Last-minute factors could decide close race

Notre Dame professors say voter turnout in swing states could be key

By MICHAEL BUSK

Despite the bold predictions of some political prognosticators, today's presidential election is simply too close to call, according to some of Notre Dame's specialists in American politics.

"I think no one knows what's going on, and all the people trying to predict what's going to happen are grasping at straws," said political science professor Benjamin Radcliff. "From what I've gathered, major revisions to the faculty tenure process and publica­tion of modified course evaluations could be on the horizon, according to a presentation by Associate provost Dennis Jacobs at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Take a cue from comedians

Presidential campaigns bring with them a constant barrage of media, whether in the form of written articles, television ads, bumper stickers or news reports. With Election Day finally here, I sat and thought about what I really remembered from the past few months of campaigning. I suddenly realized that the bulk of everything I could recall came from either watching "The Daily Show" or reading "The Onion." Once I realized that "The Daily Show" was the unintentional source of most of my political knowledge, I really began to wonder about myself. Was I just one of the "stolen slackers," as Bill O'Reilly called "The Daily Show" viewers, who watched the show and then voted? Was I really that politically irresponsible? I pondered this thought for a long time. I wondered if I had watched Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, or any of the myriad news networks available to me whether or not I would have been up-to-date on issues or more certain about where to cast my vote. Every time I sat down to watch something, I would hear that this channel had a liberal slant, this one had a conservative bias and so on. As an extreme opportunist, where could I turn to for news with the least bias possible? Then I had an epiphany. What ensures a lack of bias better than comedy? Comedians will discuss anything as long as it will get a laugh, and their only bias is that such "ghost" votes will be counted because, in most cases, those ballots are impossible to retrieve. Besides, it could be days or weeks after the election before local officials get word someone has died.

"Theo Epstein. He's a living god." "Jimmy Buffett because I think everyone wants out of this weather and into a beach atmosphere." "I voted Clinton for Emperor, but Kerry rejected the crown." "Anne Weese for President!" "Andrea becausenah she is a hot ticket and a blonde bombshell." "I think John Kerry; but I wish Jon Stewart.

Students gather for Mass in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel on Monday in celebration of All Saints' Day.

IN BRIEF

The Career Center will present a "Career and Internship Connections Information Session" today from 4 to 5 p.m. in 114 Flanner Hall.

Students can sign up for the annual Mara Fox Run today from 5 to 7 p.m. in North and South Dining Halls. The 5K run and 2-mile walk will be held on Saturday.

International Students Services and Activities will show the film "Goodbye, Lenin!" in German with English subtitles, today from 7 to 8 p.m. in Delbarton 117.

The Senior Class will sponsor an election watch at Smokey Bones BBQ and Grill on 4041 North Main Street in Mishawaka, today from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Students should bring $2.

The Ballroom Dancing Club will offer tango dancing lessons today from 8 to 10:30 p.m. in Rockne 301. Sessions are from 8 to 9 p.m., 9 to 9:30 p.m. and 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Cost is $4.

Alan Graf, executive vice president and chief financial officer, FedEx Corp, will discuss "Business Ethics for a Publicly Traded Company" today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

University of Chicago professor Jean Elshtain will speak on "St. Augustine, Harry Potter and the Confrontation with Evil" Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.
By KELLY MEEKAN
News Writer

During the past semester, many Saint Mary's students have expressed concerns and questions regarding the College's food services. At Monday's Board of Governance meeting, Noble Family Dining Hall general manager Berry Bowles spoke to address these issues and concerns regarding the policies and food processing.

Bowles gave a general overview of the pricing and the reasoning behind the meal plan options. He explained to the Board that he works for the Sodexo food company, which services many other colleges and the military.

"I always have an open door policy and am interested in serving you, the students. It is important that you let me know what you want," said Bowles.

The founder of the new competitive volleyball club, Angelica Pivarunas, asked the board for co-sponsorship so that the club, Volleybelles, will compete in volleyball tournaments at various colleges, including an upcoming tournament at Miami University in Ohio. The board approved giving the Volleybelles $700.

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The board also encouraged students in vote in today's election. Anyone who is registered through Saint Mary's must vote at Gate 8 in the Joyce Center.

In other BOG news:

♦ Fall Day on Campus will be Nov. 7. Prospective students will be touring campus and speaking with faculty throughout the day.

♦ Member Sarah Brown reported to the board that she will be initiating an Energy Conservation Task Force to increase campus awareness of cutting down on energy costs. She said she hopes that enough students will volunteer to be on the task force to cut down on the energy and save the College money.

♦ Technology commissioner Patricia Mobolade reported that it is still undecided if wireless service available on Lake Marian. The decision is still under consideration due to the fact that many students consider Lake Marion a place of serenity meditation. She also reported that "SMC TV" will not be initiated this year due to the budget cuts; however, its students are encouraged to brainstorm ideas for the program, set to begin next year.

♦ Senior class president Jacqueline Cusinier reported that this weekend is Senior Dad's Weekend. Friday sessions and their dads will attend Heartland "Casino Night." Saturday they are invited for a Notre Dame game watch at the College Football Hall of Fame and Sunday morning there will be mass at Loretto at 9:45 a.m., followed by coffee in Holy Cross Parlor.

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Members of the Saint Mary's Board of Governance met Monday to discuss student concerns regarding the College's food services, among other issues.
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senate on the tenure process and spoke to a joint meeting of the Faculty Affairs and Student Affairs Committees about the teacher course evaluation issue. On both topics, he put forth initia­
tives that would significantly change the way both academic procedures currently operate.

In regard to the TCE issue, Jacobs proposed the creation of a new mechanism for providing stu­
dents with helpful information about class offerings, rather than publishing TCEs in their current format.

"I want to address the question of how we can help to improve the process of how students choose courses," Jacobs said.

The new format would likely comprise a separate set of very specific, multiple-choice questions and would be administered to students simultaneously with the tradi­
tional TCE. However, students would be told that answers to the separate questions only would be available to students for the pur­
pose of choosing courses.

"It gets around some of the issues that an NTFriday doesn't get around," Jacobs said in refer­
ence to NTFriday.com, a student-run website that maintains stu­
dent reviews of professors. "What's the best mechanism for providing students with the best information about courses?"

As part of an initiative to enhance teaching in the tenure process, Jacobs discussed includ­ing a packet of work on two classes tought by the faculty candidate.

"We need to find improved ways to evaluate teaching," said Jacobs.

He said the initiative developed out of departmental concerns that TCEs did not adequately rep­
resent teaching quality in tenure reviews.

The packet would include examples of students' graded projects, exams or papers and possible evaluations from other professors who would observe the candidate's classes, Jacobs explained.

The teaching evaluation would vary from department to depart­
ment, depending on the nature of the discipline and likely would not be implemented for at least years, Jacobs explained.

"It needs to be quite adaptable," he said.

On both initiatives, Jacobs said he was generally pleased by the faculty response and expected both proposals to move forward for further discussion with the faculty and his office.

"If it would say it was very produc­tive," Jacobs said after the meet­ing. "On the [TCE] proposal I didn't hear many enthusiastic comments."

John Robinson, chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee, said he envisioned proposing a new TCE solution to senate probably after winter break.

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In key swing states like Ohio, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

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to say that turnover will not go up from 2000, only that the news coverage does not give us a
good sense of what will happen."

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The University sells general tickets to individual games first, so those students not able to get season tickets do not have the chance to try for even a single game."

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The pools at the Joyce Center, accessible through the Gate 8 entrance, opened at 6 a.m. and
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tem within individual dorms was the best approach.

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Suicide bomber kills 3 Israelis

16-year-old Palestinian Eli Amer Alfar blows himself up in a Tel Aviv market

Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — A 16-year-old Palestinian laden with explosives blew himself up on Monday in a crowded outdoor market in Tel Aviv, killing three Israelis, wounding 32 and scattering body parts and blood across a wide expanse of the ground. The bomber’s mother said the militants who recruited him were “immoral.”

A survivor is evacuated from the site of an explosion, which killed at least three people and wounded 32, police said, in the Carmel market of Tel Aviv, Israel.

The attack tested Israel’s promise to show restraint during the absence of the ailing Yasser Arafat, Palestinian leaders including Arafat immediately condemned the attack, the first since a Sept. 22 bombing in Jerusalem.

From a military hospital near Park, the 72-year-old Arafat “appealed to all Palestinian factions to commitments to avoid harming all Israeli civilians and he appealed to [Israeli Prime Minister Ariel] Sharon to take similar initiatives to avoid harming Palestinian civilians,” Arafat’s spokesman Nabil Abu Rdeneh said.

The blast occurred shortly before noon when the suicide attacker detonated an 11-pound bomb in the Carmel market, ripping apart a dairy store, damaging a vegetable stall and sending screaming shoppers running.

“The explosion was huge, there was fire and smoke ... it knocked me over,” said David Hayas, who owns a nearby butcher shop. “People were looking for their sons, their daughters, their husbands and wives.”

The attacker slipped off the dairy store’s sign, covering it with blood and leaving loose clothing tangled out of the wall. Letteus and parsley splattered with blood were strewn on the pavement, along with spices and packages of children’s socks.

Paramedics wheeled away bodies in black plastic bags. Rescue workers scoured the pavement and dug through piles of cheese and spices in search of body parts.

The attack was the 117th suicide bombing since the outbreak of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in 2000 and was the first since Arafat left for France, where he has been treated since Friday for an unknown disease. In all, 494 Israelis have been killed in such attacks.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a PLO faction, claimed responsibility, identifying the assailant as Eli Amer Alfar, from the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank city of Nablus. Alfar was among the youngest Palestinian suicide bombers only one other was as young as 16 and his parents lashed out at the militants who recruited him.

“It is immoral to send someone so young,” said Samir Abuabbas, 45, Alfar’s mother. “They should have sent an adult who understands the meaning of his deeds.”

Abdel Rahman, 53, Alfar’s father, said his son woke him up Monday and asked for two shekels 20 cents.

“The people who are the con- tentious barrier they are building along the West Bank, which is one-third completed, has significant­ly reduced the bombings by making it harder to infiltrate from the West Bank into Israel.”

Associated Press

LANGHENGGANG, China — Police in the southern Guangdong province said on Monday they had killed seven people and injured 42, according to residents and the government.

Anchunggang residents could not confirm a report by The New York Times in Times of 148 deaths, including 18 police officers.

Authorities imposed martial law on the area in Zhongmen County near the city of Zhongzhou, residents said.

Eighteen people were arrested, the government said later in the day in its first official word on the fighting. The statement, carried by the Xinhua News Agency, didn’t mention the eth­ nicities of the rioters.

The government said the violence began after members of two families from separate villages fought over a traffic dispute.

“Afterward, residents of both vil­ lages assembled with weapons,” the Xinhua report said. “One villager was beaten to death on the spot and two died in the hospital one day later.”

It didn’t say how the other deaths occurred.

A spokesman for the county govern­ ment, Liang Songzhou, said the traffic dispute involved a collision between two farm vehicles, one driven by a Han and the other by a Hui.

Today’s Hui are descended from ethnic Chinese who converted to Islam generations ago.

The New Chicago boy was arrested Friday and was being held in Lake County’s juvenile detention center, police said. He is accused of setting the fire at River Forest High School on Oct. 21.

Student charged with arson

WASHINGTON — The federal government, running record budget deficits over the past two years, is projecting that it will have to meet the government’s obligations.

FRISCO CITY, Ala. — After nearly 13 tense hours, rescuers using a powerful drill and working under bright lights Monday saved a toddler trapped at the bottom of an aban­ doned well, bringing him out to cheers, tears and cries of “Praise the Lord!”

More than 100 people had gathered at the vacant lot, watching and praying through the night for 22-month-old Da’jour Millman, who was playing with his older brother and sister near his grandparents’ house when he disappeared down the 14-foot well that was overgrown with grass and unknown to neighbors and firefighters.

Baby rescued from well

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Suicide bomber kills 3 Israelis

Six kidnapped in Baghdad

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The federal government, running record budget deficits over the past two years, is projecting that it will have to borrow a record $147 billion in the first three months of 2005, the Treasury Department said Monday.

The department projected net borrowing needs of $147 billion in the January-March quarter of next year, which would top the previous record net borrowing amount for the entire first quarter of $146 billion set in the January-March quarter of this year.

Record borrowing expected

Ukraine election ends in runoff

Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine’s furiously contest­ ing election ended in runoff Tuesday, with President Leonid Kuchma leading his main challenger. Thousands of demonstrators in western Ukraine alleged fraud, and international monitors said the country failed the test of whether the form­ er Soviet republic moves toward democracy.

The runoff, set for Nov. 21, prolongs a cam­ paign that has been overshadowed by worries over irregularities. The vote is seen as key to whether the former Soviet republic moves closer to the West or Russia. The winner will succeed outgoing President Leonid Kuchma, who clamped down on opposition during his rule.

The United States had warned it may take punitive action if the voting was marred by irregularities. Ukraine, which has a brigade of troops in Iraq, has been one of the top recipients of U.S. aid.

Ukraine election ends in runoff

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Militants kidnapped an American, a Nepalese and four Iraqi guards teleing an official meeting between the two sides.

Two Americans and four Iraqis were kidnapped in Baghdad on Monday, and gunmen assassinated an Iraqi official in the capital on Tuesday, November 2, 2004.
Navy Seal reports mistreatment

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The CIA interrogated and roughed up Iraqi prisoners in "a room" where a handcuffed and hooded terror suspect was kicked, slammed and punched shortly before he died last year at the Abu Ghraib prison, a Navy SEAL testified Monday.

His was one of many on the hood worn by the prisoner, Navy SEAL Maj. Al-Jamadi, as he was led into the interrogation room at Baghdad International Airport in November 2003, the Navy commando said at a military pretrial hearing for another SEAL accused of abusing Iraqi prisoners.

Testifying under a grant of immunity, the witness, identified only by his rank as a hospital corpsman, said he kicked Al-Jamadi several times, slapped him in the back of the head and punched him. Five or six other CIA personnel in the room laid their hands on the prisoner, he said, but he did not provide details.

Sometime later, Al-Jamadi was found dead in a shower room less than an hour after two CIA personnel brought him into Abu Ghraib as a so-called "ghost detainee," according to Army Maj. Gen. George R. Fay's report on the notorious prison. Such detainees were not listed in the normal roster of military prisoners.

Fay's report said Al-Jamadi died of a blunt clot in the head. Likely due to injuries suffered after being detained. The military pathologist's report listed three causes of death as blunt force trauma complicated by hampered breathing.

A CIA spokeswoman declined to comment on the hearing, but noted that the agency is conducting its own investigation into the CIA's involvement in prisoner detentions and interrogations.

The testimony about the CIA's role came during a hearing for an aviation boatswain's mate who is accused of punching Al-Jamadi and posing in humiliating photos with the prisoner. The boatswain's mate, a 14-year Navy veteran, allegedly twisted other prisoners' testicles and stuck a prisoner in the buttocks with a wooden board.

An Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury, was held to determine whether the boatswain's mate should be court-martialed.

The hearing concluded Monday. An investigating officer will recommend what charges, if any, the boatswain's mate should face.

The accused SEAL, who received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in Iraq, could get up to 11 years in prison if convicted.

Al-Jamadi, described in an Army report as a suspect in an attack on a Red Cross facility, was captured by members of a Coronado, Calif.-based SEAL unit during a joint special forces-CIA mission.

Al-Jamadi was subdued after a fierce struggle with

the accused SEAL, the corpsman said. After Al-Jamadi was cuffed, he said he watched the accused and another SEAL "body slam" the captive into the back of a Humvee.

The SEALs then drove to an Army base where the accused SEAL jabbed Al-Jamadi with the muzzle of his weapon, according to the corpsman. He said while some of the blows were excessive, others were intended to silence Al-Jamadi, who kept talking and shouting in Arabic.

The hospital corpsman was a surprise witness during the two-day proceeding, taking the witness stand only hours after reaching a plea deal with prosecutors that would spare him prison time.

Besides the corpsman and the boatswain's mate, five other members of the SEAL team were charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners. Charges against a chief petty officer were dismissed last week. Article 32 hearings for the other four SEALs have not been scheduled.

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Nusair said, American soldiers were represented as liberators and Afghans men as suppressors. "In my opinion it [the portrayal] was also very racist because it was rescuing women not only from their culture but also from repressive brown men," Nusair said.

This effort to create a sharp contrast between the Muslim enemy and the freedom-loving Americans went down to the tiniest details, Nusair argued. She pointed out that the Pentagon spokesman during the invasion of Iraq was a woman, saying she believes it has been a calculated decision.

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Oil giant moves to block strike

Royal Dutch/Shell opens court action to safeguard Nigerian oil workers

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — Oil giant Royal Dutch/Shell Group announced an action Monday to try to block a strike targeting oil exports from the world's No. 7 crude exporter, but failed in a first round bid to block wildcat action, a union official said.

The case comes one day after Nigeria's unions' attempt to block the strike was rejected.

Shell said it could begin the new flights in the first quarter of next year.

Mexican workers plan to strike at the beginning of next year.

The new flights could be provided with some of the 29 new Boeing 737 jets that Southwest plans to buy.

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Chiefl Justice William H. Rehnquist disclosed Monday that he is being treated for thyroid cancer and plans to work from home.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist revealed Monday that he is undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for thyroid cancer, signs he has a grave form of the disease and probably will not return to the bench soon.

The election eve disclosure by the 80-year-old justice undercuts the near certainty that the next president will make at least one appointment to the Supreme Court and probably more.

Rehnquist had planned to join his colleagues when they returned to hear arguments Monday after a two-week break. Instead, he issued a statement from home about the treatment he’s receiving. It said he plans to work from home and made no mention of leaving the court.

The chief justice did not disclose what type of thyroid cancer he has, how far it has progressed or the prognosis.

Dr. Ann M. Gillenwater of the Anderson Cancer Center in Houston said the combination of chemotherapy and radiation is the usual treatment for anagroups of thyroid cancer, a fast-growing form of the disease.

About 80 percent of people with that type of cancer die within a year, even with treatment, according to the Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy.

"Unfortunately, it rarely responds very well, and this is just a holding action for most patients," said Dr. Herman Kattlove of the American Cancer Society.

Rehnquist’s statement was a more somber announcement than the one a week ago, when he first made public that he had been hospitalized for cancer treatment but said he planned to be back at work in a week.

"According to my doctors, my plan to return to the office today was too optimistic," said Rehnquist, who spent a week in the hospital. "While at home, I am working on court matters, including opinions for cases already argued. I am, and will, continue to be in close contact with my colleagues, my law clerks and members of the Supreme Court staff.

News of Rehnquist’s cancer has energized conservative and liberal groups, which have tried to draw voters’ attention to the court’s delicate balance and on issues like abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty.

The spotlight would have been heightened in the final week of the campaign if Rehnquist had been more forthcoming about his condition, said Dennis Hutchinson, a Supreme Court expert at the University of Chicago Law School.

"He doesn’t want to be a factor," in the election, Hutchinson said. "The one thing all members of the court hate is the assumption that they are partisan or sensitive to partisan politics."
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Put student participation before the dollar

It is with great sadness and some anger I read the story about the sale of men's basketball tickets being limited to 3000 students. How absurd is that? When did students become second-class citizens at our school? Being an alumnus of the '72 class, I can speak directly as to the difference real fans (i.e. students) can add to the team. I was there when Notre Dame women's basketball was voted the most valuable player in the upset win over No. 1 San Francisco? Isn't that the only time that has happened? Second, it is too easy for the casual observer to think that the tickets sold are not for students. That is far from the truth. Students are the school and all of them are being denied the opportunity to come. Third, it is sad to see that again many students are being denied the opportunity to attend what is purported to be a great basketball season. I can only hope that students will attend the games in high numbers so that we will be allocated more tickets (or at least give away our tickets if we are not going) to the general public. I firmly believe that once students are given decent seats that they will turn out in higher numbers. Though the athletic department will be reluctant to revamp the seating because of the lack of revenue coming in "5. And I think the bigger issue at hand is whether the University has the guts to allow students (who also tend to show up in sparse numbers when our team isn't performing well) to move to worse seats. In all fairness, the ticket office has made a stride towards alleviating this problem by allowing students to rip tickets out of the booklets and give them to others. A shortcoming of this system, however, is that it can be hard to find someone willing to give up his or her tickets. Many students do not decide whether they are going to the game until the day of the game. Moreover, this will be even more difficult for students such as me who have no one in their dorm's section with tickets because they all got in line together. Fifth, the primary goal of the athletic department should be to get the student section as packed as possible thereby allowing for the greatest home court advantage. With this in mind, I suggest to the athletic department is to let students without tickets into the game late (say 7-10 minutes into the first half). The ticket takers could easily count how many students have come in (there are only two doors in which to enter) and then allow non-ticket holders to enter for a small price (4-5$ I think) in order to fill a large portion (50-75 percent) of the empty seats. This would allow students without tickets to attend games while also leaving space (the other 25-50 percent of the empty seats) for students with tickets who are showing up late because of other responsibilities. By increasing the number of students at the game, our team will be given a greater home court advantage as more people will be there to cheer for them. I know there may be some concern that too many students could be let in, but only a reasonable proportion of the empty seats are filled late so this should not be a problem.

When all is said and done, it is sad to see that again many students are being denied the opportunity to attend what is purported to be a great basketball season. I can only hope that students will attend the games in high numbers so that we will be allocated more tickets (or at least give away their tickets if they are not going). I also hope that the ticket office does whatever it can to solve these problems so that this does not keep happening. I wish the team the best of luck, but unfortunately, I will have to cheer for them from my dorm room.

James Leito
Siegfried Hall
Nov. 1
I love Notre Dame football as much as the next person on this cam­pus. I have longed to attend Notre Dame my entire life, and I can be observed observing as I come when talking about football to those whom haven't yet been converted to Irish super-fans. Despite this fanaticism, as some would call it, I remember one important thing: it is still just a game.

Why do I point this out, you ask? The answer is simply that some stu­dents seem to forget this fact. The following situation happens at every Notre Dame game: As most fans cheer wildly for the Irish defense, a cry rings out above the rest, “Injure him!” or “Make sure he never plays again!” At that moment when play has stopped and an injured opponent lies on the field, “Yeah, he’s hurt!” Are fans really asking our team to attempt to seriously injure the opposing players? Are loud and harsh cries as many of us are about Irish football, there is no excuse for wishing “real world” harm on opponents. Football is a game, and while we may despise our opponents as players, we are called to respect them as children of God. You may pass this off as “just a part of the game” or say, “I don’t really mean it,” but this does not make it any more excusable. How would that injured player’s mother feel if she were to hear someone yelping such things? Would you want to hear such things yelled about your best friend as he lay in agony, knowing he had just changed his life for the better? Next time you start to raise your voice in celebration of the sight of an opponent laying motionless on the field, think again about the person that is looking past the great victory against Michigan. I just believed the team overlooked them in preparation for the revenge match. I had a very difficult time swallowing the Purdue loss. I did not believe they had an athletic advantage over us going into the game. Yes, they had a senior quarterback who was playing well. But, we had shown that we could beat a good team at home with our victory over the University of Michigan. Of course, Purdue has now lost two home games, one of which to a team we beat. And the Boston College loss makes me absolutely sick for so many reasons, they are innumerable.

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70 MBA
Oct. 30

U-WIRE

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Andrew Bauld
Tufts University Daily

I'm writing this letter because I have finally had 'it' with Notre Dame football. I frankly expect­ed the Irish to beat Boston College and can hardly believe they beat them handily. On paper, Notre Dame was and should be the better team. At halftime, even with the score 20-7 in our favor, I like everyone else felt it should have been a much larger deficit for Boston College with all the opportunities they gave us to blow the game wide open. We all know how it worked out. Once again, our football team lost a game we should have lost for the third time this sea­son. The Brigham Young University loss was a shock as I looked past after the great victory against Michigan. I just believed the team overlooked them in preparation for the revenge match. I had a very difficult time swallowing the Purdue loss. I did not believe they had an athletic advantage over us going into the game. Yes, they had a senior quarterback who was playing well. But, we had shown that we could beat a good team at home with our victory over the University of Michigan. Of course, Purdue has now lost two home games, one of which to a team we beat. And the Boston College loss makes me absolutely sick for so many reasons, they are innumerable.

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Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

Mark: The Grand Theft Auto game series has enjoyed enormous success with each and every release of its various installments. Grand Theft Auto: Vice City was deeper, more addictive and better developed than each of its predecessors and was a smash hit. With all these expectations, it’s a relief that the latest installment in the series, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas offers even more to both long-time fans and movie alike.

The latest addition to the Grand Theft Auto series is quite original and both the gameplay and tone is noticeably different from the previous ones. While the previous games focused on the mafias and urban skyscrapers, this one has more of a suburban feel. The mafia is replaced by the gang and huge cities have been replaced with an urban sprawl. The inner city locations have not been dropped completely out of the game. While the focus is definitely on the suburbs near the beginning of the game, you move into other parts of the state as the game progresses, each offering their own unique locales and citizens.

This is the largest Grand Theft Auto game yet, and the player can visit locations varying from the city to the countryside, offering a wealth of opportunities. The gameplay has been refined while retaining the spirit of the series. New modes and options can be chosen to tweak your character, such as choosing a hairstyle or riding a BMX bike. Even a two-player mode has been added. If you have played the previous Grand Theft Auto games, you know what to expect from this latest edition. And that’s definitely a good thing.

Trevor: Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is a real legend in the making. The GTA series has proven itself on the PlayStation 2 ever since 2001 with the smash hit Grand Theft Auto III. That being said, Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is definitely one of the best titles released for the PlayStation 2 to date if you like the GTA style of gameplay. A storyline based on killing your rivals for respect and money, coupled with strong language and sexual content make this game very deserving of its Mature rating. The game fundamentally plays the same as its predecessor, Grand Theft Auto: Vice City, but adds many new aspects, including the necessity of eating and exercising to keep up your character's strength. Assuming that most gamers have knowledge of the previous GTA games and all their infamy, there are still some weaknesses in this game to consider. The biggest one on the list is frame rate, which is just another sign of the aging PS2 technology. The orange tinge that the game carries in its visual effects is also noticeable enough to annoy many gamers.

One of the many other new features offered by Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is the two-player mode. Now, don’t get all excited. Of all the strong points in this game, the two-player mode is not one of them. Given that both characters must share the same screen, the amount of things rockstar could have done with the multiplayer was severely limited from the start. However, fun can still be had from randomly running over your roommates in a vehicle and falling off when something multiple times. Overall, San Andreas is another solid installment in the Grand Theft Auto series.

Mortal Kombat: Deception

Mark: What's the perfect time of the year to enjoy some bone-crushing hits and blood-splattering fatalities, at least in video game form? Around Halloween, of course. During the time when people dress up as ninjas and dead people, the video game form is the best way to get your fix.

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Trevor: Mortal Kombat fans can relax, as this is probably the best incarnation of their beloved game. A special edition has been released as well, one that includes an arcade port of the original Mortal Kombat for an additional $10. This game is definitely worth a look for Mortal Kombat fans and game alike.
X-Men Legends

Trevor: X-Men Legends — redeeming a mediocre series one mutant punch at a time. This new approach to playing as the popular comic book heroes transforms you and your roommates into an action-filled, role-playing world. X-Men Legends lets you take your choice of four mutants and then throw them into an engaging storyline that stays quite true to the comic series. You can spend hours smashing around through high tech military installations, Morlock sewers, and giant asteroid space stations.

However, X-Men Legends shows its true strength in the multiplayer experience. The artificial intelligence in the game can be rather dull so grabbing any-one wandering around in your hall is a better alternative to playing alone.

The game encourages tactical thinking that should be observed when choosing your four-mutant team. Playing as a couple long range characters like Cyclops or Gambit rain attacks on the computer controlled enemies while brutes like Colossus and Wolverine back it up on the front lines is a strategy that will serve you well. But some levels require specific character traits, such as Leeman’s ability to form frozen bridges or Cyclops’s power to wield doors shut with his optic blasts.

A trait made famous by the role-playing genre is the ability to increase the strength and abilities of your characters as the story progresses. At the end of the game you will have the choice of 15 characters to select from, each with a varying array of mutant abilities to beef up as well as the typical strength and agility attributes.

However, while this game is billed as strong, action-oriented role-playing game, X-Men Legends was somewhat lacking in the area of character customization. Overall, X-Men Legends is a strong title. But a true video game legend? Not quite.

Mark: X-Men Legends is really nothing special, as Trevor previously mentioned. It’s a short rush followed by the realization that there’s been no depth, limited story and ultimately unwarranting.

The gameplay is about as deep as Gauntlet. For the uninitiated, all this entails is the repeated pressing of a few buttons and the rampant use of your characters’ special abilities. The enemies come in waves, with little variation beyond appearance and toughness. You have enemies that fire at you and those other generic enemies that attack you with their bare hands/claws/tentacles.

If you are looking for depth to your games, look elsewhere. But for a game that revolves around the X-Men and their assorted villains, X-Men Legends is not too bad.

As a mindless action game, it is satisfying and toward the top of the heap that fall into that particular game genre. Plus, it has a wealth of X-Men references and trivia within the game, so comic fans may want to check this one out as a rental or after the price drops.

Kingdom Under Fire

Mark: Lord of the Rings fans unite — your game has arrived. Kingdom Under Fire: The Crusaders is about controlling an army of soldiers, human and otherwise, while trying to crush the opposing forces. Orcs, ogres, giant scorpions, birds and others all unite in this action strategy in such a way that it is difficult as all should owe money to J. R. R. Tolkien’s estate.

Although there already have been several Lord of the Rings games in release, these games only allowed the player to control a single hero while non-playable characters assisted. While the games immersed you into the setting of the movies quite well, they didn’t convey the feeling of leading an army in the fight against evil.

Kingdom Under Fire does exactly that. The player still primarily controls the solitary hero, but he also controls the unit that the hero is in, along with any other unit assigned to his command. Toward the end of the game, the player ends up controlling the movement and attack patterns that involve a vast number of troops.

The controls are relatively simple for such a complex game. The player controls the selected unit, whether it is a unit of archers, foot soldiers, cavalry, etc., and then switches primary control to the hero when the enemy is engaged.

However, you can also send your other units on specific tasks that will follow through to completion even after you relinquish control over them. This is a great game overall and is highly recommended for Lord of the Rings fans to at least rent.

However, the game still has some problems. Kingdom Under Fire becomes almost insanely difficult towards the end of the game and the selection of hero characters is a little on the light side.

Trevor: Unlike X-Men Legends, tactics are the key to this medieval real-time strategy game. You are commander-in-chief of your powerful army, which allows you to give tactical commands to the rest of your men as well as engage in messy one-on-one, one-on-two and even one-on-three ground level combat. You can decide to remain stealthy by keeping your troops in a tight formation or space them out to allow archers to fire through your ranks.

Once again, the customization of characters and armies plays a key aspect in this game, like many recently released role-playing games. Whether it is upgrading your super powers, changing your hair or changing your team’s uniforms, most games are playing to gamers’ desires to put a unique spin on their characters. Kingdom Under Fire is no exception. Different weapons and devices lend you and your commanding officers varying skills and abilities.

If you liked the PlayStation 2’s Dynasty Warriors, this is the X-Box’s answer. More depth and strategy, and of course, better graphics keep it interesting. However, the graphics are not exactly stellar and the music is nothing special either. But at a launch price of $39.99, it is a game to consider.

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New York trounces Miami

Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet catches a pass and runs for a touchdown during the first quarter as Dolphins safety Antwan Edwards chases after him Monday night.

NFL

Moss healing slowly

Associated Press

EDEN PRARIE, Minn. — Minnesota's Randy Moss might miss his first career game because of a lingering right hamstring strain that hasn't gone away — but isn't getting a whole lot better.

The Vikings will decide later this week whether or not they should rest their All-Pro receiver on Monday night at Indianapolis.

Since being hurt before halftime of Minnesota's game at New Orleans on Oct. 17, Moss has been declared to just snap over the last 10 quarters. Though he leads the team with eight touchdown catches and his consecutive games streak remains alive at 103, he's gone the last two games without a reception.

"Can we get him back at full speed sooner if we just sit him?" coach Dennis Green said on Tuesday night that he was feeling better, so the seventh-year star will begin the week listed as questionable on the injury report.

Marcus Robinson, who led the Vikings with 97 yards receiving against the Jets and is second on the team with six touchdowns, sprained his left foot and will be listed as probable.

"We have to push him in a bit," Tide said, indicating Minnesota would scan the waiver wire for a wide receiver a week for wide receiver depth.

Associated Press

PACKERS QB to keep starting streak alive

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre has a sprained thumb on his throwing hand, but it won't keep Green Bay's starting quarterback from making his next start, against Minnesota on Nov. 14.

Favre, who has started an NFL-record 259 straight games at quarterback, had the thumb injured Monday night against Atlanta. He said it is a " minor sprain involving the thumb flexor muscles."

Favre was examined by team doctors Tuesday, and X-rays of the thumb were taken.

"I feel good any time you have a 100-yard rusher and we had two," left tackle Kareem Kentz said. "So have to monitor that, as far as the week goes on. We have to do what's best for the team to achieve our goals, which are to win the division and the world championship.

The Jets defense harassed laid Fiedler the entire game, sacking the Dolphins quarterback four times and perring him off twice. Miami got a meaningless score as the game ended, when Fiedler threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Derrius Thompson. Fiedler finished 21 of 41 for 218 yards.

"When you don't run the football and you don't stop the run, you don't win," Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said. "No one anticipated the hand or the thumb being an issue for the Minnesota game."

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**ND Men's and Women's Golf**

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Special to The Observer

LA QUINTA, Calif. Sophomore Cole Isban fired a two-over par 146 on Monday and leads by two strokes heading into the third and final round of The Prestige at PGA WEST, which is being held in La Quinta, Calif., at the par-72, 7,156-yard Greg Norman Course at the famed PGA WEST complex. Isban was one of only six golfers in the 84-man field to shoot par or better in either of Monday's two rounds, carding a 72 over the opening 18 holes before tacking on a 74 in the afternoon session.

In the team standings, Notre Dame is in 12th place after posting a two-round total of 57-over par 261 (131-332). The Irish had jumped into a tie for fourth place after the opening round, but slipped back in the field during the second circuit. Still, Notre Dame is not far behind some of the tournament's higher-powered squads — 17th-ranked BYU is only four strokes ahead of 16th-ranked UCLA going into today's final round.

Sophomore Cole Isban fired a strokes ahead of the Irish in his first round marring the scorecard. When the day was done, Isban had collected seven birdies and seemingly tamed the monstrous course that ravaged the field to the tune of a 79.96 stroke average through two rounds.

Brown shoots 71 in first round

Starr Brown carded a career-best one-under-par 71 in the first round of the Edwin Watts/Palmetto Intercollegiate on Monday to pace the Irish as they are tied for third heading into today's final day of competition at the par 72, 5991-yard Kiawah Island Oak Point Golf Course. The sophomore finds herself two shots in back of the leader and in a three-way tie for third.

Campbell University and Louisville each posted a 10-over par 298 to sit atop the team leaderboard after Monday's play, which featured 27 holes of play with only the first round of 18 being relisted. Notre Dame, along with its central region- rival Michigan both carded 12-over par 306 to claim stake to third going into the final 36 holes.

The Mustangs currently reside in eighth-place out of the 18-team field. Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki fired the best nine-hole total of the round for the Irish with a 33 on the front nine.

**NFL Roundup**

**Tailbone sidelines Lynch**

DENVER — Broncos safety John Lynch will be sidelined at least two weeks and perhaps for a month with a fractured tailbone.

Signed as a free agent after Tampa Bay let him go, Lynch has been a startling influence on the Denver defense. But the Broncos struggled in a 41-28 loss to Atlanta on Sunday and Lynch went down after being hit in the side by receiver Brian Finneran.

Angry about the hit, Lynch walked toward the Atlanta huddle and started yelling at the Falcons before leaving the game.

Denver coach Mike Shanahan said the block appeared legal, "but it was one of those blindside shots that kind of catches you off-guard."

Nick Ferguson will start for Lynch next Sunday against Houston and then the Broncos have a bye.

**Porcher retires from Lions**

Robert Porcher retired Monday, ending a 13-year career as Detroit's career leader in sacks.

A lot of people are saying about this day for a lot of the last three years," Porcher said. "We all think we can play forever, and I was no different, but now the time has come to step aside."

Porcher, who has 95 1/2 sacks, already had announced this would be his last season, but he ended his career early after being inactive for Detroit's first seven games.

"These last seven weeks have been tough," he said. "I had always been proud of being part of the solution, not part of the problem."

**Panthers Morgan may be out**

The team is evaluating line­backer Dan Morgan to see if he suffered a concussion against the Seahawks.

Morgan was plagued by postconcussion syndrome last year, missing five games and parts of four others, then completely healed. Morgan acknowledged he suffered dizziness and fatigue while trying to play.

So the Panthers are taking it slow this time with Morgan, who left Sunday's loss in the first half.

"Coach John Fox said it's pos­sible Morgan might not play this week against Oakland," Fox said.

**Titans Hall has knee surgery**

Defensive end Carlos Hall had surgery on his right knee Monday after the Titans gave him a week of rest, hoping he would heal.

Hall couldn't start Sunday in the Titans' 27-20 victory over Cincinnati and was replaced by rookie Travis LaBoy. "It still bothered him, so we just went in there and did the right thing," coach Jeff Fisher said.

LaBoy filled in for Hall against the Seahawks.

**Ravens survive without Lewis**

After going 1-1 during the two-game suspension of All-Pro running back Jamal Lewis, the Ravens are ready to make a legitimate move in pursuit of a playoff berth.

Lewis served his punishment for violating the NFL substance abuse policy. During his suspension the Ravens struggled in a 41-28 loss to the Eagles. But neither can match the credentials of Lewis who last year ran for 2,066 yards.

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Arizona picks new skipper

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When Gerry Hunsicker resigned as GM of the Houston Astros on Monday, Purpura immediately assumed the position vacated by the man who was the architect of five playoff teams in nine years. Purpura worked under Hunsicker in each of those seasons, never guessing that his boss would leave after one of the most successful stretches in franchise history.

“I have very large shoes to fill,” said Purpura, who was Hunsicker’s assistant and the team’s director of player development. “Realistically, I thought I’d have to go somewhere else to have this kind of opportunity.”

Purpura, 53, resigned less than two weeks after the team came within one win of reaching the World Series for the first time in franchise history. Purpura will take over with the Astros as an adviser through next season.

“I will look with pride at what we have accomplished,” Hunsicker said. “We almost got there, and I know we are going to get there real soon.”

Hunsicker came to the Astros in 1995 from the New York Mets, when he was the No. 2 player in baseball operations. He previously worked with the Astros as traveling secretary, minor league pitching coach, and then as an assistant to the general manager.

He will be heading to New York for the season by The Associated Press.
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### NCAA Football

#### Associated Press

**Washington football coach Keith Gilbertson listens to a question during a news conference Monday, Gilbertson, whose Huskies are suffering their worst season in 35 years, will resign at the end of the season.**

**Gilbertson resigns as Huskies head coach**

**In Brief**

**SEATTLE — Washington football coach Keith Gilbertson will step down at the end of the season, ending a difficult two years as Rick Neuheisel's replacement.**

"Coach Gilbertson and I have talked about several weeks about the football program and we mutually agreed that it needs an immediate boost," Washington athletic director Todd Turner said in a statement Monday. "Keith will finish this season as our head coach and has agreed to assist me beyond that time to develop a strategy for reinvestment by our university in its football program." An afternoon news conference was scheduled.

The Huskies lost 31-6 at Oregon on Saturday, dropping to 1-7 overall and 0-5 in the Pac-10. It's the worst season in 35 years for a school that shared the 1991 national title. The 56-year-old Gilbertson, a Washington native, is 7-13 in his second season at Washington.

"I want to see this program succeed and get rolling again. Whatever I can do to help, I'll do," he said. "Sure I wish we had been more successful and won more games. But there was never a day I didn't enjoy coaching over the past two years. Turner said the search for Gilbertson's successor would begin immediately. Gilbertson took over the Huskies six weeks before the start of fall camp in 2003 under tough circumstances.

Neuheisel was hired in July 2003 for gambling on NCAA basketball, leaving then-athletic director Barbara Hedges little time or options for filling the job. Hedges said at the time that Gilbertson was chosen because he was the only member of the staff with head coaching experience.

The Huskies went 6-6 last season and 4-4 in the Pac-10, barely avoiding the school's first losing season since 1976. Washington lost at home to Nevada and was blown out by California and UCLA.

The only win this season was over San Jose State, and Washington is winless in the Pac-10. The last time the Huskies went without a league victory was 1973, when they were 0-7 in the old Pac-8.

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**Five-star recruit Andre Iguodala, took the news standing up.**

"With the direction we want to go and that's fine," Robinson said. "It's just the way we're doing it. We don't think Glenn's lost any of his skill level. It's just the way we're going as an organization."

Robinson, who played at Purdue and was Indiana's 1991 high school Mr. Basketball from Gary Roosevelt, averaged 16.6 points per game last season — down from his career average of 20.8. O'Brien said Robinson needs a change of scenery for the third time in his career.

"He needs to start for a team and put up numbers," O'Brien said. "I think he could fit. He's just not fitting in our starting lineup." Robinson, who had been replaced in the starting lineup by first-round pick Andre Iguodala, took the news in stride.

"They want to go with the younger guys and play Andre at small forward and that's fine," Robinson said. Rocks sign McGrady to multiyear extension

**HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets signed two-time NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady to a multiyear contract extension on Monday. Terms of the deal were not released. Before being traded to the Rockets from Orlando in June, McGrady had vowed to exercise the opt-out clause in his contract, which had three years remaining. The clause was to go into effect after this season. "I'm pretty happy about that. It's one thing I can get off my mind."

McGrady told Houston television station KRIV. Rockets owner Les Alexander said in a statement that team officials now would direct their efforts on All-Star center Yao Ming.

Shaq uncertain for season opener against Nets

**MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal remains bothered by a strained left hamstring, yet the 11-time All-Star center hopes to play Wednesday when Miami opens its season at New Jersey. O'Neal missed most of Miami's practice Monday, sparking concerns that the injury is worse than feared. The Heat, however, did not place O'Neal on the injured list, indicating they believe the problem is minor. Still, Heat coach Stan Van Gundy was clearly disappointed that O'Neal — who sat out practices Friday and Saturday, and missed three of Miami's seven preseason games — wasn't able to participate in Monday's workout.**

**NCAA Football**

**Tennessee at Miami (Ohio) 7:30 p.m., ESPN2**

**NBA**

**Rockets at Pistons 8 p.m., TNT**

around the dial
Field hockey sweeps Kent State, Ashland

Men's rowing

The Notre Dame rowing club faced rocky weather and tough competition from over 40 different clubs and organizations this weekend at the Head of the Elk Regatta in Elkhart. The novice and men's open eights earned a fourth-place finish in the B heat with a time of 16:21.4 and a medal-earning third-place finish in the C heat with the line up of Bill Blosky, Dan Ketlinger, Dan Robertson, and Joe Blakely and coxed by Kim Genesio.

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Bowling

Van Koppersmith's 182 average and personal high game of 221 led the Irish to a 21st place finish in the season opening league competition in Pittsburgh this weekend. Vance McConnell and Jim Talamo rolled games over 190 and Anantavrasillp was a solid number three for the Irish and also won his third match, to give the Irish wins at the top three spots against Colgate.

Callin Donovan, Mike McConnell, Avish Thomas and Mary Winoger played competitive matches despite coming up short, and gained valuable experience. Donovan and Thomas fell to Penn State 8-1, Haverford 8-1 and Colgate 6-3 in the finale. Irish freshman Mike Gelines, playing at number 2 in the lineup, swept all three of his matches, 3-0, 3-2, and 3-1.

The Irish had strong showings in the A, B and C heats. The highlights of the races were a fourth-place finish in the B heat with a time of 16:21.4 and a medal-earning third-place finish in the C heat with the line up of Bill Blosky, Dan Ketlinger, Dan Robertson, and Joe Blakely and coxed by Kim Genesio.

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Join others from the Notre Dame community to watch the incoming election results on the large screen television of the Coleman-Morse lounge. Snacks will be provided.

POST-ELECTION ANALYSIS

NOVEMBER 4, 6:30 p.m., COLEMAN MORSE LOUNGE
Panelists include Susan Ohmer (American Studies & FTT), Robert Schmul (Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy), David Campbell (Political Science), and Peter Quaranto (CSC's Rock the Vote student coordinator).

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IRAQ: WHAT NOW?

NOVEMBER 9, 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.
HESBURGH CENTER AUDITORIUM
Faculty panelists include Daniel Lindley (Political Science), George Lopez (Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies) and Gary Masapollo (Military Science).
Qut duckin' around and vote for Reynolds

Women's continued from page 24

Despite interceptions to halt two of Breen Phillips' first-half drives, the Whirlwinds weren't able to get the ball into the end zone. Frustation reached its highest point when Hoeck intercepted the pass and tripped to the turf just several yards shy of the end zone as the first half ended.

The turning point for me was at the end of the first half," Hoeck said. "Not getting the touchdown got me pretty angry, and I play better angry.

Hoeck's anger seemed to spur him on as he helped break the Whirlwinds, as the team jumped out to an early lead and pulled off the flag at the 2-yard line, sending the Welsh Family sideline into a frenzy.

Despite the obvious point conversion victory, the Babes took the last gasp of the first half in an attempt to tie the game in a fashion unique to the women's intercollegiate competition.

The quarterback's subsequent pass toward the end zone was deflected by a Welsh Family defender, but then corralled by a Babes wide receiver, who lunged toward the end zone, the Whirlwinds' secondary coverage and a defensive hold, resulting in a 18-yard pass in the game's final minute.

With only a three-point conversion to stay alive, the Babes took their last chance to get the ball into play in the second half.

Despite the difficult loss, Breen Phillips' captain Jaime Felkel was happy with her team's performance.

"I think this game shows that the team really did play hard Thursday. They really didn't play the way they should've played. We actually got them a run for their money."

The Whirlwinds have another challenge ahead, as they take on Walsh Hall Thursday night in the semifinals.

Sands, a junior, knows the challenge that lies ahead.

"I learned a lot from the stadium since my freshman year," Sands said. "It's do-or-die time.

No. 4 Pangborn 19
No. 5 Lyons 0

Pangborn's victory over Lyons was an indicator that the Phoxes' defense was stelar. The Weasels never even had a possession in the first half.

Three touchdowns from quarterback Katie Mooney were more than enough to advance to the second round.

"We just came out really strong," Mooney said. "Our running and passing was strong, but we are still capable of doing things."

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The final nail in the coffin came with another touchdown from Pinkney to Katie Riemersma. This put the Phoxes up 19-0, and it was only a matter of time until the mercy rule came into play.

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The second half, Sullivan again went deep, this time hitting her mask for a 20-yard gain.

"I was pretty happy with a 20-yard gain," Sullivan said.

On the following play, Pinkney connected with Laurie Wasikowski in the end zone, putting Walsh up 12-0. The Wild Women took their first lead of the game, but once again the Whirlwinds defense forced to turn the ball over on downs.

An interception by Brigid Bohin left the Weasels with great field position again, but the Whirlwinds defense held firm behind lineemen Karla Bell and Mary Ellen Botta.

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"I think we did a fantastic job because we scored two of the three touchdowns scored on Walsh all season," Weasel senior captain Laurie Moore said. "That's a credit to our defense."

No. 3 Walsh 12
No. 6 Pasquerilla West 7

The Wild Women knew they had to get on the board early in order to beat Pasquerilla West, and that's exactly what they did. A three-point conversion was all they would need. The Wild Women struggled early on, as junior quarterback Heather Van Hoegarden had trouble connecting with her receivers.

"We had never seen their quarterback before, so we were nervous about that early on," Campbell said.

Van Hoegarden marched the Weasels downfield in an impressive drive during which she completed five of her first six passes of the second half. But once again the Walsh defense refused to break, and the Weasels were forced to turn the ball over on downs.

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SPORTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rich and the Knot Boys
We were here last year. We're in the same spot," Downey said. "This is where we got bunted last year. Hopefully the way we played in the first half serves as a wake up call.

No. 7 Knott, No. 2 Carroll
Knott overcame turnovers and penalties to upset Carroll and advance into the Interhall semifinal.

After a fumble ended Knott's first drive prematurely, the Juggs drove downtown to a 2-yard line, but a false start penalty killed the drive — picked up the slack and held tight. Time after time, when Carroll threatened, the Knott defense came through.

Jason Cheers had a sack, and the defensive back cars broke up big, as well. Carroll's defense also played effectively, and it appeared for a while that neither team would wake up.

The first half of the game was scoreless, as both gave up an interception, and both fell just short of a touchdown.

"[Fishier] threw a lot more passes," Hughes said. "We had to be here last year. We're playing in the first half serves as a wake up call."

"It got people into the game," Downey said. "It was a battle," said Siegfried captain Erik Nystrom. "For us, we were trying to match up last year, the Knights played them tough. [But] they are a big team. They work hard."

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Neyland

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cally. The result of the set-up is amplified, louder sound and the appearance of closer fans.

"From what I hear, [Neyland] might be the toughest place for a team to play," Irish defensive end Kyle Budinscak said. "One-hundred-and-four thousand people and the stadium goes straight up in the air—it's just a crazy atmosphere from what I've heard."

Noire Dame will do its best to silence noise conditions at practice this week in order to prepare for the orange partisans at Neyland. The Irish also have to develop special signals and silent counts to overcome the
decibel level.

But one Irish advantage is they have had eight games to implement their silent communication, so execution shouldn't be as large a problem as it might have been playing in a place like Neyland earlier in the season.

"As far as the communication standpoint goes we've already been working on [four hand signals] already before, so right now it's not really a factor," Notre Dame quarter-back Brady Quinn said. "I just need to make sure that I'm doing my job communicating to the guys up front and that they're communicating to each other as well."

While playing on the road brings its share of challenges, the Irish have the mentality to face those obstacles head on. In 2002, Notre Dame traveled to Tallahassee, Fla., and silenced a crowd of 82,000 tomahawk-chop­ping Florida State fans en route to a 34-24 victory. One reason the Irish were able to win that game and silence the Seminole fans was a quick score—Notre Dame's first play from scrimmage was a 62-yard touchdown pass from Carlyle Holiday to Arrazo Battle.

Irish running back Ryan Grant participated in that game and knows it will take a similar early spark to quiet the Tennessee fans Saturday.

"You've got to score points to take the crowd out of the game," Grant said. "It doesn't get much simpler than that score."
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Happy Birthday: Your ideas are amazing, so don't hesitate — hit them out. As long as you believe that you have a good plan, push until you break up with the right people to make it happen. Your determination and drive will be impressive. Your numbers are 3, 18, 23, 29, 35.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication will help you get ahead and reach your goals. You will impress everyone and attract interest in yourself as well as in your future plans. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let your personal life interfere with your work. Focus on the job and push for advancement or a career move. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen to the advice being given. You will be able to make a physical alteration that will bring back that youthful look. Life relationships will develop. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There will be lots of entertaining events going on in your life today. Enjoy what you can, but don't neglect something you envisioned to do. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on others and what you can do to help. The less emphasis you put on your need and the more on those in need, the better. People will be impressed with your actions. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch out for someone who is trying to make you look bad. A soft sell down will decrease your safety net. Communication will clarify what you must do. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make headway today, no matter what you do. Professional and personal goals are apparent. Someone you haven't seen for a while will surprise you. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): You must be on money-making mode — making more of it and taking care of any legal or contractual matters. Stand up for your rights if you want to respect the future. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An opportunity to meet someone special can be yours if you take part in a charity event or activity you believe in. A partnership may lead to a new adventure. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put everything you've got into work. The more you do to differentiate yourself from others, the better. A unique approach will put you ahead of the competition. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The time to begin something new is now. You will pick up new skills or develop a talent if you put your mind to it today. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Back down if someone is on a rampage. You may be in the right, but that isn't likely to help you today. Shore up your odyssey, and here

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FOOTBALL

Parting the orange sea

104,079 screaming Vols await Irish at Neyland Stadium

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Sea of Green, meet the Sea of Orange. The Irish had a bye week to prepare, and this Saturday they take on not just No. 9 Tennessee but also one of the most hostile road venues in college football.

Neyland Stadium, home of the Volunteers, has a capacity of 104,079 fans and is currently the third-largest stadium in the country behind Michigan Stadium (107,501) and Penn State’s Beaver Stadium (107,297).

And when the Volunteer fans break a rendition of Tennessee’s signature Verizon “Rocky Top,” the Irish are going to know about it.

“I know it’s a really big stadium, it’s one of those stadiums that’s stacked really high and has a lot of noise,” Irish linebacker Derek Curry said.

“There’s going to be a lot of orange and a lot of energy, but what better place to go and play? What better place to go out and show the country what kind of team you really are?”

“The energy that (their fans) are going to create is actually going to help our team as well.”

Last year, the Irish traveled to Michigan Stadium to take on the Wolverines at the “Big House,” falling by a score of 38-0 in front of a crowd of over 107,000. While the Neyland crowd is slightly smaller, it may be even more of an obstacle for a team to overcome because of the way the stadium is configured.

Unlike Michigan Stadium, which is built low to the ground with seats expanding outward, Neyland is built in layers with seats stacked vertically.

The Tennessee band plays “Rocky Top” within the confines of a capacity crowd at Neyland Stadium, one of the largest and most intimidating venues in NCAA Division I football.

SMC SOCCER

10 wins in reach for Belles

By RYAN DUFFY

With a roller-coaster season full of ups and downs already behind them, the Belles will look to end their year on a high note when they head back to the road for today’s matchup against Tri-State University.

Saint Mary’s enters the game with a record of 9-6-1 and hopes for a 10-win season, while Tri-State has had a much more difficult season, going 2-14-1, including 0-13-1 in conference play.

“I’m hoping we can get a lot of players on the field for our last game of the season,” coach Caryn MacKenzie said.

“Our track record on the road hasn’t been great this year, but I still feel good about being able to get a lot of people in for our game against Tri-State.”

Saint Mary’s has scored victories in the first meeting between the teams this year, an 8-1 victory that included two goals by both Carrie Orr and Ashley Hinton. Though the Belles enjoyed home-field

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Scares, upset plague top playoff seeds

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In a physical, defensively dominated first half, the No. 8 Morrissey Mustangs looked poised to hand the No. 1 Keenan Knights their first loss and an early exit from the playoffs. But the Knights quelled Morrissey’s upset bid with a 7-0 victory.

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The Welsh Family Whirlwinds just couldn’t seem to get it going. The defense was as soft and confused. There were dropped balls, costly slips and botched opportunities.

Then, in the second half of their playoff game against the Brenn-Phillips Babes, the Whirlwinds turned it all around.

Led by quarterback Melissa Sands’s three touchdown strikes — two in wide receiver Lauren Hoeck — and an instant-replay revitalized defense, the No. 2 seed Whirlwinds erased a 13-0 halftime deficit to defeat the No. 7 seed Babes 22-19 Sunday afternoon in the quarterfinals of the women’s interhall football playoffs.

The first half for the Whirlwinds was frustrating from the start, as Brenn-Phillips scored on a 65-yard touchdown pass on the game’s second play. Later in