Students' Opus Dei experiences vary

Editor's Note: This is the sec­ond article in a two-part series exploring South Bend's Opus Dei community.

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Students have taken an array of paths through Opus Dei. Some have deepened their spiritual lives, Others have had emotionally disturbing expe­riences.

All have been profoundly affected by the influence of Opus Dei while at Notre Dame. "An awesome experience" Brothers Rich and Phil Moss, a sen­ior and a sophomore, were raised by Opus Dei parents in a Washington D.C. suburb, and attended one of the coun­try's five Opus Dei-sponsored high schools. Their family life, they said, was like that of a normal, devout Catholic family. Sunday Mass, saying the Rosary, grace before meals. As adolescents, their parents never forced them to pay visits to the local center—they went because they enjoyed it.

"It was just one of the things I looked forward to every week, the nights I went down to the center and got to hang out with the priests and the guys there," Phil Moss said.

Senior Cara Farr converted from Methodism to Catholicism with her family. Although familiar with Opus Dei in high school, she did not attend a center until she was a freshman at Notre Dame.

"I knew that Opus Dei was very seri­ous about Catholicism, and coming into college I knew that I really wanted to develop my faith," Farr said. "It really emphasizes personal holiness, and that was something that I was also interested in."

Classmate Dave Cook heard about the men's Opus Dei center soon after he began dating Farr. He was struck by the genuine hospitality of director Jeffrey Langlan and the other students at a Friday meditation. He continued going for spiritual direction with the Opus Dei priest once a week.

"We would just talk about small things, like what time I do I get up in the morning."

Windmoor, the Opus Dei men's center pictured above, is located on Notre Dame Avenue.

Ticket shortage leaves many empty-handed.

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

In what should have been a familiar scene for many fans of Notre Dame men's basketball, the approximately 3,000 tickets allo­cated for students sold out by 10 a.m. Thursday — putting out to equal one sale every four seconds.

Incidents of student camp-outs aside, director of ticketing Josh Berio said this year's sale was similar to last, as the same number of tickets was sold out in approxi­mately the same time.

Berio also said this is the second year in a row that tickets have sold out in less than a day, when just a few years ago it took a week.

Though Berio admitted to several "early arrivals"— students camping out well before the sale's 7 a.m. start — he said that most students arrived about an hour before start time.

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Vaccination effort suffers low attendance.

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Despite concern over whether the University would be able to adequately supply flu vaccines to the specified population of high-risk individuals at Notre Dame, only half the number of individu­als anticipated by Health Services showed up for the Thursday vac­cination clinic.

Approximately 1,000 doses of the vaccine were adminis­tered, out of a total supply of nearly twice that amount. High-risk fac­ulty and staff members received roughly two-thirds of this total, while students of this same iden­tification comprised the remain­der.

"The University spent additional­ly $3,000 to ensure the entire high-risk population could be provided with vaccination," Health Services director Ann Kleva said.

The abundance of vaccinations remaining has prompted Health Services to hold more clinics in the coming weeks. According to Kleva, there is still a large num­ber of high-risk individuals on campus who have not received

Youths trick-or-treat on campus.

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Young trick-or-treaters from the South Bend area ran from dorm to dorm collecting sweets as part of Keenan's annual "Great Pumpkin" event.

The event originated in 1997 and now caters to over 100 elementary students from local groups, including the Boys and Girls Club, Fraternity for Tomorrow and Slic for Life.

Keenan residents constructed an eerie haunted house in the dorm's basement, complete with exorcist music and ghosts, clowns, butchers and werewolves. They also helped the children carve pumpkins.

After the carvings were perfected, Notre Dame students escorted the children as they hunted for

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INSIDE COLUMN

For love of the game

October is coming to an end and I am stoked. Not because of the crazy costumes and scary movie marathons happening this weekend, but because in three days November begins. November is the month of the biggest binge day, but even more importantly, the beginning of the finest sports season — college basketball. College and basketball. Two words already great by themselves, but put them together and you get hysteria combined with incredible athletic talent to create the greatest sports spectacle in the country. I am blessed to have lived in Indiana my entire life. Call it a blessing, in this state basketball is sacred. And with Notre Dame’s men’s basketball team predicted to place high in the Big East, it’s going to be an exciting season. March was a sad month when I was too young to remember. My biggest binge day, and a tournament bid this year.

When I was in elementary school, my dad, an avid IU basketball fan his entire life, introduced me to college hoops. Last year, the only Indiana team to make it to the NCAA tournament was Valparaiso. March was a sad month for almost all of Indiana basketball. The smell of popcorn, the sound of the cheering, and my dad’s expletives filled the air. I was lucky to get tickets this year, andAssembly Hall was even better.

Dad, an avid IU basketball fan his entire life, brought life back to Indiana basketball. And, as my friends and I, on a big screen in the War Room, we watched IU beat Oklahoma to make it to the final four. Nothing beats the adrenaline in a field-house packed wall-to-wall with people screaming and hawwing the players during the final seconds of a close game. The smell of popcorn, the sound of the pep band, the best of basketball, the best of Indiana, the best of the Irish, the best of the Irish Legion can attest to a strong performance and a tournament bid this year.

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PS. Good luck to all the guys that attended Notre Dame men’s basketball walk-on tryouts Thursday (especially if you are an Indiana boy living out a “Hoosiers” story inspired many Indiana boys to practice their free-throws in the backyard in hopes of one day leading their team to victory. Although my basketball career never left the driveway, I loved being a cheerleader and singing with my high school’s basketball team across the state to face the best athletes in the nation.

My junior year of high school, Indiana basketball was at its finest. Notre Dame entered the NCAA Tournament in March 2002 seeded eighth in the South Region. And, as my friends and I, on a big screen in the War Room in Fi. Myers Field, watched IU beat Oklahoma to make it to the final four, I thought that Indiana basketball had finally redeemed itself. Last year’s tournament proved otherwise. This year, Notre Dame has a chance to bring Indiana basketball back up to its prestigious level. With senior captains Jordan Cornette and Chris Thomas, and junior captains Torin Francis and Chris Quinn, the Irish, the Irish Legion can expect a strong performance and a tournament bid this year.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR HALLOWEEN?

Alec White sophomore Sorin

“My rector told me never to be quoted in this.”

Douglas Schlamman freshman Carroll

“No clue.”

Emily Burgardt freshman Cavanough

“Putting a sheet over my head and pretending to be a ghost.”

Paul Wallenberg freshman Knott

“I am dressing up as a leprechaun.”

Peter Seipel freshman Knott

“I am going as Spiderman.”

Tyng Gulick sophomore McGillick

“I am going as O-ren Ishii from Kill Bill.”

OFFBEAT

Baby is worth his weight in public relations

ESSEXVILLE — Oh, thank heavens! 2-Elven employee Erin Kappen got a bonus for having a baby that weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces. Kappen cashed in on her son, Parker John VanWormer, who was born Oct. 4. She got a check for $711 from Garb-Ko Inc., which operates the 7-Eleven store where she has worked part-time for 18 months.

Saginaw-based Garb-Ko pays the $711 bonus to any employee giving birth to a 7-pound, 11-ounce baby. It operates 90 stores in Michigan, nine in Indiana, and eight in Ohio.

It’s not something that happens every day, but through the 25 years that I have been with this company, it has happened several times,” said Larry Hauck, the company’s marketing director.

Patriots share their taste in politicians

BEELING — Looking to peça your political palate? How about Barry Kerry? Or Spicy Bush?

Customers at a restaurant in southern China are expressing their opinions about the coming U.S. presidential elections by choosing duck dishes named after the candidates. The restaurant in the city of Foshan in Guangdong province has put up a banner urging customers to “come in, participate and choose the candidate of your choice.”

On the menu is a spicy concoction to match Bush’s “war-mongering personality,” and a bonier version with sauce with hints of Kerry’s “keen-witted and capable nature.”

So far, Kerry duck is ahead with 52 percent, while Bush duck trails with 47 percent.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

A full moon shines down on the Golden Dome and the Basilica as campus lights are reflected in Saint Mary’s lake.

In Brief

The Student Union Board will screen “Pian Man” 2 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday in 101 Dewaltario. Tickets cost $3.

Rajmohan Gandhi, professor/activist and grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, is featured speaker today at 11 a.m. at the annual John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace. The lecture will be followed by a buffet lunch and discussion.

Gerhard Bowering will lecture today from 4 to 6 p.m. on Islam and Christianity: The Inner Dynamics of Two Cultures of Belief. This lecture is the third of an eight-lecture series.

“Before Sunset” will be shown in the Browning Cinema at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight.

The All the President’s Films festival will go on all day Saturday in the Browning Cinema. “Primary” will be shown at 11 a.m., “The Best Man” at 12:30 p.m., “The War Room” at 3 p.m., “Journeys With George” at 5 p.m., “Primary Colors” at 7 p.m. and “Wag the Dog” at 10 p.m.

Flipside sponsors the Cedar Point Halloween weekend. Tickets are $30 and may be purchased at the Info Desk in LaFortune. The bus picks up 7:15 a.m. at LeMuns Circle and 7:30 a.m. at Library Circle. The bus will arrive at the park around 11 a.m. and depart at 11 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to news@nd.edu.
Campus rests without football

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

With the majority of weekends in the semester thus far filled with the hustle and bustle that characterizes Notre Dame home football games, students and campus employees are relishing the break from the action.

"When I'm wearing the 'Cappy the Fan' hat, I'm disappointed. When I'm wearing the 'Cappy the Usher' hat, it's a relief," Cappy Gagnon, manager of stadium personnel, said of his feelings about the break.

Gagnon said that preparing for home games, which have sold every seat for 127 consecutive games, is a major process that requires plenty of planning. This includes sign-in sheets for the workers, payroll each week and his own special procedures contingent on the game.

Training the world's largest usher program, with 857 members — the majority of whom are volunteers — from 15 different states presents a unique challenge for Gagnon and the stadium volunteers, according to his feelings about the break.

"These are people you see only six days a year. You have to put yourself in their shoes and do it their way," he said.

Hammes Bookstore General Book Manager Kathy McGowan also emphasized the short length of time available to prepare for back-to-back games.

"Our fans start coming on Wednesdays, so you've got to be up and ready to perform," McGowan said. "We have six-day work weeks; Monday through Saturday. When you have three weeks consecutive like we just did and you have six-day work weeks, you're mostly just getting things reorganized, but you've already got to be settled in for the next week." The influx of fans on fall football days seems to overwhelm all campus businesses, said South Dining Hall employee Carrie Miller. Miller said that game weekends are highly stressful for workers.

"Just last weekend, we had 27,000 people that went through those doors," she said. "The other day, they were lined up out to the sidewalk; I hate working football weekends.

Miller said that South Dining Hall averages about 2,000 people a day. She also said that while the game weekends are hard on employees, they truly appreciate being able to meet students' families as they come in to eat after the game.

Students themselves seem to have mixed reactions about the first break from football thus far this season.

"I don't know what I'm going to do on Saturday," freshman Vites Cano said. "Anything from home-work to being lazy to doing nothing."

While Cano may joke about the lack of activity on campus on non-game weekends, he says he is serious about Notre Dame football and wants to see the team redeem itself from last Saturday's Boston College game.

"I've been going to the games for years and years, since before I came here [as a student]," he said. "Everyone felt bad about this last weekend. It wasn't that we lost, it's just how we did it."

Saint Mary's freshman Allie Greene agrees the games as well, but she said she was relieved that the schedule is taking a break.

"I'm going to Chicago this weekend because there's no game," she said.

She added that she especially appreciated the weekend off from attempting to balance studies and sports after the hectic schedule of three home games — Washington, Purdue and Stanford — in a row.

"I can't believe it, there are five home games in a row next year," she said. "So much for that home-work.

Senior Mark Elstead, who will not have to deal with that problem next year, does not find balancing work and play difficult. He then touched on several hot religious controversies and concluded this part of his presentation by saying that "what is good for religion is good for American democracy," and that "what is good for religion is bad for American democracy."

Saperstein talked about the shift in voting patterns in America over the years, going from votes determined by ethnicity and religion to today's voting, which is influenced primarily by religion.

"What we own we own as a trust from God, not something given by the government," he said. "So much for that home-work.

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Rabbi lectures on religion and politics

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With the election less than a week away, the Rock the Vote series wrapped up Thursday with a lecture by Rabbi David Saperstein on "Religion and Politics." He spoke about the importance of religion and its impact on politics.

"Religion is good for politics," he said. "The way we own religion is good for democracy." He then shifted to an illustration of how God is at work in the world.

"We're sitting on the sidelines and doing nothing," Saperstein said. "America is great because of religious identity in connection with the state."

"America is the greatest nation in the world because of religious identity in connection with the state," Saperstein said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arafat heads to Paris for treatment

RAMALLAH, West Bank — An ailing Yasser Arafat — too weak to stand, unable to hold down food and spending most of Thursday sleeping — agreed to leave his battered West Bank headquarters for the first time in more than two years and fly to Paris for urgent medical treatment.

The 75-year-old Palestinian leader's planned departure Friday, a decade after he arrived in the West Bank with the promise of self-government, could mark the end of an era. Arafat, who hoarded power and declined to groom a successor, died of a stroke in 2004.

Blood tests revealed he had a low platelet count, though it was unclear what caused the ailment, his doctors said, ruling out leukemia. In deference to his deteriorating condition, Israel lifted its travel ban on Arafat, allowing him to leave his battered headquarters compound in Ramallah for the first time since 2002 and return to his homeland.

Violence erupts during mass burial

PATTANI, Thailand — Fresh violence erupted Thursday with the bombing of a bar in Pattani, a restive province, police said. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing and police named no suspects.

A vehicle driven by suspected Muslim separatists from Malaysia detonated a 22-second time bomb minutes before it was set to explode at a food stall where residents gather to give offerings to Buddhist monks.

National News

Town settles with abuse victims

DAVENPORT, Iowa — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Davenport agreed to pay $9 million Thursday to settle 37 claims of sexual abuse by priests — a deal that could lift any immediate threat of bankruptcy.

The settlement averts a potentially embarrassing series of trials over the church's handling of abuse claims dating back 50 years or so.

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Before the settlement, the diocese had warned that it might file for bankruptcy — a situation that could have lifted any immediate threat of legal action.

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Local News

Meth's toll on Indiana mounting

The number of methamphetamine cases in local courts has risen nearly 200 percent since 1999, and diocesan funds, Franklin said. "It is a problem that concerns all of the community."

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AFGHANISTAN

Foreign election workers kidnapped

Associated Press

KABUL — Armed men in military uniforms stopped a U.N. vehicle in Kabul on Thursday, beating the driver and abducting three foreigners in Afghanistan to help oversee landmark presidential elections.

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Amanda Michaels contributed to Heather Vanolloegarden and this report.

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An on-duty South Bend officer was sent to the bar to make an assault report, but by the time of dispatch, 2:00 a.m., Ryan was no longer on the premises, Williams said.

According to the police report, Marriott claimed an individual struck him as he walked through the crowded bar, Williams said. After Marriott said "excuse me" with an "attitude," Ryan struck him directly and there were two exchanged blows until the officer intervened, Williams said, adding that Ryan later claimed Marriott spilled beer on him.

Williams said no witnesses were formally based on the police report. South Bend police have assigned the case to a detective for investigation, Williams said, but he was unable to comment on any progress made.

Assault reports that are not assigned to a detective are sent directly to the St. Joseph County prosecutor's office, Williams said.

Chief deputy prosecutor Ken Cotter confirmed the officer had not yet reviewed the police report and he did not have Ryan's name on file.

Ryan was not immediately arrested or issued a citation for being an underage patron in the bar. Williams said he was unaware of the circumstances as to why the officer was not supposed to be there.

"If he was in that bar at 20 years old, he should've been arrested," Williams said.

Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storm said there are university-wide policies in place to apply to any student who breaks Indiana law.

Normal channels would include questioning the student about proper behavior and potential violations of state law, Storm said.

Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham said team policy is consistent with University regulations.

"We go strictly by everything the University adheres to. We should treat our guys just like they're a regular student," he said. "Now that does not mean that if something happens there can't be an additional penalty, but the University guides the conduct of our students."

Any additional penalties are determined on a case-by-case basis, Willingham said.

The Library regularly employs off-duty South Bend and Mishawaka police officers to check patrons' identification and provide security, Hammons said.

Whether in or out of uniform, off-duty officers retain their power to make arrests, both South Bend and duty officers retain their power to determine on a case-by-case basis whether a citation should be issued or if the offense should be referred to a detective.

"If you're in the state of Indiana, a South Bend police officer has police powers 24/7," South Bend Police Capt. Phil Trent said. Mishawaka patrolman Tyler, who would not reveal his first name, said the same applies to Mishawaka police, including when officers are in South Bend jurisdiction. The Library is located at 113 E. Wayne Street in downtown South Bend.

Security officers have made arrests in The Library before, Hammons said.

He said police have not contacted him since the incident, and added that although he had seen Ryan in the bar before, he would not call the University the regular patron. He said he was unaware that Ryan played football.

Meghanne Dooner, Joe Hettler, Heather Vasey, Megan Hageman and Amanda Michaels contributed to this report.

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"We are giving an opportunity for underprivileged kids to trick or treat around the ND campus," Keenan Intra-Hall Commissioner Nathan Cataneos said. "This event also provides all the dorms a chance to give service." For the first time in "Great Pumpkin" history, every dorm sent volunteers to assist students in their activities or passing out candy to the children.

"It's one of the greatest service projects on campus and one of the only service events to ever have every dorm participate," Keenan co-president Dan Zender said.

Co-president Ben Kaplan agreed, adding the opportunities it provides for both children and college students.

"It is not only an opportunity for all the kids that come but also for the students to engage in volunteer and social events," he said.

Individual dorms attempted to make their dorm an exciting place to visit. Elizabeth Cuda said that Farley passed out medical treats filled with popcorn and candy corn for finger nails. "Something more crude and fun then candy," Cuda said.

Walsh president Mary Ellen Botta said they had a party in the basement of the dorm for the young visitors. The kids played "Stick an Eyeball on Frankensteins," decorated cookies,<happy face cookies, and smashed the crayons.

"We tried to make it more exciting for them by dimming the lights and putting up spooky lights and cob webs," Craig Brede, Alumni Hall president, said. "We wanted to have a Halloween night feeling for them."

"I was really happy with how the 'Great Pumpkin' went. The kids seemed to enjoy all the activities from bringing in loads of candy to being enthusiastic with the pumpkin carving and haunted house," Ed Lurum, Keenan co-president, said.

Shaquille Melchor, a trick-or-treater, was extremely excited to be on campus.

"I am excited to eat candy and to go to Notre Dame someday," Melchor said.

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Fuel prices negate cost-cutting

Soothing expenses undermine airline industry's attempts to rein in labor costs

Associated Press

Fuel as big airlines are beginning to successfully rein in labor costs — $1 billion is expected to come from Delta's pilots being the latest example — soaring fuel expenses are essentially negating their efforts, leaving the carriers in perilous financial shape.

"It's like they're all talking water, but they've got a 100-pound weight around their necks," said airline consultant Robert W. Mann of Port Washington, N.Y. "You can only do it for so long."

As a result of cutbacks in recent years, labor expenses for the airline industry as a whole are about the same today as they were a decade ago at about 34 percent of total costs, according to the Air Transport Association. But that masks the differences between high-cost carriers such as Delta Air Lines Inc. and United Airlines and competitors such as Southwest Airlines Co. and JetBlue Airways Corp. that pay workers lower wages.

And while all carriers have been hit by higher fuel costs that Mann says will account for about 17 percent of industry-wide operating costs in 2004 — up from 12 percent in 2002 — executives of high-cost airlines face the most pressure to find other ways to cut costs.

For Delta, that meant winning an agreement last Tuesday from negotiators for its pilot union for a new contract that calls for a 32.5 percent wage cut effective Dec. 1 and no raises for the rest of the five-year pact. The airline's roughly 7,000 pilots are among of whom earn as much as $300,000 per year, must stick to a base rate of $86,400.

Analysts said the Delta pact, following earlier labor cost reductions at bankrupt carriers UAL and US Airways Group Inc., increases the pressure on Continental Airlines Inc. and Northwest Airlines Corp. to squeeze concessions out of their workers.

After slashing its annual costs by $5 billion more than half of which came from labor — UAL is now seeking an additional $1 billion in savings, a significant portion of which is likely to come through lay-offs at its United Airlines unit.

Similarly, US Airways, which was thrust into bankruptcy court for a second time as higher fuel costs drained its cash, says it needs $650 million in give-backs from unions representing machinists, flight attendants and passengers service employees. This is in addition to the $300 million in annual savings already achieved through negotiations with pilots and other workers.

It's not clear any of these business models work well with these energy costs," said Mann. Indeed, profitability is as elusive today for large carriers as it was shortly after the Sept. 2001 terrorist attacks.

On Thursday, US Airways and UAL reported third-quarter losses of $232 million and $274 million, respectively. The seven largest U.S. carriers reported combined net losses for the third quarter and lost $5.1 billion for the first nine months of 2004.

And with oil prices trading above $50 a barrel, even the skittish budget carriers are beginning to show signs of strain.

ATA Holdings Corp.' s ATA Airlines, the nation's 10th-largest carrier, filed for bankruptcy protection on Tuesday. And on Thursday JetBlue said third-quarter profits fell to $8.4 million, a decline of more than 70 percent from a year ago.

The carrier's chief executive, David Neeleman, blamed the company's disappointing performance on record high fuel prices and a "weak pricing environment" — a revealing, if heartening, assessment from a low-fare airline.

FBI starts Halliburton investigation

WASHINGTON — The FBI has begun investigating whether the Pentagon improperly awarded no-bid contracts to Halliburton Co., seeking an explanation for a continuing Army contracting officer and collecting documents from several government offices.

The line of inquiry expands an earlier FBI investigation into whether Halliburton overcharged taxpayers for fuel in Iraq, and it elevates to a criminal matter the earlier question of whether the Bush administration showed favoritism to Vice President Dick Cheney's former company.

FBI agents this week sought permission to interview Bunnatine Greenhouse, the Army Corps of Engineers' chief contracting officer who went public last week with allegations that her agency unfairly awarded KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, no-bid contracts worth billions of dollars for work in Iraq, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Asked about the documents, Greenhouse's lawyers said Thursday her client will cooperate but that she wants whistleblower protection from Pentagon retaliation.

"I think it [the FBI interview request] underscores the seriousness of the misconduct, and it also demonstrates how courageous Ms. Greenhouse was for stepping forward," said Stephen Kohl, one of her attorneys.

"The initiation of an FBI investigation into criminal misconduct will help restore public confidence," Kohl said.

"The Army must aggressively protect Ms. Greenhouse from the retaliation she will encounter as a result of blowing the whistle on this misconduct," FBI agents also recently began collecting documents from Army offices in Texas and elsewhere to examine how and why Halliburton got the no-bid work.

"The Corps is absolutely cooperating with the FBI, and it has been an ongoing effort," said Army Corps spokesman Carol Sanders.

Preparations begin for conversions

HAWANA — Cuba's banks and exchange houses began large-scale conversions of U.S. money into a local currency on Thursday as Fidel Castro's communist government moved to dump the dollar from general circulation.

Cubans lined up several hours before exchange houses opened here for the first time to convert the American dollars widely used here for 11 years for the local Cuban pesos that will now be the main currency accepted for consumer goods.

"To be going anywhere, I don't need dollars," said 68-year-old port worker Ramon Gonzalez, among about 80 people lined up outside the city's main exchange house in Old Havana.

"For me, it's just the same," Gonzalez said. "It's convertible pesos, tied at one-to-one to the U.S. dollar. It just has a different face."

"As long as it keeps the same value, there is no problem," added 57-year-old custodian Alberto Serra.
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mouthing, how much do I pray each day, how are my relationships with my family and Wind. "Just over a week, but so much good came out of both," Cook said. "I go in to work, and I go in to meet and the Catholic faith just. It's more than an organization for me.

Cook, Farr and Phil Moss attend the South Bend center, but they are not members of Opus Dei. According to Langan, in the 10 years since he has welcomed a director fewer than 10 students have formally joined Opus Dei, many more have simply lived devout Catholic lives apart from Opus Dei or have joined the priest- 

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But Schneider's experience is not unique. Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry, acknowledges that other students have sought the counsel of Campus Ministry, but could not provide names, and because there have been no recent situations comparable to recent campus concerns that will not affect the University plans to donate the

"We are strongly encourag-

ing students to pass on the information to friends and family, and we encourage students to speak with friends and family about this vaccine."

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**Wartime leadership questioned**

Candidates exchange charges over commander-in-chief's responsibilities

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While growing up my favorite television show was "Family Ties." As an avid young Republican, I was quite taken by the character of Alex P. Keaton, the ultra-conservative Reagan Republican son of two liberal parents. His unflinching liberalism they even worked for a public broadcast company. Happily ensconced in a warm and supportive environment, I could celebrate that I did not have parents of such questionable character. At the time, I never understood how conservative wisdom could become incarnate in such unlikely households.

But what made Alex Keaton a conservative? It does not seem that he was the product of his environment. Alex's siblings either shared their parents' political proclivities or simply expressed no interest in politics. The Keaton parents did not allow cable and so Alex and his siblings were often forced to watch the public television station his father worked for. As we all know, public broadcasting dispenses nothing but liberal propaganda and so perhaps the source of his political identity was genetic rather than environmental. Could there be a recessive gene for conservatism that had become dominant in young Alex Keaton? Might a similar gene be responsible for liberalism? I did a bit of research on the issue and came across varying opinions. According to one, perhaps not very reliable, source on the Free Republic Web site: "The answer manifests itself in the structure of the human genome. Liberalism can be explained by a more general observation of the thing that liberal ideas are necessary to a greater degree. It must be reasonable to respond to new reality. I am certain that this questionable science is likely politically motivated. A more scientific analysis of the psychology behind our political orientations was published in the May 2003 issue of the Psychology Bulletin, the journal of the American Psychological Association. The article appraised the past 50 years of study on the psychology of conservatism.

The study claims that conservatism is a form of "motivated social cognition." Conservative ideology, like any other ideological orientation, is a form of "motivated social cognition," it said to develop in part out of psychological need. This is not to say that such an ideology is not responsive to reason or grounded upon strongly held principles. It might, however, be initially motivated by some psychological factor and then further developed and articulated into a set of core beliefs.

The psychological variables that the study claims might contribute to the adoption of a conservative ideology include anxiety regarding death, intolerance towards ambiguity, resistance to change, avoidance of uncertainty, need for order, structure and closure, fear of loss or threat, aggression and lower than normal levels of self esteem. It is worth noting that none of these are inherently good or bad character traits. One might reasonably concur that contrary traits could lead to the development of a liberal ideology.

What brings us as individuals to our particular political persuasions is worth considering amid this most heated and divisive of elections. It is probably a complex interaction of personality traits, genetic disposition, environment and experience that turns us into liberals or conservatives in anywhere in between. Much of this complexity is lost in the process of trying to so clearly paint people in particular political stripes. It is worth considering that even the most vaunted political principles we hold so dearly might be less the product of our own rational thought than we care to admit. Perhaps our genetic traits and the environment in which we find ourselves predispose us more than we would like to admit towards a particular political position. This might offer reason for thinking a bit more about the basis of our own political principles, but also the factors that have brought those around us to opinions that might be very different.

I often think of my youth, my love for "Family Ties" has faded and with it my admiration for both Alex Keaton and Ronald Reagan. Instead, I now share with that character the experience of being the left-leaning child of two-party-line Republican parents. Now I have a hard time making sense of why my parents insist on watching Fox News while I would rather turn on public television. My parents' experiences and personalities are similar in many ways to my own. At times we might attempt rational discussions of politics these often devolve into the kind of fiery arguments only a family of hot-blooded Italians is capable of.

At the end of the day there is something that has formed our political ideologies which can not be reduced to policy positions and factual analysis. As I argued last week, the dinner table also realizes that someday I might be battling my own children as they argue on behalf of lower taxes and increased military spending. There remains no clear explanation for the source of an individual's political orientation. Perhaps it is something we are born with but not always comfortable expressing. If so I hold out hope that one day, perhaps through some form of counseling, reordered conservatives might finally recognize the kind of reality and embrace their true identity.

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Is there a conservative gene?
The funding crisis in graduate education

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How serious is the problem? It’s hard to say because the university has not yet received its audit data. But some of us have collected some evidence. Here’s what I found in my field, History and Philosophy of Science. A February 2006 survey of 500 faculty members at Notre Dame with whom we competed on average, our basic nine-month stipend of $11,700 is $2,500 dollars below what our competitors offered, and virtually all our competitors covered health insurance, making the total average difference even more like $5,300. This information is already over a year old, and we’ve again had no growth in funding at Notre Dame since then. Even further behind. To cite just one recent example, a gradu­ating Notre Dame philosopher received an offer from Princeton last spring for over $5,900. Savor the magnitude of the problem. Our stipends would have to grow by over 30% to reach the average stipends of our competitors, and that would only put us in the middle of the pack. It won’t do to say that we can muddle through because the cost of living is not low in South Bend. It’s not that low. The rent is but a mere triviality, and the cost-of-living argument is not persuasive with new recruits. In addition to the problem of recruiting new students, there is the problem of treating current graduate students with justice and fairness. $11,700 is not living wage, even in South Bend. For a married graduate student with one child, a family income of $11,700 is almost $4,000 below the poverty level for 2004 as defined by the Department of Health and Human Services. We face other pressing financial needs, including under­graduate financial aid, library funding, research infrastructure, faculty salaries, and new contributing. But none of these challenges is as serious as the one we face in funding graduate education. Here we have reached the crisis point. These new funding has not been provided immediately, the quality of the education and the well-being of the students recruiting only study at Notre Dame is guaranteed to decline. We’re already losing top-quality graduate students to schools offering more generous support. If we don’t act now, these losses may take many years to repair.

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The film "The Grudge" will be screened Nov. 11 on the Notre Dame campus at 7 and 10 p.m. at the Browning Cinema in the Center for Performing Arts. Notre Dame alumni Steven Susco, the film's screenwriter, and William Mapother, one of the film's stars, will be present to participate in a question and answer session for students.

For William, tell us about the character that you play in the film. What do you think that you bring to the role, and how did you prepare?

Mapother: It really breaks down into two aspects. First: my major. We didn't have the FTT major, but being an English major helped me in several ways. First, it taught me how to write. I learned about the filmmaking process, not just the language of the theatre. I don't subscribe to George Lucas' "Do it again and do it bigger" philosophy. I like the collaborative medium. Theatre: I did a lot of acting, and it taught me how to read and break down scripts easier. Second: The environment. I made a lot of friends and liked most felt a bit castigated, but within that safety net, I was able to explore who I was and what I wanted.

Susco: I would give essentially the same summation: do what you love to do in terms of looking forward in life. Don't look at the odds, and do what makes you happy. I had three different majors: philosophy, computer applications, and sociology. I chose English because I loved it and had made that decision, it was easier to choose a career that I love. It also helped me develop critical thinking and gave me an awareness of the storytelling tradition, which allows me to read and break down scripts easier.

For Steven, tell us about the character that you played in "The Grudge." How did you make the work your own?

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ing, what the filmmaker was trying to say. It basically enables me to figure out what the film means, to understand the essence of the film. They philosophize and FTI ended up meshing together really well.

What skills do you think have allowed you to succeed in such a difficult industry?

Susco: Same thing I was going to say. Same page as Mapother.

Mapother: It really is perseverance. Also a sense of professionalism. There is a cliché that town is small and it is. Reputation builds quickly.

Susco: A quote I always think of is says something to the effect of, "The person who succeeds is perhaps the one who wakes up and says, 'I'm going to give it another try.'" I've been on writing since '96 and I've been shot down so much. Your breakfast, lunch and dinner is rejection.

Mapother: How do you handle rejection? Over easy? Raw?

Susco: You don't eat for the broccoli, you eat for the pie. That's how I view it out here. As long as you understand that you're going to be told "no" 100 times a day and you're completely fine with that and you only care about the "yes" you might get, it's worth a shot.

Mapother: I give advice along the same lines. If there's something else you want to do, you should do that. Persistence comes from having no exit strategy. It is perseverance, but it takes self-questioning out of the equation.

Susco: For writing, and possibly the entire industry you can't come out to Hollywood because you love being a screenwriter but because you're trying to be a screenwriter.

Mapother: As a trade-off, actors get rejected more often, but it can be harder for a writer. Actors invest a few days preparing for an audition, but a writer has a lot more at stake. Each hurts in its own way. It's rejection in quantity or quality.

Susco: This is something you'll find in any profession - roadblocks. You're going to have to prove yourself and win people over. It sounds daunting and you always need a thick skin, but it's sort of like anything else. You're not going to be happy if you don't get rejected.

Mapother: As an addition to the advice I gave earlier, I would say to someone after they've come out and are having a crisis. First advice, come out and try, because you're not sure if you it doesn't. It's when you're not sure that you have to evaluate and determine if it's worth it.

Susco: There's no set course. If you want to be a doctor, it's a hard road, but there is a set path. You graduate and take the MCATs and go to med school, and there's a likelihood of employment. Same with law school. With anything in the entertainment industry, there's no path. You can ask anyone and you'll never get the same answer. I went to film school, and in terms of opening doors for me, it didn't do much. Some people who didn't go to film school are the most talented in the world. There's no set path that will lead you to the goal, and there's no sure formula that leads to success.

Mapother: There's also no promise for your next job. The career for an actor and a writer is one of uncertainty. You can't let up. Ironically, I love the writer. One thing churning. Turn it into a positive. As soon as you're completely fine with the rejection? Over easy? Raw?

Susco: I've been in Sworfish, Mission Impossible II, and so on. Different projects, FTT, etc. I was excited about playing someone unequivocally loving with other characters. For me in my career, that was a big challenge because I have an intensity, I've been told, and I wanted to work on channeling it on that end versus where I have channeled it in the past.

Susco: I think it's interesting because when I met William, I was walking through this breeze way and I saw him and recognized him from "In the Bedroom." He turned around with the biggest smile on his face. Every time you see him, he is always playing the bad guy. It was a pleasure to write a character much closer to who he is and I agree with William. You at least strive to have whatever your most recent project was a character that you didn't know. "The Grudge" is the first project that I've had come to fruition. It was extremely lucky because they kept me involved in the entire process. I felt like I was creatively part of the family. I learned a great deal about being so intimately involved in so many different aspects of the project. It was really a stepping stone for me and it was a creative evolution. I wanted to work with them again and I'm already potentially involved with a number of projects relating to the movie.

Tell me about working on the film.

Mapother: First, I'd like to say how much fun I had making this movie. Like all, it starts with the script. Keeping the essence of the story and adapting it for an American cast going to Japan is a very difficult task. I have to say I think Steven Susco did a fantastic job with story and characters. There are so many moments that brought characters to life. He kept the narrative structure, but made it clearer but without violating Shimizu's original structure or vision. As an actor, the script is all you have, so keep it.

Susco: That's great to hear.

Mapother: He [Susco] was more than willing to talk about the move and was receptive to new thoughts, which is not common. That spirit of collaboration is rare.

Susco: Is it really that unusual?

Mapother: I would say it's not that common. New writers are usually more protective of their work, which sometimes allows actors to be better. I need someone to talk to. I need someone to understand my thoughts, and I need to bounce ideas off of someone.

Susco: I had been working on the film for two years before I met William. I went from being director to writer to maybe not being involved all at. When we got the script, I was excited. It was the first time, it was thrilling. We shot the movie in the same house where they shot "Law and Order: Special Victims Unit," "Touched by an Angel" and "Lost." Mapother worked as a school teacher in Los Angeles for three years before deciding to pursue a career as an actor in Hollywood.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish ready for two road games

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Away games can be a source of anxiety and frustration. Playing on an unfamiliar court in front of a fervent crowd cheering in favor of the home team can be more than just intimidating.

But for Notre Dame, this is a non-issue. "We've had one of our craziest traveling years yet," freshman Adrianna Stasiuk said. "But being on the road hasn't really affected us. We just focus on playing well.

The Irish (11-4, 4-0 in the Big East) have registered a 9-2 record this season and hope to add to their road success as they face Georgetown on Saturday and Villanova on Sunday.

The last time the Irish took to the courts, they defeated St. John's 15-3 in just three games 30-16, 30-17, 30-20.

Notre Dame showcased its offensive skills in the contest, hitting .330 in every game and ending with a .356 attack percentage.

Since that match, Stasiuk said the team has worked hard to preserve its scoring and passing skills.

"We've really been focusing on scoring points when we have the serve and grilling on a run to finish off our opponents," Stasiuk said. "Everyone's had a really good week's worth of practice and they're giving 100 percent."

Additionally, the Irish have been sitting up their opponents by watching tapes of games and learning about each team's strengths and weaknesses.

Georgetown (11-13) boasts big hitters, according to Stasiuk, and is known for putting up a fight. After losing to West Virginia on Sunday 30-26, 30-25, 30-60, the Hoyas will likely be looking for redemption.

Villanova (7-14) also looks to be a tough competitor, as it will be throwing off the momentum the Wildcats gained from Wednesday's win. The Wildcats defeated Wagner in three games 30-21, 30-9, 30-19.

Despite the challenges the team will face this week, Stasiuk says the Irish have a proud tradition of coming through in tough times and individual players their best.

"If everyone does their job, we'll be on top," Stasiuk said. "We've been kind of frustrated this season, but we're still playing the way we did earlier in the season. It's a big game for us.

"We've kind of been using this as our motivation for winning."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Hokies rally at Georgia Tech

Associated Press

ATLANTA — If Virginia Tech goes on the road this season, the Atlantic Coast Conference, remember the last 5-2 minutes at Georgia Tech.

For most of the game, the Hokies couldn't do anything right. In the end, in a stunning turn-around, they could do no wrong.

Tech's Randall threw two long touchdown passes and Roland Minor finished off the Yellow Jackets with a 64-yard interception return, raling No. 22 Virginia Tech to a wild 34-20 victory Thursday night.

For the Hokies (6-2, 1-1 ACC), this was a crucial victory. They remain one game behind Miami in the league, with a season-ending game against the Hurricanes at the Orange Bowl.

"This is one of those wins that is great for our football program," coach Frank Beamer said. "I hope we can build on it. The way we did it, the way we hung in, we never gave up."

Randall completed for 304 yards, also hooking up with David Clowney on a 34-yard touchdown in the second quarter.

Minor really shined at the end. After an 80-yard scoring pass to Eddie Foyd with 5:28 remaining, then completed a desperation pass for the tying 2-point conversion.

"When we tied it, we knew we had the momentum," Randall said. "I don't think our defense would give up any more points."

But Georgia Tech's did. On the Hokies' next series, Randall ran for 32 yards, then connected with Josh Morgan for a 50-yard TD with 3:10 remaining.

Minor, a redshirt freshman, intercepted two passes by Reggie Ball in the final 2 1/2 minutes, returning the second for the touchdown that capped a 25-point fourth quarter for the Hokies.

Tech (4-3, 3-3) scored two touchdowns less than a minute apart in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead. But the Yellow Jackets couldn't hold it, their highly ranked defense falling apart in the final period.

After giving up a total of 265 yards in its two previous games, the Yellow Jackets were bunched for 464 yards in this one.

"It hurts to let one get away like this, because we thought we were in pretty good shape going into the fourth quarter," coach George O'Leary said. "We gave up some big plays and couldn't sustain any thing offensively."

Randall completed 31 of 53 passes for 313 yards. Clowney played a big role in the running game, accounting for 64 yards on nine carries.

Georgia Tech was still looking good after Travis Bell kicked his second field goal, a 34-yarder with 5:44 remaining for a 20-12 lead.

But the Hokies managed to grind out the victory in a sleepless night in downtown Atlanta. The teams combined for seven turnovers, 153 yards in penalties and plenty of head-scratching.

Ball inexplicably ran out of the back of the end zone in the third quarter after having first-and-goal inside the Georgia Tech 1. In the first half, the teams spent plenty of time giving each other the ball.

Randall fumbled deep in Georgia Tech territory, while Georgia Tech's star running back, P.J. Daniels, lost the ball twice on the Hokies side of the field.

After Daniels' second fumble, Randall gave the ball right back to the Hokies for a 27-yard pass over the middle that was returned 20 yards, and then returned to the Hokies 39.

Finally, someone took advantage of it.

Randall threw a 27-yard pass to Nate Curry, then connected with Calvin Johnson in the back of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles look to begin season against Hope

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles will participate in their first conference challenge of the season this Saturday as they face opponents Olivet and Hope, in a meet held at Hope College.

Saturday marks the first day of context within the MIAA swim competition. All of the schools in the conference will be making their first attempts at capturing conference points to start the season off in a comfortable position in the standings.

The Belles will swim in three conference meets, including Saturday's, before the MIAA Swimming and Diving Championships at the beginning of February.

With only two returning seniors on the team, captains Michelle Stanforth and Ashley Dyer, the Belles are going to have to deal with the challenges that inexperience will cause for the team.

Eight freshmen joined the team this season, replacing the six swimmers that graduated after last year.

But with the inexperience comes a fresh outlook that might be exactly what the Belles need.

Saint Mary's will be diving in headfirst on Saturday for their competition against Hope and Olivet. Hope has won the league championship for three of the past five years, with Calvin claiming the title during the other two years.

In order to really be successful in the 2004-05 season, Saint Mary's will have to overcome the deficit of divers that the team has experienced in recent years. Two new divers added to the roster should give the Belles the boost that they need in order to be really competitive within the conference.

Saturday, Saint Mary's will be able to put its new roster to the test, and see what it has to offer to the conference competition for the 2004-05 season.

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SMC SOCCER

Perfect home record looms

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

With their season all but finished, the Belles still have one more goal to check off their list — going undefeated at home.

Saint Mary's will attempt to finish the season 9-0 at home when it takes on conference rival Calvin College Saturday at noon.

"We're undefeated at home, so winning this game leaves us undefeated for the year," junior defender Shannon Culbertson said. "We want to win for our seven seniors, so it's a really important game."

The Belles will face a tough challenge in Calvin, who currently sit atop the MIAA standings. Saint Mary's has proven itself capable of knocking off a top team at home once already this year, defeating then-conference leader Hope 2-0 Sept. 29.

"We're undefeated on our home field, and we plan on keeping it that way," goalie Laura Heline said. "We want to play our game at home so we can have a big win at the end of the season. There's always a lot of confidence at home. We get a lot of fan support, and we've been playing well on our field."

Saturday will mark the second matchup for Saint Mary's against Calvin. In their first meeting, Calvin got two goals from 2003 MIAA MVP Sarah Wesies in a 3-1 defeat of the Belles.

"We've never lost to a team twice this season, and we're hoping to keep that record," Culbertson said. "We're capable of winning. We know we're a talented team, but we just came up short a couple times. We just want to go out there and play our best, and get one more win at home."

The loss in Calvin earlier in the year came on the road, where the Belles have had little success this year. Had they even held a .500 record on the road this year, Saint Mary's would have been near the top of the conference, in strong position to make the playoffs. Instead, they are left wondering what might have been.

"Individually, we're a very talented team, but for whatever reason, we just find it easier to put it together at home than on the road," Culbertson said.

The Belles will look to rebound from Wednesday's 3-2 loss to Hope, their second in their last three games.

"We played a good game against Hope, and we're disappointed we lost, but we're focused on playing a big game on Saturday," Heline said.

The Belles will receive some extra motivation knowing that this weekend's game against Calvin represents the last home game for the team's seven seniors.

"The seniors are tremendous leaders; they've turned the Saint Mary's soccer program completely around," Heline said. "We want to bring a consistent last place finisher to competing for first every year. I don't even know how to put into words the great things they've done."

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**MLB**

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran got off to a fast start in the free-agent market, too.

"After hitting eight homers for the Houston Astros to tie the post-season record, the speedy center fielder was among 65 players who filed for free agency Thursday on the first possible day, just hours after Boston completed its historic sweep of St. Louis in the World Series."

Beltran, who is represented by Scott Boras, could get the biggest deal of the offseason.

Dodgers third baseman Adrian Beltre, who led the majors with 48 home runs, also filed along with Dodgers outfielder Steve Finley, Beltre, also a Boras client, had arthroscopic surgery Thursday to remove two large bone spurs from his left ankle.

"Obviously there's a lot of interest in those guys," Boras said. "We're getting a lot of calls, so we thought we'd file."

Also filing Thursday were Toronto first baseman Carlos Delgado, Chicago White Sox outfielder Magglio Ordonez, Minnesota right-hander Brad Radke and Philadelphia right-hander Kevin Millwood.

While the Red Sox have 17 players potentially eligible for free agency, a group that includes Pedro Martinez, Derek Lowe, Jason Varitek and Orlando Cabrera. Backup outfielder Gabe Kapler was the only player to file Thursday. Players may file through Nov. 11 and start negotiating money with any of the other 29 teams the following day.

**Houston Astros manager Phil Garner, left, shares a moment with Astros outfielder Carlos Beltran during warm-ups at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Oct. 21. Beltran was among 65 players to file for free agency.**

**Key players enter free-agent market**

Associated Press

**IN BRIEF**

Texas’ Francisco faces a lesser charge

OAKLAND, Calif. — Texas Rangers reliever Frank Francisco will face a misdemeanor assault charge rather than a felony for breaking a woman’s nose when he threw a chair into the stands during a game.

"He has no record. He threw a plastic chair. It’s not a gun. It’s not a lesser charge than a felony for breaking a woman’s nose," said Deputy District Attorney Norbert Chu.

While Francisco still faces a maximum three years’ probation and one year in county jail, if convicted, he escaped the three years in state prison connected to a felony conviction. A misdemeanor charge also means that Francisco does not have to appear in court for some proceedings, including the initial arraignment, Chu said.

Francisco threw the chair into the right-field box seats and hit two spectators in the head during a Rangers-Oakland Athletics game Sept. 13.

He hit Jennifer Bueno, whose husband, Craig, was part of a group of fans heckling the Rangers before the fracas. The couple’s attorney, Gary William, said he expected such an outcome.

Mauresmo, Sugiyama reach quarterfinals

LINZ, Austria — Top-seeded Amelie Mauresmo reached the quarterfinals of the Generali Ladies Open by beating Polish teenager Maria Domachowska 6-4, 6-0 on Thursday.

Defending champion Ai Sugiyama also advanced, cruising past Daniela Hantuchova 6-2, 6-1 to set up a match against Mauresmo.

Mauresmo, briefly ranked No. 1 this year and now No. 2, withdrew from recent tournaments in Zurich and Moscow because of a groin injury and played Thursday with her right thigh taped.

**But Mauresmo said she ‘was not hindered at all.’**

In other action, Meghan Shugann of the United States beat qualifier Julia Schruff 7-5, 6-2 and will play 2003 runner-up Nadia Petrova in the quarterfinals.

Pacers pick up option on Jones, waive three rookies

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers exercised their option for reserve guard Fred Jones on Thursday, extending his contract with the team through the 2005-06 season. He will become a restricted free agent at that time.

Jones, a first-round draft pick out of Georgia, and two other free agents Randy Holcomb (F, San Diego State) and Desmon Farmer (G, Southern California).

Pacers also waived rookie guard Rashad Wright, their second-round pick out of Georgia, and rookie free agents Randy Holcomb (F, San Diego State) and Desmon Farmer (G, Southern California).

**Around the dial**

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Detroit at Minnesota 7 p.m., ESPN

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Welsh hopes squad will rise to challenge

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

This weekend's meets will measure more than just speed for the Irish.

Notre Dame travels to Utah this weekend, first facing Utah today and No. 22 Brigham Young on Saturday in the team's second meet of the season.

Coach Tim Welsh anticipates that swimming at a higher altitude in front of a home crowd will allow Notre Dame to gauge their resilience in the face of adversity.

"We're hoping to satisfy our curiosity this weekend," Welsh said. "We've been training extremely well and every thing we see is positive. We're pretty balanced; we have some strong swimmers in each event. What we don't know is if we're fast enough."

Welsh emphasized that the change in altitude will likely provide one of the most demanding challenges for the Irish this weekend. Notre Dame's opponents are used to training above sea level and coping with the effects of the thinner air.

The Irish hope to match the 157-55 point victory in the dual meet against Evansville.

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"We want to be aggressive and unified in our approach," Welsh said. "We want to be aggressive and unified in our approach," Welsh said.

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish compete in Big Easts today

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

The Irish look to continue what has been a successful season to this point when they compete in the Big East Championships today. The Irish have displayed consistency all year, which will be a huge positive for them going into the race.

Both the men and women face tough opposition in Boston this weekend, as they will be racing against several competitive teams.

The men, who are currently ranked 88th in the nation, will have to face a slew of ranked opponents.

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The Irish have displayed consistency this season with a balanced team. We have had consistent trouble beating this year has been Stanford, who finished ahead in both the Notre Dame Invitational and the Pre-National Championships.

The Irish have been led by a solid group of runners all season.

For the men, sophomore Kurt Benninger has placed in the top 10 twice already, taking eighth in the Pre-Nationals and second in the Notre Dame Invitational. Benninger has clearly been a major reason for the men's success all year.

On the women's side, Molly Huddle has been a model of consistency this season with a third-place finish in the Pre-Nationals and a second-place finish in the Notre Dame Invite.

The Irish women have had a lot of success in this race. They are two-time defending champions, and last year, Huddle finished third in the event leading a pack of Irish runners, Kerry Meagher, Lauren King and Stephanie Madia, who all finished in the top 20.

King won the race in 2002.

The race will begin today at 11 a.m. for the men and 11:50 a.m. for the women.

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"W e've had a good rivalry w ith th e m , that's how keep th eir solid receiving tyin g to reach the en d zone often. "Every guard is always a key," Walsh captain Carrie Campbell said. "We know her best receivers," Pangborn captain Katie Murray said. "We've been working on a defense to stop her, and we just need implement it."
"We're coming in as underdogs," F eltau lt said. "It's a make or break situa tion." F eltau lt said.
Both the Babes and the Whirlwinds have found them­selves in a similar situation before, as the teams have squared off in the playoffs several times over the past few seasons.
"We've had a good rivalry with them the past few years," F eltau lt said. "We're looking to have this one end our way."
In what could potentially be her final interhall football game, the senior Feltault is not ready to hang up the spikes just yet.
No. 3 Walsh vs. No. 6 Pasquerilla West
It'll be a battle of a rematch Sunday as the Wild Women and the Weasels square off in the opening round of the play­offs.
Walsh and Pasquerilla West battled to a 6-6 tie early on in the season, in a defensive struggle where both teams failed to convert on their extra points.
But Weasels captain Abby Nerlinger is confident this game will be different.
"When we played them, it was our first game of season, and that makes a difference," the Weasel senior said.
The Wild Women will be dealing with a different Pasquerilla West team this time around, as the Weasels have since found a quarter­back in junior Heather Van Hoogle.
"I'm confident our offense will be strong," Nerlinger said. "We have some of the best receivers in the league."
Van Hoogle's targets will include sophomore Maureen Spring and junior Brenna Mansfield, both of whom are having good seasons at wide receiver.
The Walsh offense will be led by freshman quarterback Mary Sullivan, and will cer­tainly be looking to reach the end zone often. "Every guard is always a key," Walsh captain Carrie Campbell said. "We have our work cut out for us this weekend.
By MIKE LASKEY, MIKE TENNANT, PETER CRACIOCHILO AND THOMAS BARR
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Belles look to reverse woes

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Beginning today Saint Mary’s will play its final four games of the regular season. The Belles are currently on a five-game losing streak matching their longest skid since beginning the season 0-5. Their recent lapse has dropped their regular season record to 5-15 overall.

Saint Mary’s will travel to Illinois to partake in the Benedictine Tournament, a two-day trip which pits the Belles against four non-conference opponents. So far this season, the Belles have played four teams outside of their league and have yet to win. The Belles will take on Monmouth College beginning at 4 p.m. The Fighting Scots come into the contest with a record of 17-10.

Saint Mary’s did not play Monmouth last year and will have its hands full against a very good volleyball team. Following the match, the Belles will have little time for rest as they immediately take the court again against Clarke College at 8 p.m. The Crusaders are only 5-28 this year.

At the conclusion of tonight’s games, Saint Mary’s will be at it once again on Saturday to finish up the last two matches of the tournament. At 10 a.m., the Belles will play Benedictine University, the tournament’s host. The Eagles have had an up-and-down season until now, winning their first four and then dropping seven of their next nine. They are currently 16-14 on the year.

Their final match begins at noon and the Belles will be facing one of their most difficult opponents of the year. The Big Blue of Millikin College are 24-4 this year, and Saint Mary’s must bring its best game if it hopes to have a shot at coming away with a victory.

Saint Mary’s will be relying on players such as Michelle Turley, Elise Rupright and Shelly Bender to lead the team’s offense. The Belles will look to Anne Cusack to continue her dominance on defense. She leads the team with 323 digs. Teammate Amanda David should also help the defense after accumulating 131 digs this year.

At the completion of the Benedictine Tournament, the Belles will begin the MIAA Tournament which begins on Tuesday. The games have yet to be determined, but Saint Mary’s, who finished seventh in the league, will probably face Kalamazoo College who currently resides in third place in the conference.

This weekend’s tournament will hopefully give the Belles a chance to polish up their game and tie up any loose ends that still remain. It is vital they finish the season strong if they hope to have any chance at making a run in the conference tournament.

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Belles’ season comes down to MIAA race

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Saturday will determine the Belles’ fate in the MIAA standings, as the Saint Mary’s cross country team will travel to Calvin College to compete in the conference championship.

The team finished sixth place at its only other conference race this year, the MIAA Jamboree. In order to achieve a fourth place spot in the final standings, the Belles will need to have one of their best performances of the season. Albion, Kalamazoo and Alma will all prove to be obstacles for Saint Mary’s to overcome.

Coach Dave Barstis knows that the team has a challenge ahead.

“If we can beat Kalamazoo and Kalamazoo can beat Alma, we’ll finish fourth overall in the standings,” Barstis said.

Saint Mary’s is poised and ready to capitalize on any opportunity that the Belles have to move up in the conference standings. Freshman Megan Gray is confident in her team’s ability to compete on Saturday.

“All of the workouts ... and especially the hill workouts ... have made us stronger runners. At this point, the potential is there, it just has to relax and run,” Gray said.

Senior and co-captain Risa Zander also has high hopes as well as high expectations for her fellow teammates.

For the seniors on the team, this Saturday may mark the final cross-country meet of their collegiate careers.

Zander, along with co-captain Elizabeth Commers and senior runners Sara Dunn, Ashley Lahtele, Aubrey Smyly and Kristin Zaininger will all run in their final team competition. Although the top seven runners in the conference race will go on to compete in the regional meet, Saturday will be the last time that the entire 2004 team will run together.

Zander looks upon her final race with the team as something to remember.

“Being a part of this team is going to be one of the things that I will miss most about Saint Mary’s, if not the single most,” Zander said.

There would be no better way for the ladies to finish off their four years than with yet another step up the ladder in the MIAA Conference standings.

After finishing sixth place in the 2003 season, their highest finish in their first championship in 1998, the entire team is ready to try and improve upon their performance and again make history for Saint Mary’s.

The team will travel to Calvin with this goal in mind, and there is still more potential to make it a reality.

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Carroll looks to bounce back against Fisher

By JOHN EVERETT, TOM DORWART, ANNA GOTTUMUKKALA
Sports Writer

The playoffs are a welcome novelty for Carroll, but they are not about to be taken lightly.

Carroll finished the regular season with a 6-2 record which included a defeat of two-time defending champions St. Mary’s and a victory over a very tough Fisher squad.

However, Carroll heads into the first round with a bit of disappointment surrounding them.

The Vermin lost a chance to finish the season undefeated when they were crushed 34-13 by the Rams in week 10.

In that finale, the Carroll offense performed miserably, and the Otters made them pay for it. Two of Kory Wiltz’s passes were intercepted, and it led to two Otter touchdowns.

But the Vermin were so far behind, their offense was forced to pass on just about every play, and it was the only option their effectiveness. Carroll will be looking to see if they can afford to do the same in the playoffs.

This fact, however, does not mean that Carroll, or any other interhall team, can afford to take the Otters lightly.

When Carroll faces the Otters, they know it’s not going to be easy. The Otters made them pay in the capable hands of the very capable Knott.

“Some of the players on the Fisher team that have been playing well this year are quarterback Pat Gotebeski, running back and linbacker Andy Pescher and wide receiver Aaron Ronsheim,” Carroll captain Jeremy Morene said.

“They are all threats to run, and defensively in Sunday’s game, they are a whole new, unique spin. Especially considering the two teams are neighbors, Dillon (2-2) and Alumni (2-1-1), heated rivals whose last regular season game ended in a 6-6 tie.

In a strange coincidence, the Dawgs and the Big Red find themselves facing each other again on Sunday for the first game of the playoffs. This time, however, the stakes have been raised and only one team can take that real first step towards being one game away from playing in Notre Dame Stadium.

“Our team is obviously pretty pumped about playing Dillon again,” Alumni captain A.J. Remen said. “It’s always been a big rivalry and everyone is going to be going out there and, on both sides of the ball, giving 110%. Everyone played their hearts out last game and it ended up in a tie. But, ultimately, someone’s got to go home and I think we can get it done. Hopefully it’s Dillon.”

Although Dillon has the advantage with a zero in the losses column, Alumni holds the distinction of being the only team to score on the tough Dillon defense all year. The Dawgs hope to replicate that success for this Sunday.

“They’re a pretty solid defense,” Remen said. “They’ve been good basically all year. No obvious our biggest concern is being able to put points on the board against their tough defense. And offensively, our biggest concern is trying to get our offense into a little better rhythm so that we’re a little smoother as far as precision in running routes and blocking.

Facing a challenging task in their defense in their last game, Dillon hopes to set the tone early defensively in Sunday’s game and channel the mentality that has served them well throughout the season.

“We’re not changing much from what’s worked for us in the past,” Dillon captain Mike Roaldi said. “We know what we saw from them last time so that gives us a little bit of heads up. But we still trying to get the quarterback and get a few sacks early as well as first stopping the run and making them throw the ball, which is what we did last time.

But no matter how much tradition there is in this matchup, one simple fact remains. In the playoffs, the win or go home mentality takes a whole new importance, no matter who the opponent is.

“One you’re in the playoffs, that stuff really kicks in,” Roaldi said. “If you can’t get excited about a playoff game, you shouldn’t be playing. We’re looking for a tough game with four tough quarters.”

The Big Red and the Dawgs face off at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Rhides West field.

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Notre Dame will also be looking to continue its positive momentum after defeating then-No. 1 Boston College Oct. 22 by the score of 3-2. Notre Dame’s upset win knocked the Eagles to No. 2 this week, and moved Minnesota Duluth to the No. 1 spot, prompting Poulin to jokingly say that the Irish are “the only team in the country that’s played two number one teams already.”

One crucial part of Notre Dame’s success against the Eagles was the play of senior goalie Morgan Cey. Cey was rewarded for his 50-save performance with a bevy of weekly awards, including being named the CCHA goalie of the week and the USCHO/ITECH defensive player of the week.

“It’s all starting to come together for Morgan,” Poulin said. “I think his freshman year he came in with a lot of raw talent but wasn’t quite as strong as he needed to be, and had to take some time to feel that out. Sophomore year the team struggled in front of him. Junior year he had to deal with injuries, and I think the culmination of all the hard work he’s done is really starting to pay off now.”

Cey’s play has been especially impressive between the pipes so far. Among the players who played well at home last week was sophomore defenseman Wes O’Neill, who Poulin singled out as one of the best players so far for this season. The stats back up the coach’s assessment — O’Neill leads the team in scoring with five points (one goal and four assists) and tied for second on the team with a plus-1 rating through the first five games. “He keeps getting better and better,” Poulin said about O’Neill. “I thought the BC game was one of the best games he’s played in an Irish uniform, and he’s played some good ones.”

Defense is a key part of Northern Michigan’s team, as well. The Wildcat defense has led opponents to just 1.75 goals per game, with its goalies amassing a combined 949 save percentage. Defenseman Nathan Oystrick is considered one of the top blue liners in the country, and leads the team with a plus-2 rating. Offensively the Wildcats are led by Jamie Millian’s six points (two goals, four assists).

Coming into the season, Northern Michigan’s biggest question mark was in net after the graduation of workhorse Craig Kowalski. But senior Tuomas Tarikki and freshman Bill Zaniboni have each been impressive between the pipes so far.

“Northern Michigan is fast, skilled and good,” Poulin said. “Their strength is really at the defense position and we have to get to the defense and force them to get rid of the puck early because all of their defenders can really handle the puck well.”

The Irish face the Wildcats tonight at 7:35 p.m. at the Joyce Center. The Irish are currently riding a two-game win streak and are in the process of acquiring some much-needed rest. Following the two-game win streak the Irish are looking to continue that trend Wednesday at home against Michigan State.

Saturday’s game marks the first time in program history the Irish have won eight conference games in a single season — they posted seven Big East victories in 2001.

Fighting for a position in the Big East Championships slated to start begin Nov. 6, Connecticut finds itself in need of conference points — in a tournament where the top four Big East finishers host the first round match, the Huskies currently occupy the seventh spot. Behind a pair of second half goals from leading scorers Justin Between and Devon Prescod, the Irish knocked the Huskies out of the Big East Championship quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory at Alumni Field last November.

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In addition to her goal, it was not long for Buczkowski to register an assist for the Irish. She sent the ball 35 yards to the left side of the box for Katie Thorlakson in the 29th minute of play, which gave the Irish a 2-0 lead going into the half.

"We didn't have too many things to correct after the first half," Waldrum said. "Their [Irish] mentality was let's make this five or six during the half. But we never felt they had put the game out of reach and came out with the same intensity in the second half."

Amanda Cinalli then set up an assist to Candace Chapman in the center of the box and scored her ninth goal of the season and third in two games.

"Our main focus was to beat Michigan. What happened last year was a big motivation. It is always better to get a quick start and get them early," Chapman said. "A quick goal definitely stopped their momentum."

The momentum clearly was continuing for the Irish as they were once again able to break through the defense once again to score the fourth and final goal of the contest.

In the 73rd minute of the match, Cinalli took a pass from Thorlakson and dribbled the ball towards the left side of the box. Cinalli then sent the ball back to Thorlakson who took advantage of the opportunity and scored in the upper left corner of the net for the 4-0 victory.

On Sunday, the Irish will begin postseason play in the Big East Tournament at Alumni Field. Although the Irish are the regular season Big East champions, the team remains cautiously confident.

"They [Big East opponents] are all good teams on any given day. It is not going to be an easy half for us through the tournament," Waldrum said. "It is difficult because you have to prove yourself again."

Notre Dame enters the tournament as the No. 1 seed and will face No. 8 St. John's in the opening round. Despite the 4-0 regular season victory, the Irish remember the last time these two teams met and are not looking past the program's intensity and competitiveness.

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"I'm not going to take any credit away from their quarter-back," Irish cornerback Randy Waldrum said. "We opened the box and its vaunted receivers to just 240 yards through the air and one touchdown, but could not stop Heisman candidate Kyle Orton and Purdue, as the Boilermakers sliced through the team's defense for 413 yards passing and four touchdowns.

"Right now I don't think we're playing our best game," Irish secondary coach Steven Wilks said. "We're in position at times and not making plays. We're not playing on the ball as we should.

"A lot of times we're playing too far off on first down and giving up the hitch [route] and that's just something that we can't do, we've got to mix our coverages up, and one thing we're going to do for sure is make tackles."

Perhaps the most noticeable miscue by the Notre Dame secondary Saturday came late in the fourth quarter in the middle of Boston College's game-winning scoring drive. With 1:33 left in the game and facing fourth-and-13, Peterson had plenty of time to find a wide-open Larry Lester on the right sideline for a 17-yard pass, giving Boston College a much-needed first down and helping the Eagles gain some positive momentum in the hostile road environment.

"We were really hoping on getting that play stopped and getting the defense on the field so we could win the game," Irish safety Tom Zbikowski said. "When that happens you're just got to regroup — that's football.

"You know that eventually they're going to complete a few passes, and you've got to step up after that."

Tom Zbikowski
Irish safety

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ND Women's Soccer

A dish best served cold
Notre Dame gets revenge on Michigan with 4-0 drubbing

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

For the fourth time in the program's history, the No. 2 Irish (17-0-1) have finished the regular season with an undefeated record after a 4-0 victory over Michigan.

"We did not have one bad performance," Irish coach Randy Waldrum said. "The last few weeks we've controlled games, but have not been getting the goals until late. It was huge because this is what we didn't do to Michigan last year in the playoffs."

Last season, Michigan ended the NCAA playoff run for the Irish in the second round with a 1-0 victory.

But it was apparent the Irish were out for redemption in Thursday afternoon's rematch. The Irish came out quickly as sophomore midfielder Jen Buczowski scored her seventh goal of the season within the first five minutes of play.

Irish defender Kate Tulislaw dribbles the ball up the field against Providence during a game Oct. 3. Tulislaw and her teammates demolished Michigan 4-0 on the road Thursday.

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Football

Secondary upset with play
Irish defensive backs allowed 297 yards passing in second half against Eagles

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Paul Peterson's game-winning 30-yard touchdown pass to Tony Gonzalez with 24 seconds left in the game was a microcosm of how the Eagles' secondary in the second half of Notre Dame's 24-23 loss to Boston College on Saturday.

After intercepting Peterson twice in the first half and holding the Eagles' quarterback to just 86 yards through the first two quarters, the Notre Dame defensive backfield fell apart in the second half— allowing 297 yards and two touchdowns.

Irish defensive back Quentin Burrell wraps up Boston College's L.V. Whitworth in the Eagles' 24-23 win Saturday.

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Hockey

Irish ready to take on Wildcats
Irish goalie Cey named USCHO/ITECH defensive player of the week

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

It just doesn't get any easier for the Irish. Notre Dame is set to face its fourth ranked opponent of the young season this weekend when No. 15 Northern Michigan travels to the Joyce Center for a two-game CCHA series with the Irish.

"These kinds of games force you to up your level," Irish coach Dave Procel said. "We are practicing better and faster, the intensity has increased in practices because the guys have seen how we have to play in order to be successful."

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ND Women's Basketball

Batteast on top of the Big East
Irish forward named conference preseason player of the year

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Just two days after being named the preseason National Player of the Year by Basketball News, Irish senior Jacqueline Batteast was named the Big East Conference Preseason Player of the Year.

Batteast averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game as a junior, and was named first team all-Big East. She was an unanimous selection for this year's preseason first team all-Big East as well.

Meanwhile, Irish junior guard Megan Duffy was named to the preseason all-Big East second team. Last season, Duffy was named the Big East Most Improved Player after a campaign that included averages of 9.9 points and 3.9 assists per game.

Both preseason selections were announced Thursday at the Big East women's basketball media day, held in Newark, N.J.

Also at media day, the Irish were picked to finish second in the Big East after a poll of the Big East coaches, one year after finishing second with a 12-4 league record.

Three-time defending national champion Connecticut was picked to finish first. The Irish beat the Huskies last season by the score of 66-51 in South Bend.

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