Reed speaks about Indiana education

- Indiana superintendent discusses standardized tests at Saint Mary's

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At a town hall meeting on education held Thursday evening at Saint Mary’s, educators, students and local school administrators came together to question and comment on the Indiana education system. Dr. Suelen Reed, Indiana superintendent of public instruction, presided over the town hall meeting.

The audience questioned Reed about Indiana’s education policies regarding child development, professional development of teachers, standardized testing and school budgets.

“Locals make the best decisions regarding their school districts, the state can only go so far,” Reed said.

Several audience members expressed their concerns about the exacting standards placed on teachers and their students and the pressure on schools to constantly improve test scores. Others raised questions about material not being taught to students because of pressure to meet these testing standards.

“There is an emphasis on language arts and math because they are the basic skills it allows teachers to use science, art, music and social studies to reinforce the basics so that students really learn,” Reed said.

Reed also addressed the fact that in Indiana standardized testing is conducted in the fall, when students are just returning from summer vacation. One of the reasons why the tests are conducted early in the academic year is to discover what topics students have completely mastered and what material they have learned at the last minute. Reed said. To help students prepare for the exams, teachers are expected to review material in their classes but do not simply teach the topics that will appear on the tests.

“There is an art and science to teaching, it is not just the skill, drill and kill,” Reed said. “It is up to our new generation of teachers and our best teachers to change the skill, drill and kill mentality.

The standards are not the curriculum but are encompassed in the curriculum.” Reed is Indiana’s Chief State School Officer and serves as the Chairperson of the State Board of Education and CEO of the Indiana Department of Education. She was first elected in Nov. 1992 and was re-elected to a third four-year term in Nov. 2000. When Reed was re-elected in 2000 she made a promise to visit all 92 Indiana counties, giving her a chance to meet with local educators and hold town meetings in the community.

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Crawford’s trial date was moved to March, Lenyo said, although he did not have the exact date available. Crawford was charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviant conduct and sexual battery. Lenyo dismissed rumors about the reasons for the new trial dates, saying rather that they are related to the volume of cases in the county. “This isn’t the only case that the judge has to consider,” Lenyo said.

Dykes’ trial has already been rescheduled from Sept. 16 to Nov. 12. The original date for Smith’s trial is Oct. 28, but neither Dykes’ lawyer, William Stanley, or Smith’s lawyer, Tony Zappia, were available to answer questions Thursday concerning their clients’ trial dates.

In a separate decision, the University expelled all four of the men from the University last May following a disciplinary hearing in the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

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Irish take on Air Force Insider

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Saint Mary’s has named Dr. Patrick White to be the interim vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty. White fills the position left vacant by the unexpected resignation of Dean Karen Ristau at the Oct. 2 Faculty Assembly meeting.

“I’m very excited, it’s an honor to be the interim vice president and dean of faculty,” White said. “I love the College, I love the students and I love the faculty.”

White came to Saint Mary’s in 1988 and has served as the associate dean of faculty and the director of the Center for Academic Innovation. In addition to working in the College’s administration, White has been instrumental in developing programs as the student independent study and research (SISTAR) grants and implementing the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL).

In order to fill the positions left vacant by White’s appointment, Saint Mary’s president Marliou Eldred appoints an acting associate dean of faculty who will also act as the director of the Center for Academic Innovation next week.

As interim dean, White plans to continue to address concerns important to stu...
Inside Column
Meet me in St. Louis

Even though the St. Louis Cardinals lost in the second round of the playoffs, there is no question that St. Louis is still the best baseball city ever. Loyalty. Where else are fans going to stick with their hometown team through thick and thin, through the good seasons and the bad? Only in St. Louis does a death in the bandwagon when the good seasons and thin, through the true St. Louis baseball fan booing a team is good, something that does not ing support from the community. It is St. Louis does a through thick and is still the best baseball city ever.

members of the opposing team, unless go as far to say that you will not see a respect even when their performance spirit and there is no question that reaches out further than blood. Like J.D. Drew, who was drafted by the he has first injured a member of our both teams taking the field. I will even that delivers nothing but respect for presence both in and out of the stadium. This presence and attitude is one like J.D. Drew, who was drafted by the Phillies, but opted to sign with the Phillies, or our beloved Cardinals or if he has done something to disrespect our team. Players long to come to St. Louis to be a part of this atmosphere. Players like J.D. Drew, who was drafted by the Phillies, but opted to sign with the Cardinals. The first time Drew met the Phillies in Philadelphia umpires had to stop the game because the hometown crowd was throwing batteries at Drew every time he took the field, something that would never happen in St. Louis. When Jack Buck died earlier in the season, the baseball club had to unify themselves and stay on track, and just as they said goodbye to Buck, they then had to say goodbye to teammate Darryl Kile. This team has done nothing but feed off the love and the support of the community and each other, they rely on one another to keep going. The Cardinals have taken in Kile’s family as one of their own. Kile is one of the players traveling with his late dad’s co-workers and sporting a Cardinal’s uniform, something unique to the Cardinal’s organization. Buck and Kile have remained with the team and the community throughout the season.

This team has produced nothing but spirit, attitude, and there is no question that they are constantly giving back to the St. Louis community the love and support they have received.

While Cardinals had an amazing incredible season this year, they have suffered many injuries, losses and have done nothing but persevere and in the end the Cardinals are No. 1 in all St. Louis fans’ hearts. The Cardinal organization and their fans deserve props for having the most class in baseball.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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What’s Happening @ ND

• “The Politics of Democratic Inclusion,” All Day at McKenna Hall
• 807 Mass. 8 p.m., Coleman-Morse, Hammes Student Lounge
• Latino Theology and Spirituality Seminar: 10 a.m., McKenna Hall
• Midwest economic theory and international trade meetings, all day, Mendoza College of Business

What’s Going Down

Waffle iron stolen from North Dining Hall

A food services employee reported Wednesday the theft of a waffle iron from North Dining Hall on Sunday. The case is being further investigated by NDISP.

Vandalism reported in visitor lot

NDSF received a report of vandalism to a car parked in the Notre Dame Avenue visitor lot on Wednesday between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The case is pending and there are no suspects.

Speeding citation issued

NDSF issued a state citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Thursday morning on Edison Road.

Credit card fraud reported

A Notre Dame student reported the fraudulent use of his credit card Wednesday at an offfcampus location.

Car towed from Bulla lot

NDSF towed a student’s car Wednesday morning from the Bulla Road lot for a parking violation.

What’s Happening @ SMC

• Jean Ritchie: The American folk musician, 7:30 p.m., Little Theatre
• Confidential AA Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Havican #20

What’s Cooking

North Dining Hall

No dining hall menus available for today.

South Dining Hall

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Saint Mary’s Dining Hall

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White will officially take over the position of interim vice president and dean of faculty Monday.

"I expect to encounter great opportunities and challenges," White said. "It's a tough job, but I'm very excited about it."

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Special to The Observer

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans will speak in Mendoza College of Business today at 5:30 p.m. on the impor-
tance of exporting. Evans will join finance and business economics professor Jeffrey Bergstrand in a 30-
minute panel presentation and question-and-answer session.

The 34th commerce secretary, Evans oversees a Cabinet agency with 40,000 workers and a $5 billion budget focused on promoting and advocating for American business at home and abroad.

He had served for the last 16 years as chief executive officer of Tom Brown, Inc., a large independent energy company. Bergstrand joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1986 and specializes in international finance and exchange rates, international trade, macroeconomics and the U.S. economy.

The forum will conclude with Evans' presentation of the Expert Achievement Award to Richard Lundin, chairman and chief executive officer of LifeScreen Company, a Warsaw, Ind., firm that produces projection screens and presentation products.

The award recognizes small and medium-size enterprises that have successfully entered the international market place for the first time or that have successfully entered markets.
United Nations

U.S. offers deal on Iraq resolution

+ U.S. backs off demands for language threatening military action

Associated Press

Seeking to win a new U.N. resolution on Iraq, the United States has removed language explicitly threatening military action, while making clear Baghdad will face consequences if it fails to cooperate with inspections, diplomats and U.S. officials said Thursday.

The latest compromise appeared tailored to win support from powerful Security Council members including France and Russia, which want to give Iraq a chance to cooperate before authorizing force.

A senior White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the proposed resolution wouldn't spell out the consequences but says Iraq's President Saddam Hussein will be in "material breach" if he violates any U.N. resolution.

The term "material breach," allows for military action to be taken in Kosovo in 1999. The official said that no measures would be ruled out in the text, the White House believes President Bush will announce Monday in Kosovo a "maximum flexibility" to mete out consequences should Saddam fail to comply.

Moreover, the official said the Bush administration's approach matters to nearly all nations have "maximum flexibility" to mete out consequences should Saddam fail to comply.

But diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that if the Iraqis obstructed inspections, the United States would be required to consult with the Security Council before taking any action.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, who met with chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix in New York Thursday, said a U.S.-drafted resolution would leave "no opportunity for the Iraqis to deter the inspectors from their work or to defeat their efforts."
CIA: al-Qaida set to strike at home or abroad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

New al-Qaida strikes may be imminent on U.S. soil or overseas, CIA Director George J. Tenet warned Thursday as he defended his agency's counterterrorism efforts as lawmakers asked: "You must make the assumption that al-Qaida is not what it seems to be, that it intends to strike us both here and overseas," Tenet said, noting recent attacks in Kashmir, Indonesia and off Yemen. "That's unambiguous as far as I'm concerned."

Tenet's comments came during an extraordinary session as he joined FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III and National Security Agency chief Lt. Gen. Michael Hayden to answer sharp questions from the House and Senate intelligence committees, in the culmination of five weeks of public hearings on what went wrong during the Sept. 11 attacks. The hearing also led to new revelations and regulatory agency, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

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Blair calls for IRA commitment for peace: The Irish Republican Army must make a "real, total and permanent" commitment to peace for Northern Ireland to allow border talks to resume between the British and Irish governments, Prime Minister Tony Blair said Thursday. Blair bluntly warned that the IRA's decision not to order its fighters to lay down their arms was "very dangerous."

Pentagon memorial finalists unveiled: Dewey grass walls and the infinite sky could be components of a memorial to victims of the Sept. 11 attacks in Washington, D.C., according to a panel of 20 finalists Thursday, after the筛选 sliced six finalists Thursday in the competition to design the monument. Inspired by the ripple effect of the tragedy and the landscape of the site itself across the Potomac River in Arlington, Va., under the flight path of American Airlines Flight 77 the finalists used metaphor that evoked war images.

Witness leads police astray with false description

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md.

A witness who said he saw a sniper fire with an assault rifle and fire in a cream-colored van gave a phony story, investigators said Thursday.

Moose, who isא head in the Montgomery County Police Department's Major Crimes Unit, said the witness told him he saw a man in the parking lot about 50 feet away from where the shooting took place. He was probably about 50 feet away from where he shot her, Moose said.

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Give away your coat...and SHARE THE WARMTH.

Facts and Figures on Poverty and America's Working Poor

The poverty rate in 2001 was 11.7 percent, up from 11.3 percent in 2000.

In 2001, there were 6.8 million poor families, up from 6.4 million poor families in 2000.

36% of persons living in poverty are children—the 2001 poverty rate of 16.3% for children is over 1.5 times as high as the poverty rate for any other age group.

Two trends appear in the rise in homelessness in the past 15-20 years: a growing shortage of affordable rental housing and a simultaneous increase in poverty.

Two prime factors account for the increase in poverty: eroding employment opportunities for large segments of the workforce and declining value and availability of public assistance.

Things are heating up again!

The Center for Social Concerns is gearing up for another successful run of Project Warmth. Last year, over 2000 coats were received and distributed to sites all across the country, including the Appalachia region, Indian reservations in the Dakotas, and outreach facilities around the South Bend area.

EVERYONE can participate! Starting October 28, immediately after fall break, collection sites spread all over campus will be eager to accept your coat donations. These sites include:

Center for Social Concerns * Hammes Bookstore * LaFortune Information Desk * RecSports * Grace Hall * North Dining Hall * South Dining Hall * Campus Ministry/ Hesburgh Library * All Residence Halls * College of Business Administration * St. Michael's Laundry Distribution Center *

Other sites will soon be announced!

In return for your coat donation, you will receive a coupon for 25% off of any new coat of your choice from the Notre Dame Bookstore. Keep that Fighting Irish spirit and generosity alive while fighting for the rights and dignity of the poor.

Hall Competition

As Project Warmth heats up again, so do the prizes for the two dorms with the highest percentage of participation. The first place dorm will receive $1000 and the second place dorm will win $500. Start energizing hall spirit for this great cause!

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Former Enron trader pleads guilty

Enron gets hit with more scandal

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

A former Enron trader accused of masterminding a scheme to drive up energy prices during California's power crisis pleaded guilty Thursday to conspiracy and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors.

Timothy Belden, the former head of Enron's Portland, Ore., office, admitted to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. He faces up to five years in prison and must forfeit $2.1 million.

"I did it because I was trying to maximize profits for Enron," Belden told U.S. District Judge Martin Jenkins.

U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said the plea demonstrated once and for all that the rolling blackouts and huge price increases that rocked California in 2000 and last year were the result of illegal conduct.

These charges answer the question that has long troubled California consumers: whether the energy crisis was spurred in part by criminal activity.

The answer is a resounding yes," Ryan said.

Belden, 35, who now lives in Houston, was released on $500,000 bail. He will be sentenced Nov. 26.

Belden's plea is the first prosecution of anyone in connection with the West's energy crisis. It is also the first public acknowledgment by the government that criminal activity helped drive up power prices, a point California Gov. Gray Davis and other lawmakers have been making since the crisis began two years ago.

The case represents a remarkable evolution in the Bush administration's posture about the energy crisis. In May 2001, Vice President Dick Cheney said California was to blame for power shortages and soaring prices. "They caused it themselves," Cheney said then.

Prosecutor Matthew Jacobs said Belden will help build a case against high-ranking officials at Houston-based Enron, the energy giant whose collapse last year has roiled the energy industry.

Belden's attorney, Cristina Arguedas, said her client was following Enron's instructions when he handled his trades and will "make amends for that by cooperating with the government."

Belden is the third Enron figure to be prosecuted. Andrew Fastow, Enron's former chief financial officer, is charged with of devising the off-the-books partnerships that were used to hide some $1 billion in debt. Fastow aide Michael Kopper pleaded guilty in August to money laundering and conspiracy.

"Tim Belden is not a high-level executive who was lining his pockets out of greed," Arguedas said. "He did his job. Tim was always honest with others at Enron about his actions, and was never disciplined by Enron."

"He now realizes that what he was taught to do was wrong," she said.

Belden was the mastermind behind the strategies described in memos spelling out how Enron manipulated the California energy market, said Chris Schreiber, an attorney working with a California Senate committee investigating the crisis.

"He's been on our radar for a long time," Schreiber said.

Federal investigators have worked for months with the state Senate panel, and a federal grand jury in San Francisco weighed criminal charges.

Internal company memos, first released in May, describe how Enron took power out of California at a time of rolling blackouts and shortages and sold it out of state to elude price caps.

Enron bought California power at cheaper prices, routed it outside the state and then sold it back into California at vastly inflated prices, authorities said. The so-called "ricochet" deals were designed to circumvent California's price caps on wholesale energy.

Sears' credit woes cause shortfall

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Worsening problems with credit-card debt prompted Sears. Roebuck and Co. to report a surprise drop in quarterly profits Thursday and warn of a fourth-quarter shortfall as well, sending its stock plunging 32 percent to a 12-year low.

The warning and 26 percent decline in third-quarter earnings came just 10 days after the retailer said it expected to meet Wall Street's forecast for the third quarter and was on track to meet fourth-quarter targets.

Shares fell $10.80 to close at $23.15 in heavy trading on the New York Stock Exchange their lowest level since October 1990. They have lost more than 60 percent of their value since reaching $59.90 in June, after Sears announced the acquisition of casual clothing marketer Lands' End.

It was a stunning setback for a company that's already saddled with sluggish retail sales in a shaky economy and is in the midst of a complete overhaul of its full line stores.

"It's particularly significant because their sales have been under pressure for so long, and the credit and financial group has pro­vided the profit to replace the lost sales on the store side," said retail consultant Burt Flickinger III.

"Now the stores are under much more pressure from Kohl's, Target, Wal-Mart and T.J.X.," which includes T.J. Maxx and Marshalls stores, said Flickinger, managing director of the New York based Strategic Resource Group.

CEO Alan Lacy told analysts that additional problems were discovered in the credit card unit, already under pressure from the weakening economy, after he fired credit chief Kevin Keleigh early this month for a "loss of credibility" about what was going on in the business.

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However, it is not merely the rise of Spanish and other formerly marginal languages that has imperiled the hegemony of English; an almost imperceptible assault is being waged from the most unlikely of sources: American sports.

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Do athletes and their coaches have so little faith in their fans' knowledge of the game that they need to insert superfluous exposition of how the game is played — indeed, with which ball the game is played? It was not always so. A man by the name of Howard Cosell once endowed Notre Dame culture. On a campus as conservative as Notre Dame's, these groups often seem extreme in their views and actions. But those for whom they are interested, could offer the forums that are necessary to discuss issues like the war in Iraq, domestic policies and even issues pertaining to campus life like the Catholic Church, gender relations and student apathy.

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Rather, being educated and informed is enough. If students care about the world around them, take the time to learn about current events, and make an effort to analyze their own position on world affairs, they should use their knowledgeable opinions to enter into the public debate. Continue the dialogue campus groups have begun. And add to their insights the diversity of all students' opinions.

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PROJECT OPINIONS ACTIVELY

The presence of a socially active forum on campus is necessary for students to voice opinions and concerns about issues pertaining to the campus, the nation and the world. Yet, many students have opined that the Notre Dame social activity scene does not provide adequate forums for groups like the Fray for Peace coalition, Pax Christi, Right to Life and the Progressive Student Alliance have tended to exist on the fringes of Notre Dame culture. On a campus as conservative as Notre Dame's, these groups often seem extreme in their views and actions. But those for whom they are interested, could offer the forums that are necessary to discuss issues like the war in Iraq, domestic policies and even issues pertaining to campus life like the Catholic Church, gender relations and student apathy.

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Do athletes and their coaches have so little faith in their fans' knowledge of the game that they need to insert superfluous exposition of how the game is played — indeed, with which ball the game is played? It was not always so. A man by the name of Howard Cosell once endowed Notre Dame culture. On a campus as conservative as Notre Dame's, these groups often seem extreme in their views and actions. But those for whom they are interested, could offer the forums that are necessary to discuss issues like the war in Iraq, domestic policies and even issues pertaining to campus life like the Catholic Church, gender relations and student apathy.

Notre Dame students do have an active social voice on campus, but it is not the voice of the majority of Notre Dame students. Activist groups have started the dialogue at Notre Dame by promoting debate and raising new ideas. Now, students must respond to their mobilizing words and actions. Though writing with chalk on the sidewalks may seem futile, at times it is the only response available to students. Notre Dame is so far removed from many world events, and student activists are doing their best to increase awareness of them. Whether they do it through chalk on the sidewalks or in the halls, they are at least trying to encourage discussion.

Notre Dame students and faculty should take advantage of the academic setting around them, should follow the leadership of activist groups, and should debate international issues inside and outside the classroom. If students possess opinions, they should voice them. If they want to be heard, they must speak up. But all students do not have to join the student social justice groups to make a difference. If students disagree with the status quo, they do not need to be part of a club. They do not need to start their own protest group.

Rather, being educated and informed is enough. If students care about the world around them, take the time to learn about current events, and make an effort to analyze their own position on world affairs, they should use their knowledgeable opinions to enter into the public debate. Continue the dialogue campus groups have begun. And add to their insights the diversity of all students' opinions.
The right to quit. That's right — over the course of your time here at Notre Dame, you'll hear from many, many people that what Americans fought to defend is "a living wage," or "better working conditions," or that the "rich capitalists are making the common man." Their argument sounds great. After all, who doesn't want to side with the little man against the big bad companies? The truth is, however, that the most of the workers' rights activists want to give to the oppressed simply isn't theirs to allocate.

To explain what is common business sense to the mostly non-business activists, I guess I'll rehash some simple business principles that guide our country.

Let's say I'm starting a business. In order to do this, I will have to come up with my own money, and at the risk of my own financial security (that is, if I fall I lose not only my living wage, but all of my wages and I start my business with this). If I find success, I might hire someone to say, do my math for me, since I hate math, or maybe direct my sales.

As times go on, I hire more and more people, with each one taking a financial risk that my investment might falter or prosper due to their contribution. All my employees bring to work however, in their performance, for which they are paid a fair market rate. They do not take a risk to work with me, if my company fails, they lose none of their own wealth.

This is typically where your unions and workers' rights activists come in. They claim simply because workers work for me, they should also have a say about how I spend my money, which I have invested and I have risked. This is simply not their place. In fact, if the worker does not like their pay or benefits or hours, they are free to quit at any time. That's what we call "at will" employment.

That said, business owners have a responsibility to treat their employees fairly and a responsibility to provide a safe environment in which they can work. To employers do not have a right to this; employers have a responsibility to provide it. Employers have the responsiblity to provide their employees with a fair market wage, that is, a wage that fairly compensates them for their contributions to the business and society as a whole. Employers do not have a responsibility to provide for an employ­ee's family and dog. The truth is, any successful employer will realize that in order to survive in the long run, safe conditions and adequate pay for employees will be necessary. Otherwise, employers will simply quit, and the company will founder.

Now let's take a look at the living wage argument. People tell me that you can't provide for a wife, and children with a minimum wage job — this is absolutely correct. But the real question most pass up is, why, if you are married and have children, are you still working a minimum wage position. In almost every case, you'll find a person who has moved from job to job, quitting or getting fired, is the one in this perpetually state of minimum wage. Persons who have kept the same job over time (read: capable of building down a job) do get compensated for their loyalty.

I can go further. Take tomato pickers, those poor, oppressed souls you'll hear the workers' rights folks drone on and on about so much. They get paid about $8,000 a year for their nodal labor; their contribution to society is what they're paid. This is harsh, but the unskilled labor they provide simply is not worth more than $8,000 a year in the market.

Little do activists realize, money is made on the margin in businesses, that is, the tiny top percentage of sales rev­ enue. The two cents more the activists demand per bushel of tomatoes comes directly out of Taco Bell's profit, and thus is an irresponsible stewardship of the funds Taco Bell's investors have trusted the company with. Truth be told, they could probably buy the toma­ toes from overseas for less than the extra two cents per bushel the pickers demand. If they did that the tomato pickers would have no job at all (and no wages).

If you don't like what you're getting paid, quit. Start your own company. Set your own wage. But don't whine about it like you have some "right" to some­one else's money. They took the risk, you didn't. This is their reward. You are not others at living my faith, but I're sure you'll find your idea of "living wage" is a bit of the mark.

John Little is a senior MIS major who is sick and tired of jealous whining from tormented rebellious socialists. He urges them to move to France with the rest of the militarily, economically and intellectually feinthearted. His column usually appears on Tuesdays. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Pit stop. Double the number of beverages in your stockpile.

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Rural radio sucks. Stop and buy CDs. Lose a turn.

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Escape South Bend’s evil gravitational pull. Gain two beverages.

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Traffic jam. Lose three beverages waiting.

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Dillon rumbles over Keough in 27-0 victory

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

"We're runnin' it!" you could see the breath of assistant coach Joe Craciun run "parker on the Dillon sideline."

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Players hopped up and down to keep warm. It was snowing. The lights were on.

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The Dillon Big Red wanted the Keough Kangaroos to know their play calls. They were doing the defense to stop them.

Keough stood up the Dillon backs on a number of plays, helped by the solid performance of linebacker Kyle LeClerc, but the Kangaroos simply could not plug the holes the entire game. The Big Red stormed into the playoffs with a 12-0 victory at Chicago fields Thursday night.

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By JASON HATALA
Sports Writer

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Terps topple Yellow Jackets

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. In the first half, Chris Downs couldn't take more than a step or two before running into a white jersey. After that, the 5-foot-8 running back zipped through holes that could have accommodated someone twice his size.

Downs ran for a career-high 212 yards and three touchdowns as Maryland cruised to its fourth straight victory, 34-10 over Virginia Tech.

Held to 29 yards on seven carries in the first half, Downs ran for 179 in the second half and four scores in the third quarter as the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champions turned a 6-3 lead into a 20-3 advantage.

"The offensive line came up huge in the second half. Thank God for our O-line," was the coach's saying. "During the third quarter, I saw creases and holes open up. There were more cracks in their defense, and I got through them as quickly as possible."

Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen said his staff made several adjustments in the blocking scheme at halftime, and Downs did the rest.

"Their offensive line stepped up, and Chris Downs... well, what can I tell you? He had a phenomenal game," Friedgen said.

After digging a huge hole for the Yellow Jackets in the third quarter, Downs buried them with 7:40 remaining, running 64 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown to make it 27-3.

Downs is playing in place of 2001 ACC offensive player of the year Bruce Perry, who has yet to suit up this season because of a torn groin. Before this year, Downs, a senior, had 144 runs for 733 yards and 11 touchdowns.

"I'm very thankful to the coaches for finally giving me a chance," he said.

Scooter Monroe had five catches for 105 yards for Maryland (5-2, 1-1), which needed to get to overtime to beat the Yellow Jackets last year.

"It was big, because it gets us in the win column in the league," Friedgen said. "From a team perspective, we just need to take care of business each and every week. We'll be in this thing at the end. It's all investment."

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Former tennis player almost leads Keenan to victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Snorts Writer

Timmy Giattina is used to hitting lobs, not catching them.

The former varsity tennis player almost single-handedly won the game for his team, but the rest of the Keenan Knights came up just short in Thursday’s 6-0 loss to Morrissey.

With the win, the Manorites (3-1) are guaranteed a position in the playoffs, while the Knights’ (1-3) season is over.

Giattina had two receptions in the half on separate drives, the first for 38 yards and the second for 37 yards. Both receptions gave the Knights field position in the red zone, but both attempts to score failed.

On the first drive, which went all the way to the Morrissey 4-yard line before being stopped, ended on a turnover on downs. The second drive also ended with a turnover on downs, but in heartbreaking fashion.

With the fourth-down play starting on the Morrissey 20-yard line, Giattina was able to find an open spot in the end zone, but the pass was just late and the receiver was hit as he tried to catch the ball. Even then, he almost managed to get a hand on it while being tackled to the ground.

“'We did not capitalize on our opportunities. We had drives inside the 20 but couldn’t put them in the end zone.”

Brent Morlok
Keenan captain

Morrissey showed no let-down after an emotional last-minute loss to Stanford Sunday.

“I think we responded well (to the Stanford loss),” Morrissey captain John Caver said. “Our intensity level tonight was higher than it’s been all season.”

The Manorites had an excellent position to take the lead early, when a play-action fake left wide receiver John Mulligan wide open. But the throw from Rick Ysasi was too long.

Morrissey didn’t focus on its missed opportunity for long. Just before the end of the first half, the Manorites were able to get on the board.

Morrissey began on their 25 and scored in only five plays. The scoring play was an 18-yard pass from Ysasi to wide receiver Matt Weger.

Because the game was played on the west Stepan field, which does not have goalposts, the Manorites had to go for two points. The conversion failed.

After Giattina wasn’t able to make the game-winning catch, the Knights saw their playoff hopes officially ended as the Manorites knelt down to run out the clock.

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**Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002**

**MICHIGAN at PURDUE**

**Michigan at STANFORD**

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**Washington at USC**

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**College Football**

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**Around the Dial**

**In Brief**

Pace wants to play Sunday

An injury to his backup is motivating offensive tackle Orlando Pace to suit up for the St. Louis Rams two weeks ahead of schedule.

Pace, the first overall pick of the 1997 draft, is getting over a leg injury and wasn’t supposed to return until Nov. 2.

But backup Grant Williams is out for the season with a broken leg, so the team needs Pace now. After playing the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, the Rams have a bye, so Pace would have two weeks to continue his own recovery.

“That kind of accelerated things,” Pace said Thursday after practice. “There’s so much shuffling you want to get back in there and help your teammates out. In my mind, hopefully I’ll be out there playing.”

At the least, Pace wants to be available for emergency duty on what could be a make-shift alignment.

After Williams was hurt, right tackle St. Clair moved to the left side, guard Tom Nutter moved to right tackle and reserve guard Heath Irving moved into Nutter’s spot. Coach Mike Martz said if Pace doesn’t play, that will be his line against Sunday.

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**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

Anahiem Angels pitcher Jarrod Washburn looks around during a recent practice. Washburn will start against San Francisco Giants pitcher Jason Schmidt in Game One of the 2002 World Series Saturday night.

**Angels, Giants name starting pitchers**

Associated Press

ANAHEIM

Instead of bunching big game this October, Jarrod Washburn is pitching in one.

The 26-year-old left-hander will start the World Series opener for Anaheim on Saturday night against San Francisco’s Jason Schmidt, far different from Washburn’s usual autumn haunts.

He’s from Danbury, Wis., a town so small that its 1,855 residents could fit into Edison International Field’s left-field bleachers with room to spare.

“You hunt six days a week,” Washburn said, and watch the Packers on Sunday.

He loves to take his bow and arrow out during the offseason and go after deer, even goes to North Dakota to hunt with his dad. Even if the temperature is 40 degrees below zero.

“As long as there’s no wind,” he said.

Last year, he had a big seven-game win over the New York Yankees.

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A Notre Dame swimmer competes in the Notre Dame relays earlier this season. The Irish face some tougher competition this week at Air Force.

A m e r i c a n  s e a s o n  w h e n

They have high kills per game and two are very, very good. They are key and along with that task, Notre Dame's strength this season has been its blocking. The Irish still lead the country with a 3.81 blocks per game average. "We have to be able to at least slow down their outside hitters with our blocking which has been a strength this year," Brown said. "I think definitely those hitters are key and along with that they play good defense and their ball control is very good. They always have a good option to go to, even on a bad pass." As a team, Hawaii is best in the nation with a .339 team hitting percentage. Willoughby is 21st with a percentage of .381.

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Hawaii is the highest-ranked opponent Notre Dame has played since a match last September against top-ranked Nebraska. Willoughby is 21st with a percentage of .381.

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Thursday, October 18, 2002

Aloha

Young squads to face first test of the season

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

Swimming Kalamazoo College isn't quite the same as swimming against the Air Force Academy. The Notre Dame men's swimming team will see the difference in competition first hand this weekend as the Irish travel to Colorado Springs to face the Falcons. Freshman Doug Bauman said the team is ready and excited to race against Air Force and thinks the competition will be much tougher.

"It's our first big meet of the year so we're going in there looking to pull off a meaningful victory," Bauman said. "We've been practicing hard all the way through the week so a bunch of good times would be encouraging to us.

The younger swimmers on the team are also looking forward to their first big match of the season. Personally, Bauman feels he has performed well thus far this season. "I don't think you feel any pressure, but it does get you very excited."

Doug Bauman Irish Freshman

ND SWIMMING

Freshman Meg Henican digs a ball in action earlier this year. The Irish will play in Hawaii over fall break.

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Irish again face tough field in Pre-National

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

With all of the home meets for the season behind them, the Notre Dame men’s and women’s cross country teams will encounter their toughest competition yet Saturday at the Alex’s/Pace-setter Pre-National meet in Terre Haute, Ind.

The No. 13 women, who dropped in the rankings after their fourth place finish at the Notre Dame Invitational two weeks ago, will try to challenge No. 2 Stanford and No. 6 North Carolina State for the second time this season. Some other top squads competing at the meet include No. 3 Michigan State, No. 8 Arizona State and eight other top 30 teams.

The Irish men, currently ranked No. 24 in the country, will face No. 1 Stanford for the second time this season. Two weeks ago at the Notre Dame Invitational, the Cardinal’s top two runners, Ryan Hall and Donald Sage, took first and second place and beat out Irish junior Todd Mobley who finished third. The Cardinal finished with five more runners in the top 20, as they went on to a commanding win at the Burke Memorial.

In additional to the challenge posed by the Cardinal, the Irish men will also face No. 10 BYU, No. 14 NC State, and several other top 30 teams. The Pre-National meet, which is always held at the site of the national championship meet – at Terre Haute this year – will give the Irish an opportunity to show how they stack up against the nation’s best, as well as an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the national championship course. If the Irish squads can do well Saturday, they will increase their chances of qualifying for nationals.

Last year, Mobley finished 14th in the mens race, while then-freshman Lauren King claimed 15th. Mobley and King, who both were named All-Americans last season, are looking to lead the Irish on Saturday.

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Irish junior Todd Mobley tries to get around three Stanford runners during the Notre Dame Invitational two weeks ago. Notre Dame competes in the Pre-National meet this weekend in Terre Haute, Ind.

HOCKEY

Broncos gallop into Joyce for Irish opener

Special to The Observer

The Irish open their home and CCHA schedule tonight when they play host to the Western Michigan Broncos. The following night, Oct. 19, the Irish travel to Kalamazoo, Mich., to face the Broncos in the second game of the home-and-home series.

The Irish enter the weekend with a 1-0-1 record after opening the season last week at Minnesota-Duluth. Western Michigan brings a 2-0-0 overall record and a 2-0-0 CCHA record into the weekend after knocking off Bowling Green twice last weekend.

The Irish opened their season with a 2-2 tie last Friday at Minnesota-Duluth. That tie gives Notre Dame an 18-16-1 record in season openers. The tie broke a streak of three consecutive season-opening losses for the Irish. The last opening-day win for Notre Dame came on Oct. 2, 1998 at Wisconsin.

In home openers, the Irish are 19-15 in their first 34 seasons. Dave Poulin is 4-3-0 in home openers since taking over as coach prior to the 1995-96 season.

Western Michigan got its season off to a fast start with a pair of CCHA wins last weekend versus Bowling Green. Freshman Vince Bellissimo led the Broncos with three goals and one assist on the weekend with two of the goals being game winners.

Also collecting four points on the weekend were defensemen Dave Cousineau with two goals and two assists and forward Dana Lattery who had a goal and three assists.

Bellissimo was named the CCHA’s rookie-of-the-week while Lattery was the offensive player-of-the-week for his performance. Freshman goaltender Scott Foster picked up the wins in both games and has a 3.49 goals against average and a .841 save percentage.

The two teams will meet again on Feb. 28-Mar. 1 in a home-and-home series. Western Michigan, Ferris State and Bowling Green join the Irish in the same four-team cluster this season. All four teams will play each other four times this season.

Friday’s opening faceoff at the Joyce Center is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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ND WOMENS SOCCER

Getting back in winning form

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Two top-15 opponents. Two straight wins.

Building off the momentum from Sunday’s 3-1 victory over No. 8 Connecticut, Notre Dame snapped a three-game losing streak on the road with a 1-0 victory over No. 13 Michigan Thursday.

After a scoreless first half, the Irish offense broke through midway through the second half. In the game’s 58th minute, forward Amanda Guertin scored the decisive goal with a 16-yard shot into the lower right corner of the net.

Throughout her career, Guertin typically delivers with the clutch play when the Irish need it the most. With her goal against the Wolverines, the junior recorded her 13th career game-winning goal.

Defender Kim Carpenter set the goal in motion with a pass down the game’s 58th minute, forward through the second half. In the Michigan Thursday.

From left, Notre Dame’s Kristen Kinder, Lauren Brewster and Emily Loomis go up for a block in a match earlier this season.

ND VOLEYBALL

Irish say ‘aloha’ for fall break in Hawaii

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

A trip to the sunny beaches of Hawaii seems to be a nice way to spend fall break. But two matches against the University of Hawaii, the No. 2 team in the country, make the trip seem less appealing.

Not to mention, the Rainbows lead the country in attendance averaging 7,000 to 8,000 fans per match. Now the trip is even less attractive.

But the Notre Dame volleyball team is ready for the challenge.

“I think it is a fun, exciting atmosphere to play in,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “From my experiences in the past, there is a lot of people, very loud, but appreciate good volleyball. They aren’t a heckling crowd. It is a fun atmosphere to play in. I think it is a win-win situation.

Hopefully we get caught up in it and have a good time.”

The Irish (15-3) have won seven in a row, four straight on the road, and 12 of their last 13 matches. While the Irish are on a roll, the Rainbows have been unstoppable, winning all 13 of their matches so far this season.

They will play on Monday and Tuesday.

Hawaii is led by All-American outside hitter Kim Willoughby and Lily Kahumoku. In 2001, Willoughby recorded 850 kills and averaged 7.20 kills per game. Those numbers were the fourth best totals in NCAA history.

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Courtney Watson likes shattering stereotypes almost as much as he likes shattering opposing offenses.
ND clause is cause for alarm

The best thing to happen to Notre Dame this weekend would be to walk out of Colorado Springs with a win against Air Force. The second-best thing to happen to them would be to walk out of Colorado Springs with a loss to Air Force. In fact, if Notre Dame could pick a game it had to lose this season, that game would be Air Force.

That's because of a little-known clause built into the Bowl Championship Series contract commonly referred to as the "Notre Dame" clause. Or, more appropriately, the "Notre Dame is special and you're not" clause.

The way the BCS works is that the winners of the six major conferences — ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Pac-10 and SEC — automatically advance to one of the four biggest bowls, where the payout per team is $10 million. The other two teams are usually at-large selections, and to be eligible for at-large status, a school must be ranked in the top 12 of the final BCS standings.

There's also wording built into the BCS contract that says any team which finishes in the top six but doesn't win their conference automatically earns an at-large selection. And here's where a shrewd Notre Dame administrator stepped in.

If a team from outside one of the six major conferences finishes in the top six, like Air Force, for example, they still get a free ride into a BCS bowl. And if that happens, and if Notre Dame has nine wins or finishes in the top 12 of the final BCS standings, the Irish are automatically in, too.

That's a load of ifs that have to happen. But the whole "Notre Dame" clause is basically a load in itself. And that brings us back to Saturday's game against Air Force. A Notre Dame win will undoubtedly help them. A Notre Dame loss will turn every Irish fan into a Falcons fan. Because if Air Force finishes in the top six, and Notre Dame manages to win just three of its five remaining games, the Irish get to sneak into the BCS through the back door.

If you're a Notre Dame fan, you love this fine print. If you're not, then you've got one more reason to boycott NBC on Saturdays.

Admittedly, the chance of such a scenario developing seems highly unlikely. Air Force has to run the table and count on top teams in the six major conferences to start losing badly if it wants to crack the top six. The fact that such a chance exists is ridiculous. And the only thing that benefits from such an arrangement is Notre Dame's refers.

Sure, Notre Dame can creep in even with one loss, but they still have to face a pair of ranked teams in Florida State and USC. And Boston College isn't a guarantined win, either. But the Irish could conceivably lose two of those games — finishing the season with a mighty .750 winning percentage — and qualify for a bowl game. If that happens, Tyrone Willingham will be the first loser. For a man who pushes his team to win every game, every Saturday, getting into a BCS bowl with three losses would be a slap in the face.

He'd have to field questions about whether Notre Dame really deserved the slot. And deep down, one might wonder if his team deserved the bid, too.

Notre Dame would lose next. For the players who spent the entire season restoring prestige to a long-dormant football program, they'd watch it slip away as soon as the Irish signed a contract to pay in a BCS bowl. Then again, the players are on scholarship, so one more free ride might not hurt them much. Finally, college football fans will have to watch Notre Dame play in a BCS bowl.

In fact, many laughed at the possibility of Notre Dame and Air Force playing each other. One day, many wondered if his team deserved the BCS contract to play in a BCS bowl. And if that happens, watch for the Irish to start paying closer attention to a military school in the Rocky Mountains.

Many laughed at the possibility of Notre Dame and Air Force playing each other with perfect records on the line. Imagine what they'll do if Notre Dame gets into the BCS by holding onto Air Force's jet.

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The politics of football

The decision to run for Zahm senator is the latest challenge Irish linebacker Courtney Watson has overcome

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Writer

A couple of Courtney Watson's friends approached him last spring with what seemed like a wild idea. Why, they asked, the Irish linebacker, don't you run for Zahm Hall senator?

Watson scoffed at the idea. Believed his friends were playing a joke on him. Figured nobody would vote for him. Didn't have time with football. Then he looked at the chance to be a senator as a challenge.

"When people say, 'Courtney Watson,' the first thing they say is that he had a lot of respect for Notre Dame, but we still got stereotyped."

Watson remembered asking himself, "I started checking into it more and looking into the responsibilities of it and there was no reason I couldn't do it. It turned out a lot better than I thought it would be and I'm glad I took hold of it.

"If there's one thing Watson loves more than football, it's a challenge that nobody thinks he can overcome. So he ran for hall senator even though he had no idea how his dormmates would feel about him.

All Zahm Hall did was cast some 75 percent of the ballots in Watson's favor, and Student Senate had an Irish football player in its ranks.

Dispelling the myth

Watson makes it very clear, very early, that he's not a stereotype player. Extend your hand, and he responds with a firm handshake and a confident smile. Start talking to him, and the jovial linebacker spouts out words a mile minute.

"When people say, 'Courtney Watson,' the first thing they say is that he had a lot of respect for Notre Dame, but we still got stereotyped.

"Courtney Watson tackles Pittsburgh's quarterback Rod Rutherford during a 14-6 Irish win against the Panthers on Saturday. Watson, the current Zahm Hall senator, is always ready to try to overcome the latest challenge on or off the field."

"I try to leave a person so that they don't think of me as a student-athlete, or as a jock, or as a football player, or as a linebacker, or as the guy they saw on TV;" Watson said, his mouth edging on a smile.

"I try to separate myself as much as I can. I know people judge people on their looks, and I'm just trying to get by without being challenged, and to accept that responsibility without being challenged, and he does that.

"I think that's something that people have of football in general, and we get the same stereotypes here that people would get at University of Florida or wherever," he said. "Maybe we're not as bad because people have a lot of respect for Notre Dame, but we still got stereotyped."

Freshman woes

"Freshman woes," Watson counters most stereotypes, he couldn't escape fitting right into the typical freshman model when he first arrived at Notre Dame. For a player who had thrived on offense in Florida and barely played on defense, Watson didn't take it too well when coaches said they wanted him to move him to linebacker.

"As a freshman, I couldn't envision anything happy, any happy ending just because I was going through a tumultuous season," he said. "It was miserable about not playing, and then there was the cold weather. You know freshman years are hard, but mine was tough.

"I was a situation where you were pissed off because you weren't playing," he said. "You're losing, people are talking bad about you and all you can do is just take it because you're not a part of it."

Watson's situation didn't improve much over the winter. In between treking through snow to Lufoss to add more muscle mass, he struggled to learn a new defensive scheme the Irish were trying to implement. By the time spring football ended, Watson was thoroughly confused.

But on his way to confusion, Watson saw a light at the end of the tunnel. Convinced he could be a great linebacker, Watson started looking at the position change as a mountaintop challenge, not a peakless mountain.

"It was a challenge, but I really felt it was something I could pull off and be good at," he said. "It was a challenge I took on at full speed."

Watson's sophomore spring was significantly better than his freshman season. As a freshman, he entered spring practice not knowing a thing. As a sophomore, he left spring practice knowing he was a starter.

Stepping forward

Watson's sophomore season opener against Nebraska. Watson admitted he was a little nervous. He didn't know what would happen, and he was worried about disrupting a veteran defense with rookie mistakes.

"I just didn't want to screw up," he said. "We had better guys on the defensive line, we had better linebackers. We had a veteran team last year and I was kind of the new guy if you will.

"Watson's fears were erased in a hurry. He recorded a team-leading 15 tackles and was one of the few highlights in an otherwise embarrassing loss to Nebraska. The stout outing gave him confidence that he could both survive and thrive as a linebacker.

"As the season wore on and the Irish spun out of control, Watson emerged as a more vocal leader off the field. He challenged freshmen stuck on the sidelines to keep their heads up — after all, he knew exactly what they were going through.

"But for all his talking off the field, Watson was surprisingly quiet on the field. He preferred to lead by example and save his talking on for the sidelines. While he's not afraid to mix it up, Watson would rather make the big play than flap his mouth.

"He's a veteran and he's so well-prepared," fellow linebacker Mike Goedley said. "He knows what's coming before the snap, I don't know what he does, but it works."

After Tyrone Willingham took over, Watson emerged as a key leader on the defense. He was the only linebacker with significant playing time and his teammates respected his fiery intensity.

Just like that, Watson found himself leading the Irish defense a year after he worried about screwing it up.

Leading the way

"It didn't take Watson long to establish his territorial pace again this season. Despite missing the first two games with a rib-like virus, Watson leads the team in tackles and scored a touchdown against Stanford.

"It's not that we challenge him to make plays, but he knows he's counted on to be in that role," linebackers coach Bob Simmons said. "You want guys to accept that responsibility without being challenged, and he does that.

Watson keeps his personal goals well shielded, and while he has aspirations of reaching the NFL, he'd much rather talk about what he wants to accomplish with the Irish. He may have individual aspirations, but the only thing says is that he wants to return for a fifth year next season.

Of course, that means Watson could run for Student Senate again. And he's not shy about saying he seriously contemplates the possibility of running for off-campus senator. Nor is he above joking that he's turning into a politician.

"But a good one," he said admittently.

There he goes again, trying to shutter another stereotype.

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- Oct. 12: PITTSBURGH - W  
- Oct. 19: at Air Force  
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- Nov. 2: BOSTON COLLEGE  
- Nov. 9: at Navy  
- Nov. 23: RUTGERS  
- Nov. 30: at USC

**Notre Dame Rosters**

- Tyrone Willingham is the offensive coordinator.  
- The Irish have the best option quarterback in the country in Andrew Soukup, who averages 100 rushing yards a game.  
- The Notre Dame rushing defense is the best in the country and allows only 63 rushing yards a game.

**Willingham and his coaching staff**

- The Irish receivers are starting to look like a scoring threat, and the Irish pass game continues to improve.
- The Falcons secondary has put up some good numbers this season. As part of the best scoring defense in the Mountain West, the Air Force defensive backs have grabbed nine interceptions and allowed an average of 188 passing yards a game.

**Coaching and Quarterswapping**

- The Irish have had no problems in the secondary and allow only 63 rushing yards a game.
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**Irish Rushing**

- The Irish rushing attack is coming off its worst performance of the season. It reverted to its early-season blocking problems and allowed a total of 63 rushing yards.

**Irish Passing**

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**Final Score: Notre Dame 17, Air Force 14**

**Kicking Field Goal**

- The Irish are kicking field goals at a 96% success rate.

**Final Score: Notre Dame 20, Air Force 17**
The Irish run defense continues to be one of the best parts of Notre Dame’s defense. But this defense has never faced an option team like Air Force before. The team has been working against a scout team but they will not have good practice against the Falcons’ speed.

Despite a subpar performance last weekend, the Irish secondary is still a force to be reckoned with. The corps of defensive backs the Irish have are always looking to make the big play and, for the most part, have succeeded in doing just that.

The Irish special teams have both good and bad. Notre Dame is still in a slump when it comes to field goals but Hildbold has had solid punts for Notre Dame, leaving their opponents with bad field positions. Duff is always a threat on the return and Setta is consistent with PATs.

The Irish seem to be finding ways to win. They are 6-0 and looking for win No. 7. Air Force has only beaten the Irish five times in series history. Game time is 8 p.m. local time and the Irish do not have a good history playing at night.

Both teams bring strengths to special teams. Notre Dame has heavy men in the punting game. Air Force has a decent arm, not matching the force of the quarter backs the Irish have seen this season. Wallace, Duff, and Sapa will still be looking for the big plays, which may restrict the Falcons.

Air Force does not rely heavily on its punting game. The Falcons are only averaging 75 yards a game in the air. Hargrave is 26-for-61 with two interceptions this season, not very impressive numbers. However, the pass is always an option.

The Falcons special teams defense has been good — blocking two punts and one field goal already this season. Palmer is a threat on the return game. Ashcroft is 7-of-8 in field goal attempts and was this week’s Mountain West Player of the Week.

The Falcons are playing at home at night. They are 6-0 and see Notre Dame as a big rival. They are going to be pumped up for this game. In addition, the Falcons are used to playing at the high altitude of Colorado Springs.

The Irish can win this game only if they can shut down Air Force’s option. The Irish have struggled offensively all season and the Falcons run defense will continue to be a problem. But the Irish will score at least one defensive touchdown and the defense will eventually shut Hargrave down.

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Chance Harridge is arguably the best option quarterback Notre Dame will face this season. He rushes for 102 yards a game, carries the ball on a third of all Falcon plays and has scored 15 touchdowns — more than the entire Notre Dame team combined.

The only way the Irish are going to shut down Falcon scoring is by shutting down Harridge and forcing Air Force turnovers.

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Falcons defense rising from the shadows

By KATIE McVOY
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There has been endless talk about the Air Force offense. The rare triple option attack has caught everyone's attention, leaving something overlooked—the defense.

Although often overshadowed by an offense that leads the nation in rushing yards, the Air Force defense is a formidable opponent. In six games, Falcons' opponents have been limited to an average of only 16 points a game. The 3-3-5 defense the Falcons play has trimmed 20 points from the average they allowed opponents last year, ranking them first in the Mountain West in scoring defense.

"The defense is very solid," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "I think what happens is everyone gets caught looking at their offense and worrying about that scheme, but they have done a great job. This is a good solid defense that plays disciplined football and plays very aggressively." Although the Falcons defenders are smaller than past Irish opponents like Pittsburgh, they offer several challenges to Notre Dame's offense. The Falcons don't give up big yards. If Notre Dame wants to score, they will have to do it on short gains.

"They're not probably going to give you the big plays," said offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick. "They'll give you a lot of things, but they're going to make you earn it." In addition, the Falcons force turnovers. They have forced 11 fumbles, recovered eight, and their secondary has grabbed nine interceptions. Fourteen of those turnovers have come in the last three games.

"They play well, they don't make mistakes," Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday said. "They really force turnovers, which allows them to win ballgames.

"Our defense has limited opponents to an average of 121 rushing yards a game and 188 passing yards. Although those numbers are solid but not phenomenal, the Falcons managed to stop opponents when it counts. In last week's game against Brigham Young, Air Force prevented any BYU touchdowns, allowing only three field goals. Northwestern only scored on one field goal and Navy found the end zone just once.

"I think it's their overall discipline and their will to be successful," Willingham said. "I think that's ingrained in most of our academies. It's just something about the personalities of those teams that they never quit." Size aside, the Falcons are quick, they play as a team and they are ready to keep the Irish out of the end zone.

"They play well together as a team," Holiday said. "They may not be as big, but they're a smart team. So it will be a tough challenge for us.

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Holiday leads still struggling offense to 6-0 record

By JOE HETTLER
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Notre Dame's offense was ranked 110th in total offense in 2001. This year the Irish are ranked 113th, averaging 293.7 yards per game through six games.

The major difference, however, is their record.

Instead a struggling sub-500 team, No. 7 Notre Dame has tailored a 6-0 mark heading into its game against No. 15 Air Force Saturday.

While the defense has dominated, the Irish offense has been criticized all season for failing to move the ball consistently and putting points on the board. Offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said the offense has improved from the start of the season, but still has a ways to go.

"I definitely don't think that's where we'd like to be or where we feel we need to be," Diedrick said. "I think we've done good thing running the football as well as throwing the football. I think what we need to do is an offense is really get that consistency and really be able to do both on the same given day."

Consistency is also the key for Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday, who knows he has struggled to put together a complete game.

"I don't think I've been as consistent as I wanted to be, especially in the passing game," Holiday said. "I think there's been games where the short game wasn't coming for me. But I think I'm really starting to learn how the short game opens up the long game. So right now I need to get much more consistent and continue to work on my short game."

Diedrick knew Holiday and the rest of the offense would struggle, to some extent this season, because they were learning the west coast offense.

"I think Holiday's made good progress," Diedrick said. "I think he's a lot further ahead than he was at the beginning of the season. As I expected at the beginning, he would make progress each game and be quite a bit further ahead at the end of this season than he was at the beginning."

Diedrick also said the injury to Holiday's shoulder may have actually helped the quarterback in developing his mental skills.

"I think the injury and the layoff for two weeks were actually very beneficial to him," Willingham said. "It gave him an opportunity to stand back and really look at it more through a coach's eyes an opposed to going up there and doing it. He got an opportunity to be an observer and watch it being done, and it was great benefit. I think the other thing, it helped him be a little bit more patience in the pocket."

Despite the offensive struggles, including Holiday's inconsistency, Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham said he likes what Holiday brings to the offense and has seen significant improvement from him.

"I've been pleased with what Carlyle has done and I think he can improve and get better and better each week," Willingham said. "As you watch modern day football, the one thing you notice is that every team is looking for that young man that has the ability to express his athletic skill at that position. Therefore if you have that young man that has that kind of ability, he can make some great plays.

"Now what has to happen though, even with that athletic skill, you have to get comfortable running the offense and if you're not doing that then you're relying totally on your offensive skill," Willingham continued. "What you've seen from Carlyle is a great mix of that because he has been very steadfast in the pocket and been able to express that athletic ability we need."

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