Ticket exchange can't meet student demand

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Standout attendance at this year's student ticket exchanges may indicate an increased feeling of disillusionment amongst even the truest fans, as Notre Dame's football team continues to perform unsatisfactorily. In the recent student ticket exchanges for the USC and Florida State games, students braved long lines to trade in their football tickets, coveted in more successful seasons. Many students were unable to trade their tickets, for far more than the 500-person limit showed up to make the exchange.

Students began camping out before dawn to trade in their USC tickets two weeks ago, Breen-Phillips junior Sarah Cancellare said. Students arriving even an hour prior to the ticket exchange could not exchange their tickets. This was due to the process' chaotic organization, which allowed many students to work the system to their advantage, Cancellare said.

"There is absolutely no rhyme or reason to the ticket exchange process," she said. "While a majority of students trying to exchange their USC tickets was unusual large, the number seeking to swap tickets in this year's other exchanges has not been remarkable, assistant athletic director Jim Fraligh said.

"The exchanges have been constant throughout the past few years," he said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

This is how legends get started

There's a huge difference between wild Zahm resident Charlie Gales, class of 1982, and the man who has enforced the rules at home for the last 19 years — or so I thought. However, as the summer of 2003 grew to a close, and my departure for Notre Dame grew imminent, I began to see someone I hadn't seen before — my dad, rules-enforcing father became "Charlie" before my eyes.

Charlie is a proud former resident of Zahm Hall’s second-floor 10-man suite. He and his former roommates — Sean, Moon, Gerry, Burt, Rudy, “L,” Blim, Vasey, Sab and others keep in close contact and recently celebrated their 20-year reunion. Sean will actually be here to tailgate with my family before the USC game this weekend. According to my mother, his claim to fame is struggling mightily through Notre Dame’s civil engineering program and then designing a massive bridge in the South Bend area.

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Eve Thomas
Event co-coordinator

We had three, with another (scheduled for) Saturday. Two residents of Siegfried volunteered to help with stage crew and lighting. Thomas said. The coordinators — Thomas, Jourdan Sorrell, Nicole Rogers and Will Wendt — also work behind the scenes, as well.

Though the University is sometimes criticized or stereotyped for a lack of diversity on campus, a major goal of the BCA is to bring different racial groups together. The show aims to appeal to the entire campus, not just minority students, Metree said.

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Thomas said. The show is open for everyone; it's not segregated just for black people. Its purpose is to create a diverse environment on campus.

Tickets will be sold in advance at the LaFortune Box Office and at the doors of Washington Hall for $5. The show begins at 8 p.m.

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Fall 2003 Schedule
Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

Saturday, September 6: Washington State
Gustavo Gutierrez, Professor of Theology, and Catherine Boudreau, Department Chair, in "Theology and Science: A Century's Progress"

Saturday, September 20: Michigan State
"A Time to Unite: A Musical of Love, Hope, Strength, and Healing"

Saturday, October 18: UNC
"What is an Olympic Athlete Made of?"

Saturday, November 1: Florida State
"What is a Peace Corps Volunteer Made of?"

Saturday, November 8: BYU
"What is an Anthropologist Made of?"

Saturday, November 15: BYU
"What is a Peace Corps Volunteer Made of?"

General speaks on military defense

ND grad now an Army senior expert

By ANNA GELHAUS
New Writer

Civilian medical authorities will need to learn about medical homeland security, according to Brig. Gen. Michael Dunn.

Dunn spoke on the issue at a lecture last night titled, "Medical Homeland Defense: Yesterday's Demons and Tomorrow's Threat." He is the commanding general for the Western Regional Medical Command and the Army's senior medical expert on chemical and biological defense, as well as a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame.

"Notre Dame has a great reputation among medical circles," Dunn said. "You couldn't be in a better place to prepare for a career in medicine." Dunn focused on the results of past attacks on medical defense and what needs to be done to prepare the nation for the future. He stressed the importance of learning about chemical and biological threats as well as potential attacks, and how to prepare for possible attacks.

"We are no longer looking at chemical and biological threats as a war time thing; we are looking at them day-to-day in our current environment," said Dunn. "This makes us a little apprehensive.

Dunn was personally involved in such attacks when he was stationed at Walter Reed Medical Center, which was one of the locations the receive anthrax contaminated letters following Sept. 11. He spoke on the military plans for such attacks, and their defenses against them, but was unable to be present for the current event over SSA problems.

"There is a tendency among professionals to panic when faced with something they are unfamiliar with." Dunn said.

Michael Dunn
Brigadier general

"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthologist Looks at the Realities of War"

Carolyn Nordstrom
Associate Professor of Anthropology

"Living on the Front Lines: An Anthologist Looks at the Realities of War," with Carolyn Nordstrom, associate professor of anthropology. Based on more than a decade of research on the frontlines of wars across several continents, Nordstrom will examine topics ranging from the immediacy of war zone survival to the offices of power brokers to the vast extra-local networks that fuel war and the international profiteering. She also will reveal the human face of war zones — where the frontlines are populated not only with the perpetrators and victims of war, but with scoundrels, silent heroes, and average families who live their lives in the midst of explode violence.

Nordstrom studies the political anthropology of peace and conflict. She has undertaken extensive field research on the frontlines of wars in many regions around the world, including southern Africa, Southeast Asia and central Europe. Her current research examines post-war transformation, including its relationship to organized crime and extra-state patterns of development.

Nordstrom's recent publications include A Different Kind of War Story and Fieldwork Under Fire, co-edited with Antonius Robben.
Saint Mary's to open apartments

By ANNE MAHONEY
News Writer

New Saint Mary's on-campus apartments will be open for residents next fall, public relations director Melanie McDonald said. The apartment building, designed to house 73 students, is the first of its kind to be built at Saint Mary's. On-campus apartments are a growing trend at colleges and universities nationwide, and construction has already begun on the complex.

McDonald said that on-campus housing is an attractive option because it provides security and helps students stay more involved. "Seniors are an important part of college life," McDonald said. "We are hoping to keep part of college life," she said. "On-campus housing with the convenience of location and the same freedoms as off-campus living is an attractive option."

Most students have expressed curiosity about the guidelines for the new housing. McDonald said residence life policies are still being discussed by a committee composed of herself, director of student affairs Linda Timm and student representatives. Decisions will be made in January with the help of a professional advisor, and the guidelines are expected to be different from the residence halls.

The same committee also plans to discuss the selection process for future seniors interested in living in the apartments. No final decision has been made about whether students will submit applications or if a lottery will be used.

Additional apartment complexes may be included in Saint Mary's long-term plans, depending on available funds.

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on the new campus apartments at Saint Mary's, many hope that the facility will provide an alternative to students seeking the benefits of off-campus living. According to Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life and Housing, 244 College students currently live off-campus, of which 145 are seniors. The number of students who decide to move off-campus remains relatively consistent from year to year, said Michelle Russell, the director of Residence Life.

"As students reach their senior year, they are looking for different living options such as apartment style living," she said. "They want more independence and freedom in their housing environment."

According to students, independence and freedom account for some of the major reasons to move off-campus. "I moved off-campus this year because I needed more freedom," said Karyn Dionisio, a campus senior. Russell said she often confronts students like Mitchell who simply want to live with friends, have their own kitchen instead of a meal plan and have more independence. Some simply feel that they have outgrown the experience of living in residence halls by their senior year, she said.

The Office of Residence Life attempts to provide options and benefits that entice students, particularly seniors, to remain on campus. One of the most popular options is Annunciation, the top floor in Holy Cross Hall designated specifically for seniors. With larger rooms and a developed sense of community among fellow residents, a wait list typically exists for housing in Annunciation year after year.

"It's a great option for seniors because they will only be living with other seniors, and it has a different feel to it than a traditional residence hall," Russell said. "I think the convenience of living on campus keeps some seniors here. They want to be close to classes and their activities — living on campus keeps them in the center of it all." Maureen Russell, a senior living in LeMans Hall, includes this on her list of reasons for continuing to live in residence halls.

"My second major is at Notre Dame, so between going to those classes and band every night, I would never be in a place for that," she said. "I like living at Saint Mary's because at least between classes I can go sit in a place I can consider home."

For those students who choose to move off-campus, Russell and others in the Office of Residence Life can provide advice on off-campus issues. Much of what Russell said she discusses with students involves financial implications, household expenses and the impact moving off-campus may have on financial aid packages.

She said she feels hopeful that the presence of the new campus apartments, scheduled for completion in 2007, will appeal to students by merging the convenience of on-campus living with the independence of off-campus housing.

Unlike other local housing options, the apartments will be in close proximity to academic buildings, have a card access safety feature and offer amenities such as cable, Internet and local phone that would typically incur additional cost.

While she anticipates the apartments will attract all class years, Russell is especially hopeful of their attraction to seniors. "I think in time we have the potential to keep more and more seniors on campus once they see what the apartments are like and what it's like to live in them," she said. "They are going to be a wonderful addition to the Saint Mary's community."

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imperfect season but will continue to attend the games and support the team. "It's been disappointing to not have a better record senior year, but at this point it's game-by-game situations, and I'm just hoping we can take a few," off-campus senior Karyn Dionisio said. "Once you accept that we can't win every game (or many) this season you stop caring and just enjoy yourself."

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Explosions rock Iraqi capital

Violence continues as U.S. supply train, market, are attacked by resistance fighters

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saboteurs brought a train load of U.S. Army supplies to a fiery halt Thursday in Baghdad. As a Ramadan campaign of terror, bombs and grenade attacks sparked a new Iraq turmoil by international aid groups.

An explosion rocked a Northern Army's Old City late Thursday, killing two people, according to to police, and deepening the unease in the Iraqi capital.

Many Baghdad parents apparently were keeping their children home from school out of fear of further bombings like the four that killed three dozen people and wounded more than 200 across the capital, on Monday, start of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

"We heard rumors about big bombs that were going to be committed," said Duhu Khalid, 18, most of whose friends stayed home Thursday from her girls' high school, situated near a police station.

The police, prime targets in the bombings Monday, were targeted again Thursday, when officers intercepted a motorist who tried to toss a hand grenade into a police station on the edge of Baghdad's heavily guarded "green zone," the headquarters enclave for the U.S. occupation.

As October's heat finally gave way to cooling winds off the desert, rumors of looming trouble spread through this city of 5 million. Focusing on the last week — Saturday in Muslim Ramadan.

One leaflet on the streets, purporting to be from Saddam's Baath Party, called for a general strike Saturday "to prove to our enemy that we are united people in Baghdad's shadowy underground of bombers striking Iraqi cities and ambush teams harassing U.S. forces: Are they die-hard Baathists, other anti-U.S. nationalists, foreign Islamic fighters, or some combination?"

"The identity of those swelling over the sabotaged train Thursday was clear: they were Iraqis from the Fallujah area, 35 miles west of Baghdad, who fell upon the crippled train to loot it of computer, tents, bottled water and other Army supplies."

The goods had been bound for the town of Haditha, 100 miles up the Euphrates River from Fallujah, when a makeshift bomb exploded along the tracks four miles west of Fallujah. As the uninjured engineer fled, four shipping containers on flatcars went up in flames, and more than 200 area residents descended on the other cars to make off with whatever they could carry.

No U.S. forces came to the scene, but at one point the looters scattered when two American helicopters whirred in for a look. At another point, Iraqis backed trucks up to the bombed train to offload goods.

The 6-month-old U.S. occupation is unpopular in Fallujah and in much of the rest of Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland, a favored region under the Baathist regime supplied by the U.S.-British invasion force last April.

Monday's bombings, one of which devastated the Baghdad headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross, prompted international aid organizations to quickly review their presence in Iraq.

On Wednesday, the ICRC announced it would reduce its 30-member international staff in Iraq but would continue operations. Among other things, the Red Cross, which has 600 Iraqi employees, tries to ensure the rights of prisoners of war and other post-war detainees, has worked to improve water quality, particularly for hospitals, and delivered medical supplies to Iraqi hospitals.

House closes amid security scare

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives shut down Thursday following a reported security breach at a nearby congressional office building, but police later determined that no security violation and Halalife's costume were to blame and lawmakers went back in session.

U.S. Capitol Police of Terrance Gainer said "two staff members briskly ran in, wearing costumes" were responsible. "I don't think they had any ill intent," he said, adding he expected no charges to be filed.

Start to finish, the incident lasted two hours or less — but it triggered a massive security response in turn of a terror worry. Police in battle gear moved into the Cannon House Office Building in pursuit of suspects.

Gainer said the two female staff aides had stopped to chat with security personnel after placing a bag on a security station X-ray belt at the entrance to the office building. When went into their building. Moments later, security officials noticed the image of a gun on a video screen, and triggered an alarm.

The security personnel performed "well within standards" and the two staff aides were "very sorry all this happened," Gainer said.

The incident triggered memories of a lethal incident on July 24, 1998, when a man with a history of mental illness rushed into the Capitol and killed two security guards. The accused shooter, Russell E. Weston Jr., is awaiting trial.

Rep. John Shimkus, Ill., contacted Capitol police to report that his aides were the two people authorities were looking for. Security personnel raced to the office and learned about the costume and toy gun. Shimkus' office would not identify the two aides and no charges were filed.

"I don't think anybody was trying to trick anybody," Gainer said. "I think it was just another unusual Halloween circumstances that unfolded on us." Shimkus said the staff members didn't realize they were the suspects until Capitol police said they were looking for a woman.
Subway
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could reverse. Dubbed the "subway alum­
num," the fans of this era earned their lighthearted nickname from the South Shore Line train that wound its way through the immigrant bor­
oughs of Chicago and Northwestern Indiana on its way to South Bend, the Basilia and Touchdown Jesus—a football fan's paradise and a transplanted Catholic's holy

The late Herb Juliano, author of the 1993 book "Notre Dame Odyssey" and self-described former organiz­
er and leader of the subway alumni, has written that on these trips, arriving at "the football stadium ... I could almost feel the presence of the great ghosts."

The mighty ghosts of George Gipp, Frank Leahy and the Four Horsemen are not all that keep the subway alumni coming back. The intense foot­

service in 1945, I felt very close to the Irish. It was the story of something Catholic that sparked my interest —

"The next year, I took my son to the Pitt game and Montana pulled it out in the fourth quarter," he said. "The excitement on that campus on that day was unforgettable. My son grabbed my shoulder after the game and said 'Dad, this is where I want to go to school.'"

For many subway alumni and their children, one such moment of identification with the University was enough to win their lifelong support. Joseph Bringley, 81, also of Rochester, N.Y., had difficulty putting his own defining moment into words.

"I only first visited about 10 or 15 years ago, but I had been a fan long before that time. I was always just so impressed with the school in itself and the atmosphere. And the school—the fact that it's a Catholic college, the tradition of Notre Dame foot­

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"They were assigning sections, and they put me in section 27, which is on the 45 yard line—right behind the Notre Dame bench," Scott said. "I don't know how emotional it was—what an amazing blessing. I still feel so fortunate to have the pleasure of being an ambassador of Notre Dame. At the USC game (Oct. 18), I wished a visiting couple a safe trip home, and they couldn't stop praising what a class act Notre Dame is, couldn't stop compliment­
ing the students. I take a tremendous amount of pride in that."

Scott's pride extends to a younger generation of subway alumni as well. Matt Minor, 47, of Austin, Texas, was com­

\textit{It's something about the mystique surrounding it—if they lost every game, I'd still be loyal.}

Arthur Wilson
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**GDP posts impressive growth**

Third quarter results show 7.2 percent growth in GDP; consumer confidence grows

**WASHINGTON** Accelerating from a jog to a sprint, the economy surged from July through September at the fastest pace in nearly two decades. Both consumers and businesses helped power the gains, fresh evidence the national rebound is on firmer footing.

The broadest measure of the economy's performance, gross domestic product, grew at a breakneck 7.2 percent annual rate during those three months, more than double the 3.3 percent rate in the previous quarter, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

"Consumers were buying everything from cars and clothes to homes, and businesses were retooling to accommodate a surge coming out of their coconuts," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

Economists said that near-rock-bottom short-term interest rates, along with President Bush's third round of tax cuts, induced consumers and businesses to spend and invest more and helped the economy move at a faster clip during the summer. The next challenge is making sure the rebound is self-sustaining, they said.

On Wall Street, concerns about the rebound's sustainability weighed on investors. The Dow Jones industrials closed up 12.08 points at 9,786.61.

"Job growth is the key to a sustained economic expansion," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock. "If people are worried about their jobs, or worse, if they are getting laid off, then consumption spending is at risk."

The nation's payrolls grew by 57,000 in September at the fastest pace in nearly two decades, the Labor Department reported Thursday. The news of strong economic growth bolstered trading and spirits.

"If people are worried about their jobs, or worse, if they are getting laid off, then consumption spending is at risk," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock. "The tax relief we passed is working," said President Bush.

"The tax relief we passed is working," said President Bush. "We're on the right track, but we've got work to do." Democrats argue that the president's policies and tax cuts have done little to spur significant job growth, have contributed to a record budget deficit in the recently ended fiscal year and will hurt the economy over time if deficits put pressure on long-term borrowing rates. "It is a little like a drunk going on a bingie," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

But Lilly's updated forecast that the antidepressant Prozac's sales growth is likely to slow, led to a slight sell-off in the drugmaker's shares.

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**E.U. pledges closer economic ties**

Associated Press

BEIJING — The leaders of China and the European Union vowed Thursday to build closer economic and technology ties so the two regions can become each other's biggest trading partners — and, by implication, counterbalance their relations with the United States.

To that end, the two sides agreed to give China a stake in developing Galileo, a European-led global project that would rival the U.S.-run Global Positioning System, or GPS.

"Europe, with its new reality, and China, with its new reforms, are two areas that can give better contributions to the changing world," European Commission President Romano Prodi said after a meeting between EU leaders and Chinese President Hu Jintao.

"We need to intensify our relations, both in the trade and investment sectors. We must become the biggest partners," Prodi said. "We must have the biggest relations — more than anywhere in the world."

The EU hopes to have the new $2.3 billion Galileo project operational in 2008, and Thursday's agreement allows China to take a $236 million stake in the program.

"The agreement that was signed represents a quantum leap in terms of cooperation between the two areas," said Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who holds the rotating EU presidency.

The two sides also signed an agreement saying China and the EU will consult on industrial policy so that regulations don't hinder trade, and they initiated a pact to make it easier for Chinese tourists to visit 15 European countries.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao hailed all three efforts as a sign of stronger ties and growing friendship. "One can say that the development of the Chinese and European relations is becoming even more mature and even more strategic," Wen said.
The party, address it to the person they want to send it to and ask for a donation for the hospital.”

Simko said the club provided refreshments at the party and anyone on campus was welcome to attend. The club hoped those who attended the party would contribute a small donation.

“Whoever comes that isn’t a club member can just come and have a good time,” Simko said. “If anyone donates a dollar to our cans, it goes straight to the hospital.”

The club will also hold a T-shirt sale today, the proceeds of which will go to the hospital.

Last year was the first year for the organization, but it still managed to raise about $10,000. With more members and better information this year, Simko and her fellow executive directors hope to set a much higher goal for events.

“We’re hoping to at least triple that because we have so many people participating this year,” Simko said. “Already, with all the donations we’ve gotten, we’re over $6,000.”

Simko said she expected about 60 club members to attend the party, in addition to other participants.

For Keenan, last night was a chance to help out kids from the Boys and Girls Club of South Bend with their annual Keenan Great Pumpkin event.

Keenan president Matt Kinsella helped organize the activity, which brought over 80 children from the community center onto campus for a few hours early last evening.

“We bring in kids and take them trick-or-treating throughout all the other dorms, and we have a haunted house for them in the basement, and then we have pumpkin-carving outside later,” Kinsella said.

The Great Pumpkin has been the longest-running dorm activity for Keenan and incorporates students from all the other dorms on campus.

“The kids love it,” Kinsella said. “The older kids might even love it more than the little ones.”

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International Peace Studies.
"It is such a wonderful gift," said Willow Wetherall, graduate student at the Institute. "It speaks very highly of Joan Kroc's commitment to peace studies.

Kroc first became affiliated with the University after hearing a speech in the 1980s by then University President Father Theodore Hesburgh on his concern over the arms race situation at the time.

In response, Kroc made a donation to establish the Institute. Overall, she has donated $69 million to the University.

"[The donation] has given us hope, but also a lot of responsibility," said Mireya Garcia-Duran, second-year graduate student at the Institute. She said donations of this magnitude are rare. "It is about funding an institute that will continue to do their work for peace in their countries," she said.

Wetherall said she is excited about the "possibility of a Ph.D. program, which is wonderful from a student's perspective because there are very few opportunities for graduate studies in peace studies. It will provide so many wonderful opportunities."

Joan Kroc's death was a surprise to those at the Institute, Garcia-Duran said, but it also left them inspired.

"She had a wonderful heart," Wetherall said. "It is a wonderful, generous gift."

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Southern black population up

WASHINGTON — A string economy and vastly improved race relations are luring record numbers of black Americans to the South, a region that many deserted early in the 20th century.

More than 660,000 blacks aged 5 and older moved to the South from another region between 1995 and 2000, outnumbering the 333,000 who moved away by a better than 2-to-1 margin, according to a Census Bureau report released Thursday.

The report found no other region of the country had an increase in black migration, a reverse of the trend seen in the first half of the century, when many blacks left the South for the Industrial Northeast and Midwest.

"Many blacks left not only because of economic opportunities but because of the political and social constraints of segregation," said Charles Ross, historian and interim director of the African-American Studies program at the University of Mississippi.

"Those things have changed dramatically in the 70s." Migration from the South rose through the early decades of the 20th century, as tens of thousands of blacks left to escape segregationist Jim Crow laws and a poor economy. That led to a rise in black populations in Northeastern and Midwestern cities, where blacks came for jobs in steel mills, automobile factories and other industrial plants.

That movement north slowed as job opportunities dwindled and racial tensions rose in northern cities in the 1960s and 1970s. Ross said.

A return of blacks to the South was first documented by the Census Bureau between 1975 and 1980, when 100,000 more blacks moved in than moved out. The trend continued between 1985 and 1990, when there was a net increase of 200,000; the next increase was nearly 347,000 between 1995 and 2000.

Blacks who move to the South tend to be more educated than those who never left the region. Migrants to the South also tend to be slightly older than those who left the region, indicating some may have returned after leaving earlier in their lives, the Census Bureau said.

Older blacks who moved to the Northeast or Midwest in the mid-to late 20th century may be returning to the South to open their own businesses and connect with family roots, said William Spriggs, executive director of the National Urban League's Institute for Opportunity and Equality.

"Most of these African-Americans came from the South," Spriggs said. "The politics of the South have changed enough so that these new business operations can get contracting opportunities."

Georgia took in the largest number of blacks from other states regardless of region, with a net increase of nearly 130,000 between 1995 and 2000. It was followed by North Carolina and Florida.

According to separate research from University of Michigan demographer William Frey, Orlando, Fla., and Atlanta had the largest jumps in black populations among large metropolitan areas between 1990 and 2000, each growing by about 62 percent.

Roderick Harrison, a demographer at the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, which studies minority issues, said Atlanta "has developed a reputation as a place where the black middle class is growing, thriving and leading high-quality lives."

Reflecting the overall shift in U.S. population, the South was the only region to see a net increase of migrants from other regions among blacks, Asians, Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites, while the Northeast was the only region to that had a net loss in each category. Whites moving to the South outpaced those leaving for other regions, the rate was less than for blacks.

Overall the South had a net increase of 1.3 million new residents from other states between 1995 and 2000, while the Northeast had a net decrease of almost 1.3 million.

Overall, Hispanics were the most mobile group between 1995 and 2000, with 56 percent having changed addresses — whether moving to a new region or within the same region. About 54 percent of Asians moved, followed by blacks (49 percent) and whites (43 percent).
Weekend Events

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

Author Events:

Ted Mandell, N.D. '86 will be signing copies of *Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys*, on Friday, October 31st from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Connie McNamara, will be signing copies of *My First Notre Dame Words: Go Irish*, on Saturday, November 1st from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Kevin Sandberg, C.S.C. will be signing copies of *2003 Advent Calendar*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:00am to Noon.

Jason Kelly, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of *Mr. Notre Dame*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Fr. Nicholas Ayo, C.S.C, ND '56, will be signing copies of *Signs of Grace: Meditations of the Notre Dame Campus*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Jack Connor, will be signing copies of *The Life Story of George Connor*, on Saturday, November 1st from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

Special Events:

The Undertones, Notre Dame acappella group, will perform on Saturday in the Bookstore one hour following the game.
Parking garage collapses

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The top five stories of a parking garage under construction at a casino collapsed Thursday, sending concrete slabs and metal beams crashing down as workers ran for cover. Three people were killed and one was missing, officials said.

Officials previously believed four people were dead, but the count was revised Thursday evening, said Michael Schurman, deputy director of emergency management for Atlantic County. Nineteen others were injured.

Authorities, worried about the structure's stability, didn't send rescue crews in right away.

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Robert Levy, the city's director of emergency management, said search cameras and dogs were sent into the rubble of the 10-story garage when he heard rumbling around 10:40 a.m. "It sounded like an earthquake," Simmons said. "The whole building was shaking.

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"He was working up there last time. I know," said one distraught woman as she searched for co-workers of her husband. The Tropicana expansion project is intended to diversify the casino's offerings with forms of entertainment other than gambling, including an IMAX theater, nightclub and restaurants. It had been scheduled for completion next spring.

The parking garage supports one side of an 18-story hotel tower also under construction as part of an expansion project for the Tropicana Casino and Resort.

"It's a tragedy. We're devastated," said Maureen Siman, a Tropicana spokeswoman. The project's general contractor, Keating Construction, said in a statement: "This is a difficult time. Obviously, our first concern is the well being of the people that are injured or missing."

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Congress to approve financial aid package

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With the most contentious issue resolved, the House and Senate looked to give final approval to the $87.5 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

Congress could send the package to President Bush for his signature by Friday or possibly early next week.

House-Senate negotiators worked out the final details of the package Thursday night, eliminating a Senate provision that would have required that half of the $18.4 billion for Iraqi reconstruction and security forces be given as loans instead of grants.

The White House had threatened to veto the bill if loans were included. It said Iraq was already too deeply in debt and didn't have a government authorized to take on new loans. It also said that any loans secured by Iraq's oil revenues would only support the arguments of war critics who said the United States was after Iraq's oil.

Supporters of the loans said U.S. taxpayers are already paying plenty for Iraq and Iraqis should have a bigger stake in their country's reconstruction.

The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said Thursday that dropping the loans shows a "tremendous level of the American people are saying.

The loans had bipartisan support. The Republican-led Senate had voted 51-47 to convert part of the rebuilding funds into loans. The House did not include loans in its package, but it supported the concept in a 277-139 nonbinding vote.

The package worked out by House and Senate committees cannot be modified. Most of the money in the package is to support U.S. military operations and both chambers passed their versions of the bill overwhelmingly: 305-125 in the House and 87-12 in the Senate.

The final version of the bill included $64.7 billion for military operations, just under the $65.1 billion Bush had sought. The $18.4 billion for reconstruction and Iraqi security was less than $20.3 billion the White House had requested. The bill would provide $1.2 billion for Afghanistan, compared with $800 million sought by Bush.

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Racial preference promotes unfairness

Natalie Bennett's description, in her Oct. 30 letter of affirmative action as an "equalizer in a world that is still not equal" is an inaccurate description of affirmative action. Affirmative action, as it is currently enacted, is considered an equalizer only for disadvantaged minorities, not all disadvantaged people. Therefore, because it aids certain people while discriminating against others, affirmative action is a discriminatory policy.

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Expressing thanks

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Every once in a while, we are given an opportunity to show the best ever and go Irish. Three shows of this season with excitement and around campus, your overpowering atmosphere — one that made a lasting impression on our stadium and our fans around the country.

While your enthusiastic support for the band is always evident in the stadium and around campus, your overpowering participation in "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Livin' on a Prayer" was particularly outstanding two Saturdays ago. You were so loud that NBC's sideline television interviews were nearly drowned out. The impact was such that even a member of the USC band commented about how he'd never seen such an overwhelming reaction from any student section. We would have to agree. The band has performed in many of the biggest venues in college football, and nowhere else is as impassioned and around the country.

Your support is invaluable to all of us. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

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Do you approve or disapprove of President Bush's handling of the situation in Iraq?

Approve 48% Disapprove 52%
I am haunted by water

It is a slow and arduous process. Sitting awkwardly on the edge of a rock, trying to keep the thin plastic tube submerged while the water container remains vertical. You slowly pump the filter, drawing water from the cold, fast flowing river, through the tube and into your bottle, where it fills, clears and pours. I think the process itself, slow and methodical, producing its effects in drips and sudden splatters, is an ample metaphor for one path toward enlightenment. I have no doubt that the river itself is a source of enlightenment. I stand beside it as autumnal splendor surrenders to barren winter here in West Virginia. On the edge of this river I seek the solace of re-creation. Rivers seem to know the secret of staying constant and becoming ever new.

The river before me has wound through these hills for centuries. Yet the river before me is gone in an instant. So I might glimpse eternity in a single moment. Or miss it, seemingly forever. Heraclitus, the pre-Socratic Greek philosopher, claimed that one can never step into the same river twice. Because it is in constant flux, no river is the same from moment to moment. Yet taken beyond the banks of the river, there is little not in flux. I will not be the same in a second. Moment. Yet taken beyond the banks of the river, there is little not in flux. I will not be the same in a second. And so the moment when I and the river before me meet is utterly unique, incomprehensible in the scope of its potential meaning and beyond grasp in the utterly fleeting nature of its fragile existence. T.S. Eliot remarks in his poem "An include Wednesday" that "what is actual is only for one time, and only for one place." That time and place are now.

I thought of the ephemeral nature of reality as the sun faded on the horizon one day late this past September. The light flaring against the sheer walls of the Hesburgh Library momentarily turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time. And as the crimson and orange hues of Red Rock turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time. And as the crimson and orange hues of Red Rock turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time. And as the crimson and orange hues of Red Rock turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time. And as the crimson and orange hues of Red Rock turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time. And as the crimson and orange hues of Red Rock turned those walls into the glowing elation and orange hues of Red Rock crossing, Arizona. For a moment they transported me to where I have never seen. They plunged me out of time.

Yet the greatest lesson might be its humility. Rivers reflect the mystical notion of the individual surrendering the self. Though it might pass for centuries through the space before me, and for untold years its form might mark the contours of this land, having a place within them, the waters of this river flow toward their own absorption. Whether in lake, sea or ocean, these waters will one day end their journey in a greater whole. Tiny molecular particles that the eye cannot see might retain the integrity of their existence. But the river, as it flows visibly before me, will soon be gone, and other water will move in its place.

Is the river then defined by the water that forms its substance or by the space it fills? Am I defined by the composite parts that comprise me, including biological matter constantly in change, or am I defined by the place I hold in some larger whole, some community? When I die, will I be remembered by what comprised my physical form or in the place I have left in the lives of others?

I have traveled 600 miles to the banks of this river for solace and work and study. For a taste of nature that might remain with me so that in the months to come I might, like William Wordsworth, feel that "These forms of nature, these objects of sense, sweet, in the blood, and felt along the heart, and passing even into my purer mind, with tranquil restoration."

Yet perhaps such thoughts are foolish, for I store too much for the time to come and live too little in the time at hand. Water, splattering against the sides of my bottle, calls me back to the task at hand. It seems to have fallen out of vertical.

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Loss of traditions

I don’t know about you fellow Irishmen and women, but I’ve had enough of traditions here at Notre Dame. I couldn’t possibly be happier with the death of the traditions that I have witnessed here over the last few years, such as the Alumni Wake and in-dorm dances, and I applaud the new alcohol policy. The present systematic killing of all other traditions, especially the ever-maligned marshmallow wars during Notre Dame home games is even better. After all, those deadly marshmallows might actually be felt by the person they are thrown at.

I know what you’re thinking: "The police say there are rocks and ponies hiding in the marshmallows, but we don’t believe that." However, in defense of Notre Dame’s finest, I say that even though you and I have never seen or felt rocks in the marshmallows does not mean they don’t exist. After all, have you ever seen the administration let the student government decide something important? I haven’t either, but I’m sure it happens.

This rock/marshmallow controversy doesn’t bring up an interesting point, as a few of my opponents have noted: "Why don’t the cops stop the kids from bringing into those ‘rocks’ instead of stopping them from bringing in the marshmallows?"

I mean, isn’t it more important that we’re really worried about, and not the marshmallows? These rocks are going to hurt much more now that they no longer have that squishy white blanket of fun to insulate them."

Well, don’t worry about that. I got some insider information that NDSF will regulate the rock-throwing at football games as soon as they can crash down on the more important issues at hand, such as internal badminton. This wasn’t supposed to be made public, but there is about to be a major bust of all badminton players who hit the birdie in the general direction of the other team. After all, what if someone puts a grenade in the birdie? It could hurt someone. We just can’t take the chance, so sorry to you all badminton fans.

The best part of all this tradition killing is that one of the bigger traditions here has suffered as well: football.

Chuck Lennon, executive director of the Alumni Association, wants a large ban­ner to increase morale. If only he knew that if NDSF would stop arresting the team’s biggest fans, morale would jump back up. That’s OK, though. It’s not like anyone here is a football fan; it’s not like Notre Dame prides itself on tradition. So fellow Doners, why don’t we put an end to all this commotion and stop having fun?

Dan Sushinsky
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Staff Editorial

The New Mexico Daily Lobo

America’s debt to soldiers far overdue

As American soldiers continue to look death in the face, the citizens of this nation owe it to them to take action to bring the conflict in Iraq to an end.

Americans who have so loudly protested the unilateral actions of the Bush admin­istration since February seem to be losing their voice when they need it most. No clear Democratic presidential candidate has emerged, and the party seems to be bent on nominating the person who will at least stand up to the war in Iraq, a respectable loss. Where will the millions of protesters be next November? If they are truly patriotic Americans, they will be driving their SUVs to the polls to vote against a president who has waged a war to protect the oil they put into their gas-guzzling automobiles. This is the way the democratic process and the freedoms that are the backbone of the United States are supposed to work.

Protests aside, it is time American citizens, regardless of whether they support president Bush or his policies, begin taking pride in what the American soldiers have done and are continuing to do. Despite constant talk that the war in Iraq is supposed to be over, there are still Americans and civilians dying in Iraq. American soldiers made the choice to serve their country and preserve the American way of life, and they have done that without prejudice because that is what they are trained to do. Civilians on the home front need to understand and respect this because, regardless of whose orders armed forces personnel are following, they are fighting and dying for the heart and soul of American consumption — precious petroleum used in almost every aspect of daily life.

Homeland support for the war is not going to come sooner rather than later, because the war is not over. With the escalating violence in Iraq and the refusal of insurgents to be disarmed, it is only a matter of time before the Bush administration — or any future administration concerned with preserving our way of life — would have to send over more troops to finish what we started, with or without multilateral support from other nations.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Amid the current controversy surrounding the possession of rocks at football games, one particular aspect of the situation has been overlooked: the nature of the controversy itself.

Recently, several students have expressed concern over the possibility of injuries resulting from the use of rocks at games. While this is a valid concern, it is important to consider the broader implications of this controversy.

First, it is clear that the use of rocks at games is not a new phenomenon. In fact, it has been a long-standing tradition at Notre Dame, dating back to the early days of the university.

Second, it is important to recognize that the use of rocks at games is not without its benefits. For example, rocks can be used to create a more engaging and interactive atmosphere at games, and they can also be used to support the Notre Dame football team.

Finally, it is important to acknowledge that the use of rocks at games is not without its risks. While rocks can be used to create a more engaging and interactive atmosphere at games, it is also true that rocks can pose a danger to those who use them.

In conclusion, while the controversy surrounding the use of rocks at games is certainly concerning, it is also important to consider the broader implications of this controversy. It is clear that rocks have played an important role in the history of Notre Dame, and it is important to continue to support the Notre Dame football team in the future.

John Infranca
By SARAH BATES AND MARIA SMITH

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College students, when asked about the best experiences of their college careers, would reminisce about football Saturdays and campus-wide snowball fights after the first snowfall of the year. It takes something really special to pull students away from an autumn on campus. But for the 39 students spending the semester in India on the Semester Around the World program, the sacrifice is more than worthwhile.

The chance to study in a variety of countries is one of the biggest benefits of studying at ND or SMC. The schools together offer programs in 20 countries, sending hundreds of students overseas every year. Although turning down bigger programs like London or Seville can be difficult when trying to choose where to study, the SAW program offers some students an opportunity they couldn’t find anywhere else. Over the past 20 years, SAW students have visited Taiwan, Nepal, Malaysia and a variety of other countries rarely included in school study programs.

More importantly, the three months spent studying in India give students a chance to understand a country which is the center of one of the world’s major religions and home to 16 percent of the world’s population. “The opportunity to go to countries like the ones we visit is so rare,” said junior Amy Peckins.

“It’s not going to be like ND moved to another country,” said junior Meredith Shepherd. Semester Around the World was created by Cyriac Pullapilly, a professor of History at SMC who was born in southern India. Pullapilly first introduced the concept to SMC in 1975. It took eight years to work out the logistics of the trip and convince the College of the importance and value of the program.

“The program forces students to think about the cultures they meet and their own back home, making it necessary to create a balance,” Pullapilly said. “On SAW, the whole world becomes your home, not just a little corner of it.”

The result of Pullapilly’s planning is a program which takes students traveling around Asia for about two weeks and throughout India for three weeks before settling down for two months of classes in Cochin, a city on the southwest coast of India. Students focus entirely on India in their studies, learning about history, economics, philosophy, politics and fine arts. Their classes are at Sacred Heart University, a school founded and run by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, a religious congregation which runs more colleges and schools than any state government or organization in India. After finishing courses in early December, the students fly together to Frankfurt, where they split up to travel around Europe using the “extra miles” on their Around the World air tickets before returning home to start the next semester.

Only nine students applied for the first group Pullapilly took in the fall of 1983. Since then interest has grown considerably. Over 80 students sent in applications last fall for this year’s program. Around 60 students were called for interviews and 39 were selected for the final group. The program is open to all students from ND or SMC, and occasionally to students from other colleges as well. High school graduate Katie Camillus plans to attend Swarthmore College next year but was invited to participate in the program because three of her sisters and one of her cousins had gone on the trip in previous years.

Due to the rigorous planning involved in carrying out such a complicated program, Pullapilly only takes a group every other fall. Since the first program 20 years ago, 11 groups have had the opportunity to participate.

The SAW experience is different for every group that goes on the trip. This year’s group was scheduled to visit China, Tibet and Vietnam, but plans were changed because of SARS.

Visits to Japan and Thailand were left on the itinerary, and Australia was added as a substitute for the other countries.

After meeting in Los Angeles, the group flew to Tokyo on Aug. 22 and spent two weeks traveling through various cities, including Kyoto, Hiroshima, Cairns, Sydney, Bangkok and Phuket.

The students flew into Delhi on Sept. 4. They quickly grew accustomed to Indian traffic, a mixture of buses, mopeds, cars, bikes, pedestrians, cows and goats. They learned to use Indian-style toilets and adjusted to the instant notoriety that came with being American in India. In their three weeks of travel, the group visited Hindu temples and shrines across the country, the Ellora and Ajanta caves containing some of the oldest Buddhist art in the world, and saw such architectural wonders as the Gateway to India and the Taj Mahal.

They also had the opportunity to meet with the Vatican Ambassador to India, ride elephants and stay in the breathing-taking foothills of the Himalayas.

By the time the group reached Cochin, they had been traveling for 36 days and had been in 6 different countries, 32 cities, 13 airports, 4 train stations, 14 buses, 3 boats, 19 different hotels, and had spent about 30 hours in the air. Settling into a more normal day-to-day class schedule for the next two months was a relief for many students.

Traveling at a fast pace, although exciting, doesn’t always leave much room for in-depth understanding of the
Students learn about other cultures during the semester studying abroad.

SAW is not a program for the faint of heart — or those too attached to their hair dryers. Students who choose to participate find themselves halfway around the world, living for four months out of a suitcase which must weigh less than 44 pounds — not leaving much room for extra shoes or entire CD collections. Although students see many beautiful sights, others are far from glamorous. In a country where 26 percent of the people live below the poverty line, the group witnesses extreme cases of poverty and homelessness. As hard as this can be to handle, it plays an integral role in the life-changing experience of SAW.

"When you live in America, you learn that there's poverty everywhere and you feel bad, but over here you don't feel bad as much as understand it better," said junior Erin Cox. "Living the Eastern life, you learn that everything doesn't need to be Westernized. Being here makes you want to live a simpler life.

Although the semester is filled with learning opportunities, it is still an academic sacrifice for some students. SMC refused to accept SAW classes for credit, philosophy, government or economics requirements. Since all the students take the same classes, regardless of their different majors or backgrounds, the classes are designed as more of an overview of various subjects than an in-depth exploration of any topic. Some professors advise their students not to go for academic reasons. However, most students on the program feel they can learn as much from their travel experiences as they can in a South Bend classroom.

"Real education isn't just reinforcement, but also the exposure to new ideas," Pullapilly said.

The unique aspect about SAW is that we learn in the classroom, we also get to experience firsthand," sophomore Sarah Nowak said. "Learning about these subjects back in South Bend will never compare to actually being here."

With such a complicated travel itinerary which changes from year to year, there are unavoidable complications annually. Students pay an extra fee in addition to normal tuition which changes each year depending on travel plans. As with any country that lacks the fixed prices and sales regulations Americans are used to, students have to be careful about where they make major purchases and how much they pay. Going on SAW also involves extra immunizations and other medical concerns — remembering which day of the week to take anti-malaria pills can be harder than it sounds. Pictures from this year and the last two trips and more information about the trip can be found at www.saintmarys.edu/world.

The future of SAW is still unclear. Pullapilly currently plans to take another group in the fall of 2005, but in future years the program may or may not continue. Since the program depends so much on Pullapilly's planning and knowledge, transferring the program to a different director when Pullapilly decides not to take another group might be difficult.

Whether or not the Semester Around the World continues, it is a unique experience that forces its participants to truly look at the world, seeing not just the good but the bad as well. In one semester, these students see and experience countless things that many people will never have the chance to see. SAW teaches its students about the importance of stepping out of their comfort zones, opening them up to the chance for true learning and understanding of the world.

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Red Sox place slugger Ramirez on waivers

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BOSTON — Manny Ramirez makes so much money that even the biggest spenders in baseball don't want him.

The Red Sox placed him on irrevocable waivers Wednesday, and teams have until Thursday to claim the slugging left fielder.

If he's claimed, Boston would get nothing in return but would unload the contract, the sorriest-rented in baseball history. If he isn't claimed, he would remain with the Red Sox.

The New York Yankees' payroll is $164 million — not including postseason and award bonuses — is the highest in the major leagues, but they have no interest in claiming Ramirez, a top back-up catcher. Ramirez is a .349 hitter and was second to teammate Alex Rodriguez in AL Most Valuable Player voting.

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— Scott Boras, Ramirez's agent

In 2002, Ramirez spent seven seasons with Cleveland then hit .306, .349 and .325 over the next three seasons. He hit the AL in batting in 2002 and was second to teammate Bill Mueller's .326 in 2003. He has 111 homers and 336 RBIs with the Red Sox.

"This club inherited this contract. Their analysis must consider something other than his performance on the field," Boras said. "When you look at his on-the-field performance, I think he's performing at a very high level. Obviously, the club must have other factors in their decision."

In 2003, Ramirez led the AL with a .427 on-base percentage and 28 intentional walks, outstanding numbers for a team like Boston that places special emphasis on a player's ability to get on base.

He also had 37 homers and 104 RBIs.

Ramirez is a diligent student of hitting, often analyzing video studying tapes of himself at the plate. But he is an average, often nonchalant fielder who doesn't hustle on the basepaths.

The Red Sox would have plenty of hitting without him since they sit at a major-league record last season with a .491 slugging percentage.

They also would lose some of his quirks.

He was benched by Little late in the 2003 season after he missed a crucial series against the Yankees with a sore throat, yet got together with New York infielder Enfield Wilson to remember his days in Cleveland.

Then Ramirez didn't show up for an appointment with the team doctor.

When he joined the club the next day he sat on the bench, but said he was "too weak" to pinch-hit.

And in a game at Yankee Stadium in September, Ramirez teased the ball into the stands after making a nice catch, thinking there were three outs when there were only two.

Ramirez was signed as a free agent, by former Boston general manager Dan Duquette and is scheduled to make $20 million in 2005, $19 million in 2006, $18 million in 2007 and $20 million in 2008.

He also is still owed $5 million of his $16 million signing bonus.

The team holds $20 million options for both 2009 and 2010.

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Improved Rix expects a win

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A year ago, Florida State quarterback Chris Rix lost his starting job after a dismal performance against Notre Dame. This weekend, the 22-year-old junior will try to show he's improved enough to lead the fifth-ranked team Seminoles to a road win that keeps them on the national championship path.

"If I do my part and do what I'm pushed to do I think we win the ball game," Rix said as he prepared for Saturday's game at Notre Dame (2-5).

Rix is now 21-8 as starter at Notre Dame loss a year ago and a nightmarish six as a freshman against Miami. The biggest thing from last year is, of course, the turnovers and the trying to do too much," Rix conceded. "And that's my goal to eliminate this year.

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Athletes begin testimony before grand jury

Track and field champions questioned about nutritional supplements lab

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Two U.S. track and field champions, 1,500-meter runner Regina Jacobs and shot putter Kevin Toth, were among the first group of athletes to testify to a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Jacobs and Toth were among four track and field athletes who appeared before the federal panel on Thursday. Both Jacobs and Toth have been customers of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, which is the target of the probe.

Dozens of other athletes, including baseball's Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi and boxer Shane Mosley, have been subpoenaed in the case.

An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not imply any of the athletes is a target of the probe. Federal officials have refused to discuss the scope of proceedings.

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Douglas Schwartz


Iverson injures shoulder in practice

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia 76ers Allen Iverson strained his left shoulder in practice Thursday.

Iverson, 76ers coach Randy Ayers said. "If he’s healthy and he feels good, he'll try to play.”

The guard collided with a teammate during a five-on-five drill and left practice with an ice pack on his shoulder and his left arm bandaged. He was listed as day-to-day, pending the results of an MRI test.

"I just did a lot of pain," 76ers coach Randy Ayers said. "If he's healthy and he feels good, he’ll try to play.”

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HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets opened their new arena with a series of firsts and the biggest of all was a victory at Toyota Center. Cattino Mobley scored 21 points as the Rockets never trailed and beat the Denver Nuggets 102-85 Thursday night in the first game played at their sparkling $202 million downtown arena. A sellout crowd of 18,189 was on hand as the coach Jeff Van Gundy era started with a runaway victory. Yao Ming got the basket with 11:03 to go in the first quarter to overtake the Rockets, who were up 72-60 at the end of the third quarter. "There was no particular situation, other than wanting to play well," Van Gundy said. "Coaches work in strange ways. I’m thinking about Memphis (next opponent) right now. We didn’t play as well as I thought we might. We had a lot of blown assignments and mistakes."

Sonics 109, Clippers 100
Raashard Lewis scored 25 points, and Ronald Murray had 24, leading the SuperSonics past the Clippers 109-100 Thursday in Mike Dunleavy’s debut as Los Angeles’ coach.

Lewis made two 3-pointers in a third-quarter run that gave the SuperSonics an 83-69 lead heading to the fourth. The Clippers closed the gap to four points late in the final quarter at Saitama Super Arena. With less than a minute to go, Clippers guard Eddie House sank a 3-pointer, and Corey Maggette’s score made the margin four.

Allen, who has an injured ankle.

New Orleans is here without Joakim Noah, who has a poor shooting percentage, but the SuperSonics did not make the playoffs last season. The Sonics are here without a six-point cushion they didn’t relinquish. House, a reserve, led the Clippers with 22 points. Maggette and Elton Brand each scored 21, with Brand grabbing 15 rebounds.

It was the first of two games in Japan for the teams, neither of which made the playoffs last season. This is the sixth time the NBA has had regular-season games in Japan; the last time was in 1999, when the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Sacramento Kings played at Tokyo Dome.

The Sonics are here without three-time All-Star guard Ray Allen, who has an injured ankle.

New Orleans 100, Orlando 98
New Orleans was composed after falling behind by five points with the clock winding down, and the Hornets stayed calm when Orlando’s Tracy McGrady took off toward the basket trying to force overtime.

Jamaal Magloire blocked McGrady’s driving layup with 3.9 seconds to go, sealing New Orleans’ 100-98 victory Thursday night. Had the Magic’s shot hit the mark, it would’ve erased a rally that saw the Hornets score the game’s final seven points.

“We’re prepared,” said George Lynch, whose fast-break layup with 36 seconds remaining was the game-winner. “Coach has done a great job of getting us in situations in practice so we’re able to adjust to it. We don’t panic, we just play through it.”

David Wesley scored 28 points.
Juneau ends Canadiens' three-game drought

Associated Press

BOSTON — Joe Juneau ended Montreal’s drought of over three games without a goal when he scored 1:39 into overtime to give the Canadiens a 1-0 victory over the Boston Bruins on Thursday night.

The Canadiens had not scored a goal since Monday night’s game against Ottawa, a span of 199 minutes, 25 seconds.

Juneau scored when he broke in and slid the puck past Felix Potvin. Juneau exemplified the Canadiens’ frustration when he threw his stick in the air after scoring.

Jose Theodore earned his third shutout of the season, making 21 saves for Montreal. Despite being rarely tested, Theodore denied Brian Rolston on a breakaway with 9:38 remaining in the game with a glove save.

Potvin, who shut out the Canadiens on Tuesday, allowed only his second goal in the last three games.

Boston, who has been so successful on the road this season with a league-leading six straight wins, is 0-2-1 at home.

The Bruins were also shut out at home last Thursday by Carolina and were shut out in consecutive games for the first time in 1999.

Montreal, who snapped a three-game losing streak, had four power-play opportunities and is 1-for-24 with the man advantage over the last seven games.

The Canadiens were shut out in three straight games twice in their history, most recently in 1949.

Boston had not allowed a goal in 163:37.

Lightning 2, Sharks 2

Dave Andreychuk scored a game-tying power-play goal early in the third period as the unbeaten Tampa Bay Lightning earned a 2-2 tie Thursday night with the San Jose Sharks.

The Lightning (6-0-1) were bidding to become just the ninth team to start the season with seven consecutive wins.

Only the 1993-94 Toronto Maple Leafs (10 games), the 1934-35 Maple Leafs (eight games) and 1975-76 Buffalo Sabres (eight games) have started the season with more than seven straight wins.

Devils 3, Flyers 2

The unlikely hero of Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals helped the New Jersey Devils end an unexpectedly long home winless streak.

Mike Rupp scored his second goal of the game with 8:43 to play and the Devils won for the first time at home this season by rallying from a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

“It was my best game, not just because I scored,” Rupp said. “I think I was using my body and our line was establishing a forecheck. We had a solid game.”

It brought back memories of last June when Rupp scored twice in the Devils’ 3-0 win in Game 7, making him an instant hero.

This season has been anything but that for him. He did not earn a point in his first six games.

Sabres 5, Maple Leafs 3

Five seems to be the lucky number these days for the Buffalo Sabres.

Miroslav Satan scored his 200th career goal with the Sabres and added an assist to lead Buffalo past the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3 Thursday night.

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**WASHING­TON S T A T E  (7-1) at USC (7-1)**

**McGrady ready to be the team leader**

Orlando's Tracy McGrady drives past Detroit's Clifford Robinson last season in game seven of the NBA Eastern Conference Quarterly Finals, which the Magic lost. McGrady is ready to step up as the leader of the Magic.

**Thomas to return to White Sox next year**

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas is staying with the Chicago White Sox. Thomas said Thursday he will exercise a $6 million contract option for next season rather than test the free-agent market for a second straight year.

"After weighing our options, we felt the best decision for Frank was to return to the White Sox," Aras Tellem, Thomas' agent, said in a statement. "I know Frank would like nothing better than to help the White Sox win a World Series title.

Thomas tested the free-agent market for the first time in his career last year after the White Sox invoked a clause in his contract that allowed them to defer most of his $10 million salary.

The two-time AL MVP wound up re-signing with the only team he's ever played for, agreeing to a one-year deal with three mutual options that guaranteed him $22.5 million.

In addition to the $6 million option for next season, he has ones for $8 million in 2005 and $10 million in 2006, a year that has a $3.5 million club buyout attached to it.

Even if Thomas had declined the option, the White Sox could have held onto him by exercising an $8 million option. The White Sox also have options of $11 million in 2005 and $12 million in 2006.

"Frank is certainly the greatest hitter in the long history of this organization," said Kenny Williams, the White Sox's general manager. "Very much to his credit, Frank rebounded at the plate in 2003, and we are looking forward to another season with having Frank as one of the most potent offensive players in the American League."

Thomas hit .267, his highest average since 2000, with 42 home runs and 105 RBIs this season. He also hit his 400th career home run and collected his 2,000th hit.

**IN BRIEF**

Los Angeles Clippers' season-opening loss to Seattle in January.

He is expected to be out four to six weeks, the team said Thursday.

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PITT­B VURGH (5-2) at BOSTON COLLEGE (5-3)

Tulsa at RAPID CITY (5-2)

SYRACUSE (4-3)

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ask Tracy McGrady what the future holds for the Orlando Magic, and he wearily shakes his head.

"Everything," he says, depending on the "young guys" getting on the same page as the veterans.

Young guys? Tracy, you're only 24!

"But I've got six years under my belt. So I feel like I've been here a long time," he said.

McGrady is an experienced superstar who may just be tapping into all of his talents.

He is the defending NBA scoring leader, and last year he was the youngest player to average 30 points since the ABA-NBA merger of 1976. McGrady also is one of only three active players with at least 9,500 points, 2,700 rebounds and 1,600 assists through their first six seasons. (The others are injured teammates Grant Hill and Antoine Walker of Dallas.)

Scorer, rebounder, passer, defender. Now McGrady can add another role: leader.

The Magic's front office, by stitching a captain's C on McGrady's jersey, is making official what has been common knowledge: This is T-Mac's team.

"Now he can start to do the things that we've been talking about being a leader," Orlando general manager John Gabriel said. "But as far as on the floor, he's been there and has done that."

McGrady demonstrated his leadership Wednesday night in the Magic's opening-game overtime win over the New York Knicks.

Despite an awful shooting performance through three quarters, his defense and playmaking kept the Magic close. His 13 points in the fourth quarter and overtime gave Orlando a two-point victory.

"I was getting frustrated all night and my shots weren't falling," said McGrady, 9-for-24 from the field. "As bad as we played they never ran away with a big lead. I told my teammates if we take it to overtime, I will win this game.

McGrady the leader will be judged by wins and losses, and that's fine with him.

If a teammate doesn't go all-out in practice, tune out the coaches or breaks a play to make himself look good, the captain will notice.

"If we don't do those things, we're going to be one of those teams that play $2 games then go home," McGrady said. "I definitely don't want that, because I enjoy playing in the postseason."
Don’t expect a repeat of the last match between the third seeded Bullfrogs and sixth seeded Shamrocks, said McGinn receiver Carolyn Gibbs.

When the two met earlier in the season, Badin shut out McGinn 13-0. McGinn quarterback Bridget Meacham described it as the worst of their season.

Since then, the sophomore-heavy Shamrocks (3-3) have focused on strengthening the effectiveness of their defense in regards to blitzing schemes and formations. This, Gibbs said, will ultimately bolster the Shamrocks to a win and a life in the playoffs.

"It’s always taken a while for us to get into the rhythm. Also, because we are a young team, we let mistakes get to us and we don’t have a lot of confidence at the beginning of the game."

The two will meet Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. on West Quad.

Breen Phillips vs. Welsh

Breen-Phillips and Welsh, both expecting to carry strong regular season play into the playoffs, will square off Sunday in what looks to be a fierce match-up between two relentless teams fresh off highly successful seasons.

Breen-Phillips (3-1-2) has been led all year by its productive offense and defense, which has improved with each week. They look to continue this solid play through the continued success of quarterback Trae Kazmerski and freshman receiver Tara Johnson.

“We’ve been preparing all week,” Breen-Phillips captain Kelly Deckelman said. “We have a powerful offense, and we are able to successfully move the ball down field.”

Breen Phillips emerged victorious in the one meeting between the two teams this season, and will need continued strong play to come out with its second win.

“We’re getting pumped and not taking them lightly,” Deckelman said. “We beat them earlier this year, and we know we can do it again, but they are going to be looking for revenge.”

This Friday (10-2) rivals heavily on its impressive defense and returning players for its success this year. The Whirlwinds are lead by returning players Megan Markley and Jamie McAlwodney. Sophomore quarterback Melissa Sands will need to play well in order for Welsh Family to advance into the second round, as well.

“We’ve had a few weeks off and we’re all excited,” Sands said. “This is the playoffs, it counts.”

The teams will kick off Sunday afternoon at 2:00pm on West Quad.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Belles look to bounce back from loss**

By DAN TAPETILLO
Spread Word

October break proved to be rocky for Saint Mary’s.

The Belles came out of the break with a 1-1-1 record only to suffer a heartbreaking 2-2 double overtime loss to Kalamazoo Wednesday night. The loss to Kalamazoo puts Saint Mary’s at 9-3-3 for the season and in a tie with Alma for third place in the MIAA standings.

The consistent Saint Mary’s defense couldn’t preserve the tie.

The offense can only hold for so long,” Belles coach Peter Haring said. “The offense needs to finish the golden opportunities in goal.”

This was the second loss Saint Mary’s has suffered in the last three weeks. Saint Mary’s endured a 1-0 loss to Hope College Oct. 18. But the team had to play without defender Shannon Colburnton and striker Wendy Brune.

Fortunately, Saint Mary’s was able to recover from the loss with a 2-0 shutout victory of the year with a 3-0 win over Tri-State University Oct. 20. The second team Saint Mary’s played during the break on Oct. 21.

“Things got refocused and we stuck it to them,” Haring said. “We were able to control the pace of the game.”

But the team ended the break with a 1-1-1 record and have started to get their season back in gear.

Freshman Carolyn Logan has also been a critical part to the team.

“She adds a little more spark in our attack,” Haring said.

For the remainder of the season, Haring wants to continue with the team’s ability to control the pace of the game and wants to finish the offensive attacks.

The next test for Saint Mary’s will be against Albion Saturday afternoon at 2:00pm.

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Belles hope to finish home season strong**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the Saint Mary’s volleyball team, its season has literally come full circle.

The Belles finish the 2003 regular season at home today against Albion, the same team who they played in their conference opener Sept. 14.

In that match, Saint Mary’s fell in five sets.

Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Blik is anxious for her team to get another chance at Albion, especially considering how close the Belles were to defeating the Britons back in September.

“I am very excited to play this team, because we’ve improved so much since that first game,” she said. “It’s a really big win for us, because if we win this game we’ll be sixth in the conference and if we lose we’ll end up seventh.”

The Belles have shown great improvement over last season, in which the team went 7-21 and only won a single conference game. This year, Saint Mary’s has a 13-12 record going into the final game of the regular season and a 4-9 record in the MIAA.

Perhaps even more impressive is that the Belles have made such strides on a team with only one senior — Iber Aslin Shaw— on the roster. Freshman outside hitter Kristen Playko, who ranks in the top three in the MIAA in both kills and service aces, has led talented underclassmen this season — a year in which the Belles are not to be taken lightly by conference opponents.

“This year has really been about team improvement, but we’ve had some great individual performances as well.”

Schroeder-Blik said, “We’ve made some big steps toward getting this program turned around.

“We’ve really come out of the hibernation and have started to get respect from the other teams in this conference.”

Albion (10-20, 3-10 in the MIAA) is coming off a straight set victory over Olivet Wednesday.

The match’s tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish travel to the Bronx for Big East Championships

By JOE LINDSLEY

Both the men's and women's cross country teams will spend Halloween in the Bronx, where each Irish squad will contend today for the Big East title.

Though the race will not be an easy win, the women, who are the defending conference champions and who are ranked fifth nationally, are likely to scarce the competition, particularly given their third-place finish two weeks ago at the Pre-National meet.

Meanwhile, the men, who took fourth place at last year's race, have reasons not to be afraid this season — they are running at a venue where they have not failed to take the Big East title since 1995, and, unlike last year, they will be with the services of former All-American Todd Mobley, a senior who missed last year's event due to injury.

Every year the Big East Championships alternate between Van Cortland Park in the Bronx, N.Y. and Franklin Park in Boston. When the race is held in Boston, the men's cross country team seem to be subjectively at a disadvantage, a curse, as they have yet to win a title there. While the Boston course seems to be cursed for the Irish, the New York course seems to be a handy place for Notre Dame, given the team's three Big East victories there.

The 24th-ranked men, who finished ninth among some of the nation's very best squads at the Pre-National meet in the fields of Waterloo, Iowa, will not have a break in the big city this weekend either. The Big East field includes three teams ranked ahead of the Irish: No. 17 Villanova, No. 13 Georgetown, and No. 20 Providence. The Villanova Wildcats, who took the title last season, are returning running as the favorites.

Fortunately the Irish, in addition to having a healthy Mobley, will have the services of some other very talented, albeit youthful, runners. Sophomore Tim Moore has been leading the team of late, and his 16th place finish two weeks ago in Iowa put him among some of the nation's best.

While the women's team has another strong sophomore, Kaleb van Ort, who took 53rd at the Pre-Nationals, they will also have to contend against some highly-ranked conference foes. The eighth-ranked Providence Friars and 16th-ranked Georgetown will provide challenges. Other ranked Big East teams include No. 25 West Virginia, No. 27 Boston College, and No. 32 Villanova.

Last year, when the female Irish runners took their first-ever Big East title, Lauren King took individual honors surely ahead of teammate Molly Huddle.

Since then, the same two runners have generally led the Irish, but the order has been reversed, with the sophomore Huddle usually leading the way. King has also been led, and rightfully so, by their junior, Kerry Meagher, who in his first season has recorded 15.5 points serving, while Brewster has been leading the team with an opportunity to the big East title. The poll is determined by a vote of the league's head coaches, who were not permitted to place their own teams on their ballots.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No. 14 Irish look to extend 11 game win streak

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN

The Irish are glad to be back at the Joyce Center. No. 14 Notre Dame returns home today for the second time in two weeks, where they face Syracuse (16-11, 3-4 in the time in two weeks, where they face Syracuse (16-11, 3-4 in the

The Orangeemen come off a 3-2 loss to Boston College, and are hungry for a win. The Irish, on the other hand, will look to extend their nation's longest winning streak, their longest in three years. Notre Dame (18-2, 7-0) is led by their nation-leading 3.79 hitting percentage. Highlighting the Irish blockers is middle blocker Lauren Huddle, who leads the nation in blocking, with an average of 1.82 blocks per game. Brewster also had 11 kills with no errors on 21 attempts.

Brewster has been nicely complemented by Lauren Keiby, who led the way for the Irish in Wednesday's win over Illinois State with 11 kills on .444 hitting percentage. Keiby also added 15.5 points serving, while Brewster led with 17 points.

Senior setter Kristen Kinder led the offense with another double-double Wednesday, with 29 assists and 12 digs, the 24th such match of her four-year career. Defensively, the Irish have been led, and rightfully so, by libero Meg Henican, who finished with 17 digs on Wednesday.

The Irish have been able to hold teams in weak hitting percentages, as Illinois State hit a mere .008 on the match, with 31 kills and 32 errors. However, Sunday's match proved to be a challenge for the Irish, as the Orangeemen will be looking for revenge after last year's 1-0 loss to the Irish.

Syracuse holds opponents to a .199 hitting percentage, while they hit .219 as a team. However, the Irish have held teams to a 142 attack percentage this season. In the 20 matches so far this year, the Irish have allowed opponents to hit .190 or better just four times.

Sunday's match provides the Irish with an opportunity to extend their win streak to 12, which would match the longest winning streak of coach Debbie Brown's era.

Brown's 18-2 record marks the best start for the Irish since 1994, when Notre Dame started 32-2 and finished 33-4. The longest winning streak in Irish history is 17, done in 1986. During the current 11-match streak, Notre Dame has won 44-44 games, only losing one each to Purdue, Villanova, Connecticut and North Carolina.

Sunday's match kicks off at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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Women's Basketball

Irish third in Big East

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Connecticut, the defending NCAA champion, has been chosen to win the 2003-04 Big East women's basketball regular season title. The poll is determined by a vote of the league's head coaches who were not permitted to place their own teams on their ballots.

Rutgers earned the first-place vote and 156 points for a second-place finish in the poll. The Irish played in the NCAA Championships for the second straight year and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the third time under coach Muffet McGraw. Notre Dame finished 21-11 for its 10th consecutive 20-win season. Junior forward Jacqueline Battest a, a member of the 2003-04 preseason all-Big East first team, is expected to lead the Irish.

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Dillon looks to continue domination as playoffs begin

By STEVE COYER, ANNIE BRUSKY, DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writers

It's been two very different seasons for Sorin and Dillon. But this weekend that all means nothing as both teams look to advance in the playoffs.

Dillon has rolled through its schedule this year and emerged the only undefeated team in the league after a 14-7 victory over Keenan. With confidence from last year's playoff success and this year's dominant regular season, Dillon looks ready to play up to its No. 1 seeding.

The playoffs against tough odds.

Sorin's season started with a thrilling 3-0 victory and ended with a huge 6-0 win. In their other two games, the Otters took difficult losses yet made it into the playoffs against tough odds. Sorin realizes it has a powerful offense, led by quarterback Mitch Knapke.

But despite Keenan being known for their underclassmen, their running game is a simple formula. Our personnel is good enough to win and we have a lot of depth said Ronheim.

The Zahmbies come into the game with confidence, having won their final two games of the season over Sorin and Fisher. The Sorin game was won behind a solid ground attack led by running back Tim Breitbach to the average.

The Keenan offense is led by quarterback Marty Mooney, tight end Steve and Nick Klein. Offensively, the Keenan defense is counting on a strong running team to set up the passing game.

To achieve this goal, Knott will also need to stop Keenan's offense if it expects to see life in the second round.

The Zahmbies come into the playoff game 19-0 against Keenan in a first-round game. Toach the potential of the Monroe offense, the Zahmbies will need to contain their offense, said Maimone.

The Knights want to show they're a "new and improved" team during the first round.

"We have a lot of new faces and we're a much different team than last year," Keenan team captain Patrick Downey said.

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Dillon looks ready to play up to its No. 1 seeding. "He's real good," Raschke said. His opponents see him as a dangerous threat as well.

"He had some great games last year, especially against us in the championship," Harkins said. "He's very versatile. He can run and pass."

The Ramblers are looking for running back Tim Breitbach to have a big game as they know how critical a strong running attack is to win.

They are also depending on wide receiver Jen Kaup. "It doesn't matter where we're seeded. If we don't come out there strong it will be an early exit," Siegfried. Second-year Siegfried has been explosive in its two games, the Otters took difficult losses yet made it into the playoffs against tough odds.

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mething two games over the break, including a 1-0 win over then-No. 1 Boston College Saturday.
"There's that subconscious follow up question about what's going to happen after a big win like that," Poulin said.
Despite scoring two goals in the first period, the Irish were lucky to keep Nebraska-Omaha off the board. Notre Dame had several turnovers in their defensive zone, but Cey was equal to the task.
"I thought [Morgan] played very well," Poulin said. "I would have liked to have seen him just give up one goal, but Omaha's a good hockey team and they really battled very hard.
McLean got the Irish on the board during a flurry of shots in front of Cey. The Irish goals made several saves, but could not collect a rebound which went forward Brent Kiso, who swept it into the empty net.
Less than two minutes after Kiso's goal, Irish forward Michael Bartlett entered the zone on a two-on-one and made a perfect pass to forward Bob Gieke, who hesitated for a moment before wringing the puck between Haaland's pads.
Notre Dame put the game out of reach just 30 seconds later, when McLean made a dominating one-on-one move, just getting enough on a shot while falling to the floor, and Gill managed to poke the puck home.
"That was a big goal," Poulin said. "Gill did a great job to follow the shot. McLean was just terrific in the game, and Mike Walsh might have played his best game of the season.
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more than another day of training. Places meant nothing. I was looking at progress and viewing it as a workout.
Bauters is pleased with what he sees.
"The team has progressed as I hoped, and the Eagle Invitational is a good indication of that," he said. "We used that as a trial run to test to see how we were going to do in the [MIAA] championships.
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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
Bauters leads by example for the Belles
By PAT LEONARD
Sport Writer
Call her captain. Call her coach. Call her Jackie Bauters. Master of fact, why don't you just call her all three.
The senior captain of the Saint Mary's cross country has been the team's top finisher in five of six meets thusfar this season.
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end with two games remaining, the second of which comes on Sunday on the road at Michigan State. That game will have no impact on Big East standings.

However, with a tie or loss to Villanova (9-6-1, 4-5-0) tonight, Notre Dame will subject itself to the whim of the referees within the conference to determine seedings and home field advantage.

"We're very focused," coach Bobby Clark said. "It's also a special night for our seniors. It's their last official home game. They'll be very determined to finish their final game with a win and leave a lot of good memories."

This will be the 10th meeting of the two programs. Last season, the Irish won, 5-0, at Villanova. Notre Dame outshot its opponent 15-2 and received goals from Chad Riley, Justin Detter and Devon Prescod.

"They're a totally different team from last year," Clark said, unconcerned with the past. "This is the first time since 1991 Villanova has been nationally ranked. That says it all. You must give them the utmost respect."

Statistics show the Irish have dominated the Wildcats over the teams' history of playing each other. Notre Dame has the series lead with a 7-7-0 all-time record, going 4-0-0 at Alumni Field.

But Clark is a veteran coach who has seen teams take others for granted. He is not concerned with what happened last year.

"I have never been a believer in past records having any weight," he said. "You need to look at the Big East. You can see how any of the bottom teams can beat any of the top teams. If we look past them for a second, then we're not very smart."

Concluding their final weekend of the regular season, the Irish will then travel to East Lansing to take on Michigan State (10-3-2) Sunday at 1 p.m.

The game has no implications in terms of conference seeding, but it certainly could affect seeding in the NCAA tournament.

"I think both games we're playing for an NCAA seed," Clark said. "There's no guarantee we get an automatic bid from the Big East, not yet at least. We have two regular season games remaining that are vitally important, with regards to getting into the NCAA's and getting home field in the NCAA's."

Sixteen teams in the country get first round byes in the NCAA tournament. They also receive home field advantage in the second round.

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for a second time," Waldrum said. "We beat them fairly comfortably at home which is a good thing from a confidence standpoint. The bad thing is having beat them before you don't want the kids going in like we did Wednesday night, mentally unprepared to play."

The last time the two teams played, the Irish were coming to the end of a grueling stretch of seven games in fifteen days. The schedule has not gotten much easier for the Irish, who have continued to play a lot of games.

"With all the mid-week games in the last three weeks we really haven't had many good practice days," Waldrum said. "We play a game, recover the next day, then play again. So we'll get back into the basic things we were doing at the beginning of the year."

Despite failing to complete the fourth unbeaten regular season in team history, the Irish are excited to play Miami again and to enter the postsea

"I don't think when we played them here that we played very well, and we beat them 3-0," Waldrum said. "I think we need to be a little more prepared to play them since it is going to have a play-off atmosphere to it."

Notes

♦ The Irish have an 18-6-0 record all-time in Big East Tournament competition, winning the tournament the seven previous times they have competed.

♦ The Irish outscored their Big East opponents 22-6 on the season.

♦ Before the game against Michigan, the Irish had outscored their opposition 36-1 since giving up a goal in a 2-1 game against Santa Clara.

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Award

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last Saturday. Detter began the scoring with a goal at the 6 minute, 40 second mark off an assist from senior defender Kevin Goldthwaite. He then won the game seven minutes into overtime by chipping a ball over Virginia Tech goalkeeper Chase Harrison.

The game-winning overtime goal was Detter's second of the season. His first came in an early-season, 2-1 victory over Fresno St in the Mike Bertolacci Memorial Tournament. The second goal also tied Detter with senior forward Devan Prescod for the team lead in goals with eight. Detter's 20 points (8 goals, 12 assists) leads all Notre Dame players.

This honor marks the first time Detter has been named to the Soccer America College Team of the Week in his career. Detter's overtime goal ensured Notre Dame home field advantage in the first round of the Big East championship tournament. Provided the Irish defeat Villanova tonight at Alumni Field.

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Bouncing back

No. 2 Notre Dame looks to rebound against Miami after its first loss of the season

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Coming off of their first loss of the season, the Irish will look to rebound by getting past Miami and remain undefeated in Big East play.

The Irish travel to the Big East semifinals this weekend, as they face off with Miami in the first round.

"There's no question it hurts not having them, they are two quality players that have been a big part in what we've done this year," Waldrum said. "But we certainly are a good enough team to have gotten past Michigan without those players. We're deep enough to get by with it."

The game will be a rematch of a game played just three weeks ago at Alumni Field, when the Irish earned a 3-0 win on the strength of goals by Boland, Amanda Guertin and Katie Thorlakson.

"It's a mix (playing Miami for a second time)," Waldrum said.

Senior forward Amy Warner looks to go around Michigan defenders. The Irish look to earn a trip to the Big East semifinals this weekend, as they face off with Miami in the first round.

Senior forward Justin Detter goes after the ball in a recent game.

Justin Detter named to College Team of the Week

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Senior forward Justin Detter was named to the Soccer America College Team of the Week Wednesday after his two goals lifted the Notre Dame men's soccer team to victory in a 2-1 overtime decision against No. 9 Virginia Tech.

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"We're starting the second season now, so we've got to be ready to play," Waldrum said.

Forget the pumpkins and trick-or-treaters, ghouls and goblins when 7:30 p.m. strikes on Halloween night the Notre Dame and Villanova men's soccer teams will be focused on only one thing: a Big East win.

If the Irish do not beat No. 25 Villanova at Alumni Field tonight, the Irish risk losing home-field advantage in the first round of the Big East conference tournament.

Villanova needs to win this game more than the Irish. If the Wildcats do not defeat No. 7 Notre Dame, they risk being ousted from the postseason tournament altogether.

The Irish (10-2-3, 5-2-1 Big East) are in third place in the conference entering the weekend.

Justin Detter goes after the ball in a recent game.

For the Saint Mary's cross country team, the entire season functions as a road of preparation to one final race — the MIAA Championships.

The coach believes runners should push work but not concern themselves with statistics or times. Instead, he emphasizes a gradual mental and physical progression that should culminate at the conference championships.

"The focus from day one has been Nov. 1," coach Dave Poulin said. "Throughout the season I've used the meets as training runs. I viewed them as nothing more than another day of training. Places meant nothing. I was more concerned with less than a minute left in the game after Maverick forward Andrew Wong crashed into him during a late Nebraska-Omaha goal. Irish coach Dave Poulin said that Cey was fine and was removed as a precaution.

"It's a mix (playing Miami for a second time)," Waldrum said.

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THE LAST GREAT WIN

Ten years after defeating No. 1 Florida State, Notre Dame has failed to attain the success of '93.
All that's left is playing for pride

Two years ago on a dark November night, a first-year starting linebacker sounded off his football team to anyone who would listen. At that time, the Irish were 3-5, hot seat coach was synonyms, a bowl game was a distant possibility and student support for the team had disappeared faster than girls after party. So Courtney Watson teed off.

"From the beginning, you’re playing for pride," the then-junior shouted. "People try to come in and tell you you’re playing for pride, but that’s all you had to begin with, anyway."

As Notre Dame fans know, the Irish went on to finish 2001 5-7, their second losing record in three years, and Bob Davie was sent packing to an ESPN broadcast booth. Notre Dame hired Tyrone Willingham, started his inaugural season 8-0 and temporarily contented Irish fans. Two years later, Watson, now an established leader of a once-taunted defensive unit, stood outside a locker room in Boston trying to explain why his team lost.

Conversation inevitably turned to what the Irish, now teetering on the brink of yet another losing season, would find as motivation. The scene was different, but the words were the same. "You have to have some pride when you play the rest of the season," he said. There was that word again, Pride. It’s a word that never seems to pop up when a team finds itself among the upper echelon of college football teams. It’s a word that always seems to pop up when fans do their best Chicago Cubs imitation and mutter, "Wait till next year!

And that’s what’s happening to Notre Dame again this year, for the third time in five years. While Irish players spout off about playing for pride in Year 2 of the Tyrone Willingham Era, Irish fans are already thinking ahead to Year 3. Players may talk about how they always play for pride, but nobody was talking about pride when the season started. Nobody said in the pre-season that winning a game one game — would constitute a significant achievement, like the Irish were saying last weekend.

Ask any football player what they are currently playing for, pride or a national championship. Those that chose a title are probably in contention for one. Those that don’t aren’t.

"We can knock off Florida State. We have got to play consistent."

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A decade later

Notre Dame has struggled since its victory in the "Game of the Century"

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

It was the Game of the Century. No. 1 Florida State, led by eventual-Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, took on No. 2 Notre Dame at Notre Dame Stadium on November 5, 1993. ESPN had its first GameDay show at the matchup and 110,900 fans came to the game but couldn't get a ticket.

The Seminoles entered the game two-touchdown favorites and scored on the opening drive to take an early 7-0 lead. But over the next two and a half quarters, Notre Dame came out in a fashion that no one had against Florida State that season.

The Irish tied the game when quarterback Kevin McDougal hit flanker Adrian Jarrell broke a tackle and scored on the opening drive to take an early 7-0 lead. But in the 10 years since that game, Notre Dame's chances of winning the game all week while Bowden admitted he did nothing wrong in the days leading up to the game and his players showed little knowledge or respect for the Notre Dame mystique. Seminole wide receiver Kevon Coevery even mistakenly called Irish coaching great Knute Rockne "Buck Knute" before the game.

"I did nothing right that week. I tried to downplay their spirit," Bowden said. "I know [Notre Dame] thrives off that. But they made us eat everything that was said."

Bowden also said he made the mistake of having his players wear green hats with the Florida State name on them during the first game. "I thought that would be a nice gesture for them. We'll wear Notre Dame's colors with Florida State on them. That's the way it was in '93. Notre Dame jumped all over that thing. You have to know that's a lot of that to Lou Holtz. He was a master at getting his team up for the game and does—bears much about the 1993 Notre Dame team found itself in a very different position than in 1993. From 1988 to 1993, Notre Dame teaed had three seasons of 6-4-1, won 10 games or more five times, won five bowl games, winning five of them, and won a national title.

With the score tied 7-7 at that game, Notre Dame has compiled a 1-0-1 record, but had only one win in 2002, two losing seasons, no bowl victories, and no national titles. Since 2003, the Irish are a mere 2-5 and will face No. 5 Florida State at home for the first time since that 1993 game. It's a far cry from the "Game of the Century" that took place a decade ago.

For Notre Dame to get back to that prominence of 1993. But to reach that peak, as well as beat Florida State this season, the team must use the same formula the great Notre Dame teams used to win so many games and dominate their opponents. It is a formula that could help the Irish regain the consistent excellence it once had in football. "It always takes great leadership, great coaching, great play to get [Notre Dame] back to its height," Willingham said. "As you relate it to the ballgame, you have to execute—and I keep harping on that, but that's something that you can't say enough because it's true—everything you do, if you execute, you get your best chance of being successful."

As the current team prepares for Florida State, many of the players haven't put a lot of thought into the happenings of 1993. Freshman offensive lineman Ryan Harris grew up a Notre Dame fan, but doesn't remember too much about the 1993 game. "I don't think it bears much impact on this year's game."

"I can't really recall that game real well," Quinn said. "But it is not really a factor this week.

Notre Dame senior wide receiver Omar Jenkins was just a sophomore when the two teams met in 1993. But he said that game's significance could be in the back of the players this week as they prepare for Florida State. "I haven't watched the game. But I’m quite sure it’s in the back of some players’ heads this week," Jenkins said.
Irish experts

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Florida State is a team as talented if not more so than Michigan and USC—two teams that pummeled Notre Dame. Notre Dame has struggled all season, while the Seminoles have steadily improved and are competing for a national title. Notre Dame may need more than “the luck of the Irish” to pull off the upset.

**NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule**

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**COACHING**

The Irish had a week off from classes to prepare for Boston College, and they still can't find the missing part of the puzzle. Fast-breaking Corner Courtney Watson, who is in charge of the secondary, has had his moments of brilliance, but too many other players have to keep their parts of the puzzle together. The Irish defense needs to play well as a team to stop Boston College.

**IRISH RUSHING**

Quinn had a pretty good game against the Eagles in leading the failed Irish comeback. The freshman was 23-for-39 for 350 yards with a pair of touchdowns and a pair of interceptions. Quinn needs more help from the running game and his receivers.

**IRISH PASSING**

It's hard for a freshman quarterback to make great strides when receivers consistently drop passes and there is very little semblance of a running game to keep defensive pressure off. Quinn still needs protection and a running game to be successful.

**NOTRE DAME**

With his win over Wake Forest last weekend, Bowden moved ahead of Joe Paterno for all-time coaching victories. Bowden is not only a great coach, but he also surrounds himself with some of the greatest minds in the game as assistants.

**FLORIDA STATE**

Bix has overcome a rocky sophomore season last year, which included him losing the starting job after a rough outing against the Irish, to lead the Seminoles this year. The junior is ranked 28th in passing efficiency with a rating of 140.5.

Bowden has won more games than anybody, any other Division I coach, in the history of the game. At 5-1, the Seminoles are one win away from another national title. Alas, Willingham and his staff have encountered some obstacles this year in stumbling to a 2-5 record.

Bix has a very talented group of receivers this year, but not the greatest group of running backs. The Seminoles have a talented secondary and a defensive front that can pressure quarterbacks. Florida State ranks 16th in the country in pass defense, allowing only 180 yards a game. The Seminoles have nine interceptions and 28 sacks on the season.

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**ANALYSIS**

This isn't any "Game of the Century." It's not even a "Game of the Week." But that's what happens when Notre Dame gets blown out by good teams like they have so far this year. Notre Dame's struggling secondary won't be able to contain Florida State's passing game, and defensive inexperience will put the offense in a hole from which it cannot escape.

**FINAL SCORE:** Florida State 31 Notre Dame 14
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The Seminoles are hungry for revenge after the drubbing they suffered at the hands of the Irish last season on their own home turf. Florida State also has a more talented team and momentum of a 7-1 season on its side.

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by the numbers

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.0003 difference in all-time winning percentage between Notre Dame and Michigan. If the Notre Dame loses and Michigan wins Saturday, the Irish will be second overall.

1 former Notre Dame tight ends claiming possession of Irish playbooks.

In order for the Irish to have a chance Saturday, the entire defense needs to play well against the Florida State quarterback. The front seven needs to get pressure on Rix to limit his time to throw. The secondary won’t be able to cover the Seminole receivers for long, but defensive backs can’t get burned off the line. Giving Rix plenty of time in the pocket will allow him to scan the defense and find the open receiver.

Key Matchup

Chris Rix

Irish Defense

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But everyone can see we are starting to get some consistency with throwing to the tight end. "That’s another receiver available to us and we have some players at that position that could make some plays for us." Fasano came to the Irish as a highly-touted recruit from New Jersey. He sat out last season and climbed his way to the top of the tight end depth chart while last year’s starter Gary Godsey was knocked out by a season-ending injury and incoming freshman Greg Olsen transferred.

But the coaching staff didn’t just insert Fasano into the starting lineup — he had to earn the playing time off the field. "I think hard work every day in practice, learning the play book and working in the weight room really gave me the opportunity to get on the field," Fasano said.

Both Denbrook and Fasano know he has a long way to go. "I think to continue [working on] the things he’s done. The more experience he gets, the more playing time he gets, he’s going to understand that the things he has improved on can even get better and even he can grow out of as far as I’m concerned," Denbrook said. "I’m sure he’d be the first one to tell you he has a lot of progress to make. "There are some positive signs there that he’s beginning to understand what we need for him."

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Florida State coach Bobby Bowden looks on during the Seminoles’ loss at Miami Oct. 12.

Bowden remembers 1993 upset and 2002 demolition

By CHRIS FEDERICO Sports Writer

As if the Irish didn’t already have their hands full in hosting the fifth-ranked team in the nation Saturday in Florida State, they will also have to deal with a team bent on revenge.

After Notre Dame went into Doak Campbell Stadium last year and dominated Florida State on its home turf, the Seminoles are hungry to repay that favor this year.

Last season, the Irish scored on their first offensive play — a 62-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Armany Battie — on route to a convincing 34-24 victory.

The sound defeat makes Florida State coach Bobby Bowden’s task of lining up his team that much easier. "The advantage that we have in that regard, mentally, is what happened to us last year," Bowden said, in reference to Notre Dame’s win over the Seminoles in 2002. "They came in and just thoroughly beat us on our own home field. I think if I didn’t say nothing, they’d remember that."

The loss still stings for many in the Florida State program. After all, the game wasn’t really as close as the score indicated as the Irish held a 34-10 lead well into the game before yielding too late touchdowns with fewer than two minutes to play. Bowden even compared Notre Dame’s play to the work of a serial killer, a comment which he later took back.

"We used to never lose a game like that in Tallahassee," Bowden said last Sunday, recalling the game in 2002. "They came in here and just wore us out."

The game could also serve as a battle of traditions and generations. The Irish have the long pedigree and history of college football greatness. The Seminoles, meanwhile, have a commanding recent history of their own — a sort of "Notre Dame of the 90s."

While older generations grew up with Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy or Ara Parseghian, younger ones are more familiar with Bobby Bowden, Delton Sanders and Charlie Ward.

Florida State cornerback Stanford Samuel — who may miss the Notre Dame game due to a neck injury — is intent on not forgetting the Irish tradition, or what the Irish did to the Seminoles last year.

"I mean, we have tradition here, but they have tradition on top of tradition," he told the Miami Herald. "Those are the things movies are made of. For that reason, I think it’s a big game. And you know it’s already a big game because of what they came down here and did to us last year."

There are those on the Florida State squad that want redemption for individual performances against the Irish last year. Seminole quarterback Chris Rix handled the Irish defense last season in going 13-of-32 with 207 yards and two interceptions and a fumble before leaving the game.

Bowden was pleased with the way Rix handled the game and is confident more playing time he gets, he’s going to understand that the things he has improved on can even get better and even he can grow out of as far as I’m concerned," Denbrook said. "I’m sure he’d be the first one to tell you he has a lot of progress to make. This isn’t going to be easy for him."

Denbrook feels can regularly contribute to the team. Fasano appears to be the best all-around. Clark works best at a receiver, as seen by his six catches in Notre Dame’s first two games. Billy Palmer thrives at blocking and Marcus Freeman hasn’t developed as quickly as his classmate Fasano.

Having a multi-dimensional tight end threat prevents the defense from having a better chance at knowing if the play is a run or pass based strictly on personnel. The flexibility Fasano provides is something the coaching staff has searched for in the past two seasons.

"Fasano gives us a chance not to be predictable offensively, to run and pass equally well when where he’s in the game. That’s a good asset to have," Denbrook said. "It has to continue to be part of our development. We are not nearly as far along as I’d like to see us."

Bowl game}

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