day, and negotiations renewed at the behest of Roman Catholic Cardinal Roger Mahony, who said the strike hurt society's most vulnerable.

"This agreement helps ensure that the county continues to be a competitive employ er that pays each of its employees a wage that is commensurate with their duties," county Chief Administrative Officer David Janssen said.

Still to be resolved are contracts with about 8,000 library workers and health care workers, including registered nurses and clinical psychologists.

Pay varies for the county's unionized employees.

Many health workers make $50,000 or more a year, but the union says about 60 per cent of the county's employees make less than $32,000 annually.

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**Report: Hackers break into Microsoft network**

Associated Press

Hackers reportedly broke into Microsoft Corp.'s computer network and may have stolen blueprints to the latest versions of the company's Windows and Office software.

Microsoft and the FBI are investigating the break-in, which was discovered Wednesday by the software giant's security employees. The Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site Friday, citing people familiar with the situation.

A Microsoft spokesman confirmed that the company's corporate network had been hacked and said "the integrity of Microsoft source code remains secure," the newspaper reported.

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Gore saves $23M for final push

WASHINGTON

Al Gore put away $23.1 million to spend during the final stretch of the campaign, hoping to offset the Republican Party's cash advantage over the Democrats. In the last look at campaign spending before the Nov. 7 election, Gore reported to the Federal Election Commission on Thursday that he spent $18.1 million between Oct. 1 and Oct. 18 — $1 million a day — with two-thirds of that, or $12.6 million, going for television commercials. He had $23.1 million left of the $67.6 million in federal funds he received for the full campaign.

Spending figures for George W. Bush were not immediately available.

At the same time, the Republican National Committee reported that it had $32 million in the bank on Oct. 18, with $24.6 million of that raised under federal contribution limits, meaning that it can be used to directly aid candidates. The party raised $19 million during the first 18 days of the campaign, or more than $1 million a day, from 300,000 contributors. "Governor Bush's positive issues and getting your message out to the voters," DNC spokeswoman Jenny Buckus said.

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Gore Nicholson said. The Democratic National Committee did even better than the GOP in raising money, taking in $22.6 million between Oct. 1-18. But the party still trails the Republicans in the size of its bank account. The DNC reported a bank balance of $27 million, of which $18.1 million was raised under federal limits. The party also had debts of $5.5 million, giving it a net surplus of $21.2 million.

The DNC raised another $3.5 million Tuesday at a concert held at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus, Tony Bennett and Patti Loveless. Bush Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman attended. "While we will never have as much money as the Republicans, this election is about issues and getting your message out to the voters," DNC spokeswoman Jenny Buckus said.

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

Author Events:

Meet Notre Dame’s new head basketball coach, Mike Brey, on Friday, October 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Friday, Oct. 27 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., University of Notre Dame President Father Malloy will be signing copies of his book, Monk’s Reflections.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Professor Robert Burns will sign copies of Being Catholic, Being American: The Notre Dame Story, Volume 2.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., former Notre Dame Coach Dan Devine, with co-author Michael Steele, will sign copies of Simply Devine: Memoirs Of A Hall of Fame Coach.

Saturday, Oct. 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Irish born Sarah Kirwan Blazek, now a teacher in Chicago, will read in her charming accent, An Irish Halloween. Her book signing will also include An Irish Night Before Christmas and An Irish St. Patrick’s Day.

Monday, Oct. 30 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., acclaimed author Alex Kotlowitz will discuss and sign copies of There Are No Children Here and The Other Side of the River.

Monday, Oct. 30 at 7:00 p.m., Therese Johnson Borchard will discuss and sign copies of I Like Being Catholic, a celebration of treasured rituals that run through the bloodstream of American Catholics. Ms. Borchard holds an undergraduate degree from Saint Mary’s College and an M.A. in theology from Notre Dame. She is the author of seven books.

Storytime features Tricks and Treats galore Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 11:00 a.m.

Storytime on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 11:00 a.m. features crafts, songs, and a reading of Can’t You Sleep, Little Bear.
WASHINGTON

The Senate passed a $919.5 billion bill Thursday intended to improve the nation's ability to respond to a bioterrorist attack, toward placing heart defibrillators in all federal buildings.

"This comprehensive legislation contains a variety of public health bills that will help to improve the health and safety of all Americans," said Sen. Bill Froith, R-Tenn., a physician.

In separate action, lawmakers were poised to send the president a package that boosts outreach programs for the elderly.

But the health care action was overshadowed by

President Clinton's vow to veto a Medicare package. The $30 billion package aims to boost payments to health care providers who say 1997 budget cuts went too far. "You insist on an unjustifiable spending increase for HMOs," Clinton said in a Thursday letter.

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The Senate passes health legislation

NEW YORK

When it came to getting your hands on a Sony PlayStation2, it didn't pay to be polite.

With the company already acknowledging it can't meet demand because of parts shortages, consumers resorted to fever tactics necessary to nab whatever was on the shelves when the widely-anticipated video-game console went on sale Thursday.

In some cases, that meant picking fights with retailers' security guards or pushing their way into the front of the line at 3 a.m. Others mapped out a clear-cut strategy before parking themselves on line, cabling around to stores, surfing the Web, and trying to network with friends who work in electronics stores.

Whatever the method, thousands of people, from hard-core gamers in their 20s and 30s to grandparents looking to buy PlayStation2 for their grandchildren, went home angry — and empty-handed.

Scuffles even broke out at some locations. In Minot, N.D., people were called to a Wal-Mart store after other reports of people threatening others waiting in line for the console.

In Woodstock, Ga., north of Atlanta, two eager customers were ticketed for disorderly conduct late Wednesday night by police as they waited to buy PlayStation2 at Wal-Mart when it went on sale at midnight.

Most stores tried to do their part to prevent any chaos. Some held midnight openings, inviting those who already pre-ordered. Plenty of others, like Best Buy and Circuit City, bowed tickets for those on line on a first-come, first-serve basis before the doors opened to prevent a stampede.

"We heard that if you didn't get it today, we'll have to wait 'til Christmas. So we need to get it now," said Brian Jones, a game designer from Dallas, who was the first person in line at a Best Buy and had been waiting since 6 p.m., the prior evening.

Other shoppers took things too far, losing parts of their own, ordering pizza and watching the World Series on miniature TVs as they camped out all night. Customers themselves tried to keep the peace by organizing the lines and keeping tabs on when people showed up.

"We are trying to create harmony among us," said James Reyes, 30, who waited all night outside the Circuit City store on Manhattan's Upper East Side, despite being hobbled by a broken leg. "A few of us are sitting down and organizing a very light line."

It worked in his favor. Reyes, who describes himself as a game addict, was one of only 10 out of 60 in line who was able to get a PlayStation2.

PlayStation2 signals a new generation of consoles, where consumers can eventually play DVD movies, download music, play games, watch TV in another city, and do some surfing — all through their TV set.

Sony had already warned that a parts shortage would limit its initial shipment of the widely anticipated entertainment system to half the number of consoles to 500,000 units that it could provide to stores on the launch date.

Complicating matters was that many of the stores had pre-sold their own copies, leaving few consoles available for consumers to fight over.

PlayStation2 sales cause some scuffles
Germany

Stats show rise in anti-Semitic crime

Associated Press

BERLIN

Anti-Semitism is on the rise again in Germany, new statistics confirmed Thursday as authorities took the first step toward banning a far-right party accused of fanning hate.

"A country that had gas chambers for the annihilation of millions of Jews cannot tolerate organized anti-Semitism," Interior Minister Otto Schily said Thursday at a Duesseldorf meeting of ministers from Germany's 16 states. In Duesseldorf and at a later meeting of state governors in the eastern city of Schwerin, all but two states voted to ask for the country's highest court to bar the National Democratic Party.

The action is the government's most visible response to Germany's worst wave of neo-Nazi violence since reunification a decade ago.

A July bomb attack at a Duesseldorf train station injured 10 immigrants, six of them Jewish, and plunged the city toward banning a far-right party accused of fanning hate.

"This is unusual because there's a lot of civilian witnesses in this case that are from Canada and beyond the reach of the U.S. justice system," said Tom Hillier, a Canadian lawyer for Abdelmajid Dahoumane -- who is accused of helping Ressam prepare bomb-making materials in Vancouver -- was a terrorist.

Abdelmajid Dahoumane is a fugitive -- U.S. officials have offered a $5 million reward for information leading to his capture.

"I don't think he would like to make bombs in the United States," Kamal Dahoumane said. "I don't think he would like to make bombs in the United States."
President threatens to try whites

Associated Press

With the opposition trying to impeach him and his popularity at an all-time low, President Robert Mugabe has lashed out at Zimbabwe’s white minority, threatening genocide trials for whites who fought against black guerrillas. "We will stand trial for their crimes," Mugabe said.

Zimbabwe was known before independence. Britain was in Britain on a lecture tour Thursday, his son Alec said. Smith, 81, was the last white leader of the former British colony of Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was known before independence. He was in Britain on a lecture tour Thursday, his son Alec said.

Mugabe said the nation’s 70,000 whites — less than 1 percent of the population of 13 million — mostly opposed his government and had spared offers of forgiveness and reconciliation. "Twenty-four hour war" is greatly threatened by the whites. We should revoke it. After all, in Europe they are still hunting for those behind Nazi war crimes, and Zimbabwe cannot be an exception," Mugabe said.

About 100 mostly black fighters died in the seven-year bush war that led to independence in 1980. Namibian President Sam Nujoma declared his support Thursday for Mugabe’s plans during a press conference in Namibia.

Nujoma said the root of Zimbabwe’s problem was that Britain had reneged on its promise to give the country funds to buy land from white farmers for redistribution to landless blacks. Britain, which pledged nearly $55 million for land reform in 1980, delived nearly 90 percent of that money before freezing the fund in 1990.

It said Zimbabwe violated the agreement by forcing unwilling farmers to sell their land to the state. Opposition leaders condemned Mugabe’s statements and said he could hold trials only after a new independence-era amnesty law was passed, covering a move that could backfire. "This opens a Pandora’s box," said David Coltart, a white lawmaker for the opposition Movement for Democratic Change. "The abuses by the guerrilla forces would have to come under equal scrutiny."

Mugabe specifically named Coltart — a longtime human rights activist who was a harsh critic of the Rhodesian government — as one of those who should be investigated.

Coltart’s party on Wednesday asked parliament to impeach Mugabe, the same day a poll was released showing that 75 percent of Zimbabweans want Mugabe to resign and 51 percent want him prosecuted for human rights abuses. The government called the impeachment motion "frivolous."

Parliament speaker Enhennio Manganwa told lawmakers Thursday he would appoint a committee to look into the impeachment question. He gave no schedule for debate.

Mugabe said the nation’s constitution and failing to enforce law and order to end government corruption and to stop political violence surrounding the June parliamentary elections. At least 32 people were killed and 10,000 were left homeless by election violence, mostly on ruling party supporters. The impeachment motion also alleges Mugabe committed human rights abuses in crushing an armed rebellion in the western Matabeleland province.

At least 20,000 people, most of them civilians, were killed after Mugabe deployed troops from his majority Shona tribe to crush rebels of the minority Ndebele ethnic group in 1982. Since February, Mugabe has ordered police not to intervene in ending ruling party militants’ illegal occupations of 1,700 white-owned farms.

-- Harare

Associated Press

A buzzy buzz of debate and activity was expected at the Victoria Albert Museum in London on Thursday, its director, Sir Nicholas Serota, saying he had bought it at a garage sale for $100. Whether the 19th-century ship was ever a warship, or double-masted sailing ship, is a matter of debate.

"People could have the smallest pieces of information that could be crucial for us in determining where a piece of art was," Sir Nicholas Serota, chairman of a British committee set up to investigate the issue of Nazi-looted art, said during a press conference in London Thursday. Serota said he had bought the 19th-century painting at a garage sale.

Serota discussed the problems in determining where a piece of art was bought, and how a piece of art could come from a painting held by the National Maritime Museum, signed by a B. Boisseau or B. Boute, portraying an 18th-century brigantine, or double-masted sailing ship.

An exhaustive search of Britain’s national museums published last year has failed to establish that any items in their collections were wrongly appropriated during World War II. But 600 works are under a cloud because no reliable record exists of their wartime history.

Eight months ago, the museums published a list of 350 items whose whereabouts could not be determined before and during the war. Some have since been removed because their pedigrees were established, but others were added in the interim.

The latest additions include a valuable miniature of a crucifix from a mid-16th-century Latin prayer book, now held by the British Library — one of more than 1,300 works in its possession. It was acquired in the mid-1970s by a now-deceased buyer who said he had bought it at an antiques shop that in turn had acquired it from a clergyman in southern England. "We have no reason to believe that..." other early 19th-century prints, said a spokesperson for the British Library.

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Enter the election's home stretch

The late Bob Prince, the Pittsburgh Pirates' legendary announcer, often described a play as, "close as the fuzz in a tick's ear." That description portrays the presidential polls between Vice President Al Gore and Governor George W. Bush. Barring any significant developments or October surprises, it seems the outcome of the election should begin crystallizing into focus by Monday. Electorates move through cycles. The final phase encompasses the last 10 days when voters tend to decide on their selections and trend lines begin to show in the polls. Typical patterns are the final 10 days of the 2000 election. Weekend polling results released on Monday should shed some light on who has the momentum. That candidate will be the winner if outside forces cannot interrupt the final days of the campaign.

For Gore, stock market declines or further instability in the Middle East can be an outside force that sidetracks his campaign. For Bush, the recently released RAND report criticizing the Texas educational system may be the force that unravels his candidacy. President Clinton could also influence reactions favoring either candidate by making a policy mistake that shows him weak or using military force against terrorists that shows him strong and decisive.

At this point in time during the election 20 years ago between President Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan, the candidates were deadlocked in the polls. However, the voters had begun moving towards Reagan, so much so that Carter's pollster told the president on the Saturday before the election that he had lost. Similarly in 1992, President Bush was told of his fate during the weekend before his loss to Bill Clinton.

Gore has begun a slight rise in the polls this week, overtaking Bush for the first time in many weeks. Will we see the start of the final trend breaking for Gore or just a reflection of Gore's further consolidation of the Democratic base? Bush has consistently held his Republican base support in the high 80 percentage levels while Gore has gone from the high 70s into the low 80 percentage levels. Getting those core supporters to the polls will be crucial in this election.

Women who favor Gore's positions have moved back and forth, first to Bush and now back to Gore. They have provided the vice president's advantage thus far. It appears that as election day looms, many are choosing presidential substance over personal personalities. Gun owners are enthusiastically reacting to the National Rifle Association's massive validation of the vice president, keeping many of the battleground states into play for Bush.

Closely watch the polls released on Wednesday next week. The days of the campaign draw short, each day's momentum doubles in importance as more voters break with the final trend. If Gore continues to hold the national lead in most or all of the polls on that day, he will be able to sustain the momentum until election day. If Bush regains his lead in most of the polls, you may be assured that he will win most battleground states for play for Bush.

Gary Caruso
Capitol Comments


For political junkies, this year is heaven. For the staffs of the candidates, it has been a roller coaster ride with up and downs and jumps to numb everyone. For me, my roller coaster will either take a big surge upward or a depressing dive downward by the middle of next week. I will know the outcome from trend polls and subsequently watch my formula of states fall into place according to my hope is that next week I can watch the other famous Bob Prince line describing a Pirate homerun, "you can kiss it good-bye."

Gary J. Caruso, Notre Dame '73, is currently assisting Vice President Gore's White House Empowerment Commission. His column appears every other Friday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

I think Erin English made a very good point in her letter yesterday entitled "Candidates failing to address young voters". The writer was making the valid point that because we are 18 or over, we have the right to address issues relevant to our generation because we don't vote. And she's absolutely right. Look at it from the politician's point of view. Why should they spend valuable time, money and energy trying to implement our concerns into their platforms and trying to market to us when we, as a demographic group, don't vote? Why should they worry about us when we've already broken the bank? This puts us in a Catch-22 situation. Politicians don't listen to us because we don't vote, consequently, we don't vote because politicians come to ignore us. We can end this vicious cycle by casting ballots. If we vote, they'll listen, and we'll have a voice in the future of this country. The initiative lies with us. Get out and vote this November!

Josh Stone  
Senior Staff Writer  
October 26, 2000
Behind the scenes of a Notre Dame game

The men in yellow

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
Assistant Scene Editor

They take our tickets, direct us to our seats and ensure that students remain well-behaved conduct while cheering for the Irish. They'll even clean up after us when we've had an untimely "parting" with our tailgate lunches.

They're the guys in the bright yellow jackets. But what is the true role of a Notre Dame usher? Notre Dame boasts one of the largest crowd management programs in the country, utilizing 850 ushers each home game.

While most stadiums our size have between 350-400 ushers, Notre Dame is fortunate to have 550 unpaid ushers. They willingly serve in this role for the opportunity to be part of the Notre Dame experience.

Ushers must arrive 30 minutes before gate opening for a pre-game training session and come an additional hour early for the home opener. They work the Blue and Gold game, used as a training game and observe a dress code, wearing a white shirt, neckwear, dress slacks and exhibiting good grooming. They are also subject to a code of conduct, which is described under the larger heading of being an "Ambassador for Notre Dame."

We have an outstanding corps of ushers," said Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel. "We get many compliments for our enforcement of rules, such as our zero tolerance policy for alcohol, profanity or smoking, which is designed to produce a family atmosphere.

"We have ushers from a very diverse background. We have more than 100 ushers with more than 20 years experience. We have five ushers with more than 50 years experience. Even have one usher, hired by Knute Rockne, in 1926 when he was a 12 year old Boy Scout." The ushers help provide every fan with the wonder-ful atmosphere in the stadium that so many people look forward to when visiting Notre Dame. They come early, leave late and spend countless hours working behind the scenes so that you can enjoy watching the Irish.

So, this weekend, when you walk (or stumble, as the case may be) into the Stadium, be sure to thank the ushers for their hard work and commitment to the University. They've earned it.

Taking out the tailgaters' trash

By TAI ROMERO
Scene Writer

From the bowels of Notre Dame's stadium lurks a power stronger than a stadium crowd of 80,000 fans. With 40 arms and strength enough to clear 17 tons of trash off the street, this super human force has but one task — to beautify our campus.

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It's the crew of Great Lakes Property Maintenance, protecting the Notre Dame parking lots and stadium from the constant threat of Trash Man, an intimidating pile of a villain. Combating this awesome beast is a seasonal job. In fact, the beast only rears its gruesome head on Sundays. In addition, the good guy misses the game.

Have no fear students; Great Lakes Property Maintenance has the ultimate plan to prevent Trash Man from overtaking the campus and using his garbage super powers to turn students into mulch for a compost heap. The mastermind behind the Great Lakes Property Maintenance is Richard Stein, who explains the steps with which he and his crew tackle Trash Man and his evil ways.

First, the crew fights the big pieces of litter in the parking lots while employing the trash barrels filled by Trash Man's greatest ally — tailgaters. Next 15 crew members, affectionately termed pickers, do their part in battle by sweeping the parking lots after the partying tailgaters' retreat. The pickers have to brave such feats as clearing the lots of five tons of debris into 700 garbage bags, weighing 10 pounds each.

Great Lakes Property Maintenance fights battle on the final frontier, the Notre Dame Stadium. Here, the crew must deal with the annoyance of plastic cups, leftover food, food wrappers and those ever-popular marshmallow remains in the student section. Using backpack blowers, the crew suppresses Trash Man into 700 garbage bags, weighing 10 pounds each.

Great Lakes Property Maintenance has been whooping Trash Man's body in the parking lots for six years and in the Stadium for three. Being the victor against Trash Man is not all fun and games, though. Being on the prowl for an evil villain can occupy six to eight hours on Saturdays and Sundays. In addition, the good guy misses the action of the football game.

Students should appreciate the efforts of Great Lakes Property Maintenance and their trash fighting crew. After all, without their hard work, the students would be forced daily to brave a waste-land of trash and lamb carcasses — not the pristine grounds they've become accustomed to traversing.
ND football weekend

Toiling at the tollbooth

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

Few visitors leave a Notre Dame football weekend without a souvenir, and for many, that means the game program. While most students pass up buying a program, citing its $5 cost, many visitors and parents look at its glossy pages as a chance to remember their experience on campus.

Lisa Nelson, publications coordinator for the sports information department, is charged with the task of putting together each week's program. After collecting articles, some written by students, Nelson and the Sports Information department begin work on the program each July, when they remember their experience on campus.

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After printing, the program sellers pick up boxes of programs at the stadium on Friday, before venturing out on Saturday morning to screech "Program, get your programs!" Program sellers range in age, and some seem to be just barely young enough to haul around the allotment of programs. "I saw this one kid who was just barely lifting a box of programs," said sophomore Kevin Heffernan. "That kid needed to eat some serious vegetables."

Despite the stress that comes with such a massive undertaking, Nelson said her reward was "to know that on Saturday, thousands of people would read something I helped put together."
Bluez defate Flames as Young, Pronger contribute goals

Chris Pronger celebrated his new contract extension with a goal and two assists, and Mike Young scored twice to become the NHL’s first 10-3-2 goal smasher on the 10-3-2 goal mark as the St. Louis Blues beat the Calgary Flames 4-3 Thursday night.

Pronger, who won the Hart Trophy and the Norris Trophy last year, agreed to a three-year extension earlier in the day. He began paying dividends immediately by scoring the game’s first goal and the adding assists on goals by Young and Al MacInnis.

Young entered the game tied with four other players for first in the NHL with eight goals. He reached double digits in a 1:33 span of the second period by tipping home a Pierre Turgeon pass on a break-in, and then banging in the rebound of Pronger’s shot from the point.

Brent Johnson made 18 saves for St. Louis, which has won all four games it played at the Savvis Center. The Blues have lost once in seven since scoring their season opener in Phoenix.

Gary Stillsmores twice for the Flames. Phil Housley had the other Calgary goal.

St. Louis led 4-1 going into the third period, but Stillsmores scored at 17:41 to make it a one-goal game. But Calgary, which outshot St. Louis 10-3 in the first period, could not get the equalizer.

The Blues took the lead 10:47 into the game when Pronger broke the penalty box and carried a pass from Craig Conroy down the left wing. Pronger then beat Calgary’s Mike Vernon with a snap shot from the left circle for his second goal of the game.

Young made it 3-0 early in the second period. He scored his first goal of the game at 5:49 when he split the defense and drove on an empty net home. With the Blues on the power play, Young blasted the rebound of Pronger’s shot by Vernon at the 7:22 mark.

After Housley cut it to 3-1 at 8:26, MacInnis scored his first goal on a slap shot 55 seconds before the Flames were two men short.

Avancea 2, Blackhawks 0
Tip to NHL teams. If you PhD a goal under a night off, it does against the Chicago Blackhawks.

Colorado Avalanche goalie Mike Royko went down and David Aebischer became the backup this season to beat the Blackhawks as the Avalanche stayed unbeaten through 10 games.

In just his second NHL start, Aebischer record his first NHL shutout, stopping 18 shots against the anemic Blackhawk offense.

Boucher, who led the league with 1.91 goals-against average last season, had struggled recently. He allowed 14 goals in his previous five starts and was yanked in his last two starts.

After failing to stop several shots during a practice drill on Wednesday, Boucher smashed his stick over the crossbar in anger.

He made a couple nice stops in the final minutes when New York pulled Miller during a power-play for a 6-0-4 advantage.

Boucher, the first rookie in 50 years to allow less than two goals a game last season, saw his goals-against average dip to 3.83 from 4.52 after the shutout.

Toocchet made it 2-0 by beating Rangers goalie Mike Richter and Danny Langkow added an empty-net goal.

Sykora, who spent the last two seasons playing in the Czech Republic, gave the Flyers the game’s body power play unit on the road, but went 0-0-5 with the man-advantage.

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Malone leads Jazz past Mavs

Associated Press

Karl Malone scored 26 points and Jacque Vaughn added 17 to lead the Utah Jazz to a 104-87 victory over the Dallas Mavericks in an exhibition game Thursday night.

Malone went 8-for-17 from the field and 10-for-12 from the free throw line as the Jazz finished the exhibition schedule 4-4.

John Starks had 16 points for Utah. 14 in the first quarter. Shawn Bradley had 19 points and six rebounds for the Mavericks, who completed the exhibition season 6-2.

Michael Finley added 13 points and Christian Laettner had 11 for Dallas.

Utah shot 63 percent and took a 31-21 lead after one quarter. The Jazz went on to lead by as many as 21 (45-24) in the second quarter.

The Jazz took an 82-62 lead into the fourth quarter. Malone had 15 third-quarter points.

Timberwolves 88, Pistons 81

With Joe Smith no longer a member of the team, the Minnesota Timberwolves got 17 points from Terrell Brandon to beat the Detroit Pistons in the teams' final exhibition game.

Brandon, playing in his second game since missing four with an injured hip, shot 7-for-11 from the field. He teamed with Sam Jacobson to lead a 14-2 quarter-ending spurt that put Minnesota up 72-66.

Wally Szczerbiak, who missed Minnesota's first six preseason games while recovering from surgery on his right knee, had 10 points — all in the first half. Kevin Garnett added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Minnesota played without Smith for the first time since NBA commissioner David Stern voided his contract, and the Wolves seemed to miss the forward's presence on the boards. The Pistons outrebounded Minnesota 54-43, including 20-10 in the first quarter.

Jerry Stackhouse, who became the Pistons' primary scoring threat when Grant Hill left for Orlando, scored 16 points but shot just 5-for-19.
Yankees defeat Mets, win third-straight Series title

Associated Press

Best in their own back yard, best in all of baseball.

The New York Yankees, thought to be too old and too banged-up to make it this far, became the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-2 Thursday night.

Luiz Sojo, one of many mid-season pickups, hit a two-out, tiebreaking single off Andy Pettitte in the ninth inning to decide Game 5, stunning a Shea Stadium crowd that was sure there was more baseball to play.

The Subway Series turned out to be a short ride for New York fans who had waited 44 years for another one and hoped it would go seven games. Instead, the Yankees quickly matched the Oakland Athletics’ three in a row from 1972-74, and won their fourth title in five years.

Only two other runs in baseball history can compare – Joe DiMaggio led the Yankees to five crowns from 1936-41, and Mickey Mantle helped take the Bronx Bombers to six titles from 1947-53.

And while the lasting image of this Series is certain to be Roger Clemens throwing the bat at Mike Piazza, this is the picture the Yankees will prefer to savor: Owner George Steinbrenner hoisting another team’s trophy case.

Leiter battled all night, and struck out the first two batters in the ninth. Then he walked Jorge Posada and gave up a single to Scott Brosius, and Sojo followed by slapping a single up the middle on Leiter’s 142nd and final pitch. Another run scored on the play when center fielder Jay Payton’s throw home hit Posada and bounded into the Mets dugout.

Leiter remained winless in 11 postseason starts, while Mike Stanton won in relief of Andy Pettitte. Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for a save.

At the stroke of midnight, Piazza flew out to the edge of the warning track in center field with a runner on base to finish it.

The Yankees fans in the sell-out crowd of 55,292 went wild after having been outshouted all evening.

Even with so much at stake, there was room to have a little fun, with a broken bat, no less.

Kurt Abbott shattered his bat on a foul ball in the Mets fourth, and the jagged barrel skittered out toward Jeter at shortstop.

With the crowd starting to host, mindful of the Clemens-Piazza encounter in Game Two, Jeter made a nice show in defusing any hint of trouble. He fielded the broken piece with his glove, laughed and handed it to a Mets batboy.

While Jeter and Williams hit the solo homers for the Yankees, the Mets scraped out an RBI single that gave the Mets a 2-1 lead.

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The Mets had to work much harder for their runs.

Bubba Trammell, starting because of his career success against Pettitte, walked with one out in the second and Payton singled. The runners moved up on a groundout and Leiter, an .053 hitter this season, dragged a perfect bunt past the mound.

First baseman Tino Martinez bobbled the ball for a moment and made an underhanded flip to Pettitte, but the pitcher dropped the throw. Pettitte was charged with an error, denying an RBI to Leiter, who had none this year, but a run scored and the Mets were satisfied.

Benny Agbayani followed with a slow roller that third baseman Brosius tried to play with his bare hand, but the ball escaped his grasp and went for an RBI single that gave the Mets a 2-1 lead.

Pettitte helped himself with his second pickoff of the Series, trapping a wandering Abbott off first in the fourth.

Yankees players celebrate with manager Joe Torre after winning their third World Series title.

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MEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS

Knott-Zahm rivalry continues

By JOHN LIEIT-NER, and JOHN RBCSJK
Sport Writings

When the Knott and Zahm interhall football teams take the field this Sunday, they will resume a ferocious rivalry that has witnessed its fair share of tight games and photo finishes. Only this time, the right to play another day hangs irrevocably in the balance; only one team can advance to the semifinals.

Defending league champion Knott Hall enters the game with an unblemished 4-0 record and a No. 2-playoff seed. Knott junior wide receiver and captain Brian Pawloski feels the team's success this year has stemmed from an offensive attack that features running back and captain Patrick Virtue and an explosive vertical passing game.

"We're very versatile," Pawloski said. "We run and pass pretty much 50-50 and not too many teams can say that.

Knott's cause is also served by a defense that has proven itself by shutting down the opposing team's offense in all four regular season games. "The only points scored against us have been intercepted on returns," Pawloski said. "Zahm evidenced the game along the roller coaster ride of a season."

Another key to Zahm's winning in its first game by a margin of 42-0, Zahm went 1-1-1 in its final three games to sneak into the playoffs with a seven seed. Still, the Rabid Bats of Zahm feel confident in their unit's abilities.

"We have a really good team," Zahm defensive end and captain Bill Hennessey said. "But we can beat or lose to anybody. We need to be fired up to play with discipline and avoid penalties."

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"Upsets do happen and anybody can win," Pawloski said. "And any team that can score 42 points in one game is dangerous."

"Zahm hasn't shown its sizeable defense and "perfect the stuff we ran throughout the year," Pawloski said.

Both captains believe that the game will entail high intensity and plenty of emotion. "This will be a great game for the fans," said Pawloski. "I know it will be a lot of fun to play."

Fisher vs. Sorin

Sorin quarterback Pete Belden looks for an open receiver. Sorin will face off against Fisher this Sunday at Stepan Field.

"Our offense is composed of a strong core of seniors. Quarterback Pete Belden and running back Trevor Morris will lead the Sorin offense. The Otter defense is a formidable force, allowing only one touchdown all season."

"Our defense has been really well-balanced," Crowe said. "We've kept good pressure on the opposing quarterbacks."

The Green Wave offensive attack is composed of a strong core of seniors. Quarterback Trevor Morris intends to find tight end high in intensity.

"We need to come out ready to play and emphasize discipline," Hennessey said. "This game could really go either way."

Although they have not clashed in the playoffs in recent years, Knott and Zahm have maintained a thriving rivalry. Their games are close every year," Hennessey said. "Both teams anticipate another heated matchup Sunday.

"Our defense is not afraid to get dirty," Maars said. "We're looking to dominate here."


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Crime looks to steal victory from No. 7 Bullfrogs

By SUSIE CARPENTER and LJIA MILHOAN
Sports Writers

When Badin and Off-Campus faced off earlier this season, the game resulted in a 12-12 tie. The two teams will face off in the first round of the playoffs on Sunday.

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Sports Writers
A 6-0 record during the regu-
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Welsh Family Hall the No. 1
seed in the upcoming playoffs,
but it won’t get the defending
champions much else this week-
erd in their first round match-
up against Lyons.

“I think its going to be a tough,
close game,” Lyons quarterback
Sarah Jenkins said. “We certain-
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Lyons faces off against Cavanaugh in a game earlier this year. Lyons will try to upset No. 1 Welsh on Sunday.

Wild Women at Stepan Fields. The PW Women have tweaked他们的 offense and feel well pre-
pared for the challenge.

“We’ve put in a lot of new plays in preparation,” PW offen-
sive coordinator Steve Branowski said. “We didn’t
make (the playoffs) last year, but this year we’re fin-
ally breaking through.”

After a successful season, Walsh will be looking to cement
this season’s prowess and prove
they can move further up the
ranks than they did last season.
In 1999, they beat the Purple
Weasels 7-6 in the last game of
the season to narrowly qualify
for the playoffs, but lost in the
first round.

“I think we’re more competi-
tive this year than we were last
year, and hopefully we’ll get fur-
ther in the playoffs,” Walsh
receiver Kay Scanlan said.

“Last time we played [PW], we
tied at 0-0, and to be honest, I
thought they played better than
we did,” he said. “In order for us
to beat them, we’ll have to play
as well as we possibly can, but I
think our offense can pick it up,
and our defense was there
strong last time.”

“We’ve put in a lot of new
plays in preparation,” PW offen-
sive coordinator Steve
Branowski said. “We didn’t
deliver to Sunday’s game with
confidence.

“Previously against Walsh, our
offense moved the ball well, but
we just couldn’t manage to
punch it into the end zone,” he
said. “Now, we’ve made a few
defensive adjustments. We’ve put
in a lot of new plays, and we’re
keen to get it very close to the vest.”

The Purple Weasels may be
the team with something to
prove, but the Wild Women have
just as much at stake.

“I know we all have a personal
investment in this game,”
Walsh quarterback Lauren
Welsh said. “We have a lot of
seniors on the team, it’s their
last year, and they really want
it.”

“We’re such a small team that
every one of us plays, so if we do
win, it will be because of every-
body, not just a few star play-
ers,” she added.

The game is shaping up to the
kind of highly competitive match
that should be the hallmark
of Women’s Interhall playoffs this
season.

“We’re pumped to actually be
in the playoffs,” PW captain
Amanda Galen said. “After a
season with so many teams that
had such close records, it should
be a great postseason and a
great game.”
Volleyball

Saint Mary's drops match to Hope in straight games

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

Energy wasn't enough to push Saint Mary's to victory against MIAA leader Hope College on Wednesday. The Belles played a tough game, and lost in three games to the Flying Dutch.

"Our energy was there, we played well," junior outside hitter Angela Meyers said.

The Belles lost the first game against MIAA leader Hope's offensive line. The strategy to find a soft spot in Hope's all of its substitutions trying to adjust with several defensive hitters Angela Meyers said.

Junior outside defensive hitter Jolie LeBeau added to the Belles effort on offense with seven kills. Freshman middle hitter Julie LeBeau and two service aces. Junior middle hitter Julie LeBeau added to the Belles effort against MIAA leader Hope's offense went on to dominate the match, taking the second and third 15-8 and 15-8 consecutively.

"They had an awesome offensive line," Meyers said. Despite the loss, head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek continues to be proud of her team.

"We played very high level volleyball last night," Schroeder-Biek said. "Our defense and our serving were excellent."

Junior outside defensive hitter Angela Meyers led the team with 15 digs, nine kills and two service aces. Junior middle hitter Jolie LeBeau added to the Belles effort with seven kills. Freshman setter/outside hitter LeighAnn Matesich rounded out the evening with 26 assists, six digs and two service aces.

Despite good individual play, Saint Mary's credits team effort.

"Everyone stepped up on our defense," senior defensive specialist Victoria Butcko said. "This game was a team effort."

Schroeder-Biek was particularly pleased with her team's service.

"As a team we had nine service aces," Schroeder-Biek said. "That is the most aggressive that we have served all season."

The Belles now stand at 3-11. They play Kenyon College of Ohio and Albion College at the Albion Quad on Saturday.

Saint Mary's drops match to Hope in straight games
The Belles will line up at the MIAA Jamboree, their only home race this weekend, in first place with a team score of 23 points. It finished all six of its runners in the top 11.

This will be the first time most of the women from Saint Mary's see the particular competition.

"We run on the course two years ago but only two runners were on our team," Barstis said. "So it will be new to just about everyone."

Although he would like to see his team advance in league rankings, Barstis sees other goals as more important.

"The whole team is going to have to run their best race."

Dave Barstis
Belles coach

The whole team is going to have to run their best race.

The Belles finished more than 100 points behind Kalamazoo at the Jamboree, their only home meet, but Barstis believes catching Kalamazoo is a goal within his team's grasp.

"The whole team is going to have to run their best race," he said. "But it can be done."

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"We have to run our best race," he said. "But it can be done."

"But it can be done."

"It can be beaten on any given day."

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"If anything, it provided more motivation for this week," Warren said. "It will push us faster."

"I'm looking forward to that race," sophomore rower Ashley Warren said. "Michigan will be there, and powerhouse Michigan will be.

"And the bow four rowers in the B race. But we should be able to row together because we're just half of the eight."

"I'm looking forward to that race, it should be pretty fast," she continued.

As for the eights competition, the first varsity eight boat that has competed together the entire season will finish last by default.

"I would say it's a big race," Warren said. "We're not the best teams in the Midwest," she added.

"The Irish will face some new challenges this weekend besides just the 1 1/2 mile course. Pair racing has been a source of success for Notre Dame this fall season."

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"It's a big race," Warren said. "Of course we want to win."

"We haven't rowed in that particular four yet," said Warren, who will be in the A race. "But we should be able to row together because we're just half of the eight."

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Alumni hopes to secure revenge against Keenan Sunday

By JAMES VERALI and TODD NIETO
Sports Writers

The Keenan Knights are hoping for a replay as they take on the Alumni Dawgs in the first round of the playoffs Sunday. Keenan comes in as the 4th seed with a 3-1 record. Alumni took the fifth seed in the playoffs and also finished with a 3-1 mark.

In week three of the regular season, the Knights blanked the Dawgs 13-0 in a very impressive performance. However, repeating that performance will be a difficult task.

"The second time you play a team is always harder than the first," Keenan quarterback Billy Ellsworth said.

"It's going to be a battle of the linemen," Siegfried said. "Whoever overpowers each other in the trenches will win this game."

The offensive line was certainly the difference for Keenan in their win over Alumni, as they provided the push enabling running back Brian Kunitzer to overpower the defense down the stretch. Alumni counters with a powerful rushing attack of their own. Tailback Alex Roodhouse and fullback Brandon Nunnink have handled the ball very well this season behind the push of the offensive lineman.

Both teams have also shown strong signs in the passing game. Keenan's quarterback Chris Cottingham will face off against the Keenan passing attack that is led by the connection between Ellsworth and wide out John Busby.

Both teams feel that they have something to prove from last year's disappointments. After running the table last year in the regular season, Alumni's hopes of winning the title were dashed in an early, unexpected playoff exit.

The Knights lost to Sorin in the second round of the playoffs last year for their first playoff loss in three seasons, ending their string of back-to-back championships.

One thing is for sure; lack of intensity won't be a problem out on Stepan field Sunday. Both teams know that they can win, but are also aware that it is going to take a valiant effort on both sides of the ball to advance to the next round.

"It will be our toughest game of the year," said Kunitzer. "When asked what it's going to take to beat Keenan this week, Alumni tailback Alex Roodhouse responded, "Ask them after we run all over them on Sunday."

Dillon vs. Stanford

The bone-crushing action of interhall football has returned to Notre Dame after a weeklong fall break. Sunday in the first round of the playoffs, the Dillon Bulldogs will face off against the Bulldogs of Stanford at 1 p.m. at the Stepan Fields in a game that is sure to get the adrenaline pumping.

The Bulldogs have dominated interhall football, posting an impressive 4-0 record. Dillon has a strong lineup that includes quarterback Tate Odom, lineman Joe Parker, defensive end Rick Hasty and running back Chris Crane.

"We played Stanford at the beginning of the season but we have both improved since the beginning of the season," Jason Viner said. "It is going to be a whole different ballgame."

Stanford comes into Sunday's game with a 2-2 record. The Griffins are looking towards tailback J.C. Perez, guard/defensive tackle J.J. Trice, and wide receiver/cornerback Corey Hartmann to provide the team with the key plays needed to beat Dillon.

"Everyone on our team is ready to play against Dillon again," said Griffin captain Errol Rice said. "If we play like we know we can play, it should be a good game."
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dance in my abilities, so that's that.

In the overtime period, the game was tied at 103 before Marcus Fizer of Indiana center Bruno Sandy. Sandy hit both free throws, giving the Pacers a 2-point advantage. Following Sandy's free throws, Chicago point guard Jumal Crawford missed a 25-foot shot before fouling Harrington. Harrington hit one of two free throws to give the Pacers a 3-point lead.

Guyton's 3-point attempt with time running down fell short and the Pacers escaped with time running down.

"I think we're all trying to learn things out, so hopefully at the start of the season I'll get more comfortable."

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Bulls' triumphant 2-point advantage. Brand led all scorers with 26 points. Drew hit a 20-footer from the top of the key to tie the game at 72. Following an 18- and 20-second foul, Drew found Fizer on a fast break to give Chicago its first 2-point lead.

Drew returned to the Midwest after playing two seasons for the Houston Rockets. Drew starred at nearby Valparaiso University, playing for his father. As a senior, the Drew Family added 15 for Indiana. Mercer added 20 in the NBA. Mercer averaged 22 points per contest on the preseason, fourth round.

"For the defending Eastern Conference Champion Pacers, forward Jonathan Bender came off the bench to lead the team in scoring, scoring 19 points on 6-12 shooting in 34 minutes. Austin Crohser added 15 for Indiana.

The game marked the final preseason game for both teams. Indiana opened its season on Halloween night in San Antonio, while the Bulls opened the same evening at home against Sacramento. Tonight's game was full of Hoosier connections. The Pacers are now coached by Isiah Thomas, who starred for Indiana University for two years in the early '80s before embarking on a Hall-of-Fame career in the NBA. Thomas remembers Notre Dame leav- ing a mark on his sophomore season, in which the Hoosiers won the NCAA Championships.

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Stern explains penalties levied on Timberwolves

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

NBA commissioner David Stern said Thursday that "shocking" fraud by the Minnesota Timberwolves forced him to inflict record punishment over a secret contract for star forward Joe Smith.

Stern stripped the Wolves of five first-round draft choices and fined the team $3.5 million for the agreement, which an arbitrator found was intended to circumvent the NBA salary cap. "The fact is, we gave this a lot more thought than the parties involved by a franchise who risked their future by engaging in one of the most far-reaching frauds we've seen," Stern said.

"This was a fraud of major proportions. There were no fewer than five undisclosed contracts tucked away, hoping they'd never see the light of day. This is fraud that ripped to the heart of the collective bargaining compact. The magnitude of this stuff is shocking," Stern said.

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NBA Commissioner

"This is the stiffest ever imposed by the league on any franchise, player or other individual and the maximum allowed. Spokesman Brian McIntyre also said he could not recall any team being stripped of multiple draft choices.

It's the loss of draft choices that is particularly damaging to a franchise that will be at or near the top of the salary cap as long as it is carrying forward Kevin Garnett's $126 million contract through 2004. Without draft picks or the ability to pursue high-priced free agents, management will have little room to build up the roster around Garnett.

"We've still want to field good teams," Taylor said. "It'll be harder, more difficult. We always recognized we were in a small market and it would always be more difficult to attract good players. We'll have to be lucky. I understand that.

The job might be tougher than Taylor suggested.

"We were looking very much. I would be totally different level." Garnett said. "It's very, very easy to start thinking differently. I'm not that type of person. I'm a loyal cat. I do know that running from your problems will not solve problems.

NBA arbitrator Kenneth Dam ruled Monday that the Timberwolves signed a secret agreement with Smith in January 1999 that was worth as much as $66 million over seven years. With the NBA, meanwhile, the Timberwolves filed a one-year contract worth $1.75 million, allowable under the salary cap.

Stern said he abide by the arbitrator's ruling when he voided Smith's current $2.5 million contract and his past two contracts with the Timberwolves, preventing him from signing a lucrative contract with them for this season.

Though Smith has said he would like to re-sign with the Timberwolves, NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said the arbitrator's ruling also would allow Stern to void a contract if Smith re-signed.

Smith's future remained uncertain Wednesday, though teams such as Dallas and the Knicks have expressed interest.

Though Smith has said he would like to re-sign with the Timberwolves, his salary-cap limitations would limit him to $611,000, about one-tenth what the Chicago Bulls could offer.

His agent, Dan Fegan, did not return telephone calls Thursday.

"Everyone here's main concern is for Joe and that he does what's right for him," Garnett said. "We're still close. He's still our man."

Stern said the Timberwolves were being made an example for under-the-table deals that are supposed to be common. Though Stern said the NBA actively pursues all "wink-and-nod deals, many turn out to be rumors.

"I think we all were shocked at the level of what went on here," Granik said. "David and I have been around long enough not to be shocked by very much. I would be shocked to learn that something of this level has happened before. I think this is a totally different level."
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles believe they can finish strong

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

As the lone senior on the Saint Mary's soccer squad, Laura Paulen has been a leader and a solid player for the Belles this year. On Saturday, she will play her final collegiate game, as the Belles face off against the Flying Dutchmen of Hope.

"I attribute our improvement through this year, the women are going to come out and beat up on Hope," head coach Jason Milligan said. "All the things we've been working on all year are coming together.

According to Milligan, Tia Kappahan, junior co-captain for the Belles, will be in the net against the Dutchmen this time after recovering from an arm injury. Milligan will also be experimenting with different lineups against Hope.

The Dutchmen are 4-11-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the MIAA. Amy Dobbs leads the Dutchmen in scoring and had a hand in one of the goals in the previous meeting between the two teams on October 4. Freshman Lauren Hinkle, who took the earlier shutout for the Dutchmen, will be in goal against Saint Mary's.

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Irish take on Mountaineers

By NOAH AMSTADER
Assistant Sports Editor

The seniors of Notre Dame will say goodbye to Alumni Field as the Irish men's soccer team takes on the Mountaineers of West Virginia tonight.

Tri-captains Steve Maio, Dustin Pridmore and Connor LaRose will be playing their final games in front of the Irish faithful, as will team mates Griffin Howard, Neagle, McKnight and Dan Storino.

"They're a lot like we are," said Apple. "From what the other coaches have told me, they're a very talented team."

The Mountaineers bring in a balanced offense with six players who have tallied six or more points. On defense, the West Virginians have had a rotating spot in goal, where three different players have logged time. The Mountaineers bring in a three-game losing streak, recently falling to the Panthers of Pitt 2-0 on Oct. 22.

The Irish and Mountaineers kick off tonight at 7:30 pm.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish to battle Hurricanes in Big East tourney

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The auditions are over. Sunday afternoon the show opens for real. The Notre Dame women's soccer team finished the regular season ranked No. 1 with a record of 17-0-1, but when the Big East quarterfinals kickoff this weekend, each team's slate will have been cleared.

The Miami Hurricanes blow in to South Bend representing the first hurdle the Irish must clear on the road to an eighth-consecutive conference title. Though the Hurricanes are just 9-9-1 on the year, they have enjoyed considerable success of late, going 3-1-1 in their last five games.

"It should be exciting," freshman Amy Warner said. "Anyone can beat anyone in the playoffs."

Led by a strong defense anchored by reigning conference defensive player of the week Lisa Gomez, the Hurricanes will have their hands full dealing with an Irish attack that is just now returning to full strength.

Notre Dame could not have picked a better time to get healthy. Warner, returning from an injury, played a mere 20 minutes against Michigan in the regular season finale, but nevertheless scored her eighth goal of the season.

Warner's return gives the Irish an element of speed they'd lacked in her absence. The first-year player's ability to get behind defenders and beat them to the ball is unparalleled and her presence forces the opposition to be careful in clearing the defensive zone.

"It felt good to get out there," Warner said. "It was good for my confidence. I'm wearing a brace on my knee and that hurt my speed a little, but I think as I get used to it I'll get back to where I was."

The Irish will receive an unexpected boost from the return of senior co-captain and player of the year candidate Anne Makinen, who was not supposed to play with a knee injury. Makinen believes she can play on the knee without risking further injury.

Head coach Randy Waldrum will use Makinen as needed this weekend. If the game is close, she'll play, but if the Irish leave nothing but the margin of victory in doubt, Waldrum would prefer to rest his star player.

Many teams have packed the goal box with six defenders but the Irish expect the Hurricanes to play aggressively and attack them.

"I think they'll come out to play us and take some chances," Warner said. "They'll definitely be gunning for us."

Although mainly a defensive player, Gomez will be called upon to quarterback whatever offensive attack the Hurricanes can muster.

Gomez set a school record with four assists in a game last week, all on long downfield passes to streaking forwards.

Freshman of the year candidate Vonda Matthews will be looking to receive any long pass struck by Gomez and start the Hurricane counterattack.

The Irish defense will once again be without senior captain Kelly Lindsey who will miss the game with a strained medial collateral ligament.
Irish player, Javier Taborga, returns the ball with a smashing backhand. He will play for Notre Dame in the Midwest regional tournament.

Notre Dame wraps up successful fall schedule

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

If this fall season is any indication of what is to come in the spring, then the Notre Dame men's tennis team may have an exciting future ahead.

The Irish wrap up the fall season after a successful campaign as they travel to Madison, Wis., to participate in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Championships.

"I'm very excited with the progress we've made," Irish head coach Rob Bayliss said. "It's early, and steps are small, but we've continually stepped forward as the year has gone on, and I think that it bodes well for us in the spring."

Notre Dame is allowed six singles entries and two doubles entries in the regional tournament, which includes teams from the Big Ten Conference, Conference USA, the Missouri Valley Conference, and all teams within the Midwest region. Bayliss has penciled in Casey Smith, Aaron Talarico, Javier Taborga, Luis Haddock-Mercedes, Matt Scott, and Andrew Laflin in singles, while the doubles pairings will be ninth-ranked Taborga and Talarico, along with the duo of Brian Farrell and Ashok Raj.

Due to the shared success by all of the Irish players, decisions about the make-up of the line-up were difficult, but the controversy could only be a win-win situation.

"It was a very, very close between Laflin and Farrell," Bayliss said. "Basically it was a flip of a coin, they've both earned the right to play, and they're both 10-1 for the fall. As a result I'm going to play Farrell in doubles with Ashok Raj, but an equally deserving guy was James Malham.

Taborga also performed well in the doubles segment of the tournament, advancing to the semifinals with Talarico, marking the first time since 1994 that Notre Dame has advanced a doubles pairing to the semifinals of a grand slam event.

The remainder of the Irish contingent will also look to advance in this weekend's tournament and Bayliss knows that his team has the talent to do so.

"Luis Haddock has had an outstanding fall," Bayliss noted. "He's a very talented freshman, one of the probably top two or three freshmen in the country. Casey Smith has made a big jump in his game, and Aaron Talarico has matured as a player. (Along with Taborga) those four guys have led us, and Matt Scott has been a very strong impact freshman. And I feel like at six, between Laflin and Farrell, I think we have great chances to win there with either one of those guys."

The ITA Midwest Championships offers the Irish an opportunity to qualify for the elite National Rolex Singles and Doubles Indoor Championships in February. The winner and runner-up in the singles portion of this weekend's competition are given automatic entry into the national tournament next year, while the doubles winner is also guaranteed a spot.

Due to the selection process, Bayliss knows that the Irish need to take advantage of the opportunity to qualify for this weekend.

"The rest of the Rolex field (that does not earn an automatic bid) is filled with at-large entries, and it's a very limited, select tournament, so that there are only 32 singles players in it," Bayliss said. "It's more elite than the NCAA tournament, because the NCAA has 64. The purpose is to qualify for that this weekend."

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Happy Birthday: It’s time to map out rewards. Stop pushing so hard and let things fall into place. You will start to make mistakes if you let frustration stand in the way of your progress. You’ve already put in the time, so sit back and let everything fall into place. To reach your true objective, take a new path. Your number this week: 2, 14, 26, 28, 30.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will not answer if you don’t have a busy schedule planned. Be sure to do something physical to use up that excess energy. Put your efforts into professional advancement.OOO

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Colleagues will misinterpret you if you aren’t careful what you say to others. You should arrange meetings to get out with friends. You need to be around supportive individuals. O0

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don’t feel obligated to pay for others. Someone you love may pass a proposal that seeks to work on investments and moneymaking projects. OO

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may want to ask a large heir what you’re doing at your financial situation. Changes are in order. Romantic opportunities will develop if you become involved in worthwhile groups. O00

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There will be many gains at work if you present your ideas to superiors or apply for a promotion. You will stand up for your rights and protect the ones you love. You are dedicated, eugenial asbcom, astromate.com.)

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your personal partner may not be quite as enthusiastic as you had hoped. Conditional contracts may not be straightforward. Read between the lines. O00

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get busy and start new courses or learn valuable information through conversations. You may have a problem with co-workers. Keep your thoughts to yourself. O00

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be a bit too aggressive for your mate. Slow down, take your time and let things happen. Get involved in group activities. O00

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get busy and start new courses or learn valuable information through conversations. You may have a problem with co-workers. Keep your thoughts to yourself. O00

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You might be looking for an excuse to argue. Don’t be cool into such encounters. Novel opportunities will bring you into contact with interesting individuals. O00

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look into small business ventures. Your personal partner may not be quite as enthusiastic as you had hoped. Confront track may not be straightforward. Read between the lines. O00

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SPORTS

NBA PRESEASON
Pacers top Bulls 106-103 in front of Joyce Center crowd

● Thomas, Guyton, Drew play key roles in return to Indiana

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Three athletes who made their mark for Indiana schools other than Notre Dame returned to the Hoosier state to play key roles in the Indiana Pacers' 106-103 overtime win against the Chicago Bulls Thursday night in the Joyce Center.

The game's crucial play occurred at the end of the fourth quarter, as Chicago guard A.J. Guyton — last season's Big Ten Player of the Year at Indiana — hit an 18-foot jumper to bring the Bulls to within one point of the Pacers, 97-98. After Indiana hit a foul shot, Bulls' guard Ron Mercer found last year's NBA Rookie of the Year Elton Brand. Brand hit a jump shot to tie the game at 99 with 47 seconds left.

The Pacers' Ali Harrington then missed a 14-foot jumper before Guyton stole the ball from Tyus Edney with 25 seconds remaining to prevent Indiana from taking the lead. Guyton found Brand open from 15 feet, but Brand could not sink the game winner, forcing the contest into overtime.

Bulls coach Tim Floyd showed confidence in Guyton, who is familiar with the Joyce Center after taking part in the Indiana-Notre Dame battles during his time with the Hoosiers.

"I know he has the confidence in me. He's told me," said Guyton. "I just jumped out and do what I can do. I do what I can do. I have confidence in Guyton, who is familiar with the Joyce Center after taking part in the Indiana-Notre Dame battles during his time with the Hoosiers.

Young players adjust to professional game

Welcome back, Khalid. The last time Khalid El-Amin played at the Joyce Center, a group of highly intelligent, mature students greeted the then-Connecticut point guard with chants of "Bastard children, Bastard children," in reference to El-Amin's out-of-wedlock child.

Eight months after Notre Dame upset UConn 68-66 and after the national outcry against the student body's antics, El-Amin returned to South Bend. But instead of being an active participant, the Chicago Bulls' rookie was an eager onlooker.

The rookie sat on the bench the entire night with a white Gatorade towel draped across his legs. He was one of only two Bulls' players with the dreaded DNP (Did Not Play) — Coach's Decision seen next to their names on the score sheet.

He walked to the locker room and saw no obvious signs on Thursday night. But the 5-foot-10, 200-pounder still remembers the infamous Feb. 12 incident.

"During the game, it was definitely tough to go through, hearing that stuff," said El-Amin before the Bulls lost 106-103 in overtime to the Indiana Pacers. "But that's behind me. I'm on to bigger and better things."

As are several other 22-and-under Chicago and Indiana players. The Bulls feature five players (El-Amin, Michigan's Year Elton Brand. Brand hit a jump shot, Bulls' guard Ron Mercer found last year's NBA Rookie of the Year Elton Brand. Brand hit a jump shot to tie the game at 99 with 47 seconds left.

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HOCKEY
Spartans take advantage of power play for 5-1 victory

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

There are three parts to any hockey team: offense, defense and special teams. Notre Dame needed all three to win the game against Michigan State Thursday, but special teams fell short as the Spartans scored on three of five power-play chances to win 5-1.

"Their special teams are way better than ours," Irish head coach Dave Poulin said. The first period saw a tight defensive game. There were no shots on goal until the game was eight minutes old. A Notre Dame penalty to freshman Ryan Globock for hooking gave the Spartans their first scoring opportunity with 12:05 gone in the first period. With four seconds left in the penalty kill, Michigan State's Steve Jackson slammed home a perfect pass right in front of the net. MSU took a 1-0 lead into intermission.

The second period was the beginning of the end for Notre Dame special teams. Irish freshman Brett Lebda took a five minute major a minute into the period for checking to the back of the head. Poulin expected better out of his freshman players.

"There is no place for hitting someone in the back of the head in hockey," he said. "I didn't even argue the call."

Three minutes later the Irish took another penalty when sophomore Evan Nielsen was called for cross checking. Michigan State took advantage of the five-on-three when Spartans center Jeremy Jackson put one past Irish goalie Jeremiah Kimento. A final power play with five minutes left in the second period gave Michigan State a 5-0 lead heading into the second intermission.

Going into the third period, Poulin needed a new strategy. "I told the guys to get one goal in the first five minutes, and then play five-on-five," he said. "We did both of those things. We had some good chances in the period."

Those chances came as the Irish cut out the penalties and focused on their play. Notre Dame looked to make a comeback, scoring 15 seconds into the period on David Inman's power play goal. The Irish stepped up their offense, out-shooting Michigan State in the period 15-5.

Unfortunately, Michigan State sophomore goalie Ryan Miller kept the Irish from getting on the board again, putting an end to the comeback. Miller made 23 saves on 24 shots for the night. He shut down the Irish in the remainder of the third period. The Spartans broke away with two goals late in the game. Junior Jon Insana put away an empty netter with 46 seconds and freshman Aaron Hurnt scored with 8 seconds left to finish up the Spartan win.

The loss drops the Irish to 2-4-1 on the season, but Poulin was optimistic for series finale at 7:05 pm in the Joyce Center.

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Irish look to keep momentum going

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

With the possibility of an appearance in a Bowl Championship Series game on the horizon, Notre Dame head football coach Bob Davie knows his team cannot afford a letdown against the 2-2 Air Force Falcons Saturday in Notre Dame Stadium.

Luckily for Davie the game will be played in what has to be his favorite month.

The Irish have won their last 12 October tilts, with their last loss coming in 1997 at home against rival USC. Extending the streak, however, won’t be easy against a Falcons team seeking a bowl appearance of its own.

If the Irish can replicate offensive performances from the past two games, they stand a good chance of continuing their October dominance. Offensively, Notre Dame must look to control the clock, with a rushing attack led by sophomores Julius Jones, and short passes by freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio.

If the Irish are successful early in moving the football, offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers will be more apt to allow things to open up a bit and allow LoVecchio to take the occasional shot downfield. Controlling the clock will be crucial, because the Falcons boast a potent offensive attack, one the Irish would love to keep off the field. Senior quarterback and Mountain West Conference player of the year candidate Mike Thiessen will be at the helm of the dangerous Falcon option attack.

“T’heir quarterback can do a lot of things,” Davie said. “It’s something we have to be prepared for on defense. Air Force is a good football team.”

A defensive front led by junior Anthony Weaver must exhibit patience and sure tackling in handling Thiessen.

“It’s going to take a great effort by us,” Davie said.

“T’his weekend is a big challenge for particularly on defense.”

When the Falcon quarterback does look downfield it’s usually in the direction of big-play wideouts Ryan Fleming, a 6-foot-5 target with speed.

The Irish secondary will have to take care in not over-committing to a Thiessen run.

Additionally, the Irish must continue to hold onto the football. They have yet to lose a fumble in seven games — the only team in Division I not to do so, and LoVecchio has kept mistakes to a minimum. The Falcons will take chances defensively against the freshman hoping they can force the occasional errant throw.

Opponents have moved the ball well against Air Force all season long, so it might as well take some chances and gamble to try and make some big plays.

Davie hopes only that the team continues to improve.

“It’d be disappointed if this football team doesn’t continue to get better each week,” he said.

Senior flanker Joey Getherall dodges a tackle against West Virginia. Getherall and the Irish offense will need to continue their explosive offense against Air Force.

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Falcons prepare to fly past Irish in repeat performance

By KERRY SMITH  
Sports Editor

Irish head coach Bob Davie knows the potential threat Air Force poses. The then-defensive coordinator and the Irish learned that lesson first hand the last time the Falcons flew into Notre Dame Stadium in 1996.

Clinching the one of the biggest upsets in Air Force’s history, the unranked Falcons notched a 20-17 overtime victory over the No. 9 Irish.

"We all remember the last time Air Force came to Notre Dame Stadium," Davie said. "We all remember the overtime game, kicking the field goal to beat us."

Those memories will not be lost on the Falcons either as they prepare to soar to equal heights and knock off this year’s No. 19 Irish in a repeat performance.

"This is a great opportunity for us," Falcon head coach Fisher DeBerry said in a press conference earlier this week. "We’ve played well there before and we’ve won there before."

Coming into Saturday’s contest, the cards are stacked against the Falcons. The only ranked team on the Falcons’ schedule, the Irish have countered a solid defensive corps with a recently explosive and more diversified offensive attack to reach a 5-2 record with one of the toughest schedules in college football.

Also boasting a 5-2 record, the Falcons have notched crushing defeats, scoring more than 50 points in two games this season against Cal State—Northridge and Wyoming, but have also suffered losses to less than stellar teams in UNLV and New Mexico.

The Falcons’ relatively easy schedule will not leave the Irish resting easy — they know the talent Air Force will bring to the field.

"When you look at Air Force there is no doubt they are a talented football team," Davie said. "As always, they have the complicated [offensive] scheme they bring … This is obviously a big football game — particularly for the defense."

The Irish defense will have to be on top of its game to squelch the Falcons’ rushing game.

With the fifth-best rushing game in the country, Air Force is a threat on the ground. Averaging 217.4 yards a game, the Falcons have looked to halfback Scotty McKay all season to carry the ball.

The falcons also possess a potentially potent aerial attack. Quarterback Mike Thiessen has completed 61-112 passes and thrown for nine touchdowns. The senior has thrown for more than 1,000 yards this season and is on track to break into the top spot in the Air Force record books.

"Their quarterback has a little different style than they have had in the past," Davie said. "He certainly can run, but he is also a really good passer. He is very accurate."

Thiessen finds his favorite target in wide receiver Ryan Fleming.

Senior quarterback Mike Thiessen carries the ball in the Falcons’ 31-23 win Sept. 9 against BYU.

fast facts

ABOUT AIR FORCE

- Location: Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Enrollment: 4,100
- Colors: Blue and silver
- Nickname: Falcons
- Conference: Mountain West

Air Force won the last meeting between the two teams 20-17 in 1996, the first overtime game played in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Irish have not lost to a service academy since their ’96 loss to the Falcons.
**GAME OF THE WEEK**

By PEYTON BERG

Sports Writer

When the Sooners and the Huskers last clashed in 1997, Nebraska gave Oklahoma its worst beating in school history, a 34-7 pasting en route to its third national title in four years.

Many felt that this game permanently ended the once glorious rivalry that annually determined the Big Eight Championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Once the final game of the season for both teams, the newly formed Big XII turned Colorado into Nebraska’s big rival.

The tables have officially turned. The first edition of the BCS rankings was released last Monday, with Nebraska and Oklahoma ranked one and two, respectively. The Sooners have all but sewn up the Big XII South division, meaning that there may be a rematch of Saturday’s contest in the Big XII Championship game in December.

Oklahoma has had a week off to prepare, and is coming off a huge win at then-undefeated Kansas State. Confidence and momentum are at levels not seen since the days of Barry Switzer and Brian Bosworth. These feelings are justified, quarterback Josh Heupel’s completion rate is near 70 percent, and the Sooner offense has been able to score virtually at will.

Nebraska enters the game with everything to lose. After Florida State lost to in-state rival Miami, the Huskers found themselves atop of every poll. Virginia Tech remains unbeaten, but must travel to Miami next month.

Both teams sport potent offenses, but with vastly different styles. Nebraska’s power running game and the Sooner offense is a passing attack. The Huskers have all but sewn up the Big XII South division, while Oklahoma has only one loss, to then-undefeated Kansas State.

Expect big plays and fierce competition from a pair of storied Southern rivals.

**OTHER TOP GAMES**

**Ohio State at Purdue:** For sale: one 2000 Rose Bowl berth. Drew Brees and Purdue defeated Wisconsin to enter this week tied with Michigan for first place in the Big Ten. The Boilermakers already disposed of the Wolverines and the Wildcats, securing a tiebreaker advantage. They remain a half game ahead of the Ohio State Buckeyes, so this game means the difference between an outright conference championship and a dogfight in late November.

Buckeyes quarterback Steve Bellisari has not shaken his penchant for inconsistency in big games, and still plays as if the ghost of LaVar Arrington haunts him. Cornerback Nate Clements anchors a typically athletic and talented Ohio State secondary. Last week, Drew Broos broke Chuck Long’s Big Ten career passing record. However, the Ohio State defense leads the conference in total defense, sacks and scoring.

**Florida vs. Georgia:** It’s time again for the World’s Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party, live from Jacksonville’s Alltel Stadium. Georgia finally beat nemesis Tennessee earlier this year, but has one nemesis remaining in Florida. Because of the startling emergence of the South Carolina Gamecocks, this game has SEC East Championship implications.

Gators quarterback Rex Grossman has thrown eight interceptions this season but zero in his last two games. Given coach Steve Spurrier’s intolerance for inept quarterbacking, Grossman should be good for at least the first quarter.

Georgia’s quarterback position remains uncertain. Quincy Carter sat out of Tennessee earlier this year, but has one in Mark Brunell. While the 2000 Black Shirts will not remind anyone of the 1997 unit, Nebraska still remains a juggernaut on both sides of the ball.
Irish prepare to face a true option opponent in Falcons

South Bend shut-ins, grandparents from Granger and infants in Indianapolis all know the "real" reason why Matt LoVecchio replaced Gary Godsey. And why the Irish defense is suddenly more potent and less predictable than against Purdue and Michigan State.

LoVecchio can run the option. It has been written here and in other newspapers, has been talked about on sports radio and has been heard and shown in countless sound bytes and video clips on local television stations.

Lesson 101: Don't believe everything you view or read. And don't wonder that deep, introspective, original thought, follow one more order.

Delete the last two words of the third sentence in this column.

In the West Virginia game, according to coach Bob Davie, the Irish ran 60 offensive plays. Three times they ran the option.

Calling the Irish an option team is like referring to Notre Dame as a liberal university. Yet there remains a perception among Irish fans that Kevin Rogers and Davie have implemented a Nebraska-type offense.

According to Davie, however, he wants the option to comprise just 10-15 percent of his teams' offensive plays per game.

The fascination with the word "option" probably began when Tony Rice and Lou Holtz reprogrammed the program after the Gerry Faust Failure. But this year's Irish offense bears a closer resemblance to a Ron Powlus-led team than the Rice and Kevin McDougle squads.

That's not to say LoVecchio's mobility and elusiveness did not contribute to him overtaking Godsey. But to argue that the main reason was because Godsey "can't run the option" is absurd.

This weekend, a true option team arrives in South Bend. Air Force, like Navy and Army, relies on a wishbone attack that causes headaches for head coaches.

"This is the biggest game of the year for us," Davie said on Monday. "Every ounce of juice we have, every ounce of energy we have, every ounce of focus we have, we are putting into this game."

If The Observer fielded a team, Davie would still be scared and using "good" and "big challenge" when describing the South Dining Hall-based group.

But he has a point.

To most fans, running the option means the quarterback takes the snap and runs left or right with a back trailing the play. If the defensive player rushes the quarterback, he kicks the ball. Simple concept?

Hardly.

"The tremendous thing about thewhishbone is the subtle intricacies from week to week in how they block schemes, how they attack schemes, how they do different things within the framework of that offense," Davie said. "You'll watch them one week and they may be in the same formation every snap because that's what the defense dictated. But they may not even be in that formation the next week."

"Within what they do, it may look simplistic. But to me, it's probably the most complex thing there is. And it is the biggest chess game there is and the biggest challenge as a coach."

The Falcons (5-2 on the season) rank fifth in the country averaging 277.4 yards rushing per game and second in passing yards per game, their passing statistics are uncommonly good.

Senior Mike Thiessen (who has thrown for 1,007 yards and completed nearly 55 percent of his passes) and slot receiver Ryan Fleming (27 catches for 548 yards) add a dimension to an offense averaging 31.9 points per game. Granted, Air Force's first seven opponents have a cumulative record of 16-36.

But Davie's experience with the wishbone causes him to overemphasize this year's Air Force team. In 1996, when Davie was defensive coordinator, No. 8 Notre Dame lost at home to Air Force 20-17 in overtime.

Air Force quarterback Beau Morgan gained 183 yards on 23 carries as the Falcons' anamnosed 304 rushing yards on the afternoon.

"I know they're going to line up and run option," Davie said. "But I'm not sure how they're going to line up and run option."

The Irish have simulated the two teams and one fullback formation (which Davie said Air Force runs "95-98 percent" of the time) in practice.

Freshman Carlyle Hislop serves as the scout-team quarterback while walk-on Jeremy Juariez (fullback) and Tim O'Neill (slot back) join freshman Garron Bible (another slot back) in providing the defense with some pregame preparation.

Kind of like how Irish fans rarely watch it at games.

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