Dillon RA struck by drunk driver Friday

♦ Victim expected to be released from hospital soon

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Joe Steirer, a senior resident assistant in Dillon Hall, was struck by a car at 2:37 a.m. Saturday at the corner of Edison Road and Ivy Road near the Linebacker Lounge. Police said Steirer was standing in the road when he was struck by Benassi's Beretta traveling west on Edison. Steirer collided with the front bumper of the Beretta, police said.

"I wish he had his driver's license. We all lived here together," said a witness who was stopped at the intersection.

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The driver of the vehicle, John Benassi, 19, of the 3700 block of Lincolnway West in South Bend, was charged with DUI. police said. He was taken to Memorial Hospital of South Bend where he was treated and released, according to a hospital spokesperson.

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Steirer was taken to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center where he remains in fair condition, a hospital spokesperson said.

Dillon Hall rector Father Paul Doyle said Steirer suffered a fractured skull, severely bruised his left ankle and foot and received several stitches in his elbow.

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I had four dates on Friday night. Now before you go making any accusations, I’d just like to clear the record to say that I couldn’t really turn any of them down. I mean, all of them were perfect. They were incredibly good looking, great conversationalists, and they all have that ability to make me laugh harder than anyone else. So it’s a girl to do when every single one was the perfect date.

The solution: ‘take ‘em all out.’

I was one of the best nights that I’ve had in a long time. And it’s funny that I say that because I had to pay for my own dinner, my own movie ticket, and no one bought me a single door for me all night. No one bought me a gift, actually. I got no goodnight kiss at the door. By all conventional standards, it was an awful date.

But it was wonderful because I was with my girlfriend.

Friday night we pined into cars, clad in sweaters and jeans and sat mesmerized for two hours in front of the most hyped chick flick of the year — Bounce. We were incredibly cheery, cooing and cooing every time Ben Affleck took off his shirt, giggling devilishly during the romantic scenes, and even shedding a few tears at the end. I’d like to take this opportunity to apologize to whomever was sitting in front of us, because I’m sure I raised the movie for them.

But frankly, we didn’t care.

You see, it’s been months since the last time we’ve done this. It’s been months since I’ve had these wonderful women in one place at one time, laughing at the same jokes, crying at the same prompts, and just enjoying being together. I don’t know why we’ve been so negligent to each other for so long, I just guess it just seems that sometimes, life gets in the way of everything that’s that’s that’s wonderful.

At least for me. I know that on a weekly basis, I spend more hours editing pages and writing stories than I do talking to my friends. I know that I spend hundreds of minutes and frantic seconds stressing over the next research paper that I’m due next semester and test I have or the next deadline that needs to be met. And when I finally finish everything that my life demands and have time to knock on their door, the dark window over the doorway reminds me that again, another day has passed where I haven’t spent quality time with them.

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when nobody else can, they pick me up when it seems like I’ll never get up on my own. They bring me cold medicine when I’m sick, call me because they know I ignore my alarm in the morning and drag me to get coffee after an all-nighter at the office so that I’ll make it through my 8th class. And they continue to be great friends, even when I’m not.

So, with all that in mind, you can see why my Friday night was so special. You can see why it was the best date a girl could ask for.

Even if they didn’t hold any doors.

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This week on Campus

Mon: Brione Clary Memorial Mass: 5:15 p.m. Basilica. "High School" 7 p.m. Annenberg Auditorium, Suite Museum: $2

Tue: "Four Days in September" Latin American Film Series. "Interfaith Christian Prayer" 10 p.m. Walsh Hall Chapel.

Wed: Men's Basketball vs. Loyola (Chicago). 7 p.m. Joyce Center.

Thu: Thanksgiving Buffet. Noon, North Dining Hall.

Outside the Dome

Washington TA strike may endanger graduation

Almost 900 University of Washington seniors who are graduating this quarter may be delayed from receiving their degree if teaching assistants decide to strike next month.

The Office of Admissions is basing that estimate on the number of students who graduated last December, said Tim Washburn, executive director of admissions and records. TAs do much of the grading in courses from various departments, and in some cases teach their own classes.

"Hopefully most of the students are taking upper division classes, and those are mostly taught by professors," Washburn said. "However, for those seniors that are still fulfilling general education requirements like a last quarter of foreign language, those students (would be) most likely to be affected (by strike)."

"Without all the grades in a, a strike would postpone a degree," Washburn said.

Many seniors are also applying for graduate school, with deadlines approaching for final undergraduate transcripts. Washburn said that the University will send written explanations for delayed transcripts to graduate school or job applications.

"Once students put in a transcript request, if they do that, [the university] will hold their transcript order," Washburn said. "If a student has a missing grade or no grades at all, they will receive a delay sending that transcript."

"Once the transcript is complete, we will just put a message in with the transcript that because of a strike, grades were not available."

Washburn said last month, about 80 percent of campus TAs voted to strike as a means of pushing the administration to recognize their union, the Graduate Student Employee Action Coalition (GSEAC).

North Carolina State University

10 frats sue school for $4.8 million

Ten North Carolina State University fraternities filed a lawsuit against the university Tuesday claiming that the Greek Life department misused $4.8 million in funds intended for the renovation and repair of the campus’s 14 fraternity and sorority houses. The suit, filed in Wake County Superior Court, alleges that money collected from fraternity court residents through various increases in rent was used for amenities other than the building repairs for which it was intended. Instead, that money was used for the purchase of such items as cell phones, cars and golf shirts, and much of it went to run the Greek Life department, said Raleigh lawyer Reef Ivey, the chief counsel representing the fraternities. "They have collected a lot of money and used it for things that aren't important," he said. Early last year, the Greek Life department proposed an increase in fraternity court rent from $76,000 per house per year to $120,000 for the purpose of renovating all 14 houses.

University of Pittsburgh

Paper challenges ad law

In a case that could affect student publications across Pennsylvania, lawyers for the University of Pittsburgh’s newspaper are asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review a state law that bans alcohol advertising aimed at students. The staff at The Pitt News says the law — Act 199, a 1996 amendment to the Pennsylvania Liquor Code — violates the First Amendment and costs the paper thousands of dollars in advertising every year. The Pitt News is an independent student newspaper, but through the law is intended to discourage underage drinking. The Pitt News says three-quarters of its readers are 21 or older. Lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union have been fighting Act 199 on behalf of The Pitt News since 1999. So far, they’ve met with little success. Their case has been rejected in two levels of federal courts. "This is the only case we’ve been able to find where a court has upheld a law that prohibits a group of newspapers from publishing constitutionally protected information," said Vic Walczak, a lawyer with ACLU in Pittsburgh.

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Chicana 2000 concludes with film roles lecture

By MARY CRAWFORD
News Writer

Women of color in American film have traditionally been typecast in a narrow range of roles, said Patrick White, an associate professor of English at Saint Mary’s, Friday.

White used specific scenes in various films to expand his point. Historically multicultural women have only seemed to fit in certain roles due to the differences between white actresses and Latina actresses, according to White.

"In the movies from the 1930's until about the 1960's, white women were often portrayed as virginal, frail and pure," White said. "And darker women were portrayed as passionate, sexy, strong and often hot-tempered."

White explained that current movies with Chicanas portray them as dealing with realistic problems that face a multicultural society. The example given was "Lone Star," released in 1996, starring Elizabeth Pena. Pena plays a history teacher who, among other things, faces the battle of wanting to teach her class history from a multicultural standpoint, but receives much resistance from opposing white parents.

"This film discusses multiculturalism in education. This is something that many schools must face today in our society," White said. "For someone interested in cultural identity in the United States, one would find this film to be very rich."

Chicana actresses are starting to get into more roles that don’t necessarily coincide with what they are used to, according to White. But, still, many are limited to only certain roles.

"Blood only means what you want it to mean," White said. "Identity becomes an active struggle in character roles."

The lecture marked the close of the celebration of Chicana 2000 at Saint Mary’s.

ELECTION 2000

Recount headaches continue

Associated Press

Lawyers for George W. Bush asked the Florida Supreme Court to halt the continued hand recount of ballots in the state's disputed presidential election, arguing in a court filing Sunday that the state law sets out a clear deadline for vote returns. Bush argued ahead of a showdown hearing Monday that Florida election law provides for one week of ballot counting after the election. That deadline passed Nov. 14 and Bush said that the state's top election official was correct when she stuck to the deadline.

"The secretary's conduct was reasoned and reasonable," Bush's lawyers wrote of Republican Secretary of State Katherine Harris. She followed Florida law exactly, and it would have been illegal for her to extend the deadline, Bush argued.

But Harris said vote counters should "give the benefit of the doubt" to ballots coming in from military personnel generally.

"If they have the capacity, I'd urge them to go back and take another look," she said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Bush gained 1,380 votes to Al Gore's 750 from a count of the overseas absentee ballots, but supporters and the Texas governor complained that Democrats were trying to disqualify military ballots because they were more likely to favor the GOP.

"They know these votes primarily were Bush votes," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., on ABC's "This Week."
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is uncertain how long this will remain so low.
As the class sizes increase, the average faculty teaching load by college is being decreased. Malloy pointed to this decrease in coarse load per professor as one of the greatest variables in managing the increased enrollment. The administration is trying to combat this offset, however.

"In accordance with the college document, the faculty has been increasing by 10 to 15 members every year," Malloy said. "It is projected to continue to grow from here."
The College of Arts and Letters has received most of the benefits of a larger faculty to aid in their attempts at lowering the number of courses taught by adjuncts.

"In the fall of '97, 18 percent of classes were taught by adjuncts," Roche said. "That is too high for a school of Notre Dame's standing."
By the fall of '98, that percentage was reduced to nine and continued to drop over the following years. At the start of this academic year, only seven percent of classes were headed by adjuncts. However, with the necessary increase in the number of classes offered, the task at hand is still difficult, Roche added.
Roche is hopeful that these problems will soon level out. He advocates "enrollment management," a call to all departments to have a minimal number of students enrolled in higher level courses. Roche feels that urging the faculty to justify the numbers of enrollment in higher level courses will assure the availability of more professors to teach at the lower level.

Meanwhile, in an effort to curb the rising rate of enrollment, the University is trying to develop "more precise figures," according to Malloy. "We're trying to push in the dynamic between the administration, financial aid and the registrar to tighten up the numbers within each class," he added.
Malloy does not feel, however, that this problem is specific to Notre Dame.
"Every university is struggling with the same reality of an increase in the number of people wanting to attend college," Malloy said. "We've done well compared to our peer institutions in paying attention to the undergraduate learning environment and keeping manageable class sizes a high priority," he concluded.

There has been no talk of significantly increasing the size of the undergraduate student body. However, Riley does expect that the number of applicants will continue to rise over the coming years, as will the SAT and ACT scores of those applying. "We will continue to try to pick the best of the best," he said.

Vietnam
Clinton wraps up historic visit
Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY
Concluding a historic visit, President Clinton urged this communist nation Sunday to open its economy and allow greater individual freedoms, saying the rewards of a free-market system "should be embraced, not feared."
The first U.S. president to visit since the Vietnam War, Clinton declared, "The years of animosity are past. Today we have a shared interest in your well-being and your prosperity. We have a stake in your future and we wish to be your partners. We wish you success."

After a two-day visit to Hanoi, where he nurtured long-bitter U.S.-Vietnam relations and got the Communist Party's upbeat view of post-war Vietnam from the party's top leaders, Clinton arrived in the city once known as Saigon to cheers of thousands of people who lined the streets late at night.
In the final hours of the president's visit to the country, Clinton stopped at a shipping dock on the Saigon River. Under the shadow of two giant cranes, he spoke at a container terminal that is a joint venture between a Vietnamese state-owned company and a multinational firm.
Clinton said Vietnam's own government acknowledges that state-owned enterprises cannot create enough jobs for Vietnam, one of the poorest countries in the world with an average annual income of $372. "But Vietnam's young people have the talent and ideas to create the jobs of the future for themselves in a new era of entrepreneurship, innovation and competition."
"That must be the future for Vietnam and its young people," the president told an audience of about 2,000 people in the midday heat. The United States and Vietnam signed a sweeping trade agreement this year that will force major economic reforms and allow generally unfettered commerce. Clinton said it would bring more investors here.
"Both our nations should ratify this agreement and implement it. The changes it will bring should be embraced, not feared," he said. Clinton promised that the United States would establish a $200 million line of credit to support U.S. investment in Vietnam. Earlier, Clinton plunged into crowds in a narrow shopping street, shaking hands and stopping at open-front markets to buy last-minute gifts. To a generation of American GIs, this bustling city of 5 million people was known as Saigon before its surrender to communist forces in America's most humiliating military defeat.

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**Austria avalanches kill 4 skiers:** Two avalanches swept away groups of skiers at separate resorts in the western province of Tyrol Sunday, killing four people, police and rescuers said. The first avalanche roared down a mountain near the ski resort of Obergurgl, 215 miles west of Vienna, killing three German skiers. Five members of the group, from a ski club in Mannheim, Germany, managed to free themselves from the snow.

Queen's hunt angers animal groups: Queen's hunt angers animal rights activists Sunday after she photographed wringing the neck of a live pheasant with her bare hands during a royal shooting session. Press reports said a hunting dog picked up the wounded bird and carried it to the queen. "It was clearly the most effective and humane way of dispatching the wounded bird," Buckingham Palace said in a statement.

**President Fujimori to resign**

President Alberto Fujimori, whose 10-year authoritarian rule has crumbled in recent months over corruption scandals, said in Tokyo early Monday that he would resign within 48 hours.

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**Fire forces ski resort evacuation**

Fire forced dozens of guests to leave their rooms at a ski resort during the night and caused millions of dollars in damage as overwhelmed firefight­ers were hampered by a frozen water standpipe.

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The 350-room, three-building hotel, which had opened for the ski season on Wednesday, was about 50 percent full. General manager David Shahzari said 116 rooms were lost to the blaze on the fifth and sixth floors of one building, which housed 84 guests before the fire.

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SPAIN

Spaniards remember 25 years since Franco

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MADRID

He became Western Europe's longest reigning dictator this century, ruling Spain with an iron fist after unleashing one of the continent's bloodiest civil wars.

Twenty-five years after Gen. Francisco Franco's death, the small size of the gatherings at memorial ceremonies in and around Madrid this weekend was further testimony that the vast majority of Spaniards have no desire to cherish his memory.

"Praised to ridiculous lengths during four decades, today his name produces indifference or negative sentiments among 80 percent of the population, especially the young, the leading daily El Pais wrote in an editorial Sunday.

The paper, like most others, published hefty supplements dealing with the anniversary, most centering on how better off the country had improved in nearly 25 years since Franco died.

In an opinion survey of 1,000 people carried out for El Pais, more than 80 percent felt the country had improved in nearly all aspects, except citizens' security — a reflection of increasing fears of rising crime and political violence in recent years. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

But few as they may be, Franco still has his followers.

"If only we had another Franco and Spain could have that empire feeling again," a commemorative Mass attendee said.

"El Caudillo," or 'the Supreme Leader,' as Franco liked to be called, followed up the victory in 1939 with 36 years of rigid authoritarianism and repression.

Workers and civil rights were greatly ignored while nationalist and cultural expression in the Basque, Catalan and Galician regions was brutally suppressed.

Resistance was limited to a communist underground that fought until the early 1960s. Later, the Basque armed separatist group ETA took up arms in 1968, targeting security force members.

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ITALY

Foreign-born princess dies at 78

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ROME

Princess Orietta Emma Mary Pogson Doris Pamphili, of a centuries-old noble family that counted a pope among its members and provided Rome with its biggest park, died Sunday in her Roman palace. She was 78.

Mary Furt, who works for the family, said the princess died after a long illness, which Furt didn't specify.

Among the many activities of the princess was the administration of family holdings, including the Doria Pamphil Palace in Rome, home to a public painting gallery with works by Titian, Caravaggio and Velazquez. The palace also hosts Rome's Anglican Center, which was visited last month by Queen Elizabeth II.

During the queen's visit, the princess received the honor of Order of the British Empire, according to a statement from the Doria Pamphil Palace announcing the death.

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Heavy rains washed tracks off the lines on Friday and uncovered corpses buried for nearly a century as Italy was hit by its third bout of rainstorms in a month. In Sicily, the engine and two carriages of the main-line train to Milan were derailed by mud on the tracks, slightly injuring two people; police said. North of Naples, a local service was suspended, but no one was hurt.

In the northern coastal region of Liguria, streams of water washed away the earth and uncovered the dead in a cemetery in the village of Manarola.

Dozens of corpses were left exposed and will have to be reburied once the rains stop, provincial officials said. "The earth cannot take this rain any longer," said Franco Boninna, the head of an association in Cagole Terre, a cluster of picturesque sea-side villages which includes Manarola.

Five days of continuous rainstorms have swamped the north of the country with lakes Como and Maggiore overflowing and sending water gushing into Italy's major rivers, including the longest, the Po. Civil protection workers this week evacuated more than 2,000 people from their homes in the northeastern region of Emilia-Romagna as floods engulfed towns and villages.

Sandbags were piled against the banks of the Po, which has strained the water gush into Italy's major region of Emilia-Romagna as evacuations are being made, but no one was hurt. In October, a week of torrential rain in the southern Alps drenched Italy's northern industrial heartland leaving 25 people dead.

Associated Press

NEW DELHI

India's prime minister made a gesture to Islamic extremists Sunday, promis­ ing a cease-fire by Indian security forces in Kashmir during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

V. P. Singh, the prime minister who ordered security forces "not to initiate combat operations" during the month and called on guerrillas to do so as well in the Himalayan region.

"I hope that our gesture will be fully appreciated and all violence in the state and infiltration across the Line of Control and the international bor­ der will cease and peace (will) prevail," the state­ment said. The Line of Control is the 1972 cease­fire dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Due to Ramadan, due to start around Nov. 26 under Islam's lunar calen­dar, pious Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset. At the end of the holy month, the government would consider whether the cease-fire would be extended. Defense Minister George Fernandes said.

There was no immediate response from guerrilla groups.

India's government has been making symbolic ges­tures by extending the cease-fire while attempting to bring them into negotiations. In August, a weeklong cease­fire between the Hezb-ul Mujahideen, the main Kashmir rebel group, and the government broke down in August when the guerrillas insisted on Pakistan's involvement in the talks. India has said the thing Delhi refuses.

A small guerrilla groups are fighting a separatist war in the Indian-con­ controlled part of Kashmir demanding an inde­pendent state or a choice to join Pakistan. India's war for five decades.

Associated Press

MONACO

MONACO CITY, Panama

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**Questionable Freedoms 2000**

Recently I've taken some heat from my Democratic friends about my last column. Three weeks ago, which I predict-
ed that George W. Bush would win the presidential race comfortably. I politely reminded them of my qualifying state-
ment: "barring a colossal screwup or a massive 11th hour comeback by Gore." It's testament to how right I was that both happened and Gore still managed at best a tie. "Why a tie, Mike? He won the popular vote!" Yes, barely, but how did he accomplish it? Somehow, a quarter-century old expanded misdemeanor offense committed by George W. Bush was leaked to the press just five days before the election.

Of course, Bush himself is to blame for not defusing the bomb before it was armed. And while there's no clear evidence that the Vice President or his staff had anything to do with the release, the timing was perfect. First, he had been losing in the character battle. In an instant, the burden of proof of character defense fell on Bush for something that happened 25 years ago. Al Gore's shady campaign schemes over the last eight years and his inventive knack for details over the last few weeks were forgotten. Second, with Bush's DUI occupying the news' front burner, Gore had a blank check to say whatever he felt like. And he hastily maligned George W. Bush on his experience and intelligence. He blatantly distorted figures in Bush's platform ... again.

He used scare tactics on seniors, falsely claiming that the Bush Social Security plan "threatens current bene-
fits." He told a primarily African-American audience that Bush's Supreme Court appointments would

resact the three-fifths clause. An NAACP-sponsored commercial aired which implied that Bush was "kidnapped. "James Byrd "all over again."> Generally, Gore was only slightly more credulius than a claymation version of himself on a recent "Celebrity Deadwalk" that killed my buddy "Weird Al" Yankovic by sucking his brain out through his eye socket.

Then Gore goes lucky. "The networks" premature and wildly incorrect awarding of Florida's 25 electoral votes to him on election night had all but sealed his victory — until they retracted it. But when they called it, polls hadn't yet closed in battleground states like Washington, New Mexico, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin — even Florida itself. When they recanted, the polls had closed nearly everywhere.

As the night wore on into early morn-
ing, Bush's slight but significant lead in every one of these states — and in the nationwide popular vote — slowly dwindled. While it's impossible to tell whether the announcement that Gore had won Florida was the cause, it seems odd that the voting trends would suddenly spontaneously reverse after midnight.

Now Gore and his cronies are back in Florida, demanding that the "will of the people" he satisfied. Carrying arbitrary demands based on nonsensical claims. First, they condemned the ballots in Palm Beach County, despite the facts that it was designed by a Democrat and approved by a bipartisan panel, and that copies of it were mailed to every registered voter and that Democratic officials even called voters reminding them that Gore's hole was three down, number five.

They've claimed that 19,000 people were confused enough to double-punch the ballot, proof of its confusing design. So even though, say, primarily Republican Duval County (the Jacksonville metro area) is a little more than half the people of Palm Beach County but 26,000 disqualified ballots to Palm Beach's 19,000, only the votes in Palm Beach County should be recounted to "determine the intent" of the voters. But the results will more than likely only "determine the intent" of the country.

"Technicalities should not determine the presidency," says Gore campaign manager William Daley. But after the will of the people of Florida has shown three times that George W. Bush has won, his victory now hinges on Democratic bottom-level county election officials correctly determining the "technical" difference between a "swinging chad" and a "pregnant chad."

There's a word for this kind of duplici-

A Palm Beach County poll worker said "bills" but the last three don't spell "eye."><p>

If Al Gore were honestly concerned about "the will of the people" he'd begrudgingly honor the vote that has thrice shown that he has lost. If he cared in the least, he'd apply Florida law, which demands a recount when the margin of victory is less than one-

half of one percent, to the whole nation, where his margin is less than one-quar-

ter of one percent. But he might lose on larger recounts. So he focuses on Democratic strongholds, trying to squeeze every last vote he can and not stop until he wins.

Vice President Al Gore has spent the last two weeks lying, scaring, race-baiting, bullying, bull-sh**, eye-ing and litigating. It's clear that he'll say or do worse — or sue for — anything to become President. And he might very well still succeed.

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Defending the Electoral College

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AMES, Iowa

With the election a tangled legal mess and the popular vote winner possibly not the electoral vote winner, it might seem like a good idea to abolish the Electoral College. Well, it isn't.

Democrat Vice President Al Gore seems to have won the popular vote at this point, but his lead is narrow—by the day. And several million absentee ballots are still at large.

Who's to say, of every absentee ballot has been tallied, that Republican Texas Governor George W. Bush won't come out ahead?

Gore's highest popular vote lead was only a couple hundred thousand votes, but now up to a million ballots cast. That's nothing. In fact, Gore is less than 0.002 percent behind Bush. With a margin that way, a nationwide automatic recount would be triggered in a popular vote-based system. There are enough problems keeping track of the votes in Florida; imagine if that chaos was multiplied across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Bush has decided not to recount the votes in Iowa and probably other states because without Florida he would need at least three more wins in the contested states to have an Electoral College victory.

However, if the popular vote decided the election, Bush would probably recount all his strong states, since recounts tend to bring in additional votes in proportion to the original count. And Gore would then counter by demanding recounts in the states that supported him, including Iowa.

The Electoral College system just makes sense. In America, we have senators elected by state and House members elected by district; each state can create its own laws, so long as they're not in conflict with federal laws; states have their own senates, houses, judicial systems and executives. Presidential candidates are chosen by state delegates as determined by state caucuses. And if the Electoral College were to be eliminated, the constitutional amendment would have to be ratified by two-thirds of states.

Any ISU student or faculty or staff member who wanted to could have seen Bush or Gore in person. Gore had a rally on campus just a few days prior to Election Day; not long before then, Republican Vice Presidential candidate Dick Cheney attended a Cyclone football game.

You can kiss all that goodbye if the Electoral College goes. There are about 1.2 percent of the electors in the votes. With an election this close, that's huge. But Gore only won Iowa by about 3,000 votes. That's about 0.00003 percent of the popular vote. Even if it was a nail-biter like this election, such a small margin would not be worth either candidate's time.

Why would any presidential candidate try to sway a couple thousand votes when in Ames or in Chicago or New York City, accruing millions?

Without a popular ballot, candidates must sleep occasionally. They have only a limited amount of time to make their messages known to the masses. 1.3 percent of the deciding vote is worth battling over; 0.00003 percent is not. And in an election where a candidate wins Iowa by a larger margin, the candidate would likely win the popular vote by such a substantial margin that our votes would still be rendered insignificant.

The number of electors per state is determined by the number of Senate members plus House members per state. Because the House of Representatives is determined according to population and the Senate is composed of two senators per state, the states are weighted so smaller states are worth more than they should be by population.

The smallest populated states can't be completely ignored by candidates, while larger states don't suffer. California, with 54 electoral votes, New York with 33, Texas with 32 and, obviously, Florida with 25 are all still vital to a candidate's victory. While Los Angeles residents and New Yorkers would receive more visits without the Electoral College, candidates drop by those other states often enough when he or she could be down in Los Angeles or New York City, accruing millions?

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Assessing protest methods

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Nov. 18, 2000

I'm writing to express my concern over what appears to be a growing "movement" on campus. It seems that at night a small group of environmentalists are going around the parking lots and placing bumper stickers on the tailgates of SUVs that say "I'm changing the climate, ask me how!"

Every time I pass by a car with one of these bumper stickers, I feel first in disgust and then, sometimes, in disbelief. Who would do such a thing? What is the purpose? The fact that people place these stickers on other people's cars is just one of many examples of what can only be called eco-terrorism.

During the trip we visited the Holocaust Museum and a lobbying group named Partners for Peace. The museum presented an honest and horrifying view of the atrocities committed in Nazi Germany, while Partners for Peace made me aware of the discrimination Palestinians face in Israel.

Upon returning to campus, I was appalled by the violent actions of the Israeli government towards Palestinians. Furthermore, I was even more surprised by the biased media reporting on the violence in Israel.

I visited the Holocaust Museum I was horrified by the atrocities committed by human beings. From "medical experiments" like high pressure tests to the testing of fistula isolation by placing prisoners in cold water baths until death, the disgust I felt was unbearable at times. Then we moved on to the scale model of the Auschwitz gas chambers. The display, showing the enormous scale of the killing, made me truly wonder how humans were capable of such barbarism.

Looking at the current situation in Israel, I can't understand how a Jewish government can justify the killing of hundreds of Palestinians. In the last month at least 126 Palestinians (35 percent under the age of 15) have been killed, while seven Israelis have died. The Jewish government of Israel supports this killing. Israel, formerly a place of refuge for Jews after World War II, is now involved in killing people based on their religious beliefs, with the majority of those being Palestinians, after fighting the horrors of the Holocaust, justify the killing of Palestinians.

The media coverage of this has also been extremely biased in support of Israel. On Oct. 13, a Palestinian mob killed two Israeli soldiers in Ramallah. On the same day a U.S. destroyer was bombed off the coast of Yemen. The New York Times placed both events under the same headline, leading one to connect the Palestinian mob with the bombing of the U.S. destroyer hundreds of miles away in Yemen. There was one sentence in the article saying that there was no proof of connection between the two incidents. This clearly seems like an attempt to attribute erroneous attacks by terrorists to the Palestinians.

In the same article there was a picture of a Palestinian rioters with Israeli blood on their hands. The violence is not justifiable, but there have not been any graphic pictures of dead Palestinians gunned down by Israeli soldiers in the New York Times since that incident. The bias is clearly seen considering that over one hundred Palestinians have died since Oct. 13. As a result, we look at Palestinians as a rock-throwing mob and not as a civilized people.

It seems that influential Jewish lobbying groups in Washington and Jewish control of several important media organizations have resulted in widespread support of Israel by the United States. How can we, as a nation, become involved in widespread killing of Palestinians when we so loudly denounce the cruelty of the Nazis during the Holocaust? As a people who claim to fight for equality and denounce discrimination, we should reconsider the $3 billion a year aid to Israel, which accounts for 20 percent of the annual Israeli budget. When we look at the behavior of the Holocaust we must say no to the continuation of Israeli violence based on religious differences.

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More than meets the eye

I have many things to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. But more than anything else, I am thankful for the Transformers movie coming out on DVD. It’s not only a trip back to 1987; it is full of action that makes one want to conquer the world. I guarantee you will feel your childhood energon cubes fully recharge. Nothing will bring you back to life like playing air guitar to the Transformer theme song written and performed by Wolf (one of the greatest ’80s hair bands).

I remember the shows that I watched and how they shaped me into the person who I am today. They taught me many of the life lessons on which I have my decisions. Optimus Prime and the other autobots trained me to adapt as a youngster and not to disassemble my friends. And when there is a greater evil present, cooperation is extremely important.

I should also never give up, no matter how high the odds are stacked against me. For the longest moment why aren’t I busin’ Slater? raised to play with plastic robot toys, Transformers still live on in the form of Beast Wars and Beast Machines. Led by Optimus Primal, the Maximals battle Megatron and the Predacons.

Here is a short quiz to refresh and reboost your Transformer IQ.

Questions

1- In what season did the Dinobots appear on the show? 2- Who is the chosen one, the only one who can unlock the power of the matrix? 3- When does Optimus Prime get back the matrix? 4- Why did the autobots come to Earth? and what city did they build there? 5- What year far, far in the future did the Transformers movie come out?

Answers

1- Season 1/Episode 8 2- Hot Rod (Gold Night), later known as Rodimus Prime 3- Season 3/Episode 30. He gets it back from Rodimus to save all the autobots and Galvatron from a deadly infection.

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SAVED BY THE BELL

It seems that everyone watched this show. Girls got more attached though, knowing every episode as if they were the ones dating Zach and laughing at Screech when their buddy AC stuffed his mouth with pencils.

The show struck something in all of us. There was a character we could all associate with in one way or another. Even more than that, the show let us laugh at our problems. It showed us how to deal with them and taught us how to start finding our true identity. We are "The Bayside Generation.

After the gang graduated, Saved by the Bell lived on in two form. It was bad for all of us but deep down we all sort of knew that it was time to move on. Unfortunately, the creators of the show knew “Saved by the Bell: The College Years” which was horrible.

If that wasn’t enough, while “The College Years” was running, another show called “The New Class” ran for a while too, but nobody cared about these new people. It just wasn’t the same.

Here is a quick Saved by the Bell quiz that is mostly for girls.

Questions

1- What is the name of the girl who joins the wrestling team in 11th grade? 2- In one episode there was a date auction held. Who was the auctioneer? 3- Why couldn’t Kelly go to the prom with Zach in 10th grade? 4- Who won the “Miss Baybay Int’l” Contest? 5- What is Mr. Belding’s brother’s name and why didn’t he take the class on the whale’s razor rafting trip? 6- What is the name of the play that Zach and Jessie star in? 7- What big choice does Slater have to make before graduating? 8- How many missing credits threaten Zach’s graduation from Bayside?

Answers

1- Krystee 2- New cheerleading uniforms, Zach spread a rumor around the school that he beat up Screech. 3- Money was too tight. Kelly’s dad lost his job. (This is the episode of Kelly and Zach’s first kiss.) 4- Screech 5- Rod; He met a pretty airline stewardess. 6- Scott Little 7- Whether to go to ROTC college or to pursue a wrestling scholarship. 8- Mr. Belding.

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Around the World

By MARIBEL MOREY

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Thirty-four Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students ventured off to see the world of East Asia through Saint Mary’s “Semester Around the World” program.

“Lots of people in Notre Dame want to go to London or Austria, but this is something a little different,” said Chris Casado, a Notre Dame senior majoring in Government and Chinese.

In just one semester, these students experienced a crash course in world cultures, an experience that many of these students will never forget. “I don’t think I will ever have so much fun again,” said Karen Wiener, a Notre Dame senior majoring in psychology and sociology.

In “Semester around the World,” students fly from Los Angeles to Tokyo in late August. After a few days in Tokyo, they continue with visits to several other countries in the Orient. This includes South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and Mainland China.

Students mostly get an overview of each country since their stays in each location are limited to only a few days.

This followed by a nine-week stay in the southern tip of India. Academics are concentrated in Cochin, India, on the campus of Sacred Heart College where students live in apartments with only a ten-minute walk from the campus.

After their extended stay in India, students have the option to return home or continue to Western Europe. Last semester, students were flown to Zurich, Switzerland and if they wished, could continue to other destinations such as Paris and London.

Why go?

Casado was one of the 34 students who went on this program last fall. As a Government and Chinese Language major, Casado is interested in the expanding influence of East Asia, but Notre Dame did not have a program in China his junior year.

This program was the next best thing and turned out to be an amazing experience. “It’s the greatest possible experience. At first, I wasn’t sure about India; I was interested in China—Eastern Asia,” said Casado.

“Now India is my favorite and if I could go back now I’d go back in a second.”

The experience began in late August when the group flew from L.A. to Tokyo on Singapore Airlines. They arrived in Tokyo at night and experienced jet lag, so they simply walked the streets of the trendy part of Tokyo.

“The women had bleached blonde hair with high platforms and talking on cell phones—kinda like a Times Square atmosphere,” said Casado. “It was a packed city as far as you can see. Almost every building seemed to be 5-15 stories.”

Later, on their visit to India, many students were surprised at the extent of this country’s development, said Casado. “You think communist country, but you do not know the extent that the change is true,” said Casado. “All the buildings are futuristic. Every building over the seven stories was built in the last nine years.”

Away from the bustling center of Beijing, students also spent three days in a beach resort in Malaysia. While jumping from city to city, Casado is apprehensive to say, “You can’t jump to conclusions too quickly because when you do, you don’t get the whole picture, the accurate picture.” He continued, “I don’t know the underlying culture of Japan because I was only there for four days and it was a quick exposure.”

But in the small amount of time in one semester, Casado was able to experience so many cultures. “People in the program just want to see the world and make a difference someday,” he said.

Being a tourist

“The very first days we would go through the tourist routine, then we would take it to the next step and meet with government and religious officials,” said Casado. These are all-important things to do, but the quick visits would only give a superficial gloss to the culture of the countries. “You travel so much so quickly that it can wear on you,” said Casado. But the best part of the trip for Casado was his stay in Vietnam and India. Wiener agrees.

India and Vietnam

Few Americans have been back to Vietnam since the Vietnam War, which made Casado appreciate the experience even more. Just simply

Students climb a sundial on top of an on the world.
Third quarter flurry leads Irish to win

Jersey boys turn
Rutgers turnovers
into 45-17 victory on the road

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For two-and-a-half quarters, Rutgers fans perched on the edge of their seats as their underdog team contended with the Irish. Then the Scarlet Knights handed the game to the Irish, and the sea of red and blue turned into a band of blue and gold.

The Scarlet Knights came close to knotting the score in the third quarter before the Irish capitalized on a batch of Scarlet Knights mistakes to win 45-17.

Rutgers tailback Dennis Thomas dashed for the longest run of his career, a 65-yard touchdown, narrowing the Notre Dame lead to 24-17. On the ensuing Irish possession, Matt LoVecchio pass landed squarely in the hands of Rutgers defensive back Tony Berry, giving Rutgers a chance to take control, but Berry dropped the ball.

"From where I was, I thought he had intercepted it, and I had already flipped back and gone to defense," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "I thought he had it and was running down the sidelines. That was a huge play. If they would have intercepted the ball, it could have been a different game."

Notre Dame soon began to gather steam.

The Irish forced the Scarlet Knights into punting on their next drive, and David Givens blocked Rutgers' Mike Barr punt with the recovery by Notre Dame's Chad DeBoest. Notre Dame took over at the Rutgers 31-yard line, and a six-yard Tony Fisher run set up a 25-yard touchdown pass from LoVecchio to Javion Hunter and a 31-17 Irish advantage.

"When it was 31-17, a few guys looked up at the scoreboard and said, 'Man, it's starting to get out of hand,'" Thomas said of the Scarlet Knights. "A fraction of the team started to not execute their plays. We couldn't afford that."

Rutgers only held onto the ball for seven seconds, before Notre Dame defensive tackle Anthony Weaver forced quarterback Mike Barr to fumble the pigskin. Irish defensive end Ryan Roberts dove on the ball to put Notre Dame back in the red zone, a couple Jersey boys stuck it to their home state school.

"That interception was a perfect 6-0 record. Those are easy things to correct. You've just got to buckle down and stay focused until the end of the game," Davie said. "This go-round, the Irish failed to convert as Nick Setta's 41-yard field goal attempt fell short."

Rutgers' next possession again ended in disaster, as Notre Dame's Vontez Duff picked off McMahon. That interception marked the third straight Rutgers possession to end in a turnover, in addition to the blocked punt and missed interception.

The Irish got one more touchdown on a 12-play, 80-yard drive sparked by a 35-yard run by LoVecchio. Fisher, who rushed for 135 yards in his second straight 100-yard performance, found the end zone on a two-yard run.

In the first half, Rutgers struck first with a Steve Barone 30-yard field goal, the first points ever scored by the Scarlet Knights against the Irish.

Notre Dame answered with a 43-yard touchdown pass from LoVecchio to senior wide receiver Joey Getherall. The Irish came back at the Knights with a faked field goal that kicker Nick Setta tuned 25 yards to Tom Lopienski for a 14-3 Irish lead.

Rutgers' Thomas turned in a one-yard touchdown run to narrow the gap early in the second quarter. But Notre Dame opened things up again on a 33-yard Setta field goal and a one-yard Howard touchdown run.

Despite the final 28-point margin of victory, Notre Dame didn't look like a school trying to convince pollsters it was BCS-worthy for most of the game.

The Irish struggled with penalties, committing 12 for 130 yards.

"Those are mental errors that we have to correct," LoVecchio said. "Those are easy things to correct. You've just got to buckle down and stay focused until the end of the game."

Rutgers, meanwhile, looked better than its record until midway through the third quarter. It was fighting for its 13 seniors and so on-to-resign head coach Terry Shea to win their final home game, and it showed — for awhile.

But the Irish won out, leading to the third time in five years that they'll close out their season in Southern California trying to hold off the Trojans to secure a major bowl game.

Freshman Vontez Duff, getting more playing time than ever before in his career, makes a tackle of the Scarlet Knights' Errol Johnson at the 3-yard line. Duff added an interception of a pass by Rutgers quarterback Mike McMahon.

"I was glad to get out of here with a win and to come out 8-2," Bob Davie
Irish head coach

Three third quarter Rutgers turnovers Notre Dame got momentum after Rutgers gave the ball up on three straight drives. The turnovers came on the heels of a blocked punt and missed interception.
report card

quarterbacks: LoVecchio completed over 65 percent of his attempts and passed for 161 yards. He also rushed for 79 yards.

B+

running backs: It’s been an interesting year for Fisher and Howard. But the running backs have formed a formidable duo in Jones’ absence. They combined for 204 yards.

receivers: Getherall was wide-open on the first quarter touchdown catch. Hunter faked the defender and ran untouched for his score in the third quarter. Receivers caught only 7 passes.

offensive line: Irish rushed for 295 yards and averaged nearly 5 yards per carry.

defensive line: Weaver forced a fumble and Roberts recovered a pair. Thomas rushed for a career-high 127 yards. Struggled at times.

linebackers: Denmon (2 tackles) and Boiman (2 tackles) played their worst game (statistically) of the year.

defensive backs: Losing Walton hurts. Duffi, who was recruited as a running back, and Dykes played pretty well in Walton’s absence. Not a good defensive effort when 3 of 4 leading tacklers (Ierraft, Reckstrom and Driver) were in the secondary.

special teams: Miller replaced McNew for one kickoff, the kickoff returners averaged only 10 yards per return and punt return was almost nonexistent. The fake field goal and blocked punt were both highlights.

coaching: Dacce’s taking more chances but team looked sluggish. But they’re 8-2 and maybe BCS-bound.

overall: USC denied the Irish a major bowl in ’96 and ’98. If Notre Dame plays like it did in the first 2 1/2 quarters, it could be a long flight home from LA.

addiing up the numbers

career interceptions by Rutgers’ quarterback Mike McMahon, a school record 51

3 number of turnovers on consecutive Rutgers drives following a blocked punt by David Givens

number of rushing yards by Tony Fisher after gaining 196 yards against Boston College 135

total points scored by Rutgers Saturday, the only points every scored by the Knights against the Irish 17

number of Rutgers turnovers on 3 interceptions and 2 fumbles 5

40,011 attendance at Rutgers Stadium Saturday, the second largest crowd ever

estimated number of Rutgers fans remaining in Rutgers Stadium when the game ended 17

Irish defensive end Anthony Weaver (No. 98) makes a tackle Saturday in Rutgers Stadium. The Irish defense capitalized on several Knight offensive mistakes, recovering two fumbles and making three interceptions.

Scarlet Knights drop ball on upset
New Jersey natives put on homecoming show for Irish

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Along the red-painted wall in the closed end zone at Rutgers Stadium, which separates the field from the metal stands, there's a slogan. It reads: "Rutgers...The Birthplace of College Football." That's not a misprint.

On Nov. 6, 1869, Rutgers defeated Princeton 6-4 in New Brunswick, N.J., in the first college football game ever played. One hundred and thirty-one years and 12 days later, four of New Jersey's native sons helped Notre Dame defeat their state university 45-14 in front of only the second sold-out crowd in stadium history.

"They played well," coach Bob Dole said of the four New Jersey natives who played roles in the win. "Particularly the quarterback. He's an amazing guy." For the sixth straight game, Matt LoVecchio proved to be the most improbable story in an unexpected season. The Franklin Lakes resident's statistics (13-of-19 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions plus 79 yards rushing) were again sold but LoVecchio's confidence and intangibles are what separate the 5-foot-3, 200-pounder from a normal 18-year-old.

Focus on one moment, during the middle of his press conference, a reporter asked LoVecchio what he thought going into the third quarter. If Berry held onto the ball, he would have had a clear path to the end zone and tied the game.

"I had an angle on him," LoVecchio said. "I was anticipating him catching the ball and trying to make a tackle and push him out of bounds." Behind Berry, defense was ponders using some motivational techniques. Berry1, which his case terminated, overlooked the 3-6 Scarlet Knights.

"I thought of putting mouse traps by their locker and saying we're going into a trap," Dave said. "I talked about calling it a sandwich game. When you play a night game at Notre Dame Stadium (against Boston College) with 80,000 people and the atmosphere the way it was last week and going to SC. I knew this was a difficult game for us."

When questioned on the possibility of the Irish setting their sights on USC, LoVecchio claimed he has approached the season "week by week" and "one game at a time." But at least one teammate, also a Jersey guy, offered a different view than LoVecchio's cliché responses.

"You see light at the end of the tunnel a lot more now," said running back Terrance Howard, a native of Willingboro. "You try to look and say Rutgers isn't so good but USC at USC. You know you look ahead a little bit."

Howard, who thought of leaving Notre Dame earlier in the season due to limited playing time, turned in one of his best performances of the year. The senior gained 66 yards on 15 carries and had two touchdowns runs. His one-yard score with 19 seconds left in the first half gave the Irish a 24-10 lead.

He also played a major role in a third Irish touchdown drive. Ten minutes into the game, Notre Dame faced a 4th and 3 on its 39-yard line. LoVecchio completed a shovel pass to Howard, who eluded tacklers and gained 12 yards. Four plays later, on a fake field goal, Nick Setta found a wide-open Tom Berry in the third quarter. If Berry in the third quarter. If Berry had an angle on him, LoVecchio said. "I was anticipating him catching the ball and trying to make a tackle and push him out of bounds." Behind Berry, defense was pondering using some motivational techniques. Berry, both from Lawrence, sparked an improved unit, tied for the season's best with eight tackles and intercepted a Mike McMahon pass 4:34 minutes left in the third quarter.

Since replacing Grant Irons in the Nebraska game, Roberts has been on a tear. He recovered two fumbles on Saturday while also recording four tackles, a deflected pass and an interception.

Linebacker Anthony Brannan, a Cedar Grove native and defensive tackle Jim Molinaro, from nearby Belmar, Penn., also played in front of several friends and family members.

But on this mid-November day, the season-ending injury to cornerback Shane Walter, who broke his right forearm in the first quarter, overshadowed the homecoming.

Without Walton, the Irish allowed 175 yards through the air and struggled at times against a quick, aggressive offensive.

"Anytime you're not given a chance to huddle up, it's definitely an advantage to the offense," said Howard. "Their offense didn't give us as many opportunities to blitz as normal."

This weekend, another passing offense will challenge the depleted secondary. USC quarterback Carson Palmer has completed over 55 percent of his passes for 2262 yards, including 350 in Saturday's 38-35 win over UCLA.

Yet regardless of the outcome against the Trojans, at least one of Dave's post-Rutgers comments will remain the same.

"We'd like to come back (to New Jersey)." Dave said "and get some more (players)."
Irish strong safety Ron Israel (5) intercepts a pass from Rutgers quarterback Mike McMahon as Scarlet Knights receiver Aaron Martin (82) looks on. It was a return to high school days in more than one way for Israel, who played receiver at Haddon Heights High School in New Jersey.

**A LITTLE GIVE AND TAKE**

The Irish were happy to accept when the Scarlet Knights offered to hand over the ball multiple times during the game, virtually assuring Notre Dame a victory. Notre Dame's offensive production didn't hurt in the process. Jabari Holloway returned the goodwill by bringing an opponent back to his feet.

*Photos by JOSE CUELLAR*

Senior tight end and captain Jabari Holloway (87) lends a hand to a Scarlet Knights defender trying to get back to his feet.

Senior wide receiver Joey Getherall (18) prepares to catch a touchdown pass from Irish quarterback Matt LoVecchio (rear). LoVecchio threw two touchdown passes.
to have been there. "Vietnam was a really cool experience," she said. "I don't think you don't think riding an elephant or seeing the Great Wall of China or even going on a safari was something you would really do? Or maybe you wouldn't rather intern with the Members of Parliament in London? There are vast opportunities, the international experience in Notre Dame. Notre Dame has a semester-long program in its own campus in Fremaut, Australia where students live in a hotel-like facility, with rectors, resident assistants and all. Maybe you should consider enrolling in the program or in London. Paris. As a way of escaping the ND bubble," said Wiener. "Going abroad might be a good way of escaping the ND bubble," said Wiener. "Going abroad might be a good way of escaping the ND bubble."
Cross Country

Irish set sights on top 10 finish

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associated Sports Editor

Ten is the magic number for Notre Dame today. The men's cross country team needs to run error-free to finish among the top 10 in today's NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa. The Irish can do that if they run consistently without getting out too fast and find a fifth runner to step up.

"The national meet is about whoever makes the fewest mistakes," leading runner Luke Watson said. Notre Dame is ranked No. 18 in the nation heading into today's 10,000-meter race. But a top-10 finish isn't out of reach.

"I think we can be a top 10 team at nationals if everything falls right," junior Pat Conway said. "We can easily be in the top 10.'"

In the Great Lakes Regional meet Nov. 11 Watson captured the individual title and junior Marc Striowski finished in the top 10. Conway and freshman Todd Mobley also finished in the top 25, earning all-Regional honors, but the fifth runner for the Irish barely broke the top 100, as the final three Irish runners took off too fast out of the chute.

The Irish hope to avoid the same mistake. "We have to start with a very low stick with Luke getting a very low stick, then we have to have Marc run very well, then we need three solid performances," head coach Joe Piana said.

A third-place finish at regionals paired with strong team performances all season long put the Irish in the national meet, where they have finished in the top 10 of the past eight seasons. Last year, they placed eighth overall.

In this year's Pre-National Meet, held on the same course as today's championship, the Irish took 10th. Another No. 10 would send the Irish home for Thanksgiving with something to be grateful for.

Irish earn multiple conference honors

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

After finishing undefeated at 11-0 in the Big East regular season, Notre Dame volleyball swept the conference honors at the 2000 awards banquet held Friday before the start of the championship.

The Irish, who earned their fifth Big East championship title in the past six years with three-game wins over Connecticut and Rutgers this weekend, will move on to the NCAA tournament. Notre Dame, which has been ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Northeast Region for all of the 2000 season, led the conference with a 3.17 hitting percentage going into the weekend.

"I think it gave us a lot of confidence going into the weekend," senior co-captain Denise Boylan said. "We had every reason to be confident. We were undefeated in this season going into the tournament and expected to win."

Irish head coach Debbie Brown was named coach of the year for the second time, the first being 1995, after leading Notre Dame to a 23-5 season. Denise Boylan became the Big East player of the year following her senior season. Two seniors, two years ago, they placed eighth overall.

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Women’s Swimming

Belles’ swimmers fare well at Wabash Invitational

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

While most seniors were hanging out with their fathers for Senior Dads Weekend at Saint Mary’s, senior swimmers Olivia Smith, Erin McCarthy, and Meggan Ramsey were in Indianapolis and in the pool Saturday afternoon.

The meet, the largest invitational that Saint Mary’s will attend during the year, is the site for the U.S. Olympic Trials. The Wabash Invitational, which came into conflict with Senior Dads Weekend at Saint Mary’s, put many senior swimmers in a lurch to decide to swim or stay on campus with their fathers.

“I really wanted to be there for the freshmen at this meet because it is an intimidating pool and meet,” said co-captain Smith. Smith also said she made the decision for herself as well.

“It is one of the only times I can swim the 1650 and knew I needed to do it but also because of the pool and all that it stands for. I wanted one more time to be there.”

Of the 11 teams at the Wabash Invitational, the Belles placed sixth. “The invite is host to many Division II and III schools and provides for some very tough competition,” said Belles head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt. “But we swam really well, and had some great times.

Swimming some off events, some of the Belles still came out on top, including Smith. Having never swum the 400-yard individual medley, Smith and freshman Katy Lubich gained points for the Belles and earned impressive times. Freshman Candace Polisky also got a shot at the mile [1650] and did very well according to Hildebrandt.

“I’m so excited to have them swimming personal bests,” said Hildebrandt. “Everyone had great swims. It’s great that they just keep dropping time with each meet.”

Freshman Megan Ramsey had another record-shattering weekend for the Belles. Ramsey, who broke the 100-yard butterfly record two weekends ago, reset her record and added another over the weekend.

The new record time of one minute, 1.1 seconds edged Ramsey into a second place finish in the 100-yard event. The new record was grasped along with a first place berth in the 500-yard freestyle.

Meggan Ramsey also snatched a second place finish in the 500-yard freestyle. McCarthy, after taking some time out for academics, was back in action on Saturday claiming season bests in her three events. “This was her first race since the ND Relays back in October and it was a relief for her to get in and come out with those times,” said Hildebrandt.

Also dropping considerable time was Polisky in the 500-yard free and Julie McGranahan in the 100-yard butterfly. While freshman teammate Maureen Palchak clinched fourth place points for the team in the 50-yard freestyle and nearly breaking the school record.

“I’m glad I decided to go this weekend,” said Smith. “I got one last chance to see the names on the wall of all the Olympians and to race in the...
**Notre Dame uses big first half to blow out Valparaiso**

*By LIA MILHOAN*

**VALPARAISO**

Despite opening their 2000-2001 season with a 71-46 victory over the Crusaders of Valparaiso Friday night, the Irish women's basketball team proved vulnerable at the hands of a small-school opponent. Although the Irish went into the locker room with a 47-17 lead, the second half was the antithesis of the first half.

Valparaiso switched to a man-to-man defense, shut down the Irish transition game and forced Notre Dame into a half-court set. After hitting for 47 first half points, the Irish only managed 24 second-half points. "If we play like we did in the first half, we're going to have a lot of success. If we play like we did in the second half, we're not going to have a lot of success," said Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw.

"The team in the first half was full of intensity and aggressiveness. In the second half we got a little complacent," said Notre Dame guard Ashley Thomas.

Our team词条 got off the bench.

Joyce led the Irish reserves with 11 points. Freshman guard Jeneka Joyce defends a pass during Friday night's game against Valparaiso. Joyce led the Irish reserves with 11 points.
Women's Basketball

'Hoosier' state matchup shows fearless Indiana attitude

In the 1986 movie "Hoosiers," Gene Hackman's character, Hickory High School head coach Norman Dale, leads his small-town team to an upset over big-city rival South Bend Central.

The match-up was similar Friday night in Valparaiso. The game was played in an arena that more resembled the rickety gymnasium in "Hoosiers" than the Joyce Center. With the balcony closed off and Valparaiso students having left for Thanksgiving break, many of the 3,000 fans in attendance were cheering for the Irish.

While the team from South Bend escaped Valparaiso with a 71-46 victory Friday night, the Crusaders of Valparaiso showed the Irish that they, like Hackman's 8-man team in the movie, could play with the big boys, actually outscoring Notre Dame 29-24 in the second half after falling behind early on.

"If our learning curve can be that good this year game to game that it was from the first half to the second half, I'd be happy," said Crusaders coach Keith Freeman following the game.

Freeman wasn't that satisfied early on. Early in the game, Valparaiso struggled. Perhaps the male cheerleader running across the court near the game with a sign reading "School Song" put too much pressure on the young team in their first game. Maybe the chants of "Ruuuuuuuuuuuuth" — an homage to Irish All-American Ruth Riley — that echoed during the opening minutes of the half. The point guard also finished the game as our best point guard." Hammel also helped out on offense, hitting a 3-pointer in the opening minutes of the half. The point guard also finished the game with six assists.

Hamme had a lot of poise. For never playing the point in high school," said Freeman. "I feel like as our practices have gone on, she's emerged as our best point guard."

The game had a home-town feel for many players on each side, giving the game an atmosphere much less like a national powerhouse opening its season against a week opponent. It felt like Valparaiso started three native Hoosiers in Gray — a Valparaiso native, Hammel and forward Amber Scherer. Notre Dame's superstar Riley hails herself from the small town of Macy, Ind., like Ralphie from "A Christmas Story.""

"I was glad they put me on her, actually," said Hammel — who allowed Ratay to take only one of four shots in the latter half of the game. Hammel also helped out on defense, hitting a key 3-pointer in the opening minutes of the half. The point guard also finished the game with six assists.

Hamme scored 13 points in Friday night's victory over Valparaiso.

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Go Irish! We want a win!" said Freeman. "I think over the course of the season we're going to get better."
Irish offense proves its worth in penalty-filled game

Sloppy, run it again. The guy playing Ara Parseghian is not that surprised at his Irish team, and I wouldn’t be all that surprised if current Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie was thinking similar thoughts Saturday. Notre Dame beat Rutgers 45-17, scoring the last three touchdowns of the game. But as much major could tell you, if the Irish scored the last three points and won by 28, there was a time in the third quarter when they only led 24-17.

And if you divide the average age of all Notre Dame head coaches by the time at which the winter solstice begins ... Sorry — sometimes I just get a roll of numerical babbling and don’t snap out of it for a while.

Anyway, the point is (finally), Rutgers hung around at least a quarter longer than most people figured, receiving some help from Irish penalties. For the game, the officials threw the yellow flags on Notre Dame penalties 12 times for 120 yards.

These mistakes stood out the most on the second quarter drive that ended in an Irish field goal, extending the Notre Dame lead to 17-10. The drive covered 47 yards, starting on the Irish 37 and ending at the Rutgers 16. But to move that far, Notre Dame actually had to travel the equivalent eighty-five yards because they were whistled for three penalties.

Actually, there were four. On a third down inside the red zone, the Scarlet Knights had their choice of number one, “clipping,” or number two, “holding.”

When you throw in a Rutgers personal foul call earlier in the possession, that drive became a potpourri of penalties, complete with a false start, two clips, a holding, and the just mentioned “extracurricular activity.”

That’s a lot of points out of this series is a testament to this Irish offense and how much like you’ve improved. The same can be said of the first quarter touchdown drive that followed up the erasing of Matt LaVecchia’s 68 yard touchdown run because of a hold.

For the second straight week, the Irish broke the 400-yard mark in total offense. Tailback Tony Fisher, starting in the place of the injured Julius Jones, had his second straight 100-yard rushing game, and the team as a whole gained 295 yards on the ground.

At the quarterback spot, no one is saying that the freshman LaVecchia is putting up Weineke-esque numbers. But in the last two weeks, he has completed just a hair under 72 percent of his passes for 272 yards, thrown two touchdowns, and rushed for 152 yards.

You’re seeing this offense do what it does best: line up behind a big offensive line, that, like any good team’s O-line, probably deserves more credit than it gets, and feature a host of talent in the backfield. Those guys can’t be featured unless you have threats to catch the ball, and the Irish are now utilizing those threats. Opposing teams know Notre Dame isn’t going to come out and beat them by throwing forty times for three hundred yards.

But that’s OK, because they do know the passing attack is there to make big plays, whether those plays be a deep touchdown pass to Joey Getherall, or a shorter one that Javin Hunter turns into six.

“Yeah,” you’re saying, “but that last game was against Rutgers. They’re not very good.”

Point well taken. It’s probably also right to point out that the Irish have ended each of the last two games with season highs in the number of yards they’ve been penalized. At the same time, at the end of each of the last two games, Notre Dame has walked away with season highs in total offense.

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Wrong answer.

You look at teams like Florida State who is near the top of the polls and the list of most penalized teams, and you have to think that their incredible talent lets them get away with mistakes.

The combination of the Irish’s talent and depth has let them make those penalties a non-factor the last two weeks. But just like LaVecchia isn’t out putting up Weineke numbers, the Irish aren’t the Noles. They can afford these kind of mistakes against the likes of Rutgers and still paste them, but doing that to USC is something completely different.

Whether USC is 10-0 or 0-10, they’re going to be ready for the Irish and their BCS hopes to come ‘a calling.’

Unfortunately for the Trojans, whether sloppy or sensational, Notre Dame does tend to lead in the most important statistic: the final score.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**Talented soccer team finally grabs attention of students**

How could Friday night’s women’s soccer game be summed up? Cold. Very cold. But the freezing temperatures didn’t stop several hundred members of the student body from coming out to see top-ranked Notre Dame beat Harvard 2-0. Who knew why all those people turned out? Maybe it was the yellow foam fingers that were given away to every student who entered. Maybe they were looking for something to do and standing in the cold was their idea of fun. Or maybe they wanted to see one heck of a soccer game and have a great time in the process.

"The fans were awesome and there were cheering a ton," said senior forward Moits Erikson. "That really helps a lot." The fan support at the women’s soccer games has gradually risen over the season, with more and more people realizing just how good they are. And it’s about time.

The students who braved the cold weather were determined to have a good time. They cheered for the Irish, heckled to have a good time. They raised the crowd up, kept them going, and sent a statement to the rest of the nation that Irish soccer is nothing to be trifled with. TheRequiredvariableintheaboveequationisvariables. Provo, Utah

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Santa Clara upsets BYU, will face Irish in quarterfinals

Special to The Observer

Senior forward Megan Harvath scored the game-winning goal in sudden-victory overtime to lead 24th-ranked Santa Clara in a 2-1 upset of eighth-ranked Brigham Young in NCAA third-round action this afternoon at South Field. Game-time temperature was 37 degrees under clear skies. Harvath has recorded goals in the last four matches, three of which have been game-winners. Today’s brace was a career first. The Broncos have advanced to the Women’s College Cup. That match will take place in South Bend, Ind., on Monday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. Notre Dame is 23-0-0 on the season and the only team left undefeated. Santa Clara fell to the Fighting Irish 0-1 with a limited roster earlier this season in South Bend. The semifinals and Championship matches will be contested at San Jose State University, Friday and Sunday, Dec. 1 and 3.

"Our goalkeeper made a couple of big saves for us in regulation," Santa Clara head coach Jerry Smith said of senior Crystal Gordon. "I am very proud of the team. We played with a lot of heart and guts against a great team — probably the toughest team we have faced all year." Brigham Young opened the match at the 4:47 mark when midfielder Sarah King put a shot into the upper right corner of the goal on an assist from Natalie Lewis. Santa Clara responded in the second half. When freshman defender Chardonnay Poole headed the ball into the net in the 56th minute for a goal from senior forward Heather Alevia.

All Lovelace dribbles upfield during Sunday’s game against Michigan. Despite freezing temperatures, nearly 800 students turned up to watch Notre Dame defeat Harvard on Friday night.
Men’s Basketball

Ingelsby leads Irish to impressive rout of Sacred Heart

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

After starting at point guard during his first two years at Notre Dame, Martin Ingelsby’s pride took a major blow last season, when then-head coach Matt Doherty chose senior Jimmy Dillon as the starter. However, with the starting job locked up heading into the 2000-01 season, Ingelsby proved Saturday that he is out to make the most of his opportunity. The senior knocked down a career-high five three-pointers in the first 15 minutes of the game and finished with 15 points and six assists to lead No. 16 Notre Dame (1-0) to a 104-58 season-opening victory against Sacred Heart at the Joyce Center.

“I’ve been waiting for this game since we lost to Wake Forest in the NIT Championship game last year,” said Ingelsby, who also grabbed two rebounds and committed just one turnover in 30 minutes of play. “It was a great confidence boost just coming out there and hearing your name in the starting lineup.”

“I’m happy for Martin Ingelsby,” Irish head coach Mike Brey said. “He had a great game and I know he had a tough year last year.”

The Pioneers hung around early, trailing by just four points eight minutes into the contest, but a Matt Carroll four point play at the 11:43 mark got the Irish rolling. Fueled by superb long-range shooting, Notre Dame quickly built a 24-point lead by halftime and never looked back.

“Obviously I was disappointed with our defense,” Pioneers’ head coach Dave Bike said. “When they made those open shots, we just couldn’t recover.”

To make matters worse for Sacred Heart, Notre Dame opened the second half with a 29-8 run. Four Irish players scored in double-figures, including All-American forward Troy Murphy who scored a game-high 31 points and grabbed 14 rebounds. Ryan Humphrey put in a 19-point, nine-rebound effort in his first official game in an Irish uniform.

“It felt great out there,” Humphrey said. “This was a long time coming.”

Carroll finished with 17 points and six assists and held Sacred Heart’s best player Marius Kovaliukas in check. Kovaliukas was just 2-of-12 from the floor and missed all four of his three point attempts.

“I challenged Matt yesterday and told him he was going to have Kovaliukas,” Brey said. “But Matt worked him really hard, especially early. He’s going to be our stopper on the perimeter and that was a good test for him tonight.”

Notre Dame held Sacred Heart to just 29 percent shooting from the field. Andrew Hunter scored 15 points and Kurt Reis added 14 in the losing effort. The Irish dished out 25 assists, while committing just 13 turnovers.

“I’m happy with the way we started off,” said Brey. “When you have 25 assists, no matter who is playing, that’s good balance.”

The Irish shot 57 percent from the field and connected on 30-of-38 attempts from the charity stripe. They also outrebounded the Pioneers, 48-33. Both teams combined for 53 fouls in a game that was officiated very tightly.

Notre Dame hosts Loyola (Chicago) Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Notes:
Brey picked up his 100th career victory as a head coach and his first at Notre Dame.
Saturday’s game marked the first time the Irish went over 100 points in an opener since a 104-56 win over St. Joseph’s (Ind.) in 1983.

Murphy, who began the evening No. 16 on Notre Dame’s all-time scoring list, passed former Irish great John Paxson, Collins Jones and Monty Williams to move into 13th.

Forward David Graves dribbles up the court during an exhibition game earlier this season. Graves had 10 points as the Irish beat the Pioneers 104-58.

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Irish play freezng temperatures to beat Crimson

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It was a frigid night but the top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team was red hot. Battleing the Harvard Crimson in the third round of the NCAA tournament, the Irish blanked the Crimson 2-0 in their first ever meeting.

"I thought we came out with a lot of intensity," said Irish head coach Randy Waldrum. "We really set the tone for not getting ourselves in trouble. I never felt that we were struggling." A Harvard defender pushed the ball over the end line in the game's 31st minute. Notre Dame was awarded a corner kick, an opportunity they would be quick to convert. Senior forward Meotis Erikson lofted a high cross to the far side of the box where a leaping Anne Makinen was able to head the ball into the lower half of the net. Erikson played the ball to the far post, which was pretty much unplanned from practice, and the players in front of me that was marking me jumped at the wrong time," said Makinen. "It just came to my head and I headed it in."

"Anne can finish, so I was trying to hit her," added Erikson. The Irish have enjoyed considerable success off set plays all season. Nine of the last 13 team goals have come off corner kicks or free kicks. Waldrum emphasized the set play in practice. "We noticed that Harvard puts a couple players on the post and then man-marks in the box and that's very difficult in that kind of a space, because there's so much traffic," said Waldrum. "Late in the season we've begun to spend more time on set pieces and we have had a lot of success."

Still leading by a count of 1-0 as the second half commenced, the Irish moved to put the game out of reach. Again it was a corner kick that made the difference. Erikson served the ball from the right corner and Mia Sarkesian slid the ball past Crimson goalkeeper Cheryl Gunther. "We needed that second goal to ensure things," said Waldrum. "I was concerned that they might be able to counter us." Harvard coach Tim Wheaton acknowledged that the second goal was the clincher. "The second goal was very disappointing," said Wheaton. "In a game like this, to give up a second goal and keep battling is very tough. It takes a lot of character and a lot of fight. We were battling all the way through, trying to get a goal."

Despite the loss, Wheaton was pleased with his squad's effort. "We thought we could give them a battle and I think we did," he said.

With the win the Irish extend their unbeaten streak to 23 games, just one short of the team record, and earn the right to play a familiar foe in the quarterfinals on Friday night.

For the second time this year, the Santa Clara Broncos will make the trip to South Bend. The Broncos were undefeated last year, before being shocked by the Irish, 1-0, in the NCAA semifinals, in a game they maintain they still should have won. After their 6-1 Irish defeat in September, the Broncos will look to come back and end Notre Dame's unbeaten season.