happy halloween

news analysis

opponents attack cheney's voting record

by liz zanon

in the final days of a close election where both presidential candidates are battling to capture undecided voters, republican candidate george w. bush continues to present himself as a moderate "compassionate conservative" who is willing to work together with democrats to accomplish public policy goals. however after bush nominated former defense secretary dick cheney as his running mate, opponents were quick to pick apart the wyoming native's voting record.

cheney was first attacked by critics for his decision not to vote in 14 of the last 16 local and state elections in texas including the march 14 primary that elected bush for the presidential nomination. cheney was in charge of helping bush find the republican vice presidential nominee in texas where he was working as chairman for the oil company halliburton.

"it's not a good sign when our candidates aren't participating," said government professor christina weilbrecht, who believes that some people might be skeptical about cheney's choice not to vote. "the legitimacy of our government depends on participation."

weilbrecht noted that cheney's decision not to vote does not necessarily indicate how cheney will handle his responsibilities as vice president if bush is elected into office.

"cheney didn't think he was going to run for office again." weilbrecht said as a possible explanation on cheney's decision not to vote in state and local elections.

"if he really had intentions of running he would have delib-

ately made a voting record," said weilbrecht.

notre dame american studies and journalism professor robert schmuhl said votes would most likely look to cheney's past responsibilities and experiences as they make their decision.

"cheney's record is an issue, but it's not one that will make a big difference in a voter's decision," said schmuhl. "in most cases, people are looking at him for his experience as secretary of defense and for his more recent work at halliburton."

"cheney's voting record as wyoming's only house member from 1979 to 1989 is also under scrutiny from moderates who disapproved of cheney's conservative legislative decisions. among these votes was cheney's opposition of a 1985 ban on "cop-killer" bullets, his vote against continuing head start, his disapproval of releasing south african leader nelson mandela from prison in 1986 and his refusal to support environmental initiatives to protect clean water and endangered species.

weilbrecht reminds voters that cheney was a representative of a very conservative state and voted in a way that most likely reflected the desires of his constituents. as a republican, cheney follows a traditional philosophy that supports maximum individual freedoms and a limited government role. his voting record shows that he will support lower taxes and minimal government involvement in matters such as education and health care.

"for now we will provide information, telephone numbers and flyers of community 'quit smoking' programs," says akins.

over the summer saint mary's administration created a smoke-free task force committed to making saint mary's campus a smoke-free environment. the smoke-free task force resolved to approve a new policy that bans smoking in all campus residence halls and classroom buildings.

although students admit the new smoking policy has helped some cut back, some students are in favor of a different policy.

"i think the classes are a good idea, but not every-

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Bovine Bingo

Ah, homeroom time in high school. You remember the feeling; either you made Homecoming Court and were thrilled or rolled your eyes at the list and proclaimed, "Please, I'm glad I'm not on it. That's not my sort of thing."

Most high schools Homecoming programs have a pep rally followed by the football game that night. Halftime has the crowning of a king and queen, and then the highlight of the night is the semi-formal dance following the game.

For MOST schools the dance is the highlight of the evening. But not for the high school in my hometown of Winchester, Kentucky.

The highlight of Homecoming is Bovine Bingo in Clark County is Bovine Bingo.

Recently Clark County's football program has been on a slow decline. In fact, a win last year snapped a 23 game losing streak. Needless to say, the number of fans in the bleachers has declined.

However, on Homecoming night, the bleachers are packed full yet again. Everyone has bought his or her ticket for the main event that follows the game.

Imagine this — and I swear I am telling the honest truth — after the game has concluded and the players have left the field, the crowd is divided up into 1000 squares. The squares are numbered and tickets are sold with numbers one through 1000.

A proud Clark Countian then leads the hero of the night out on the field. One lucky farmer's cow is led to the middle of the stadium and then its guide walks away.

The fans and ticket holders now begin the waiting process... they wait... and they wait... and they wait.

The moment they're anxiously anticipating?

When the cow, you know, does his business.

When the cow, you know, does his business, the fans gasp and a winner is declared.

Someone probably claimed the cows were worth more in Winchester. Are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Students wait for refund from MTV

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Six months after MTV Campus Invasion Tour’s Bush and Moby concert was cancelled, many Indiana University ticket holders are still waiting for refunds — or an explanation. The Bloomington, Ind. concert was cancelled to try and save the Democratic presidential campaign April 14 show, with no specific reason given and no answers for fans. Ticket holders, who have been waiting for refunds since the cancellation, will continue to wait while a lawsuit between the William Morris Agency, which represents Bush, and local company Jason Millican Promotions play out. Millican said his company is suing the William Morris Agency for a breach of contract and copyright infringement resulting from the agency canceling the show. But he said the parties are working on a settlement in the meantime because "realistically you never know how long it’s going to take if you go to trial." Millican's lawyer, Thad Kelley, said the complaint will be heard in a federal court.

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Stars support election candidates

SEATTLE

Big name celebrities in both the Democrat and Republican parties visited Washington State this past week to gather support for Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush. With one of the closest presidential elections in more than 20 years, both parties are using every tactic to win over the minds of undecided voters. Polls show a near deadlock between Bush and Gore in Washington. Democrats used Hollywood star power at a rally last Saturday, in Seattle's Safeco Field. Big name celebrities in both the Democrat and Republican parties came to the University of Washington on Saturday to rally for Al Gore. Stars support election candidates

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

endorse Nader earlier this year.

"This was not a trivial decision for me," Johnson told the crowd. "But I have come reluctantly to the conclusion that the two major parties are no more able of internal reform through insti­tuting campaign-finance laws than a heroin addict is of kicking his habit."

He said that 30 years of broken promises from both of the two major parties to reform campaign finance, combined with Nader's commitment to the political process of public-interest money, led to his endorsement of Nader.

Nader took the stage at 7:30 p.m. to the applause of a full crowd in the packed balcony and another 700 in an overflow viewing room. He spoke for two hours, conducted an hour-long question-and-answer session, and met with supporters at a post-rally reception.

Nader's speech included campaign finance, civil disobedience in America and the attitudes of young voters.
Vaccine shortage threatens U.S.

By KELLY HAGER
News Writer

Flu vaccine supplies expect­ed to be distributed this year should be approximately equal to what was distributed last year, but a substantial amount of vaccine will reach providers later than usual, the Center for Disease Control said last week. The announcement was a revis­ion from a prior announce­ment that there would be a shortage of the flu vaccine this year.

The Influenza vaccine, the shot that protects humans from the flu, is in high demand this year as more people become aware of the importance of immunization. According to manufacturers of the vaccine, approximately 75 million doses are being produced for distrib­ution. This total is higher than last year, which totaled a net distribution of 74 million doses. Most vaccine doses usually become available to providers by October with 99 percent of distributed doses available before December. However, as most of the vaccina­tion were given in earlier October in previous years, this year, as many as 18 million doses are expected to be dis­tributed in December.

Due to this potential health impact of the delayed flu vac­cine availability, the CDC updated their recommenda­tions for the 2000-01 season with overall attempts to safe­guard those people who are considered "at risk."

At risk people include all persons over the age of 65 and those with chronic medical conditions. Also, many stu­dents are considered high-risk due to the sharing of classroom and living space. This is espe­cially true for college students who reside in dorms. College students sharing quarters and living spaces are often hit by the flu because they fail to be vaccinated.

Another recommendation the CDC promotes is to regard the importance of mass vacci­nation campaigns scheduled later in the season, as the vac­cine becomes more available. During this time, which is expected to begin in November, the CDC will focus efforts on increasing participa­tion by high-risk persons and their household contacts. Such a group is already in full force serving the South Bend area. FluBusters, a Community Outreach program of Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, has been hold­ing community flu vaccinations for the past month in prepara­tion of the season.

"We have been working within the community for the past couple months as we enter the flu season hoping to get as many people vaccinated as possible," said Erin Pagel, wellness coordinator for Saint Joseph’s Medical Center, who also worked with FluBusters in previous years. Pagel, along with a staff of nurses, volunteers and clerks, plan daily trips to businesses and other sites within the county to administer and pro­mote the vaccine. During peak flu season, the FluBusters even offer a drive-thru vaccination site, where people can literally drive through and be vaccinat­ed. Organizers hope the site makes the ordeal as non-com­plicated as possible.

"Our whole goal is to make vaccinations easily accessible to all people who are in need of the flu vaccine," shared Pagel. "The drivers target people that cannot get to physician's offices and other providers."

Vaccination efforts for all groups will continue into the holiday season and later, as long as the flu vaccine is avail­able. Production of the vaccine will continue through December. Students who would like to be vaccinated should call Health Services, or their doctor for more informa­tion.

"We encourage everyone to get vaccinated against the flu," said Pagel. "Influenza is a serious disease that can be con­trolled and prevented through proper immunization."
Republican vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney has been plagued by his spotty voting record. He has not voted in 14 of the last 16 local elections in Texas.

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control by the states and a small federal government. Cheney's voting record must be evaluated within the context of this ideology, said Wolbrecht.

Cheney has defended his record stating that some of his votes as a House member were the result of procedural traps set by Democrats. Bush has continuously backed his running mate's record in response to the criticism from opponents earlier in the campaign.

Schmuhl noted that after the vice presidential debate with Democrat nominee Joe Lieberman, the perception of Cheney shifted as he spoke about sensitive issues such as racial profiling and gay rights.

As citizens make their final decision next week, Donald Kammers, professor at the Notre Dame Law School, said that Cheney's voting record in the House will not have a significant influence over whether voters decide to vote Republican or Democrat in the impending election.

"It will help Bush more than hurt him," Kammers said, adding that if anything, Cheney's nomination helped to consolidate his base of conservative Republicans.

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U.S. struggles for leads in Cole bombing

Associated Press

President Clinton said Monday there are "some promising leads" in the investigation of the bombing of the USS Cole but the United States is encountering obstacles in Yemen as it pursues the case.

He appealed directly to Yemen’s president for direct access to witnesses, suspects and evidence in the Oct. 12 attack that killed 17 U.S. sailors and injured 39 others.

Clinton said Yemen had cooperated fully in the first phase of the investigation. "There have been difficulties now," he added.

"I hope that we can work it out," Clinton said, "because I do believe that they want to know who did it and I know that we have to find out who did it. There are some promising leads out there. We just need to get on it as quickly as possible because the problem in these things is that the trail can get cold."

He said that Yemeni officials "are worried about having America deploy more resources in Yemen to do the investigation than they are. I think they feel comfortable that they can do it."

Clinton said he argued to President Ali Abdullah Saleh that the United States and Yemen should have "a genuine, joint investigation" as it bad with Kenya and Tanzania when U.S. embassies there were targets of terrorist attacks.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that Yemen "had to cooperate more" as the United States searches for links to Islamic militant Osama bin Laden, who has emerged as the prime focus of the investigation.
Microsoft products available to hackers

Associated Press

SEATTLE When the first couple of new accounts popped up, the network administrators at Microsoft Corp. didn't pay too much attention. Most likely, someone new didn't set them up properly.

Then a few more accounts appeared. Then more.

Within a few days, there were about two dozen new accounts. What's worse, whoever was creating them started trying to upgrade their network privileges, including permission to view high-level files and their more sensitive information.

That, according to sources familiar with the case, is when Microsoft called in its computer security team.

Company officials believe the hacker had access for about 12 days, but only to the source code, or blueprints, for a single product that is still in the early stages of development. That contrasts to initial company statements that the hacker could have had access for up to five weeks.

But Microsoft officials admitted Monday that its computer experts were unable to track the infiltrator despite more than a week's worth of electronic cat-and-mouse through the company's network.

"We are continuing to work closely with law enforcement," said company spokesman Nick Miller.

"It's tough because once the hacker creates the accounts, he can look like a normal person logging in."

Mark Rasch
former Justice Department official

"Only the dumb ones get caught," Rasch said. "Microsoft's experience is not atypical, especially if the bad guy was smart."

Sources close to the case, who did not wish to be identified, told The Associated Press that the company managed to learn of the infiltration early.

While the hacker was able to create new accounts for himself, many computer networks build in that kind of flexibility so that midlevel managers can create accounts for new workers and teams.

"It's tough because once the hacker creates the accounts, he can look like a normal person logging in," Rasch said.

"So which accounts do you monitor? There's always a chance you'd miss one."

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one wants to stop smoking," says Jessica White, a Saint Mary's sophomore. "Smoking outside in the snow will make students sick and miss days of school."

To remedy student concerns, some students proposed converting one space on campus into a designated smoking area.

"Maybe they can make a part of Regina (Hall's) basement into a smoking study lounge," says Emily James, Saint Mary's sophomore. The task force has not decided on any such proposition.

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Simplifying abortion with pills

Charles Rice
Right or Wrong?

On Sept. 28, the Food & Drug Administration approved the marketing of mifepristone, or RU-486, the abortion pill used in France for more than a decade. Danco Laboratories will market it under the name Mifeprex. The drug will allow women to have abortions in the privacy of their own homes up to seven weeks after their last menstrual period. The woman first takes RU-486 (mifepristone), which neutralizes progesterone, a hormone required to maintain pregnancy. About two days later she returns to the doctor to receive misoprostol, a prostaglandin that contracts the uterus, expelling the child. Two weeks later the woman returns to the doctor to ensure that the abortion is complete. She must agree to have a surgical abortion to complete the job if necessary, which is needed in 5 percent of the cases.

Possible side effects of the RU-486 regimen include bleeding, cramping, nausea, headaches, vomiting and diarrhea. There is one catch. Mifepristone, the second drug used in this procedure, is sold by Searle under the name Cytotec. It is approved by the FDA as a treatment for ulcers. Since doctors may legally prescribe any approved drug for any purpose, separate FDA approval is not required for the use of misoprostol to complete the RU-486 abortion. On Aug. 23, 2000, however, Searle issued a warning that “Cytotec is not approved for the induction of labor or abortion.” Serious adverse events reported following off-label use of Cytotec in pregnant women include maternal or fetal death; uterine hyperstimulation, rupture or perforation requiring uterine-surgical repair, hysterectomy or salpingo-oophorectomy; amniotic fluid embolism; severe vaginal bleeding; retained placenta; shock, fetal brady­cardia and pelvic pain. “Despite this warning, the FDA, on Sept. 28, ‘approved’ the RU-486 ‘regimen’ including the use of misoprostol contrary to the Searle warning. The FDA website says, ‘Patients taking Mifeprax must take 410 ug of misoprostol two days after taking mifepristone unless a complete abortion has already been confirmed.’ This is your federal government at work, using your tax dollars to protect maternal health. Apart from the risk to the mother, a further legal complication in the use of RU-486 is the possibility it will be used to induce abortion at state laws that regulate abortion, including notice to parents of a minor, counseling and waiting periods, disposal of fetal remains, etc.

Physicians already can terminate pregnancies by giving high doses of birth control pills, or the ‘emergency contraceptive’ pill, within 72 hours of unprotected intercourse. Human life begins at the fertilization of the ovum by the sperm. Such ‘morning-after’ pills or ‘emergency contraceptives’ are therefore not truly contraceptives. They kill the unborn child by preventing its implantation in the wall of the womb from which it would otherwise draw sustenance until his birth. RU-486 allows the mother to kill by still at later stages than such early abortifacients. We may expect further improvements that will reduce side effects and simplify the killing procedure. In 1973 the Supreme Court declared a ‘right to privacy’ which included the right to murder one’s own unborn child. Now technology is making abortion a truly private matter, beyond the effective reach of the law.

Legalized abortion, whether surgical or chemical, is an outgrowth of the contraceptive ethic in which one makes himself or herself the arbiter of whether and when life shall begin and, predictably, of whether and when it shall end. In Evangelism Vitae, John Paul II described abortion and contra­ception as ‘clearly connected, as fruits of the same tree.’ ‘(T)he pro-abortion culture,’ he said, ‘is especially strong where the church’s teaching on contra­ception is rejected. (It) ... instances such practices are rooted in a hedonistic mentality unwilling to accept responsibility ... and they imply a self-centered concept of freedom, which regards procreation as an obstacle to personal fulfillment. The life which could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs, and abortion becomes the only possible decisive response to contracep­tion. The close connection between contraception and abortion is demonstrated by the development of products ... distributed with the same ease as contraceptives, ... act as abortifacients in the very early stages of ... the life of the new human being. It is fitting that the manufacturer of RU-486 for Danco is Hua Lian Simplifying abortion with pills
Let's face it: There is no way around it. By 10 a.m., we had already failed at making friends.

That's when I realized: I was not in America anymore. I was in Austria.
Fleck's latest effort falls on its move toward pop

By GEOFFREY RAHIE
Scene Music Critic

The age of alterna-pop-and-boy bands has all but destroyed the airwaves across the country, leaving music lovers to a bland, radio-to-find-some worthwhile music. One of those few bands making worthwhile music is the Flecktones and Fleck and the Flecktones.

Most people know Fuel as the band who gave us the melodic pop of "Shimmer," the band's 1998 release, Sunburn. The catchy lament of fading love in "Shimmer" was voted by Radio and Records as the most played song of "98. "Shimmer" sold 1 million copies and catapulted Sunburn to platinum standing. The band supported its recent effort of its two years on the road, opening for bands like Aerosmith and Creed. They return now with their sophomore release, Something Like Human, which is immersed on the same guitar-based sound that brought Fuel so much success on Sunburn.

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ALBUM REVIEW

David Gray makes an impressive U.S. debut

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

The musical journey thus far for the U.K.'s David Gray has been anything but smooth. Since Gray's first release in 1992, he has had a variety of setbacks with labels in his homeland. Therefore, the listening public should consider itself lucky that he kept on the path, and finally released his fourth album, White Ladder, on his own label.

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With White Ladder, Gray smoothly sails through tracks with confidence, proving he can navigate marvelously on his own, without a heavy-handed record label coralling his talent.

White Ladder's first release, "Babybel," reveals Gray's amazing voice, a voice that consistently changes throughout the album. He has a voice that is raw and varied, and that can go from being gravelly to as smooth as silk and everything in between. Coupled with his voice are the wonderful harmonies that are instantly intoxicating.

If you want it 'come and get it' for crying out loud the love that I was giving you was never in doubt let go your heart let go your head and feel it now.

Gray's style can be described as having a decidedly folk underpinning with an electronic twist. It's almost as if folk music meets the likes of Everything But the Girl.

While Ladder was recorded in Gray's London home, with the windows open — open to a world musical freedom. This is obvious as each track offers something different musically, and lyrically, a journey living.

This is the kind of disc that can be thrown into the player without any need to skip through a song. Each track offers a soothing melodic backdrop against the harsh realities of love and life.

This year's love is undoubtedly one of the most revealing songs on the disc and was the catalyst for Gray's following in Ireland Gray was never to have been looked at by the loving fan familiar to any listener. "This year's love is better last heart knows it's high time I've been waiting on my own too long and when you hold me like you do it feels so right."

Once again it is a musical relief to purchase an album that doesn't rely on formulaic songwriting and is an original creation that hasn't been shaped to fit into some record label's image or mold. Gray proves with White Ladder that he has plenty to offer, and that he has been suited to dictate how it is offered.

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Biktiz's third album falls short of past efforts

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Scene Music Critic

The boys of Limp Bizkit, who thundered into America's living rooms in 1998 with a cover of George Michael's " Faith," are undoubtedly rising stars. Blurring the line between rock and rap, their 1997 album, Three Dollar Bill Y'all, coupled with a massive tour with rock giants Korn, brought the band instant fame. But it was 1999's Flavored Water, brings frontman Fred Durst, guitarist Wes Borland, DJ Lethal, drummer John Otto, and bassist Sam Rivers together for the band's third album in just three years.

Unfortunately, Chocolate Starfish, while energetic, brings the group's shortcomings glaringly to the surface. Durst's lyrics are simple, platitudes, and banal, and Borland's riffs are uninspiring at best, leaving Limp fans longing for the days of "Nookie."

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Irish look to win three-straight in season finale with win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

The Notre Dame men’s soc- cer team finished off its regular season on a high note as it travels to Indianapolis tonight to take on IUPUI.

The Irish, coming in with a record of 14-0-3, look to their regular season with a vic- tory before heading to Maribor, Slovenia for this weekend’s Mid-Continental confer­ence quarterfinal.

Senior forward Thesls Hermann, who hails from Blederschen, Germany leads IUPUI. Hermann has tallied 14 goals and three assists through 31 points this season. Also, siding for the Irish, junior midfielder Justin Lines attended South Bend’s Clay High School.

They’ve got a couple of South boys, so they’re always highly motivated to beat us,” said Notre Dame head coach Chris Apple of the competition. “They’ve come here two years in a row and we’ve beaten them just barely 1-0.”

Apple also notices sim­ilarities between the two teams with similar records that have found success as of late.

“They’re right around .500. They might just be looking for their conference tournament, so they’re really hungry,” Apple. “They just beat Oral Roberts over the weekend, 2-0. They’ve had a good stretch here over the end of the season where they’ve won some games.”

The Irish are coming off a 2-0 victory against Mountaineers Friday night in their final home game, a game in which the Irish controlled the ball the entire game, out­shooting the Mountaineers 19-5.

“The West Virginia game was probably one of our best performances of the year,” said Apple. “West Virginia never had a chance all game. We totally dominated. I feel like we’re playing our best soccer of the year.”

In the West Virginia game, Apple was able to play 19 of his 26 players, including jug­gling his lineup to start all six seniors in their final career home game tonight. The lineup will likely be similar, with per­haps a few of the seniors com­ing off the bench.

“I’d like to see another game like West Virginia where we can get 19 to 20 guys into the game if all goes well,” said Apple.

The Irish and Jacobs kick off tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Defender Andreas Forstner and the Belles play their last game of the season tonight at IUPUI.

The Belles avenged their previous loss against Albion and won five games, 15-10, 9-15, 15-6, 15-10. “Albion was not playing well,” junior outside defensive­­ner Angela Meyers said. “We toughed it out and won.”

The Kenyon game ended in three close games, as the Belles won with scores of 16-14, 11-15, and 15-6.

“Kenyon had a pretty good team, but we just shut them down defensively,” coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said.

“I think our girls are the best team defense that we have seen this year.”

Even without any prior con­­tests against Kenyon, the Belles felt they were well pre­pared going into the match.

“Kenyon was unfamiliar to us,” junior setter Jamie Dineen said, “but we beat them in the end when it counted.”

We played really well and we stepped up as a team.”

As a team, the Belles aver­aged 20 digs per game for the day and offense, and had almost 12 kills per game (11.75).

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Junior out­side defensive­­ner Angela Meyers led the team with 30 kills, 18 service points, and 52 digs.

Freshman setter/outside hitter Leagh Ann Matress followed with 18 service points, 26 digs, and 28 aces. High­­side hitter Denise Langlois had 24 service points and 26 digs, while middle hitter Julie LeBeau added to the effort with 21 kills and 6.5 blocks.

Dineen ended the day with 15 kills, 13 points, and 22 digs.

“MC. Christopher came through for us,” Meyers said. “She pulled through at key times.”

Christopher had 26 kills, 13 points, five service aces, and 20 digs.

The Belles performed well without their top junior specialist Victoria Butko, who missed the day’s games due to graduate school exams.

Saint Mary’s will play at Calvin on Wednesday.

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compilation, along with a first-round bye. He up-ended Northern Illinois' Raymond van Wanbeek 6-3, 7-5 in the second round and defeated Northwestern's Jamie Safari 6-1, 6-4 in the third round, before falling to Michigan's Henry Beam in the final round of 16 in a tight three-set match by the score of 7-4, 6-1, 6-4. "I played extremely well into the round of 16," Bayliss noted. "I think there was a simple case of which ever player got to the net first generally had the best chance to win the point. It's a style that Javier is not as comfortable with. Indoors, he does need to look for opportunities to be more aggressive, and I think he learned something in that match, and I think he is still an outstanding player and is going to have a great year."

Another strong match was Haddock-Morales rallying for a 5-7, 6-2, 6-2 win over Western Michigan's Ryan Maasch-Sasha Taborga in the first round of 16, and advancing past Butler's Peter Vodz 6-3, 6-0 in the second round to set up a third round match-up with Louisville's 12th-seeded Turko Kajundzic. Kajundzic was forced to retire with Haddock-Morales leading the match 6-0, 1-0. Haddock-Morales succeeded to defeat 6-1, 6-3 when Wisconsin's fourth-seeded Danny Westerman's leg style of play proved to be too much for him to handle.

"(Haddock-Morales) had a good tournament, and he is going to be a great player here," Bayliss said. "He got a little overwhelmed by Danny Westerman from California, who is simply at this point too big and strong for Luis. Westerman played well enough throughout the whole match, and never really let Luis back in on — he didn't get many opportunities." Other Irish representatives that fell in the singles portion of the tournament were Talarico. Casey Smith, Matt Scott, and Andrew Laffin 19th-seeded Talarico was defeated in the third round, while 11th-seeded Smith, who was hampered by an illness, bowed out in the second round. Both Laffin and Scott were defeated in the first round.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment of the weekend came when the top-seeded doubles pairing of Tzaberg and Talarico were ousted in the first round by the hands of Minnesota's Jonas Svensson and Tyson Perry 9-8 (10-8). In doubles against Minnesota with Andrew and Javier, we just let them hang around too long," Bayliss said. "When a match is only a pro-set and all of a sudden you get into a tiebreaker anything can happen and it did. We had numerous break point opportunities, we didn't make enough returns and keep enough balls in play on the return games, and we weren't particularly pressed on our service games. I think we needed to play with more urgency, and we certainly did."

Remaining are three Irish doubles teams also bowed out early in the tournament. Haddock-Morales and Smith lost 9-7 in the second round by the score of 9-7 (7-5). With the feeling of frustration lingering after each Irish player left the court in defeat, the team only became more hunger to prove they will easily recover from their disappointing performance when they resume action in the spring. It's the first step back, but generally in the course of a season you're going to have setbacks," Bayliss said. "If you can take one step back and two steps forward then you are still in the same plane for with thrash out the whole match, and never really let Luis back in 1 — he didn't get many opportunities."

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Volleyball
Irish earn pair of Big East wins

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Confidence keeps the wins coming for the Irish volleyball team, which continued to plow through the 2000 Big East season undefeated this weekend. Completing victories over Big East foes St. John’s and Connecticut, the Irish improved to 6-0 in the league.

“At halftime, I just wanted the guys to re-collect themselves and stay strong,” said Sorin coach Fred Faber. “We knew our defense had to be strong in the second half.”

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Belden completed a 50-yard field goal, tying the scoreless battle into the second half.

The Otters looked good on the subsequent drive, moving the ball up to the Sorin 20-yard line through a series of short runs.

But as the second quarter began, Trevor Morris and the Otters defense caused a Fisher fumble, stopping the momentum of the Green Wave. Both teams turned the ball over against the end of the second quarter, leaving the game scoreless headed into the second half.

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The Mission of the Center for Social Concerns

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The column on the left lists three structured opportunities for you to participate this fall; you can call or e-mail me to reserve a place. If you’d like instead to talk more informally about ways of incorporating social concerns into your teaching, research and advising, please contact me.

There are many ways to get involved. I hope you will choose one or more. I look forward to working with you.

Peace,

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that a team that won't be beat can't be beat."

No one can argue with that. After Nebraska, a game people gave them about as much of a chance of winning as people thinking the XFL was created to promote football, they lost a captain on defense and their starting quarterback.

Since then, they’ve gone 5-1, are now bowl eligible, and still have the realistic goal of playing in a BCS bowl. However, heart and character don't do it alone. A team has to have a lot of talent to win, but Notre Dame isn't lacking there, either. They've got Tony Driver. They've got Joey Getherall. Add David Givens and Anthony Weaver. Anthony Denman. Mike Gandy and Jim Jones are two offensive lineman you don’t hear much about because of their position — but many think both will be playing in the NFL next year.

So what's been going on the last couple weeks in the fourth quarter? West Virginia was one block in the back away from pulling within a touchdown of the Irish after trailing by four touchdowns entering the fourth quarter. Air Force scored 18 and 31 of those came against a Nasy team that's still looking for its first win after getting beat up by Toledo this weekend. "Their defense was tired at the end," Air Force wide receiver Ryan Fleming said. "If we played another quarter and a half, we would have really shoved it down their throats."

Notre Dame wide receiver Joey Getherall had a different perspective. "The defense knew we were going to win so I think that's why they had special energy on that last kick to get the block," he said.

For someone not directly involved, it's hard to say why it seems like the Irish have been having problems ending games. There could be some fatigue, like Fleming said. Teams could just be really stepping it up in the fourth quarter.

Or maybe the Irish know exactly how much it's going to take to win, get that out early, and just happened to cut it a little too close on Saturday. The first two speculations are reasonable, but I don't think any team can or wants to play cutting it that close.

When Bob Davie says "We can get better," he's not talking about emotion or heart or play-making ability. He is talking about using those skills to let Notre Dame control the game from start to finish, not for two or three quarters.

Given this team's talent, that improvement is very realistic. Given its goals, that improvement is necessary.

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By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Belles fought through regulation to deadlock in a 3-3 tie, but were unable to top the Flying Dutch as Hope defeated Saint Mary's 4-3 in sudden death overtime, Saturday. Hope scored the game-winner five minutes into the overtime period.

"We played with the same intensity as the game against Albion," freshman Wendy Irvin said. "But we let down a little in the second half.

After Hope's Becky Creagh opened the scoring just five minutes into the game on the Dutchmen's first shot on goal, Irvin answered the challenge with two goals of her own, putting the Belles up 2-1.

"They were both crosses and I was just there," Irvin said about her goals. "On the second one the ball just hit my chest and fell right at my feet so I walked it right into the net."

With those two goals against Hope, Irvin has now tied freshman Stephanie Artnak with five goals to lead the team in scoring.

Artnak assisted on Irvin's first goal and scored Saint Mary's third to tie the game again with six minutes to go in the second half.

"We were down but we never gave up," Artnak said. "We were always on their side of the field. We played so well."

The Belles outshot the Dutchmen 19-14. Irvin and Artnak led with four shots each. Katy Robinson had three shots, while her fellow co-captain Jessica Klink made two.

"Still, pulling a tie in regulation against a team that had shut them out 3-0 earlier in the season was certainly an achievement the Belles think they should be proud of.

"We were happy with the way we played but we wished that we could have won our last game," Irvin said. "I don't think that anybody didn't give it their all."

Emilie Dirkes, Amy Dobb and Candice Koos all scored for the Dutchmen in regulation, while Kimiko Sugimoto got past Belles goalie Tia Kapphahn to take the win for Hope. Kapphahn finished with 10 saves and Hope netminder Laura Hinkle made five for the Dutchmen.

Despite ending the season with a loss, the Belles were satisfied with the team's overall performance this season.

"We wanted to win this last game," Irvin said. "We came out more aggressive this time than last time. Towards the end of the season we were working as a team and talking more on the field. That came out to our advantage this time around."

Saturday's game, as well as a previous game against 2000 MIAA champion Albion, showed the Belles what they can look forward to from their team next season.

"We're basically going to have the same team next year," Irvin said. "If we pick up where we left off after this game we'll have an awesome season next year."
**Men's Interhall Playoffs**

Fallon blocks kick as Keenan defeats Alumni, 10-7

By JAMES VERALDI and TODD NIETO

Glenn Earl wasn't the only football player who had a big blocked kick this weekend. Kevin Fallon came through with the game winning block in overtime as Keenan edged Alumni 10-7 in the first round of the interhall playoffs Saturday.

"We got a good push from our defensive line," said Keenan quarterback Billy Ellsworth. "Kevin was then able to get a hand on it."

After Keenan went ahead with a 25-yard field goal in its overtime possession, Alumni stood just 10 yards away from a second round match-up with rival Dillon.

After quarterback Chris Cottingham was tripped up on third down, the Dawgs were left with fourth down from the 12-yard line.

"We were pretty sure they were going to fake the kick or come out and play offense," said Keenan captain Herb Giorgio. "But the Dawgs didn't."

Instead, Brandon Nunnink attempted a 29-yard kick to send it into double overtime and into overtime.

"We made the necessary adjustments at the half," said Giorgio. "Our defense stepped it up."

The Dawg's defense was characterized by constant pressure on the Knight's quarterback. Defensive lineman Nick Linstroth and linebacker Bailey Singhfried led the ongoing pass rush, which disrupted the Keenan offense all day.

Keenan's lone regulation score came in the third quarter after a big punt return set up good field position. Ellsworth connected on a 21-yard strike to Steve Burns tying the game at seven apiece and sending it into overtime.

The game could have gone either way, but they had the momentum at the end," said Alumni lineman Nick Linstroth. "We had the momentum in the beginning, and then they took it over. That's what allowed them to win the game in overtime."

Dillon 28, Stanford 6

On Sunday afternoon at Segan Fields, the Dillon Big Red crushed the the Stanford Griffins in the first round of the playoffs.

Dillon entered the playoff picture in first place overall with a 4-0 record, but it was still wary of a possible upset.

In the second quarter, quarterback Tayt Odom scrambled for a five-yard touchdown, but the Stanford defense prevented Dillon from converting on the ensuing 2-point conversion.

The Griffins staged a comeback before the end of the second quarter when wide receiver Corey Hartmann caught a touchdown pass from the Stanford quarterback.

Stanford attempted a 2-point conversion, but failed to put it into the endzone.

By the end of the first half, the game remained close as Dillon led, 12-6. At the beginning of the second half, Stanford threatened again; however, the Griffins were halted on the 4-yard line.

Dillon, however, came alive in the fourth quarter, beginning with senior Joe Parker running through the Griffin defense for a touchdown.

Later in the fourth quarter, senior-cornerback Matt Walsh intercepted a pass and ran it back for a touchdown.

With time running out, the Griffins attempted to turn the game around with a few strong offensive drives.

As the team marched down the field, another poorly thrown pass found the hands of Walsh.

Time soon expired and the Bulldogs were victorious.

In the next round of the interhall playoffs, the Bulldogs will face the Keenan Knights. "With an offense like ours, all we need to do is make sure that we don't complicate our plays," said Parker. "Keenan is a lot more experienced than when we played them earlier in the season; however, the more we play, the better we get."

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Irish falter at Midwest Championships

By RACHEL BIBER

Tough Irish show potential

A chance at a perfectly centered 28-yard field goal with three seconds remaining seemed all that was necessary to beat the Irish at Notre Dame Stadium. As long as you're not from Notre Dame, this would seem to be a low-risk, high-payoff situation.

That was the chance that Air Force kicker Dave Adams came within his "crouch and bounce" pre-kick ritual, had on Saturday.

But Irish strong safety Glenn Earl didn't feel like playing along with what would have been the Falcon upset, blocking the kick and sending the two teams into overtime, tied at 28.

Notre Dame didn't come out of a lot of toughness this weekend. After building up and then losing a 28-10 lead in the fourth quarter, they were able to make a play at the end of regulation and then score a touchdown to Air Force's field goal in overtime, winning 54-51.

But you have to give the Falcons credit, too. They outscored the Irish 18-0 in the fourth quarter, running their advantage in the final period over last three games to 55-14.

"We consider ourselves a fourth quarter team and when the fourth quarter comes around we expect to dominate, and that's what happened," fullback Scott Becker said.

Well put. But that's not what the Irish expected.

The last time the Irish faced overtime was in September against the No. 1 Nebraska Cornhuskers. In that game, the Irish were a big underdog, trailing going into the fourth, came back to send the game into overtime but lost by three on an Eric Adams, Becker said.

"You're not a group of guys in the country with more momentum changes, but neither one of those teams was also a one-touchdown affair.

Zahn captain Brian Zant was pleased by the performance of his team. Zant saw both teams' first half defensive stands as critical momentum changes, but neither

Going out with a bang

Falling just short of a post-season bid, the Irish look to end their season with a win against IUPUI at Indianapolis tonight.

**Men's Interhall Playoffs**

Knot defense stymies Zahm in first round, 7-0

By JOHNNY LEITNER and JOHN BASCIK

Knott captain Brian Pawlowski noted that last season's bout between these teams was also a one-touchdown affair.

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