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SMC pride rally unites student body

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As part of what organizers called "Saint Mary's Pride Day," Saint Mary's students held a rally on Friday at noon in Holy Cross Hall on the Saint Mary's campus.

"The rally went great," said vice president of the Saint Mary's student body Lori McKeough, who lead the rally. "It was the culmination all of the activity on campus. This could have been a negative thing. But it was unbelievable how unified everyone was."

The Shaheen Saint Mary's Bookstore cut 1400 blue-and-white ribbons with the words "Saint Mary's College" printed on them in blue letters. The ribbons, which organizers began to hand out at noon, were gone by 1 p.m.

"I handed out 400 ribbons myself," McKeough said. "Students, faculty, administration, everyone was out there to support the school."

The rally was planned at a meeting in Holy Cross Hall on Sept. 15 which nearly 300 students attended. The meeting addressed a letter written to The Observer by Notre Dame sophomores Catherine Syner and Stacey Fuller, in which Saint Mary's College students were called "parasites" to Notre Dame's host.

"There were a lot of alumni in town this weekend, and many of them said that they were proud of the way that things were handled," said Saint Mary's student body president Nikki Milos. "Students, by wearing ribbons showed that they were proud of themselves and proud of their school."

During the rally, McKeough read a letter from Saint Mary's vice-president of Student Affairs Linda Timm. "The letter expressed support for the students and congratulations on how the situation was handled," McKeough said. "It was also about strengthening our bond with each other."

Although the idea for the rally originated in the uproar over Syner and Fuller's letter, McKeough said that the rally was not based in hostility towards Notre Dame.

"We were there to celebrate SMC, not to come back against Notre Dame," she said. "It was really just about how much we love Saint Mary's."

Research by Sarah J. Hiltz contributed to this report.

Making it official

Residents join Welsh family to dedicate hall

By SARAH J. HILTZ
News Writer

Despite cloudy, rainy weather, Welsh Family Hall was officially dedicated Friday.

The main event began with a mass of thanksgiving at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The next step in the dedication was a procession to the front of the new dormitory, at which point University President Father Edward Malloy said a blessing.

Also attending the blessing was Welsh Hall rector Sister Maureen Minihaue, as well as Kathleen and Robert Welsh and their children, Suzanne Welsh Mulshine, Mary-Carol Welsh Puntillo and Dan Welsh.

Many Welsh residents also went to the dedication and wore blue and silver ribbons as a way of showing thanks to the Welsh Family. Blue and silver are the colors of the new Welsh Whirlwind.

The Welsh family also provided Welsh Family Hall hats, t-shirts and chocolates for each resident of the new building on West Quad, and each resident was treated to a catered meal following the ceremony.

Research by Sarah Nelson contributed to this report.



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Welsh family members attended the dedication ceremony on Friday.



Immortalized in stone...



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A sculpture of Frank Leahy, Notre Dame graduate and former football coach, was dedicated Friday afternoon on the east side of the stadium. The 6-1/2-foot statue was created over the period of a year by University alumnus Jerry McKenna ('62). Members of Leahy's family attended the dedication.

GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

GSU lobbies Grad School for space

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
Associate News Editor

The Graduate Student Union office in 219 LaFortune Student Center has room for only GSU secretary Jo Blacketer and one other desk. Because of this, the GSU has decided to lobby the Graduate School for more office space this year.

"We have a closet, and barely a walk-in one at that," said Suzanne Coshaw, GSU president, in her report to the Graduate Student Council on Sept. 8. "In 1993, when we were moved to LaFortune, we were initially promised the entire suite. Practically every [GSU] president since then has written a long letter addressing our currently deficient space and justifying why we need more [space] to the appropriate administrators. Every year we get ignored and then assigned the same space," said Coshaw.

In the same report, Coshaw announced a plan to submit a report on the need for office space to James Merz, vice-president of the Graduate School.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

What Would Father Sorin Think?

A long, long time ago, Father Sorin was walking around the American Midwest, looking for a place to rest his weary feet and, while he was at it, to found a university. He decided to stop in Indiana. (Experts are still debating the reason for this; hypothermic insanity has not been ruled out.)

Sarah J. Hiltz
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Not long after this glorious moment in the history of the world, Saint Mary's College was founded as well. Father Sorin was extremely happy to have a few women in the neighborhood, since the seminarians were getting lonely and he was running out of clean socks.

When stumped with what to name his new school, Father wanted to attribute his founding academy to his native France. "La Sorbonne" was taken, and he didn't have enough perspective chefs for "Le Cordon Bleu II," so he went with "Notre Dame," roughly translated as "Pleasepleaseplease, Mary, let me live through this winter without killing Father Jean-Luc for his parka."

In 1972, thanks to a moment of clarity on the part of the administration, possibly caused by a compositional change in the drinking water, women were admitted to Notre Dame. Saint Mary's College, however, continued to be considered a "sister school," even though Saint Michael's laundry service was fired up to continue the tradition of clean socks well through the 20th century.

It is now 1997, and Saint Mary's is still considered a necessary complement to the Notre Dame student body. We share computer labs, dining halls, classes, and (let's be honest, girls) men. It would be irresponsible, however, to ignore the fact that Notre Dame's admissions criteria are more arduous, and Notre Dame's parents slap a few more bucks on the table than do the parents of Saint Mary's students.

But so what? Although the two schools have different admissions criteria, I can think of a lot of worse things to be mistaken for than a Belle; besides, the difference will show itself on our diplomas, which is all that some people care about, anyway. And as for the money, what's a few more grand when you've already spent half the gross national product on books?

Apparently, a Saint Mary's student complained that she could not see at football games because all the students stand up, and two Notre Dame ladies had a few choice words to say about it. I can't say that this is the first time I've heard anti-Saint Mary's sentiments expressed. I can certainly relate to Notre Dame women who are frustrated because they go to a "brother school." I would feel perfectly adequate in my educational situation without any additional feminizing influences, thank you very much.

But petty insecurities aside, we're dealing with a lot more than computer labs and football games — we're dealing with tradition. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have always been inseparable institutions, and, like it or not, it's probably going to stay that way. Maybe Saint Mary's is to blame. Maybe Notre Dame is to blame. Maybe the forlorn football fan is to blame because she was not born taller. But I doubt anything is realistically going to change any time soon.

Besides, there are more important things to worry about, such as where I am going to find a clean pair of socks.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Hurricane Nora regains strength, heads for Baja

MEXICO CITY
Hurricane Nora strengthened Sunday as it shifted course and headed northward toward the Baja California peninsula, threatening a half-dozen tiny islands in the Pacific Ocean.

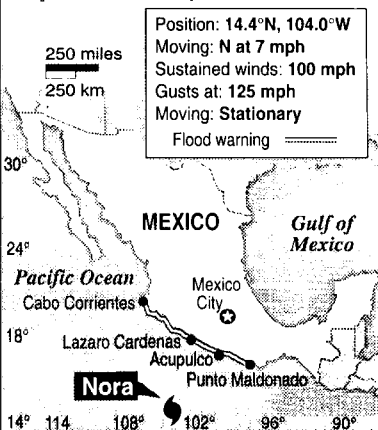
The Mexican government posted hurricane warnings for the sparsely populated Socorro Island and nearby Revillagigedo Islands.

Flood warnings also remained in effect for hundreds of miles of Mexican coastline, from Cabo Corrientes to Punta Maldonado.

Churning surf and 12-foot waves generated by Nora have pounded beaches and damaged property along thousands of miles of coastline since the tropical storm was upgraded to a hurricane Thursday. There have been no deaths reported.

Hurricane Nora

As of 5 a.m. EDT Friday



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"This is a large and powerful hurricane," said Max Mayfield of the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Fla., in a telephone interview.

"If it does turn gradually (more) up to the north it will not only have winds and storm surges but could bring some very heavy rains over portions of Mexico," Mayfield said.

At 1 p.m. EDT, Nora's center was located about 400 miles south of the tip of Baja California.

On Saturday, roiling surf washed away beaches, damaged beach houses and exposed the roots of scores of palm trees in the popular resort of Acapulco.

In the tiny Mexican state of Colima, authorities made preparations to evacuate residents after several dozen homes and other buildings were badly damaged by wind gusts and strong surf.

Kevorkian aids another death

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich.

An ailing 78-year-old Canadian man committed suicide with Dr. Jack Kevorkian's help after consulting with him several times, Kevorkian's attorney said. Natverlal H. Thakore of British Columbia suffered from Parkinson's disease, said Geoffrey Fieger, Kevorkian's attorney. He killed himself Saturday night. In a letter Fieger sent to the media, Thakore said he wanted to die in a dignified way rather than be "reduced to the indignities of childhood diapers; spoon-feeding; semi-death." Police Capt. James Anas said in a statement that officers were called to a motel around 10 p.m. Saturday and "found an unidentified male deceased from an unidentified cause." The department declined to comment further. It would be the fourth suicide linked to Kevorkian since Aug. 29. He has acknowledged attending 49 other suicides, but Fieger has said Kevorkian has been present for "nearly 100" deaths since 1990. Kevorkian has been cleared of charges in three Detroit-area trials covering five deaths.



Feds consider vaccine lawsuit

MINOT, N.D.

A federal court is considering an Indiana couple's claim that the government should pay them \$14 million because of health problems caused by tainted vaccine given their daughter at the Minot Air Force Base seven years ago. Special Master LaVon French will decide whether federal claims court in Washington, D.C., will proceed with Arthur and Bonnie Brown's claim against the Department of Health and Human Services. They are seeking medical compensation and other damages for their 8-year-old daughter, Ashlee. The Browns testified Thursday at hearing before French in Washington. David Terzian, a Justice Department attorney representing the federal government, said French probably will rule in about 30 days. The Browns are asking for compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, a federal law passed in 1988, Terzian said. In such cases, he said the amount of compensation depends on the damages proved. Arthur Brown said he and his wife are seeking \$14 million for punitive damages and future medical costs for Ashlee. Punitive damages are damages awarded to punish a defendant. The Browns' two small children, Harley and Ashlee, were vaccinated at the Minot Air Force Base hospital against mumps, measles and other diseases in May 1991, while their mother was visiting relatives in North Dakota.

Test asks why elderly drive so poorly

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif.

A virtual reality road test takes elderly drivers on a simulated spin through city and country as part of an experiment to help determine why seniors are so often involved in accidents. Senior citizens seated in front of a computer screen "drive" through a cartoon scene in which cars cut across the street, pedestrians appear suddenly and stop signs and trees flash by. From the simulation, scientists hope to develop a research model of how brain and motor skills work together. The goal is to devise driver training and engineering designs to improve road safety. "We're trying to break down the system to find where the weak spots are," said Charles Fox, assistant professor of ophthalmology at the University of Maryland in Baltimore. The test, developed by University of Maryland researchers, was discussed Sunday during a seminar sponsored by Research to Prevent Blindness, a voluntary organization that supports eye research. The seminar focused on the aging eye and on treating diseases that can rob older Americans of their ability to see — and drive. Car accidents are a leading cause of injury-related deaths among Americans 65 and older, who by the year 2000 will make up 28 percent of the nation's drivers.

Ninety volunteer for live HIV injection

CHICAGO

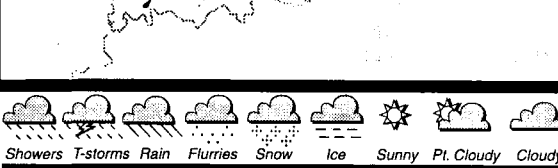
A group of doctors and public health advocates say AIDS research is so important that they are willing to risk their lives by being the first humans to be injected with a vaccine consisting of a live, though weakened, strain of HIV. The International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care, based in Chicago, wants to conduct the test involving about 50 volunteers. The group intends to talk with National Institutes of Health officials about the idea. Gordon Nary, executive director of the Chicago group and one of the trial's volunteers, said the risks of being in the study are diminished by what can be learned from it. AIDS vaccine development is a slow process because of the safety measures and rigorous animal testing needed before injecting humans with a trial vaccine. "Vaccine development has really dragged on because there is an assumption by conservative scientists that people won't step up and do this," Nary said. AIDS research efforts have focused on vaccines that do not involve a live virus because of fear that even a weakened, live human immunodeficiency virus strain might be capable of causing AIDS or other problems. "I'm not ... suicidal," Nary said.

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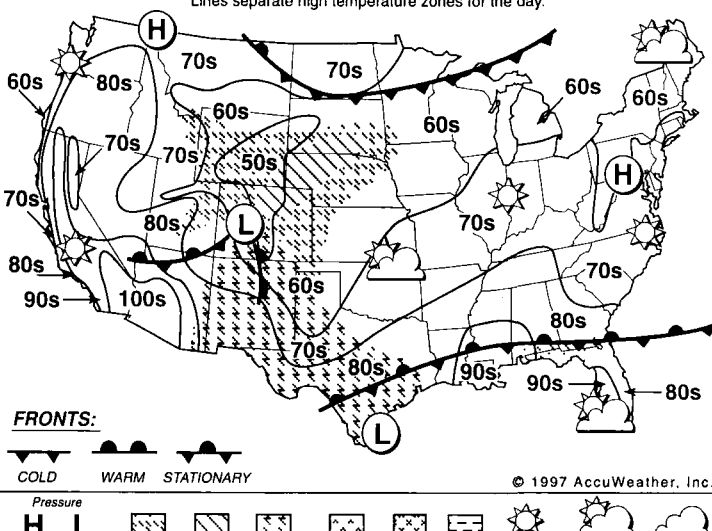
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Columbus	71	42	Indianapolis	71	44	St. Louis	73	57

Lieberman: Stop American media's 'values vacuum'

By DINA BRICK
News Writer

Modern American society is suffering from a "values vacuum," according to Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut.

Lieberman is a prominent figure in what he calls the "revolt of the revolted," a movement focused on curbing the degradation of collective values in American society. According to Lieberman, this values vacuum is primarily a result of the trend towards the careless inclusion of violence and promiscuity in television programming, movies and video games.

"The electronic media is speeding the moral breakdown of this society," said Lieberman Sunday night, as he spoke before a near-capacity crowd at the Center for Continuing Education. "Media moguls do not appreciate the consequences of what they are producing."

Media bigwigs in positions of such influence and power have a moral responsibility to the nation's audience, especially children, to choose programming which does not fill the values vacuum with the "perverse values they are (currently) purveying," Lieberman asserted.

He also pointed to the scan-

dalous state of campaign fundraising as another example of moral degradation in modern society.

"We have lost a sense of common foundations," said Lieberman. He cited faith in God, respect and honor for the dignity of human life, cherishing of the family, and the belief in the American dream as "America's birthright," universal values which are disappearing in modern America. Instead, the values vacuum is being filled with "vulgarity" such as gangsta rap and music groups like Marilyn Manson, as well as gratuitously violent video and computer games, among other things.

Children are most at risk from exposure to immoral media, said Lieberman. They are learning to respond to disagreeable situations with guns because of pervasive media violence; also, rampant promiscuity in the media has led to lax sexual attitudes as well as contributed to today's high rates of teen pregnancy, according to the senator.

Lieberman, an observant Jew, pointed to the secularization of modern society as a culprit. We have driven religion from our public life, he stated, which has succeeded in lowering our moral standards. He also indicated that a collective return to the values upheld in religious life would be a step toward ameliorating the situation, as "the strongest response will be the one that begins with faith."

Lieberman continued to say that we have, however, been making progress in recent years. Television talk shows such as those hosted by Oprah Winfrey and Rosie O'Donnell, and programs such as "Touched By An Angel," are indicative of a possible trend toward a more moral and wholesome media attitude. The "V-chip," which blocks unwanted TV shows from a given TV set, as well as a content-based TV ratings program, are

examples of what is being done about taking the morality judgment away from media moguls and putting it back into the hands of parents. It is a step towards ameliorating the problem of parents in competition with a culture which is not instilling proper values: if parents do not instill values in their children, the electronic media serves as a surrogate parent, said Lieberman.

Lieberman acknowledged Notre Dame as being founded on such basic tenets as a firm belief in God, love of family and country, and civility. By extrapolation, the United States as a whole should follow in similar footsteps, he said. He closed the lecture with a reference to President Kennedy's inauguration address, the conviction that "on Earth, God's work truly must be our own."



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Republicans demand counsel

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Saying their persistent demands for a special investigation had been vindicated, senior Republicans on Sunday insisted that Attorney General Janet Reno must now seek appointment of an independent counsel to look into White House fund-raising activities.



Clinton

"I honestly think she has no other choice," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill. "There is sufficient and credible evidence sufficient" for her to ask a panel of federal judges to appoint an independent counsel, added Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "She could do that tomorrow."

On Saturday the Justice Department revealed it has opened a 30-day review of President Clinton's involvement in campaign money-raising irregularities during the 1996 presidential campaign. During that time, Reno must decide whether to launch a more extensive 90-day review that could lead to her petitioning the court for appointment of a special prosecutor.

Notwithstanding a number of questionable fund-raising practices being pursued by congressional investigators — and already under review by a Justice Department task force — a federal law enforcement source speaking on condition of anonymity said the specific 30-day review period disclosed over the weekend is limited to whether Clinton made fund-raising phone calls from the West Wing of the White House and whether those solicitations violate a law.

"We suggested she should have done that seven months ago," Hatch said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "She ought to get the burden off her back."

Republicans have been pressing Reno to invoke the Independent Counsel Act that comes into effect when senior members of an administration are suspected of legal violations.

Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that "the Attorney General should resign" to take responsibility for delays in the investigation. Other GOP lawmakers have urged that impeachment procedures begin against her if she fails to move for a special prosecutor.

She has so far resisted, suggesting that it is unclear whether a century-old law banning federal employees from seeking political donations from federal offices is applicable to the president and vice president.

But a Justice-FBI probe into fund-raising activities has taken on new life in recent weeks with reports that donations solicited by Vice President Al Gore, and possibly Clinton, were moved from soft money accounts, which may be outside the law, to hard money ledgers. Soft money refers to the unrestricted contributions to national political parties while hard money is directed at certain candidates or races.

White House senior adviser Rahm Emanuel said on CNN's "Late Edition" that the president did nothing illegal and "we plan on cooperating" fully with the Reno investigation.

Both Clinton and Gore have

sought to play down the possibility of any political damage from the latest development. "I don't know anything about it," Clinton said on Air Force One as he returned from a trip to California. Gore said in Moscow that it would have no effect on his visit to Russia.

The investigation has taken a toll on public opinion of Gore, CBS News reported Sunday. Just 21 percent of 1,051 adults have a favorable view of Gore, the lowest in any CBS poll since he became Clinton's running mate in 1992. More than half are undecided and a quarter have an unfavorable view, CBS said.

The poll was taken by phone Thursday through Saturday, and results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Hatch said the real issue was not whether Clinton and Gore made improper phone calls from the White House, but on whether foreign governments — namely China — illegally tried to influence the presidential election and on whether White House-generated donations went into hard money accounts.

"This is another Agnew-Nixon situation," said Hyde, also on NBC in reference to the

Watergate investigation during the Nixon administration.

But Democrats on the Sunday news shows stressed that a Justice Department

decision to call for an independent counsel was far from certain and that Reno must be allowed to make that decision based on the evidence.

"She's been abused almost out of her mind and I wish my colleagues would lighten up and let her do her job," said Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, ranking Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., a member of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, which is holding hearings on campaign finance irregularities, told ABC's "This Week" that never in the 114 years of the statute has anyone been prosecuted for making phone calls or soliciting nonfederal employees from federal property.

A Republican on the committee, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, said that while appointment of an independent counsel was "inevitable," he agreed with Democrats that attention should be focused not so much on past problems as on future reforms.

Labor group calls for right to organize

By KEVIN GALVIN
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PITTSBURGH

After the votes were counted at a North Carolina food-processing plant, workers say, managers let the employees know what they really thought of their efforts to form a union.

"We were pushed out of the room, we were beaten up, spit on," said Rayshawn Ward, 21, who was sprayed with Mace and handcuffed by security guards when he stepped in to protect his wife in the melee.

If the AFL-CIO has its way, such stories will be seen as more than random incidents of workplace strife. The giant labor federation aims to make the right to organize the next big civil rights issue.

The AFL-CIO is gathering in Pittsburgh for its biennial convention — the first celebrating labor's rejuvenation under the presidency of John Sweeney, who has made recruitment his top priority.

Still, fewer than 15 percent of American workers belong to a union.

While the increasing globalization of the economy and an anti-union climate in the 1980s stymied unionization efforts, Teamsters President Ron Carey was more blunt about blaming the leadership of the past.

"A lot of it was because people fell asleep at the wheel," Carey said referring to what he often calls "fat cat" union bosses who were more interested in their own advancement than in supporting workers.

Currently, unions need to recruit 300,000 new members yearly just to maintain their share of the work force. But without dramatically increasing membership, the labor movement will find it difficult to win battles over wage disparity or broader social issues.

Companies that wish to thwart unionization of their workers typically have more resources, can constantly lobby workers at their work sites and use labor laws to delay certification of union votes for three years or more.

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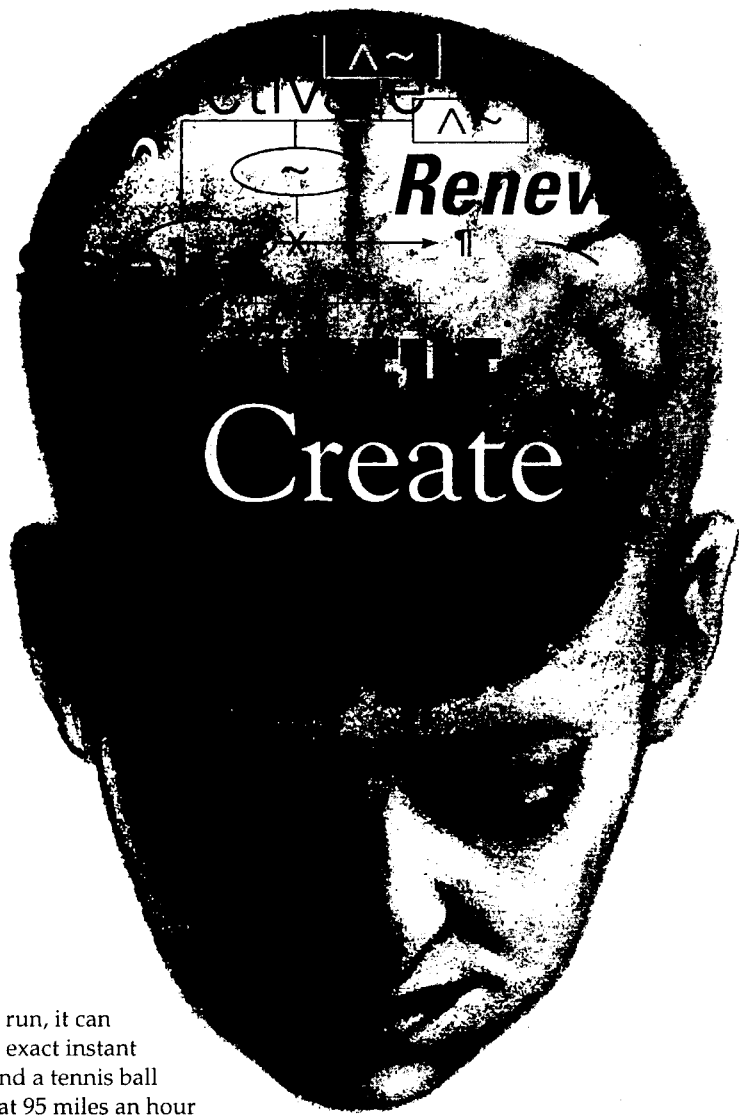
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Americans not about to stop eating burgers

By SCOTT BAUER
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb.

So a hamburger can kill you. So what?

This, fellow Americans, is One Nation, Under God, Indivisible, with burgers and ketchup for all. And if you think that some itty bitty bacteria are going to change all that, well, you're a Quarter Pounder short of a full load.

"There's something about eating a big bite of hamburger," said Sam Ross, former manager of King's Drive In, a Lincoln, Neb., fast food restaurant dating back to the 1960s. "It's something you can chow down on."

There's the "Sunshine Burger" in San Francisco, served with sprouts, scallions and avocado; the "Jiffy Burger" in Lincoln, Neb., with peanut butter and bacon; the five-pound "Family Burger" in Sault St. Marie, Mich., designed to serve 10 to 12 people.

Since the 1940s, hamburgers have been America's favorite food, according to Nation's Restaurant News. There were 5.4 billion hamburgers/cheeseburgers served in commercial restaurants in 1996, that is up 3.8 percent from the previous year.

Ross said burger sales make up 75 percent of King's business — about 300 burgers a day.

He said business did not slow even with the E. coli contamination scare that led to the recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef from a Columbus, Neb., plant — the largest meat recall in the nation's history.

No lag in beef sales was reported across the country, even though the contaminated hamburger sickened more than a dozen people in Colorado.

Of course, many years of warnings about cholesterol haven't pushed McDonald's or Burger King out of business, either.

"All Americans grew up with hamburgers," said Alisa Harrison with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association — a group that, admittedly, has a steak in the burger's popularity. "Especially when you're a teenager. What do you do when you get your driver's license? You get a burger."

The hamburger's roots can be traced back to the tribes of Tartary living in the Baltic provinces in the Middle Ages. German trading partners developed the Hamburg steak — fried beef seasoned with onions — and brought it to America in the 1700s and 1800s.

Stories vary on just how the Hamburg steak evolved into the present-day hamburger. Some credit Charlie Nagreen of Seymour, Wis., with inventing it in 1885 and selling it at the Outagamie County Fair.

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■ ISRAEL

Crackdown results in arrests in West Bank

By GWEN ACKERMAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM
Israel arrested dozens of Palestinians Sunday in an extensive crackdown on Islamic militants while easing travel restrictions on Palestinians working in Israel.

Military censors withheld the names, villages and the exact number of Palestinians arrested.

However, Israel television Channel 1 reported that about 40 suspected militants were taken into custody during the sweep, which it said took place north of the West Bank city of Nablus.

An army statement said only that the operation took place in the northern West Bank and elite paratrooper and undercover units participated in it.

The arrests come in the wake of two suicide bombings in Jerusalem that killed 25 people, including the five attackers. The Islamic militant Hamas group claimed responsibility for the July 30 and Sept. 4 bombings.

The Israeli government on Sunday also loosened a ban that had prevented Palestinians from traveling to Israel. The ban, imposed after the Sept. 4 bombing, had cost the struggling Palestinian economy millions of dollars each day, the World Bank said.

Israel announced that 4,000

construction workers would receive permits to go back to their jobs. Last week, some 10,000 Palestinians were allowed entry.

"We will check the security situation daily and continue the (easing) process if the security situation allows," said Shlomo Dror, a spokesman for Israel's military government in the West Bank.

The Israeli government's actions on Sunday came several hours before Cabinet Secretary Dan Naveh left for Washington for meetings with U.S. officials.

Naveh, one of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's closest advisers, said his trip was intended to pave the way for meetings set for later this week between Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy and top Palestinian official Mahmoud Abbas.

"In the first stage we will look at what the Palestinian Authority

has done as a preliminary step against terrorism, and we hope that the picture we find will allow negotiations and the working groups to resume," Naveh said.

Israel has demanded that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat crack down on Islamic militants blamed for the suicide bombings in Jerusalem. It holds Arafat responsible for the attacks because he failed to destroy the militants' infrastructure.

Naveh said the Cabinet has decided that Israel will not hand over more territory to the Palestinian Authority until Arafat takes serious measures to rein in the militants.

Also Sunday, scuffles broke out in the Arab neighborhood of Ras al-Amud in east Jerusalem where Jewish settlers moved into two buildings last week.

Several dozen Palestinians tried to force their way into the

homes only to be pushed back by police.

The move by 11 Jewish settlers into Ras al-Amud has further complicated efforts to resume Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. In a compromise with Netanyahu's government, the settlers moved out Thursday, but 10 religious students moved in.

Arafat on Sunday called the takeover "a clear violation" of the peace agreements between

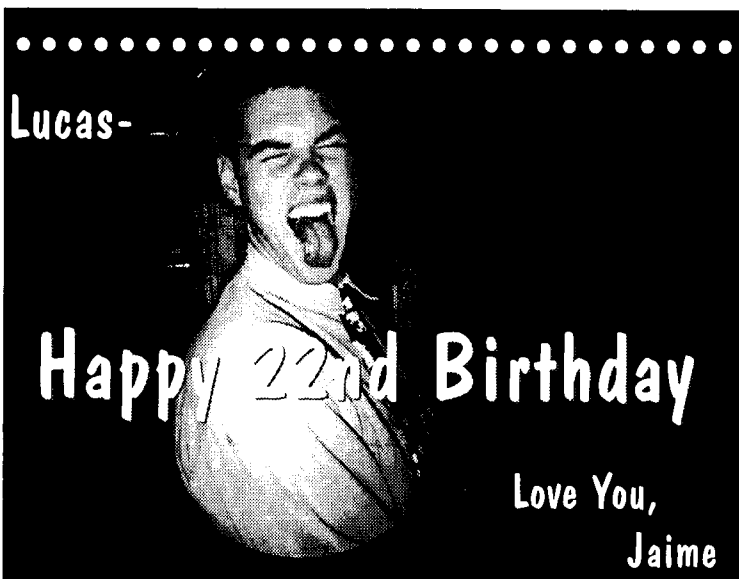
Israel and the Palestinians.

Palestinians want east Jerusalem to be their future capital, and believe even a small Jewish presence in Palestinian neighborhoods like Ras al-Amud jeopardizes those hopes.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak suggested that the moving of Jewish settlers into Arab east Jerusalem was like Iraq's 1990 takeover of Kuwait.



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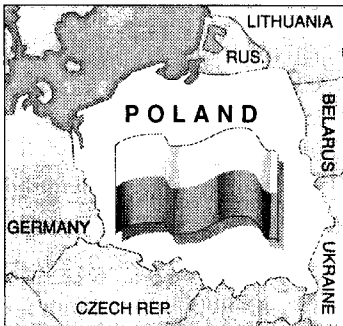
■ POLAND

Solidarity wins unexpected victory in Polish elections

By COLLEEN BARRY
Associated Press Writer

WARSAW
Leaders of a reborn Solidarity claimed a surprise victory over the governing ex-communists in parliamentary elections Sunday, the first step toward controlling the government after four year's in opposition.
In one of the most dramatic political recoveries in the former Soviet bloc, the group of parties tracing its roots to the trade union that ousted the communists in 1989 won at least 33 percent of the vote, according to exit polls for Polish television. A separate poll for the newspaper Rzeczpospolita gave Solidarity 34 percent.
The governing Democratic Leftist Alliance, the former communists, trailed with 27 percent in both the television and newspaper polls. The polls, which fluctuated marginally through the night, indicated a voter turnout of about 59 percent.

The voting edge would not give Solidarity an outright majority in the 460-seat Sejm, but should allow it first chance to form a coalition with allied parties. On the eve of the elections, most opinion polls and the parties themselves had predicted a neck-and-neck finish.
If Solidarity manages to forge a parliamentary coalition, it would share power with President Aleksander Kwasniewski, the former communist who defeated Solidarity founder Lech Walesa as president in a tight election two years ago.
The cohabitation is not likely to be as contentious as previous periods in Polish politics. Despite controversy over such issues as transfer of state-owned industry to private hands, both major blocs applaud NATO's decision to extend membership to Poland and both want to see Poland join the European Union.
Final elections results were not expected until Wednesday.
But announcement of the exit polls, shortly after balloting ended in the late evening, sparked a celebration at Solidarity headquarters in Warsaw.
"I'd like to thank all those who voted for Solidarity. I'd like to thank all those who love Poland, who love truth, who love Solidarity," said Marian Krzaklewski, who succeeded Walesa as leader of the bloc.
"If this victory is officially confirmed, we will correct all the mistakes that have been made so far," Krzaklewski said, promising to transfer much of the central government's power to local authorities.
Krzaklewski shook the hand of Walesa, who received an ovation from several hundred Solidarity supporters in the domed portrait gallery where Solidarity set up its headquarters.
"This time, we'll treat the victory as an obligation to carry out the policies that the nation asked us to," Walesa said.



Poles at the polls
The Poles will elect a new parliament on Sunday, September 21.

History of elections

- 1989-Solidarity topples Communism
- 1990-Lech Walesa elected president
- 1991-First free democratic parliamentary elections
- 1993-Election called early. Former communists and other leftists win a majority of seats in the lower house
- 1995-Aleksander Kwasniewski defeats Walesa for presidency
- 1997-Third fully free elections to take place

Parliament

Sejm-lower house, 460 seats
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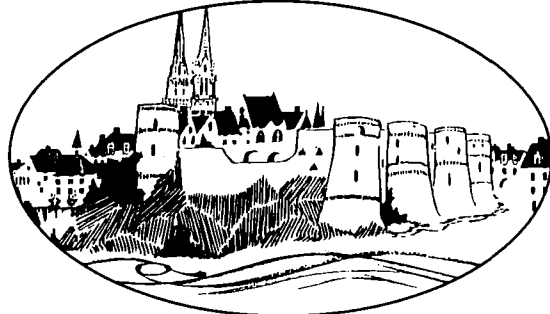
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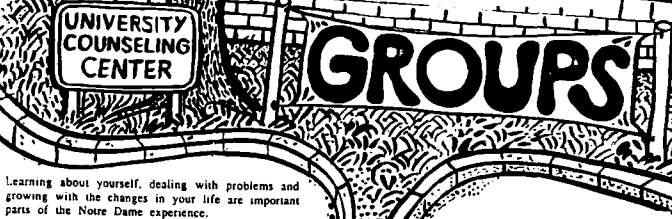
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The Two Sides Draft the Settlement:



FROM THE LEFT

Descent into the Catacombs

On the wall of the esteemed Oak Room (the best food on campus) is a mural that defies description. An artist in the distant past attempted to compress both Indiana and Notre Dame's histories onto two walls, much like the South Bend post office mural. However, this artist must have been indeed a lunatic, given the lasting impression the mural creates.

Starting on the eastern wall, a scientist of some sort is examining a test tube with a frustrated look on his face. Why is this great white scientist's frustration so manifest? The answer, of course, lies right outside this door. The Indian slave labor camp is not peeling of bark specimens quickly enough for his superfluous pseudo-science!

Other highlights of the mural include the feuding Indian family which is upset because either the wife dumped a pot of water on the fire, or because they

people, whose lands were confiscated, a free education. They would have to come face-to-face with the liberation theology so eloquently taught on campus. They would have to implement their mission.

The most glaring example of an odd campus institution is, hands down, the ROTC building. This pimple on Notre Dame's progress must be expunged. As a young, impressionable youth, I joined Uncle Sam's imperial Navy in the hopes of someday defraying some college expenses. The combined effects of bland, propagandistic lies in the classroom and the tap dance shoes issued to me a size too small by the "quartermaster" and forced a quick retirement for this veteran. I believe what really steamed me up wasn't the fellow camouflaged, not the Desert Storm patches with scantily clad women cavorting about tanks, not even the tap dancing routine we practiced out on the Joyce Center parking lot. It was the building itself. I already look something like Bill Murray in "Stripes," but this was too much. On top of my ill-fitting tan monkey suit, I had to wear a crossing guard belt and make notes about whether or not certain "hatches" were secure. Ah, droll task! Sleep was on the horizon. To amuse myself, I ended up doctoring the logs and noting various ghosts passing through what I assumed were secure "hatches" and "heads." In any event, it is the conclusion of every thoughtful person that a military instillation has no place on the campus of a university that claims to follow a pacifist, let alone a place of higher learning.

On a lighter note, I highly recommend to each and every member of the Notre Dame community to stave off the coming winter blues by really examining the space in which you live. Such places I nicknamed "machine alley," for instance, entertained me for eons on my passage through Nieuwland Science Hall. For those not in the know, there are ways to traverse nearly the entire campus in the frigid winter without so much as stepping outside. Machine Alley is comprised of several rooms filled with odd-looking James Bond-era devices and white-robed men operating them with frequent suspicious glances over their shoulders, obviously agents of S.P.E.C.T.E.R. I often wondered whether or not these machines were connected with "The Master Control Room" of DeBartolo. You decide. The machines are fascinating, and their purpose is nothing short of mysterious. One friend of mine saw two of these "scientists" throwing a football back and forth as a third made notes. Indeed.

The archive room in the library, the maze of underground tunnels around campus and connecting to Saint Mary's, the Snite Museum's vast and varied collection, the music and video treasures in the 'Brare,



North Dining Hall (at any given moment I expect to see people clomping around in ski boots), and the radiation building surrounded by dead trees, etc., are all prime examples of the plethora of odd treasures you can experience by becoming a junior detective here at du Lac.

Stay tuned for my utopian vision of Notre Dame.

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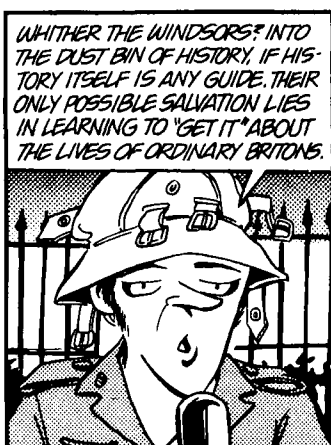
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have a tree growing out of the middle of their teepee. Either way, the husband is off sulking at the side of the teepee, much to the happiness of the safari-styled leopard hunter to his left.

The Oak Room mural is only one in the fabric of campus oddities that inevitably pile up over 150 years. The Notre Dame campus is replete with such treasures, personalities, flukes, and hidden secrets. The most outrageous historical anomalies are the remnants of old school Catholicism which litter the campus like catacombs. These anomalies, coupled with the University's betrayal of its pacifist Catholic tradition, create a visible web of residual 19th century thinking. Take, for example, the fight over the Columbus paintings in the Administration Building. Nearly every truly intellectual institution has recognized the wholesale, genocidal tendencies practiced by the United States during its continuing war against Native Americans. Notre Dame, however, enshrines a man whose men decapitated Indian boys for sport, a man who insisted to his death that he had found Asia, a man who introduced slavery to a civilized culture. The real reason behind why the University refuses to deal with American Indian concerns is that they would be forced to comply with the agreement to give Native American

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"And forget not that the Aearth delights to feel your bare feet, and the winds long to play with your hair."

—Kahlil Gibran

■ SENTIMENTAL RATIONALITY

The Ultimate Team: Dispelling the Myths

You've seen them on the quad. Their flying discs come so close to your unsuspecting head that you'd swear they didn't know what they were doing. You hurl obscenities at them for endangering your life. You mock their long hair, bare feet and soiled clothes. "They smell," you say with disdain. Those guys probably skip class; or even Mass, to 'play frisbee.' How can their parents even love them? They have no direction. They just run around like foolish children. In fact, they didn't even go to the Job Fair. On the whole, you may think they are maladjusted, misanthropic reefer addicts.

But you'd be wrong. For underneath

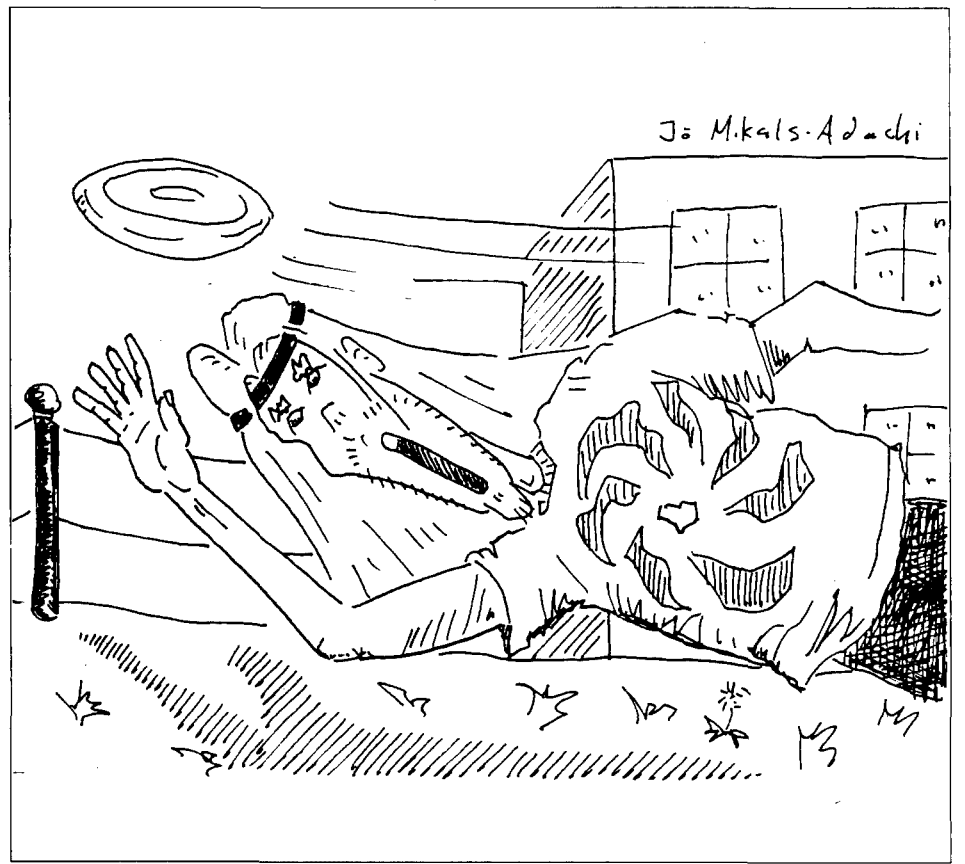
to the 15-state regional competition each of the last three years. In fact, they missed going to nationals by only one game last spring.

The team is enthusiastic about the spring season, even though they lost two veteran members — the Brothers Blanchet — to the real world. They have a wealth of talent to back up the seniors with big names like Stitches Kovalik and James Beebe in the junior class and Walsh and Punk in the sophomore class. When I interviewed Carleton College's Ultimate squad, the second best team in the country, they expressed apprehension about clashing with ND this year. Their remarks included, "I'm worried about Stitches ... he's got mad skills." "Patch has got a mean hammer throw, and Kerbleski is a mighty warrior."

But the Ultimate team is much more than a spectacular bunch of athletes. They are an intellectual and spiritual experience. Boasting one of the highest cumulative GPAs of any Notre Dame sports team, the Ultimate team exemplifies the union of academics and athletics. And for those interested in the idea of "Ultimate as a spiritual way of life," you can ask any of the team members for a brief explanation.

Stitches mentioned the spirit of Ultimate when discussing the most recent tournament. "Since Ultimate doesn't have any referees," he said, "all the players just have to live by the spirit." It doesn't matter if the tournament is on the line — all players must invoke the spirit of peace and harmony when making important calls. If Patch comes down with a diving grab in the back of the end zone, but he knows he landed out of bounds, he is bound by the spirit of the game to call himself out of bounds. If only other sports could learn from this idealistic yet practical code of honor.

And speaking of practicality, the Ultimate team embodies the economic efficiency hoped for of every campus organization. Existing on only a couple thousand dollars that they graciously share with the women's team (the team represents harmonious gender relations as well), the team manages to travel across the country and continue winning tournaments. For the price of



one of the computer screens in the football team's ecclesiastical viewing quarters (the new press box), the athletic department sponsors an entire program which has a chance at winning a championship this year.

If Notre Dame was really trying to be progressive, as they always claim, they could take a few hundred dollars out of the football slush fund and support a team on the cutting edge of international sports. When the Fighting Irish travel to a mediocre bowl appearance, they go by plane, stay in plush hotels and enjoy all the amenities of stardom. Yet when the Ultimate team travels to a championship tournament, they cram into a few station wagons and eat rice cakes and water, sleeping 10 to 12 people in each sleazy hotel room.

I guess the point of this rambling propaganda is to ignite some support for the unsung heroes of Notre Dame athletics. The Ultimate team is still in its nascency but is performing like it has

years of tradition behind it. When the collegiate season gets into full swing, let's get some crowd support out at Stepan field. Yes, they are bare-footed long hairs, and their clothes are somewhat dirty. But that's why we love them. So you're all welcome at my tailgater next spring before the second annual Notre Dame Ultimate tournament: *White Smoke II: Still Smokin'*. By then the collegiate circuit will be in full swing, and we can cheer on a group of athletes who actually have a shot at a national championship this year.

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Michael Peppard

their long hair resides a well-trained mind, schooled in the fundamentals of projectile aerodynamics. Underneath each of their bare chests lies a heart which pumps the blood of spirituality and solidarity through their veins. Underneath their camouflage threads hums a finely-tuned human machine prepared to risk gash and bruise to cherish the disc and protect your head. And their parents do love them. My friends, I'm speaking of the most misunderstood group of individuals on our campus: The Ultimate team.

This is an exposé of sorts, to bring the remarkable accomplishments of this club to the fore. I think the students of Notre Dame should know at least something about the most successful club sport at their school. The Ultimate team, led by the veteran talent of team captain/club president Joe Kerbleski, Dave Shiel, Andy "Patch" Pascale, Tim Brown, and Noah "Mama's Boy" Gray, has exploded onto the national collegiate circuit in only four short years since its inception. Last year they won the Illinois/Indiana collegiate division, and they have gone

■ ON THE POLLEN PATH

Nature is Sacrificed to Convenience and Commercialism

Contrary to what I used to erroneously believe, Notre Dame is hardly exclusive to northern Indiana. In fact, there exists a small town in northern Maine called Notre Dame. What is important about this town of only a few hundred people which is just a stone's

impossible (unless you are not paying attention to your gas gauge) to drive 300 miles or so without encountering at least one gas station and probably multiple McDonald's. If someone can show me a non-circuitous route east of the Continental Divide where it is possible to run out of gas and not to see a McDonald's, please let me know so that I can enjoy a drive there.

Unfortunately for those of us who seek natural serenity, our society values convenience over the unspoiled beauty of America's landscapes. Are we so naive to believe that fast food and Dairy Marts can somehow improve our quality of life or enhance the forest scenery? When I venture to out-of-the-way places, I want to be able to see trees, rivers, mountains and wildlife. I am sick of driving through beautiful scenery only to look up and see a billboard reminding me that the Days Inn is only 14 miles away.

The eastern part of our country is not the only completely commercialized place on the planet though. Recently, "Outside" magazine ran an article lauding what the editors chose as the 10 best cities in the world. One of the factors contributing to the editors' choices was the number of McDonald's in a particular city.

Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic and noted as one of these top 10 cities, and which up until the early part of this decade was still under communist authority, already boasts 16 McDonald's.

This article wouldn't be complete without a critical examination of Notre Dame, Indiana, as well. Notice anything different this year on the south-end of campus? Two more dorms were added, completing the ruin of half of the golf course. A new bookstore is being built, interestingly right next to the cemetery. The trees in front of Morrissey have been sawed down, and, finally, there is more concrete, less grass and fewer trees on God Quad. When is the construction going to end? The historic beauty of our campus

is due in large part to a few notable buildings and a lot of old, majestic trees and well-kept grassy fields, not the monotony of cookie-cutter dormitories. Can someone please help me to distinguish O'Neill and Keough from McGlinn and Welsh?

Speaking of grassy fields, allow me let you in on a little secret: every time a few people decide to trounce across the grass instead of using the sidewalks, it begins to wear a path. Others, in their haste to get to class, will follow this same depression in the grass, and eventually a narrow dirt trail has been created. This, of course, does not look good for the University, so another stretch of concrete is constructed which adds to the web-like maze wrapping itself around campus.

Those sidewalks, like the gas stations in Maine, may get you where you are going a little faster, but they certainly do not improve the landscape. I would prefer large areas of grass on which to lie and read, or talk with friends, or even toss the frisbee on those rare sunny afternoons in South Bend.

In the not so distant future, once all the grass on campus has been paved over, maybe the administration can get McDonald's to move into the old bookstore building. The Golden Arches would look good beneath the Golden Dome — don't you think?

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throw from the Canadian border? Not much, except for the name of the town and the fact that her citizens proudly sport a McDonald's and a gas station.

I drove through Notre Dame, Maine, this summer on my way up to a concert being held even further north into Maine's backwoods, and we stopped (against my will and at the insistence of the driver) at that McDonald's. Unless I had seen it with my own eyes, I would have never believed that available for purchase, at selected stores only of course, is a lobster sandwich and fries for \$3.99. The smell of processed seafood, very similar to that of the seafood sandwiches in the grab 'n' go line, permeated my upholstery for weeks. The smell of "lobster" and the long, weary drive from Kentucky, my home state, all the way up to Maine were not the worst parts of the trip though. The lowest point during my journey was when I realized that I could not run out of gas — not even in Maine.

To many, not running out of gas in the middle of nowhere would probably be a good thing, but it kind of ticks me off. With the notable exceptions of Alaska, and maybe parts of some western states, it's

Another Look at 'Lear'

A Thousand Acres

Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse

Starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Jessica Lange



(out of five shamrocks)

By JOE LENISKI
Accent Movie Critic

About halfway into "A Thousand Acres," I began to wonder whether or not I had walked into the wrong theater. The preview looked rather striking: a sweeping, majestic shot of a serene cornfield falls gently onto a stoic white country farm-house. There is a family gathered together, sitting blissfully in a semi-circle on homemade lawn furniture, sharing apple pie and fond memories. Then the aged patriarch looks kindly from wrinkled, sunken eyes at his three lovely daughters gathered around him, and in a loving, modest tone reveals that he is giving his land, the thousand acres that his father and grandfather worked themselves for many years, to his precious daughters, the beings so dear to his heart. That was what I expected, and for the first 10 minutes or so the movie supplies the audience with this rural utopia. Then this myopic vision falls away, and soon all of the dark, convoluted secrets that inevitably haunt this little piece of heaven on earth crawl out into the light and burn gaping holes in the idyllic curtain of happiness.

But don't misunderstand, "Steel Magnolias" this picture is not. Slowly

and to much disdain, the film labors through a misguided, super-melodramatic story detailing the wretched lives of a brutish, debilitated father (Jason Robards), his victimized daughters (Jessica Lange, Michelle Pfeiffer, and Jennifer Jason Leigh), and the men who invariably fulfill the masculine-stereotypes and ruin what already

is a splintered existence for these three women. Director Jocelyn Moorhouse and cinematographer Tak Fujimoto conspire to give the movie a very soft, feminine feel, but quite often the result is placid or an uninteresting mise-en-scene which detracts from the audience's ability to engage the situation or appreciate the setting. This film was scripted from the Pulitzer-Prize winning book by author Jane Smiley, thus many elements intended to play out or have significance in the novel don't translate well into the movie story. This dumbfounding plot will establish one situation to be of utmost importance, then eclipse it by another twisting event, and then later drop any notion of that second event all together in order to preserve the continuity and accentuation of the original event. There were times I thought I had mistakenly walked into a campy 80s psycho flick like "Camp Counselor III: The Swim Test."

Despite the eyes-rolling script and never-ending, excessive tragedy, two things save this film from complete annihilation into absurdity. First is the acting of both Lange and Pfeiffer, who play the abused sisters Ginny and Rose.

The elements of plot, as misleading and abstract as they sometimes seem, always yield themselves to emphasize the torrid relationship of these two sisters, and both actresses shine through

to view this film. Previous to any attempt at viewing the movie, "A Thousand Acres," please refrain from partaking in the following experiences or events: 1) a biology mid-term, 2) the



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Jessica Lange (Left), Michelle Pfeiffer (center), and Jennifer Jason Leigh (right) star as three sisters who are torn apart by the division of their father's 100-year-old farm.

with their convincing, heartfelt performances. The second redeeming component is the last 10 minutes of screen time, the only continuous, well-crafted block of filming. I especially loved the striking hospital room footage and exchange between a debilitated, ruined Pfeiffer and stalwart Lange, whose tears finally hold meaning for a previously beleaguered audience.

Rather than tell you to go see this movie, I am going to tell you when NOT

cod-in-salsa at the dining hall, 3) a Notre Dame/Michigan State football game (or any game against Purdue, Big Ten, or MAC conference teams). Failure to adhere to the aforementioned guidelines before watching this film will result in extreme depression, loss of meaning in life and general homicidal-tendencies towards fellow students. Remember, you have been forewarned. Please proceed to this movie with caution, and thank you for your time.

'L.A.' Rises Above Shoot-em-up

L.A. Confidential

Directed by Curtis Hanson

Starring Kevin Spacey, Russel Crowe, Guy Pearce, Danny De Vito, and Kim Basinger



(out of five shamrocks)

By JOSH BECK
Accent Movie Critics

Surprisingly, the most particularly pleasing aspect of the film "L.A. Confidential" is not fully noticeable until the end when the credits are rolling by. This is when the viewer can silently sit back and think, "Why haven't I seen this more often?"

Lovers of old film will think back to a time of rough-and-tough cops and detailed, intricate plots in which the real culprit is never found out until a roaring finish where everything is discovered. In a way, the setting of the film helps to bring this about, as it is set against a 1950s background where everyone is dapperly dressed and the entire ambience is very innocent and wholesome. And this is ultimately what this film reveals in its entirety: a very wholesome atmosphere that hides a tremendously dark and corrupt society. Directed by Curtis Hansen and assisted by the grand backdrop of Los Angeles, this movie succeeds in grasping the viewer by continually surprising in the right places and developing a plot that screenplay writers of old would be proud of.

Although the beginning of the film is a bit sluggish, it soon picks itself off the ground and skyrockets into unknown areas. Actually, the places it goes and the auras it creates might already be known to the occasional movie fan, who can think back to movies such as



photo courtesy Warner Bros.
Guy Pearce plays the tough detective Exley in the entertaining new film "L.A. Confidential."

"Chinatown" and see resemblances. However, this movie, like any other contains a pleasing style all of its own and this is why it is so fascinating to watch. The script is incredible, as the dialogue is easy to understand while what is implied is not. This is what appeals to the viewer — the idea of being confused when it seems as if he/she knows exactly what is going on. Although the cast of actors is somewhat unrecognizable, the occasional familiar face does pop up, giving the avid moviegoer something to relate to. In fact, this movie does seem to be part of a growing trend in which new and budding actors are given the chance to showcase their talents. In the end, the payoff is immense.

As the actors are only as good as the lines they are

given, the script is due all the credit. The plot, while very detailed with plenty of twists and turns, is relatively simple to follow. The story revolves around three L.A. policemen who, through many brawls, arrests, and shootouts, find that what they are individually working on comes together as a whole. Then they must help each other, although this film does not bring across a buddy-cop message. Moreover, it centers on the abilities and characteristics of one man, a detective named Exley, played by Guy Pearce. In the end, it is he who provides a culmination for the film's entire chain of events. While this movie may seem like a day-in-the-life story at the beginning as so many television shows are, it slowly develops into an intriguing crime drama in which nothing is certain and all ends are loose ones.

The cast again is interesting because its talents are not obscured by some well-paid, highly decorated actor, which is a welcome relief in a decade when the big money talks. Kevin Spacey, who won an Academy Award for "The Usual Suspects" and is rapidly becoming a household name, heads up a list which is running low on stardom. Russell Crowe portrays the tough cop with a heart named White, Pearce the seemingly innocent Exley, Spacey the dapper and star-studded sergeant Vincensse, and Danny Devito plays the sleazy tabloid columnist Hudgens. It is also a pleasant surprise to see Kim Basinger as Crowe's love interest who at an age well over 50 looks about 25 and shows that she still has what it takes. Directed and co-written by Curtis Hansen, who also directed "The River Wild," this film is a welcome sight and a return to the intelligent, well thought-out crime sagas of yesteryear. Best of all, however, is that this film is a perfect reassurance that the ideas that created such masterpieces as "Chinatown" or "The Maltese Falcon" are not lost forever, they are simply being reformulated in "L.A. Confidential."

Overall, "L.A. Confidential" was an excellent film with an intelligent plot. If you love a good mystery it is definitely a must-see. Action lovers will be pleased by some scenes and enthralled by the quick, catchy cinematography. Get comfortable, though, because it is 2 1/2 hours long.

Michigan State Notre Dame

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Key Stat

The last time the Irish scored less than 10 points was the 1991 Orange Bowl in a 10-9 loss to Colorado.

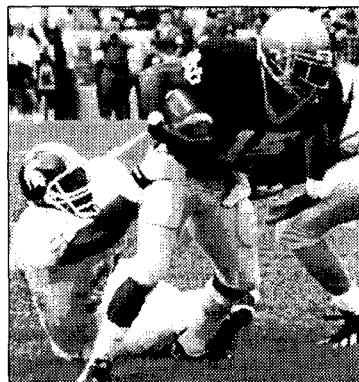
Player of the Game

Linebacker Kory Minor set up the only Irish touchdown of the game when he intercepted a Todd Schultz pass.

Quote of the Game

"We're not real good on our kicking game, we're not real good on offense, and we're not real good on defense."

-Head coach Bob Davie

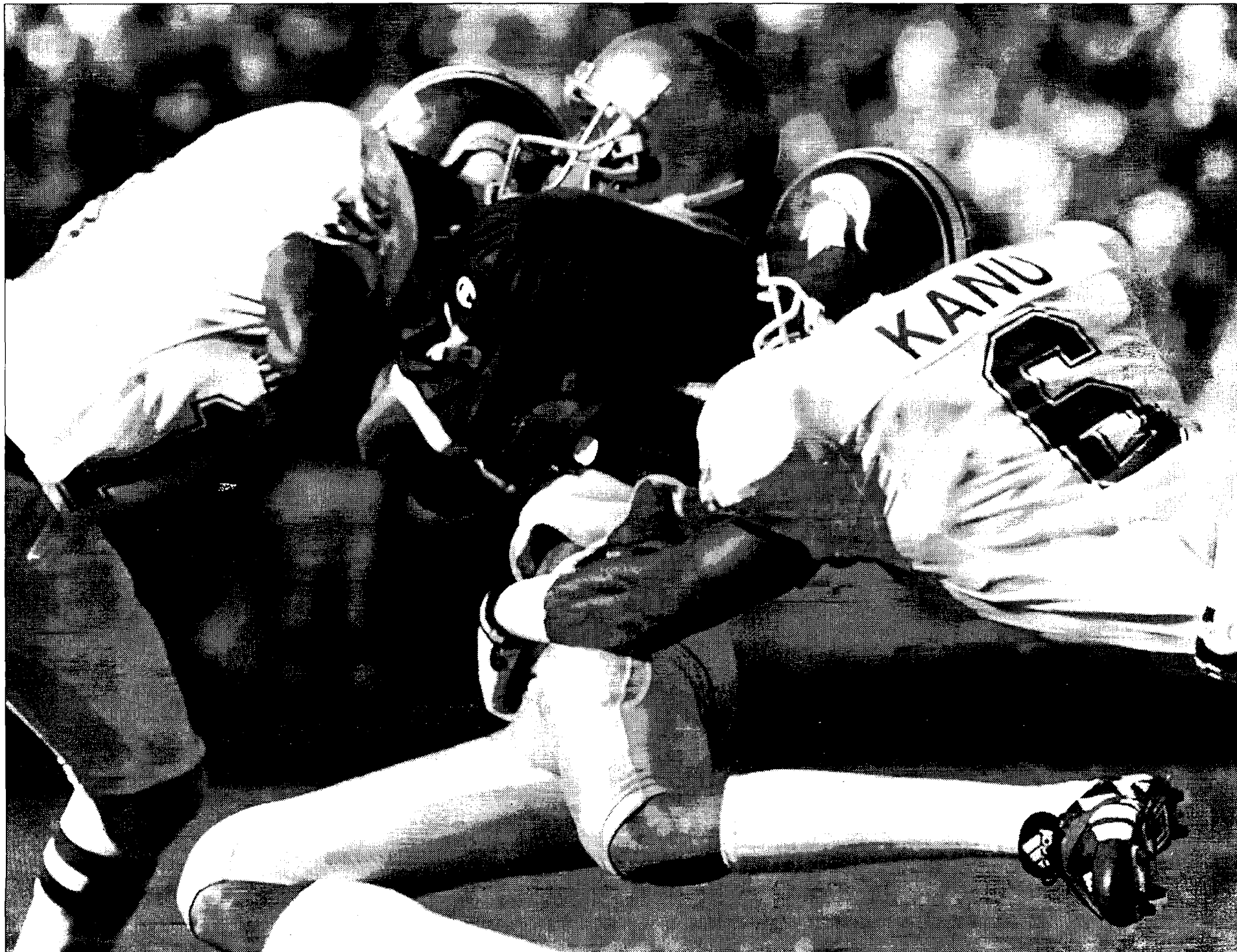


Not So Special Teams

Kick returner Allen Rossum and the Notre Dame special teams continued to struggle on Saturday against the Spartans.

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Nowhere to run to



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Irish receiver Bobby Brown is sandwiched by two Michigan State defenders in a way that typified the Spartans' physical play in the 23-7 victory over Notre Dame on Saturday.

Losing streak stretches to two games as Spartans physically dominate Irish

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Although it didn't seem possible, Notre Dame watched things go from bad to worse on a sunny afternoon at Notre Dame Stadium.

On the heels of last week's upset loss at Purdue, the Irish fell flat on their face, failing weakly in their attempt to erase the Boilermaker nightmare. From the opening kickoff to the game's final play, Michigan State physically dominated Notre Dame on the way to a 23-7 victory.

"The better team won here today," said Irish head coach Bob Davie. "They outplayed us on offense, defense, special teams. They were simply the better team on the field."

To help set the tone of the afternoon, Spartan kick returner Marc Renaud took the game's opening kickoff and dashed 51 yards down the sideline, silencing the Irish

crowd in the process.

"We were really fired up before the game, and I think that took something out of us," said Davie. "I think we were ready to play. We just didn't execute, and they did."

Following Renaud's return, Michigan State found the end zone seven plays later when quarterback Todd Schultz hit a wide open Josh Keur from five yards out. Before the Irish could say "two game losing streak," the Spartans had built a 17-0 lead, courtesy of a Schultz touchdown run and a Chris Gardner field goal.

The Spartan offensive line manhandled the Irish front seven, rolling up 222 yards on the ground. Renaud along with Sedrick Irvin formed a lethal one-two punch, gaining 112 and 106 yards, respectively.

"They have a tremendous running game, and we didn't have an answer for it in the first half," said cornerback Allen Rossum.

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Learning to cope

Following Saturday's 23-7 loss to Michigan State, I've been left with the dubious task of (in keeping with the title of the column) drawing something insightful from the game.

I tried to soak in the attitude after the game, of both fans and players, I asked around for advice, I even waited until the day after the game to write this in hopes that something would jump out at me.

Nothing.

It is hard in a loss like Saturday's to come up with something inspiring, or heck, even positive. However, I refuse to give into the need for negativity or at best, controversy.

Therefore, I'm left with one nagging

thought — I know how bad I feel after Saturday's game. I heard how bad everyone else feels as shown by the booing in Notre Dame stadium and the omnipresent profanity that comes with every loss, and I saw how bad the team felt by the look in their eyes as they shuffled into the locker room.

That thought has persisted in my mind throughout the weekend, and the one part about that thought that I can't settle is the feeling of the team after the game.

It wasn't a situation in which we were stunned and overwhelmed by our opponent as in the week before against Purdue. It wasn't a situation in which we beat ourselves.

"We were beat by a better football team," Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie said after the game. It was an

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Betsy Baker
Associate Sports
Editor

Offense continues to struggle

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The only word to describe the Notre Dame offensive unit after Saturday's 23-7 loss would be frustration.

The Irish came out after a devastating loss down in West Lafayette fired up and ready to make a run at Michigan State. Irish head coach Bob Davie even tried something new by putting offensive coordinator Jim

Colletto up in the press box, in order to give him a better view of the overall picture on the field, and sent coach Bob Chiemel down to the sidelines. However, once again, all the offense could produce was frustration.

With the exception of 37 seconds in the second quarter, the offense was completely shut down by the Spartan defense, producing only 242 yards of total offense.

In the first game of the season,

the Irish had ample scoring opportunities, but had trouble moving the ball within the red zone. In last week's loss to Purdue, the offense was able to move the ball, but could not seem to score touchdowns. In Saturday's loss to Spartans, the Irish did neither, as they were only able to get within Michigan State's 30 yard line twice throughout the entire game, one of which was because of a Kory Minor interception that he returned to the 29 yard line. In fact, that play in itself sums of the frustration

felt by the Irish offense on Saturday — the only touchdown for the Irish, scored by Bobby Brown on a seven-yard pass from Ron Powlus, was the result of an excellent defensive play.

There is no doubt that there exist some serious problems within the offensive unit, and the players and coaches will be the first ones to say that. What is interesting, however, is that they maintain their support for the play-calling and the offensive game plan overall.

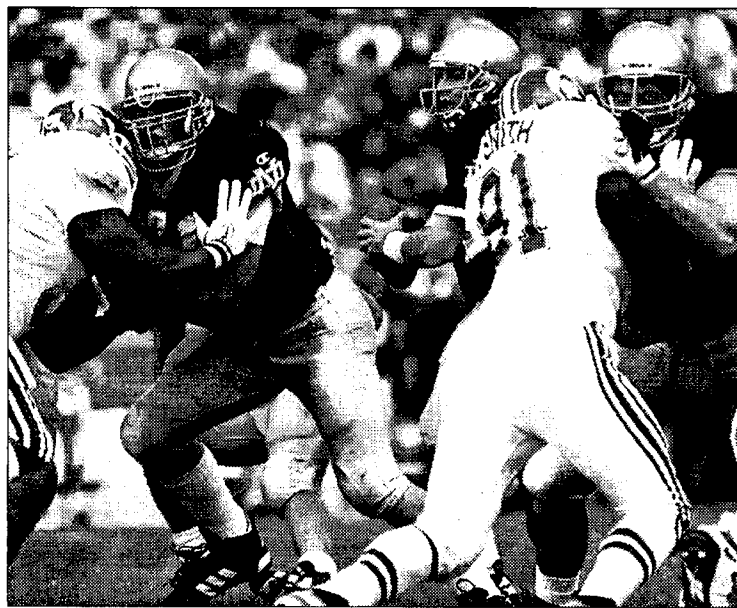
"It's tough. Nobody wanted to be 1-2, nobody expected to be 1-2, and we don't like our position," quarterback Ron Powlus said after the game. "It's not the scheme that's the problem. I know a lot of people want to blame the offensive scheme."

In fact, Powlus implied that the futility on offense could be attributed to players, not the coaches.

"Coach Davie in the past has said after a win that it's the players, that the players deserve a lot of credit. The players deserve a lot of what's going on right now too," Powlus added. "The coaches are doing great things ... I think we as players need to crack up the effort. Not that effort's been lacking, but we need to push it more."

Even Powlus, who has been one of the bright spots of the offense thus far, throwing for a career high last week against Purdue, was held to under 200 yards, completing 23 passes for 181 yards.

Another consistent performer for the Irish, running back Autry Denson, was held to less than



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Tackle Jerry Wisne and the Notre Dame offensive line continued to struggle on Saturday, amassing just 61 yards on the ground.

100 yards for only the second time in the last eight games he has played. Denson ran for 59 yards on 15 carries, averaging only 3.9 yards per carry.

Overall, the Irish continue to incur the same problems on offense, and as the season continues and the opponents get more difficult, it becomes easier and easier for opposing teams to read and control the Irish offense. The Irish have been unable to create a big play threat, let alone throw the ball downfield, leaving the pressure on the running game to make up the yardage. Although Davie put freshman Tony Driver in to hopefully give the Irish ground attack an extra boost, the Spartan defensive line read the run the entire game, holding the Irish to 3.6 yards per carry.

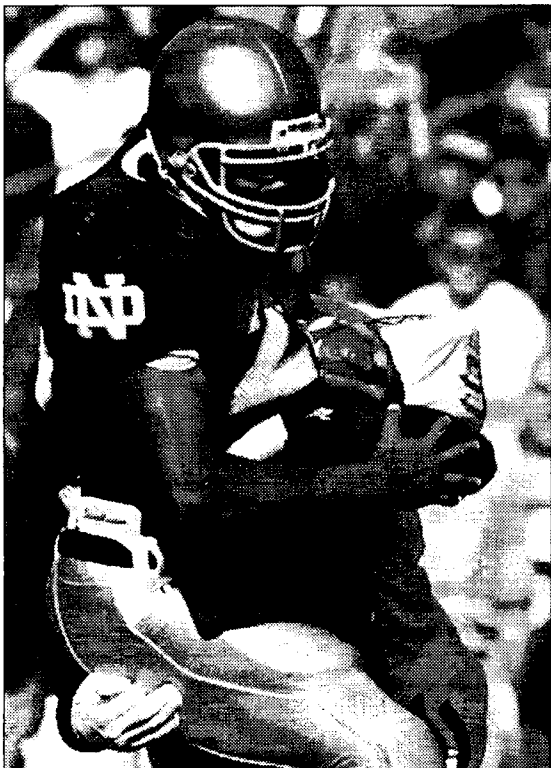
The Irish took a major risk, faking a punt in the third quar-

ter, in a desperate attempt to get another touchdown on the board, however — and hindsight is the best tool — on fourth-and-12 at the 23 yard line, down 20-7, one can speculate about the more conservative choice of giving kicker Jim Sanson a chance to kick the field goal.

With Michigan at Ann Arbor next week, and Stanford at Palo Alto the following week, the Irish offense is going to have to get back to work and work out the major kinks in its game this week, or they will continue to find the same frustration they feel now at 1-2.

"There a lot of things we need to do regardless of where we're playing," Powlus said.

"A lot work has to go into next week. And we need to do a lot of work to represent ourselves well and be ready to compete."



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Freshman running back Tony Driver received his first extensive action of the season.

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"They caught us off guard a few times, and they flat ran over us on a few other plays."

Trailing 17-0 with under two minutes left in the first half, the Irish finally found some sign of life on defense. Linebacker Kory Minor picked off Schultz and returned the ball to the MSU 29 yard line, giving the Irish their best field position of the day.

Three plays later, Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus connected with Bobby Brown from seven yards out to cut the Spartan lead to 17-7. On the play, the Irish executed a perfect timing pattern, something rarely utilized thus far this season.

"The play was well designed and well executed," said Powlus, who completed 23 of 37 passes for 181 yards. "That is the type of play that we need to use to be effective."

For Michigan State, it was the

last time that they would be seriously threatened. Although the Irish offense limited the Spartans to just 151 yards in the second half, the offense could not take advantage of it.

Tailback Autry Denson was limited to just 59 yards on 15 carries, while Powlus and the receiving corps once again failed to make the big play.

In the third quarter, Notre Dame put together its best drive of the game, moving the ball from its own 10 to the Michigan State 23 yard line. When the drive stalled, it appeared that Davie and the Irish would settle for a field goal.

However, on the game's defining play, Notre Dame ran a fake with Hunter Smith rolling out and looking to a wide open Joey Goodspeed on the sidelines. Smith's pass sailed beyond the outstretched arms of Goodspeed, and the Irish came away empty.

"That's a play that we've got to make," said Smith. "It happened just like we drew it up. I just didn't make the pass that I had to make."

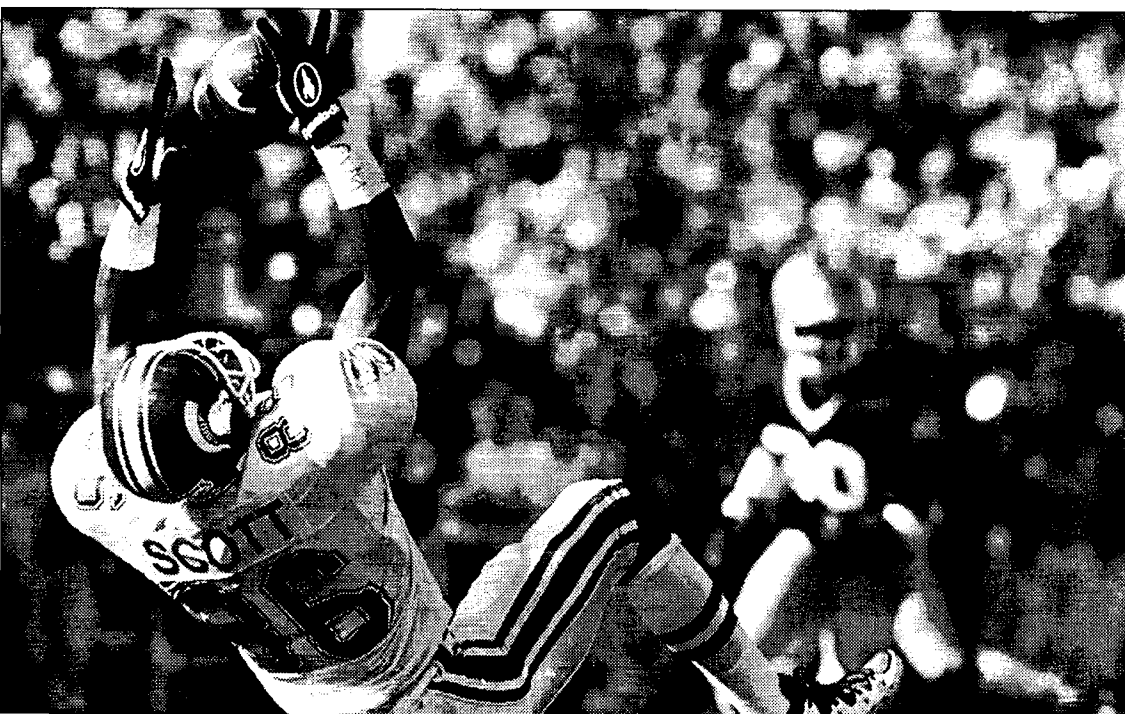
As if heading into next week's game against Michigan on a two-game losing streak weren't enough, the Irish received another dose of bad news. Defensive end Corey Bennett reinjured his knee and will be out four to six weeks. In addition, Goodspeed is lost for four to five weeks after hurting his shoulder late in the fourth quarter.

"We've had some tough injuries, and it may be catching up with us," said Rossum. "We just have to make the most out of what we have."

Even Davie could not have predicted such a sluggish beginning in his first year as head coach.

"We brought good coaches in here from great programs around this country, and they didn't come here to be one and two," said Davie.

"And they knew there was going to be some rebuilding, but that's who I feel bad for are these families and these head coaches and our players. You know, these guys, they didn't come here to Notre Dame to be one and two."



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Michigan State receiver Gari Scott registers one of his five receptions against the Notre Dame secondary.

REPORT CARD

Quarterback: C

Impressive completion percentages simply don't cut it when the team loses by 16 at home. Powlus has to make more of an effort to get the ball downfield on the rare occasions that the coaching staff allows for such a route. The interception was on a timing pattern and probably cannot be blamed on the quarterback because the receiver failed to complete the route.

Running Backs: D+

Denson cannot be expected to carry such a heavy load. Regardless, it is his responsibility to provide a spark, and with the exception of his first two carries (10 yards and 9 yards), he was invisible. Freshman Tony Driver was the only other back to carry the ball.

Wide Receivers: C

Brown continued to get open enough to catch the ball and played relatively well on Saturday, but he needs to stop dropping catchable passes. The rest of the receiving corps has shown signs of potential, but no one has been able to make a significant enough contribution to lift the offense out of mediocrity.

Offensive Line: D

Once again, Denson had absolutely no running room. Powlus was rushed constantly and was sacked three times. Inconsistent would be a kind way to describe this unit's play thus far.

Defensive Line: D+

Sure, they looked like a legitimate Division I defense in the second half and did a solid job of keeping the Irish in the game. Unfortunately, the team was already down by 13 points when they decided to show up. The Spartans rushed at will through-

out the first half.

Linebackers: C-

Minor and company represent the heart of the defense. Unfortunately, their heart neither prevented unnecessary penalties nor forced the Spartan offense to stall early in the game. Too many running backs broke into the Irish secondary.

Defensive Backs: D+

The secondary made most of the tackles for the Irish, but the reasons for that was the ease with which MSU completed the short pass and ran through the Irish front seven. They somehow managed to look bad without even being tested by Schultz and they gave up at least one big play that would have been a touchdown if the receiver did not fall down.

Special Teams: D

Aside from Smith's punting, these squads were miserable. The fake did not work, the return game was stagnant, and the kick coverage was responsible for at least two Spartan scores.

Coaching: D+

The staff may have had the team up for the game, but once MSU shredded the Irish defense in less than four minutes to open the game, all emotion was apparently lost. The halftime defensive adjustments were simply too little too late, and the offense never developed enough rhythm to sustain a drive.

Overall: 1.44

It looks like the grading scale is going to need a reality shift before next week's report card. The team turned in a performance this week that was almost identical to the one that they turned in the week before against a weaker opponent.

Irish defense finally shows up in second half

After a mediocre start, defense makes changes

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

It was like night and day. For 30 minutes, the Irish defense stood up and took care of business. Notre Dame was down by double digits and on the verge of having the game



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Defensive end Corey Bennett reinjured his knee and will miss six weeks.

blown open by the Spartans. But they would not let it happen. Even as the final minutes were slipping away, the defensive unit bore down and held Michigan State with striking distance. "I credit our defense for hanging in there and playing," praised head coach Bob Davie. "Especially in the fourth quarter, it would have been really easy for them to cave in." Time after time, the Irish offense stalled and forced the defense back out onto the field. Those 11 players clung to a game that was perilously close to getting out of hand. Tri-captain Allen Rossum was happy with his teammates' second-half effort.

"A lot of people stepped up for us," said the senior defensive back. In fact, if it had not been for the play of the defense in the closing minutes of the first half, Michigan State would have strolled out of Notre Dame Stadium with the first shutout against an Irish squad since the Miami Hurricanes pulled it off in 1987. The last squad to shut Notre Dame out at home was Missouri in the opening game of the 1978 season.

With 1:04 remaining in the second quarter and Notre Dame down 17-0, outside linebacker Kory Minor picked off a Todd Schultz pass and gave the Irish possession on the Spartan 29-yard line. Quarterback Ron Powlus took advantage of his best starting field position of the day and completed three out of three passes, including a touchdown toss to junior Bobby Brown to bring the Irish back within 10. It was Minor's aggressive play that made the score possible and it was the Irish pass rush that forced the ill-advised throw. The only problem was, by the time the interception occurred and the Irish raised their defensive play a few notches, Michigan State was on its way to an unceremonious pounding of Notre Dame. The Spartans ran up 145 yards on the ground in the first half and punished the undersized Irish defensive



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Following a sluggish start, linebacker Jimmy Friday and the rest of the Irish defense finally made the proper adjustments in the second half.

line with their brute strength up front. Following a 52-yard opening kick return by Marc Renaud, the boys from East Lansing pounded out an eight-play, 44-yard drive and put the Irish in a hole from out of they would not climb.

AP TOP 25 AP			
TEAM	RECORD	POINTS	PREVIOUS
1. Florida (32)	3-0	1699	3
2. Penn State (28)	3-0	1675	1
3. Nebraska (7)	3-0	1601	7
4. Florida St. (1)	3-0	1530	5
5. N. Carolina (2)	3-0	1475	6
6. Michigan	2-0	1412	8
7. Ohio State	3-0	1287	9
8. Auburn	3-0	1180	12
9. Tennessee	2-1	1158	4
10. Washington	2-1	1148	2
11. Iowa	3-0	1062	13
12. Michigan State	3-0	968	17
13. Louisiana St.	2-1	805	10
14. Virginia Tech	3-0	770	18
15. Washington St.	3-0	767	19
16. Colorado	1-1	725	15
17. Clemson	2-1	547	16
18. Kansas State	2-0	495	20
19. Georgia	3-0	444	25
20. Stanford	2-1	403	21
21. Alabama	2-1	329	11
22. Texas A&M	2-0	290	NR
23. Brigham Young	1-1	215	NR
24. UCLA	1-2	181	24
25. Arizona State	2-1	177	14

Others receiving votes: Air Force 129, North Carolina St. 73, Southern Mississippi 66, Pittsburgh 26, Wyoming 18, California 11, Colorado St. 11, Oregon 11, Kansas 10, Texas 9, Oklahoma St. 8, Arkansas 7, Kentucky 6, South Carolina 6, Miami 5, Southern California 5, Toledo 4, Boston College 1, Georgia Tech 1.

■ STATISTICALLY SPEAKING					
Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Michigan State	14	3	3	3	23
Notre Dame	0	7	0	0	7

Team Statistics			MSU	ND
First Downs			22	17
Net Yards Rushing			222	61
Net Yards Passing			131	181
Passes Attempted			19	38
Passes Completed			13	23
Total Offensive Plays			72	61
Total Net Yards			353	242
Average Gain Per Play			4.9	4.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost			1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards			6-55	4-60
Possession Time			33:35	26:25

Individual Statistics

Rushing
MSU- Renaud 22-112, Irvin 26-106, Schultz 4-5, Reese 1-(1)
ND- Denson 15-59, Driver 4-13, Powlus 4-(11)

Passing
MSU- Schultz 18-12-1 107, Irvin 1-1-0 24
ND- Powlus 37-23-1 181, Smith 1-0-0 0

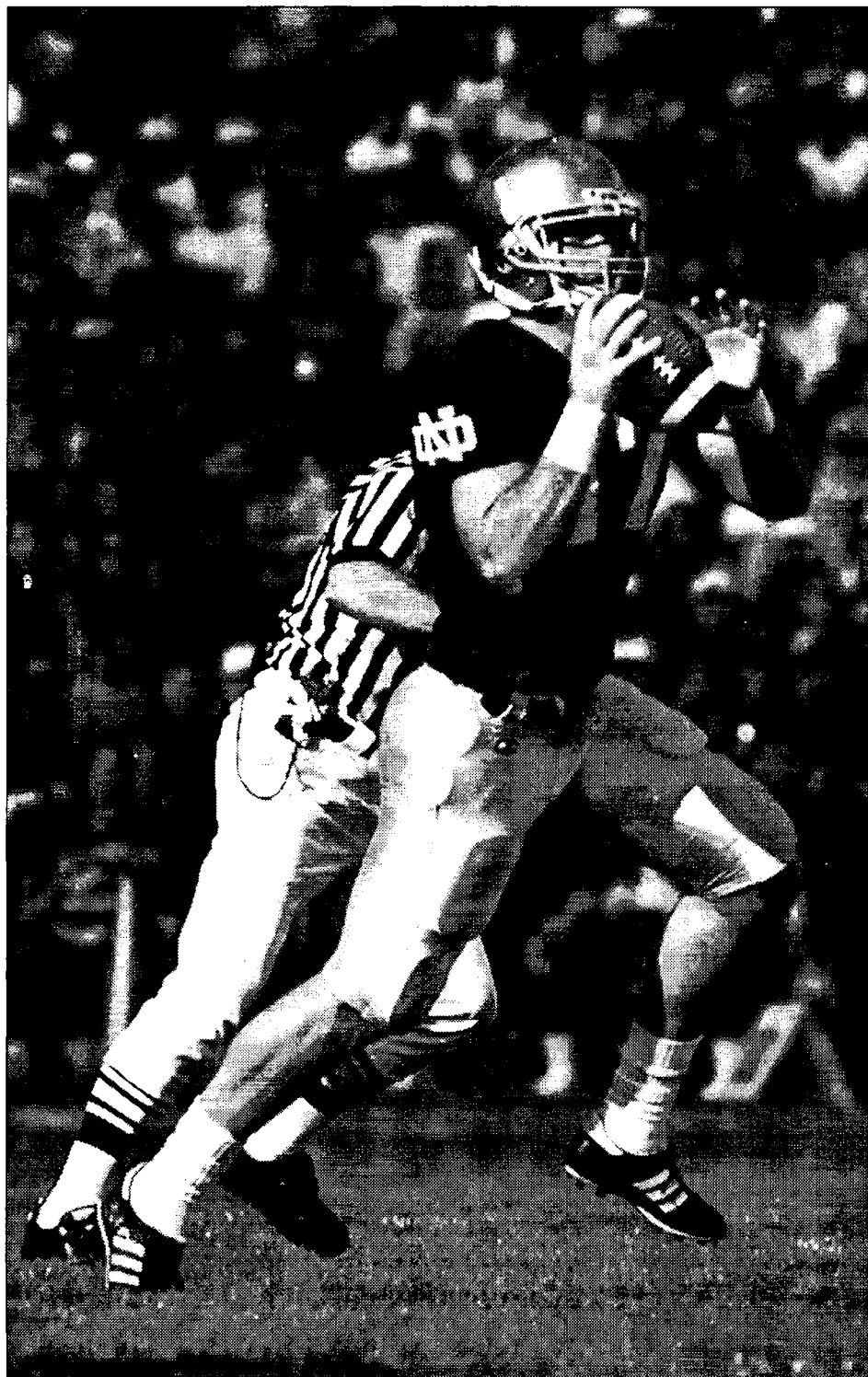
Receiving
MSU- Scott 5-66, Keur 4-38, Irvin 2-22, Renaud 2-5
ND- Brown 7-61, M. Johnson 4-33, Denson 4-26, Barry 3-14, Goodspeed 2-8, J. Johnson 1-27, Nelson 1-10, Driver 1-2

■ SCORING SUMMARY	
1st Quarter	
MSU- Keur 5 yard pass from Schultz (Gardner kick), 7 plays, 44 yards, at 11:28	
MSU- Schultz 1 yard run (Gardner kick), 11 plays, 73 yards, at 4:47	
2nd Quarter	
MSU- 31 yard FG by Gardner, 12 plays, 67 yards, at 6:28	
ND- Brown 7 yard pass from Powlus (Sanson kick), 3 plays, 29 yards, at 0:27	
3rd Quarter	
MSU- 32 yard FG by Gardner, 11 plays, 52 yards, at 7:12	
4th Quarter	
MSU- 31 yard FG by Gardner, 5 plays, 20 yards, at 6:26	

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obvious statement that anyone who saw the game knew. However, to hear it from a man whose goal, day in and day out, is to win on Saturday, really struck a nerve in me, or maybe just kind of pulled at the heart strings. It is easy for us as fans to feel sorry for ourselves and to get mad at the team when we lose. Nobody likes to lose, especially to a team like Michigan State, with whom we have a history that usually falls in our favor. For me, as a senior, it is really easy to feel sorry for my class — entering with a loss to Michigan at home, going 6-5-1, and finishing, thus far, with a losing record, without a national championship in four years. We weren't even here for the year we should have been named national champions! But then I think about how absurd that thought truly is. That football team is not out there, playing their hearts out, for me. Granted, I'm a member of the Notre Dame community, whose name and tradition the team fights to preserve, but if I were a football player, I wouldn't play to honor some whining fan who complains and criticizes when we lose. The key word in that phrase is "if I were a player." We are NOT players, and we do not dedicate four years of our life, more or less, to making people happy, who are really only happy when we win. No one feels worse right now than the team itself, and more importantly, no one has to work five times as hard this week to go back out on the field this weekend and take more abuse, from either the opponents of our own Irish fans. I find the fact that Ron Powlus was booed in his own stadium and, although he was visibly upset, did not seem surprised by it, extremely disturbing. I don't care how good or bad he played, it makes me ashamed to be a part of a community that boos one of its own players. We are not watching the NFL, and we are not watching professional athletes who are getting paid millions of dollars to perform. Just because those athletes receive scholarships does not give us the right to criticize their efforts any more than we can criticize a student on an academic scholarship who does not get a 4.0. Those players earn their scholarships by the work they put into them, not by the number of points they put on the board. I know that many people feel that something like this deserves more to be on the wall of the Center for Social Concerns than the sports page, but I don't think that there is anything wrong in finding the human side of a sporting event that does appear to be greatly affected by the emotional aura surrounding it.



Punter Hunter Smith attempts a pass as the Irish tried a fake field goal in the third quarter. The pass sailed beyond the reach of intended receiver Joey Goodspeed, and Notre Dame came away with nothing.

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Quarterback Ron Powlus set a school record on Saturday, completing 14 consecutive passes. However, Notre Dame's inability to connect down field proved to be costly.

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Michigan State 23 Notre Dame 7

Notre Dame Stadium
Saturday, September 22, 1997

■ GAME NOTES & QUOTES

Game notes:

Saturday's game was the 131st consecutive sellout at Notre Dame Stadium. 179 of the last 180 games have also been sellouts.

Michigan State has scored on the first drive of each of its three games this season with touchdown drives of 65 yards against Western Michigan, 73 yards against Memphis, and 44 against the Irish.

Michigan State is 15 for 17 in the red zone (inside the 20 yard line) this season, totaling 11 touchdowns and four field goals.

After Saturday's loss, the Irish are under .500 for the first time since 1986 when first-year coach Lou Holtz went 1-4 on the way to a 5-6 record.

Bobby Brown's seven-yard catch for a touchdown was the first time this season that the Spartans have given up a touchdown in the first half.

The loss on Saturday ended Notre Dame's eight-game winning streak over the Spartans. Notre Dame's record against the Spartans is now 41-19.

Notre Dame's record of 1-2, Southern Cal's record of 0-2, and Miami's record of 1-2 make up the first time that these three teams have all started the season with two losses since 1940.

Quotes on the game:

Michigan State head coach Nick Saben:
"I think Notre Dame is a great

school. They have a great tradition. I think Bob Davie is doing a good job of coaching his team. I think our team was just a little more physical, especially our offensive line versus their defensive front seven, and I think that was our advantage in the game today."

"I'm very proud for Spartans everywhere that they can relish the fact that this football team made them proud today."

Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie:

"We just need to work and become better as a football team. Talk is not going to get it done. Just honesty and hard work."

"We talked about it at the beginning of the season — finish what we started. We're going to finish what we started."

"We definitely have ourselves backed into a corner now."

Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus:

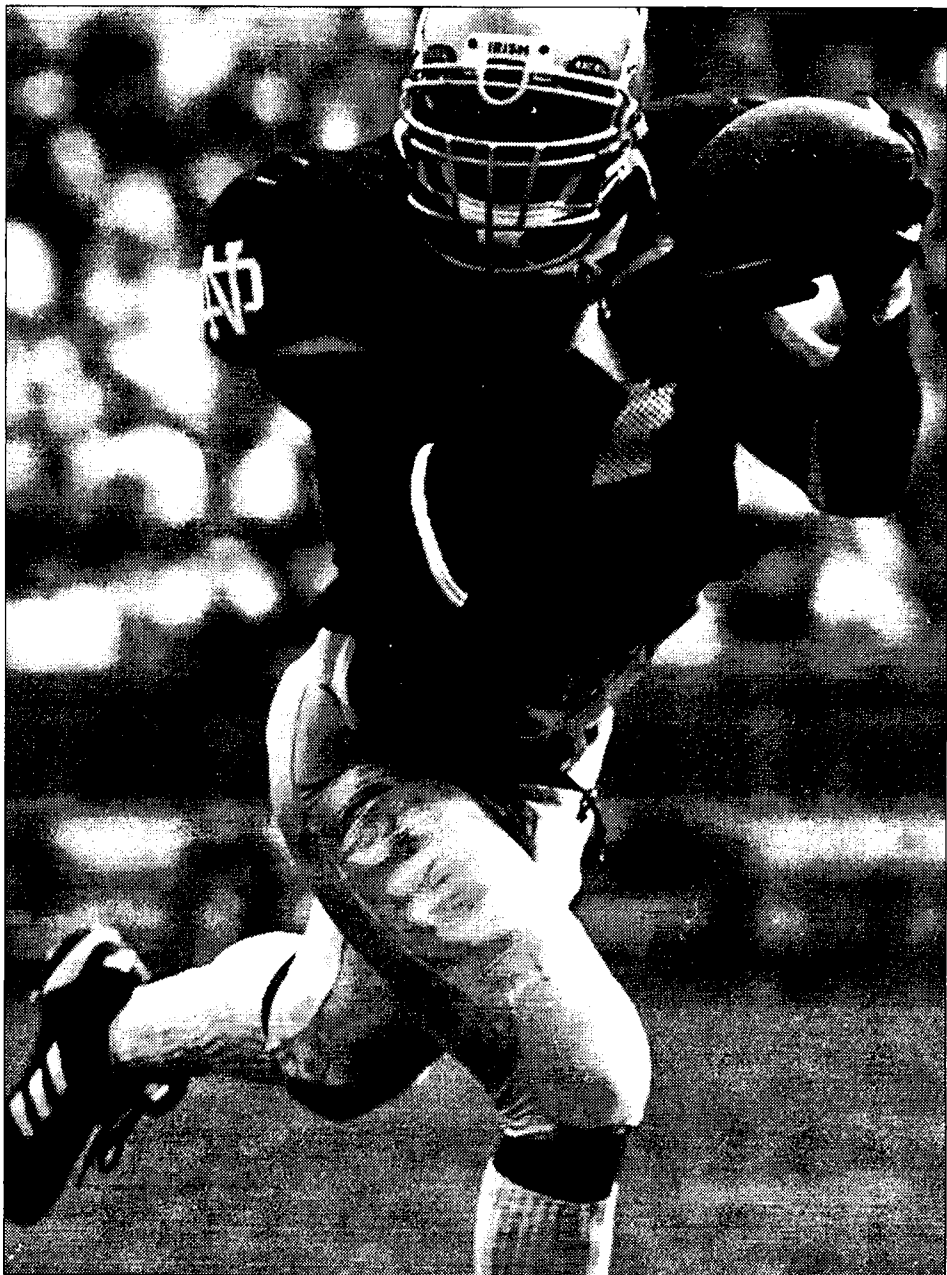
"I think it's going to be a learning process all year. You always want to build on what you have."

On being booed:

"Here we are on our home field, getting booed ... Michigan State was a very good team, but we have score more than seven points in a game. So I can see it happening."

Notre Dame center Rick Kaczinski:

"We're not keeping defenses off-balance because we're not successful running the ball so it makes it harder to throw the ball and vice versa. We have to have a balanced attack."



Linebacker Kory Minor's interception gave Irish fans a rare chance to be excited on Saturday. Three plays later, Notre Dame scored its only touchdown of the game.

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VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

'Donnie Brasco'

By MIKE MCMORROW
Accent Movie Critic

In the days of senseless action and unintelligible comedy, it is rare to get a film in which the characters elicit a sense of intelligence and/or quickness which is actually noticeable to the audience. Not very often do we get a moment in a movie that shows

eye, Lefty gives Donnie a little slice of mob life and gives him a part in a few operations. Soon they become close friends.

There are a lot of good supporting performances by coming-of-age actors such as Bruno Kirby and Michael Madsen, but Pacino and Depp stand out.

Depp is covering new ground here, and slips into his character's skin perhaps better than he ever has. He has never had the opportunity to be sharp and rough before and has always seemed to play these thoughtful yet laconic types of people. But here he has branched out and comes across as convincingly as anyone could have. Pacino has played



photo courtesy Tristar
Johnny Depp plays Joe Pistone, a tough undercover cop that penetrates the New York mafia, in "Donnie Brasco."

a character thinking on his toes and has the audience in awe. Also, it is rare to get a story that is able to serve as a strong medium for character development and genuine interest. However, Mike Newell's newly released video "Donnie Brasco" envelops all of these qualities to create a film that is more than watchable to someone with a microchip or two between his ears.

The film stars Johnny Depp as an undercover FBI agent named Joe Pistone who has the assignment of attempting to undercover some of the mafia's illegal undertakings under the name Donnie Brasco. To initialize his feat, he meets a guy low on the totem pole named Lefty, played by Al Pacino, at a New York diner and convinces him that one of his diamonds is a fake. Impressed by this good

similar characters many times before, but here he gives Lefty a great deal of humanity and humor. He always finds a way to make sure that his choice of parts does not seem monotonous, even though the variety may be hurting at times.

Central to the film, though, is the relationship between Depp and Pacino. There is an unspoken tension between the two, of course, because of the nature of Depp's assignment. But such a relationship is bound for failure if there is no chemistry between the actors. Fortunately, the two actors create a strong chemistry which provides "Donnie Brasco" with its heart. And the screenplay provides the film with a mind. It is a nice fit, and kudos to director Mike Newell for not botching this film with unnecessary melodrama. Highly recommended!

At the Box Office

1. In & Out
2. The Game
3. Wes Craven's Wishmaster
4. L.A. Confidential
5. A Thousand Acres
6. The Full Monty
7. G.I. Jane
8. Air Force One
9. Money Talks
10. Fire Down Below

Source: Reuters/Variety

SOAP OPERA UPDATES

General Hospital

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
General Hospital Correspondent

Rivera's family tells Sonny both he and his bride are about to bite the dust. A clueless Brenda theorizes about where they'll live, as Sonny wakes up screaming and yelling, "Out damned spot!" as he tries to wash the blood from his hands. Thus another week of General Hospital begins. A tip for Sonny: dreaming your second bride is about to be blown up like your first is never a good sign.

Kathy admits to Stefan that she loves him, but wonders why he keeps pulling away from her, so he admits that she has been a part of him since her birth. She goes away all mushy inside as Stefan runs to confession to talk about desiring his sister. He settles for confessing to an eavesdropping Alexis.

On her birthday, Katherine asks Stefan to make love to her. His response: Eww! He settles for a whirlwind day of activities, hoping to tire her out, but fails.

A.J. puts it all together and confronts Carly with the fact that the baby could be his. Carly tells A.J. if he spills the beans, Tony will leave her and her baby will have a horrid life. Across town a really depressed Tony tells Bobbie about the elopement. A.J. talks Tony out of the elopement and the easy-to-convince Rony reveals he didn't want to go through with it anyway. Tony thanks A.J. for caring then tells him to butt the hell out and deal with his own problems. A.J. promises Carly he'll keep quiet, for the moment.

V's name is Venus (what an idiotic choice!) and if she's Jax's new love interest, I may just scream. Jax mopes around, remembering his wedding and telling Brenda the history of his aboriginal charm. Across the country she opens his present to reveal the same charm.

Sarah discusses Nik with Audrey and comes to the conclusion that she really likes him and doesn't want to lose him. Audrey uses some of her GH history to council her about truth in relationships. Nik skulks around town and confronts Lizzie. He tries to get a straight answer from her — MISTAKE! He forces her to tell him what she said by withholding her cigarettes. Nik and Sarah talk, and she promises to believe him, and they part as friends.

Felicia catches Maxie caressing her spills from her grave robbing activities and gives her a lecture about death, truth, justice and the American way. I expected her to run to a phone booth shortly afterward. Mac thinks Felicia made up her date, so she calls every man in her black book to get a date for the wedding, and all of them show up — at the same time. Then they all leave, and she has to ride in the back seat of Mac's car to the wedding. Jason practices the toast, as Lucy is in Maid-of-Honor crisis mode. Brenda is full of happiness and faith that the day will go perfectly. She talks to Stone and thanks him for his help in getting she and Sonny back together. Lizzie tries to sneak into the wedding and is almost taken out before Lucky vouches for her. Sonny decides to leave Brenda at the altar, but changes his mind. Brenda walks down the aisle to find herself alone as the door opens...

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Days of Our Lives

By NAOMI FREEMAN,
KRISTINE HOWARD,
and NICOLE PAULINA

Days of Our Lives Correspondents

What a disappointing week of DAYS. In case you didn't notice, Dr. Michael William Horton was on for only one day! Therefore we were forced to whet our Mike appetites with our LeAnn Rimes "How Do I Live" cassette and the scantily clad picture of him we downloaded from the Internet. But, as Stefano would say, we don't call it an obsession, we call it LOVE — the Phoenix himself featured prominently this week.

Stefano, John, Kristen, and Hope finally made it to the uncharted, jungle island where DiMera had a fully furnished bunker/shrine to Marlana. After locking John and Hope in a cell, Mr. Evil had plenty of time to discuss the nature of love with Kristen. She points out that "I may be obsessed with John, but at least I didn't build the man a shrine." To which Stefano answers, "Yet." On a more serious note, Stefano proposed using his memory-erasing laser gun on John to obliterate his love for Marlana forever. Kristen refused, but we think she'll begin to waver as this storyline continues.

Jumping over to Rome, Carrie and Austin still haven't left their hotel room. Since that's all there is to say about them, perhaps we should mention the cosmic battle for Billie's soul that is raging next door. After Billie spent three days on a park bench in a hallucinatory coma, Bo found her and continued nursing her back to health. When he realized that the spirit of Curtis would not release her, his own soul left his body to fight for Billie's life. And we thought Marlana's possession was pathetic!

Speaking of the Queen of Shoulder Pads, Marlana was aided in her task to tame Sami by none other than Sisiter Mary Moira. After lecturing Sami on good and evil and brandishing her ruler wildly, Susan's "Sister Sister" also took it upon herself to give Marlana some advice. She told her that "in the eyes of the Lord," Roman is still Marlana's husband. This, of course, throws a serious monkey wrench into Marlana's plans to become Mrs. Black. Doc has a very hard decision coming up in the next few weeks.

In lighter news, Vivian dressed up as a flapper to convince Jonesy that she was his "Flora Dora girl." However, even a schizophrenic bum can see through that act. In order to retain his trust, Viv now has to prove that someone named Baba gave her permission to see Jonesy. Internet rumors suggest that Viv, Big Bertha, and Susan may hold a seance next week to determine who this Baba really is.

Back on Stefano's Island, John, who more than resembled Egon from the Ghostbusters in his gray coveralls, and Hope, who was sporting her usual big hair and crop top, managed to fight their way through eight of Stefano's goons and escape the cell. They ran into Stefano and Kristen in the Marlana Shrine, where Hope was hit with a poison dart. Luckily it was a dud, so after shaking it off (Hey! A model's gotta do what a model's gotta do) all four regrouped in Stefano's secret medical lab. Apparently a cure for Roman is closer than anyone expected!

And finally we come to Jen, the OTHER Horton. In an attempt to help Jack with his prison expose, Jen went undercover as "Hope Williams" to get a job as a guard at Jack's facility. With the help of Alice and Susan, Jen was able to fake the necessary references and earn her uniform. We admit that the brown hair was a nice touch, but doesn't she realize that it's got to be MUCH BIGGER if she wants to impersonate Fancy Face? She surprised Jack with a kiss in his cell Friday, and she refuses to listen to his misgivings about the plan.

VCR ALERT: Next Friday, September 26, is Mark (Jack) Valley's last day. The switch with his replacement, Steve Wilder, will supposedly take place during a steamy prison shower scene with Jen. WHOA!

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■ SAINT MARY'S SOCCER

Newell's guidance key to Belle success

By STEPHANIE VILLINSKI
Sports Writer

Victory came at last for the Saint Mary's soccer team when they traveled to Franklin College Tuesday. Not only did the Belles win, but they shut out Franklin by a score of 5-0.

Senior Keary Sullivan and sophomore Mary Woodka each contributed a goal, and senior Eileen Newell scored three goals. With these three goals, Newell is tied for most goals scored in a single game.

Newell, a three-year starter from Allen Park, Mich., has been a key component to both the Belles' offense and defense. Already this year she has found the net six times, which brings her career goals at SMC to 14. Although she plays forward this season, in past years she has played outside midfielder, center midfielder and stopper.

"Last year, Eileen played stopper and did a good job. Her strengths show up anywhere she plays," said coach Bob Sharp. "However, this year at forward, she is back playing the position she is best suited for."

"Playing so many positions has helped my overall game," said Newell. "I don't like playing defense, but it has helped me become a better forward."

Newell started kicking the ball at age four but never thought she would be playing at age 21. During her four years at SMC, Newell's role on the team has changed.

"The adjustment to college life and playing soccer was tough. I learned a lot of discipline, trying to balance an academic, social, and spiritual life at SMC. I relied on the upperclassmen and fellow freshmen Keary Sullivan and

Debbie Diemer," said Newell. "Now, people rely on me on and off the field."

Newell feels that having played soccer will help her when she graduates from SMC.

"Playing on a team has given me a sense of trust for the people I work and play with," she said. "I'm an accounting major and there is a lot of teamwork in the business world. Also, one day I hope to raise a family which can also be considered a team."

Newell did not take any time off during the summer. She spent time running both on and off the soccer field and working on her ball control.

"Eileen is in great condition. She is always setting the pace in practice," said Sharp. "Other coaches have noticed her hard work on the field and her ability to find the net."

"I spent a lot of time not only working on my game this summer but also preparing myself emotionally for this season. It is my last year of competitive soccer, and there are many emotions tied to this year," said Newell.

Although the Belles have been struggling this season (1-6), Newell remains positive and focused on what needs to be done.

"We are playing some of our future conference teams, so it is important for the underclassmen to play strong," said Newell. "We are taking our team goals one at a time."

In the future, Newell hopes to contribute to the sport she loves by coaching soccer. Yet, for right now, she is determined to work hard and enjoy the rest of the season with the teammates who she says motivate her.

■ NFL

Bledsoe leads Pats past Bears

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — The defense was exceptional. Drew Bledsoe was efficient and New England stayed unbeaten. Now the Patriots will start playing good teams.

The Patriots knocked off another passy Sunday, beating the wounded and winless Chicago Bears 31-3, although it was only 17-3 halfway through the fourth quarter.

New England has outscored its opponents 130-40. But its first three were San Diego, Indianapolis and the New York Jets, and the combined records of their four foes was 2-10 before Sunday's games.

"I don't think there is a team that can match up with us man-to-man," Bledsoe said after throwing for 301 yards and two touchdowns to Vincent Brisby and Troy Brown, "but we haven't played the elite teams in the NFL yet."

The easy stretch ends after a bye week when they play the Broncos in Denver. And the Patriots face Green Bay three weeks later.

"Being in the NFL and being undefeated going into the bye week is pretty sweet," said Pete Carroll, who has yet to lose since becoming coach of the Patriots last February.

The Patriots, 4-0 for the first time since 1974, have been outstanding against the bad teams. The Bears, 0-4 for the third time in their 78 years, were New England's third opponent held to seven points or less.



Bledsoe

"They are obviously a well-balanced team," Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt said. "They are probably a little underrated from a defense. The Patriots gained 402 yards and held the Bears to 199, the same total New England's Curtis Martin ran the previous week. But Chicago played without running back Rashaan Salaam, out for the season with a broken ankle, and wide receiver Curtis Conway."

"It wasn't total domination," Patriots strong safety Lawyer Milloy said. "We are always looking to get better, but we played a pretty good game."

The Bears concentrated on stopping Martin and pressuring Bledsoe, but that exposed them to quick passes.

"They beat teams with deep plays," Chicago cornerback James Burton said. "We'll let them catch little flareouts. We had them scouted, but we kept making mental mistakes and committing penalties."

"Maybe it was a case of desperate times calling for desperate measures," Bledsoe said of the Bears' defensive scheme.

The Patriots are the only team that hasn't lost to the Bears since Chicago beat them in the 1986 Super Bowl.

"This year has been the most discouraging year I've had as a pro athlete," Bears linebacker Bryan Cox said.

The Patriots wasted some excellent chances against the team that had allowed the most points in the NFL. And they struggled on the ground until Martin broke loose for a 70-yard touchdown run with 7:44 left, making the score 24-3.

Starting Rick Mirer, the second player drafted in 1993 behind Bledsoe, at quarterback in place of Erik Kramer didn't help. Mirer was 17-of-25 for 154 yards and two interceptions.

"They are going to do a lot of things that make you look bad at times," Mirer said. "Unfortunately, we did things to make it worse."

Bledsoe's touchdown plays covered 7 yards to Brisby in the first quarter and 52 to Brown in the second, with Brown running the last 43 yards. The quarterback was 24-of-37.

The Bears ran only three plays inside New England territory — one was an interception by Ty Law — until the third-quarter drive that ended with Jeff Jaeger's 38-yard field goal that made the score 14-3.

Early in the fourth quarter the Patriots had a first-and-goal at the 3, but settled for Adam Vinatieri's 27-yard field goal, tying Tony Franklin's team record of 14 consecutive successful kicks.

The Patriots wasted a scoring chance on the first series of the third quarter when Shawn Jefferson caught an 11-yard pass, then fumbled at the Chicago 3, where Barry Minter recovered.

Backup quarterback Scott Zolak's 20-yard pass to Lovett Purnell gave New England its final touchdown with 1:02 left.

The Patriots lost yardage on each of their first five rushes and got their first gain, 4 yards by Martin, with 3:06 left in the half.

For the second straight week, the Patriots scored on their first possession, then struggled.

Starting from the Chicago 39, Bledsoe threw the first of six consecutive completions — a 10-yarder to Jefferson. After an apparent 7-yard touchdown pass to Terry Glenn was nullified by a holding penalty, Bledsoe connected with Brisby for 10 yards before the 7-yard scoring pass to Brisby.

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■ SAINT MARY'S CROSS COUNTRY

Yavello leads Belles in opener

Saint Mary's looks ahead to Adrian

By ANGELA OLSEN
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

Saint Mary's kicked off their first cross country season on Friday at the National Catholics meet held on the Notre Dame campus. Saint Mary's competed in the college division and placed 14th.

The Belles were led by freshman Genny Yavello who placed 57th with a time of 20:59 in the 5K race. Following Yavello was

junior Carrie Ferkenhoff who finished 60th with a time of 21:05.

"This is a first-year team," said Yavello. "We are all brand new and not sure what to expect. We are really working together."

Rounding out the top five for Saint Mary's were freshman Katie Hummer with a time of 22:26, junior Kelli Steenwyk who finished at 22:33, and sophomore Jalie Mowry with 23:58.

"I'm hoping to improve a lot for the next meet," said Hummer. "I hope to drop at least a minute."

Head coach James Trautmann is optimistic about the remain-

der of the season.

"They are going to get better fast," said Trautmann. "Many of the girls haven't run or raced in years. I expect them to make big strides over the course of the season. Each year we're going to get better."

Trautmann is a 1995 Notre Dame graduate who was a volunteer assistant coach at Notre Dame the past two years. He also served as the Saint Mary's assistant track coach last year.

"I'm pretty impressed by the team," commented Hummer. "There are a lot of dedicated girls."

The Belles next meet will be a conference meet on Saturday at Adrian College.

■ CROSS COUNTRY

Squads take first at National Catholic

Shay, Deeter take first at Invitational

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men's and women's cross country teams breezed through the competition at the National Catholic Invitational on Friday as the both easily finished first overall. The men finished with 16 points and just missed capturing the top five spots in beating second place finisher Lewis by 101 points. The women finished with 21 points, 135 points ahead of St. Benedict. Lewis University won the men's college division of the invitational, while St. Benedict finished first in the women's college division.

Notre Dame freshman Ryan

Shay once again finished first overall as he ended up with a time of 24:53. He was joined in the top five by teammates Antonio Arce, who finished second with a time of 24:59, Ted Higgins and all-American Jason Rexing. The Irish placed seven finishers in the top 10 as they once again easily outdistanced the competition.

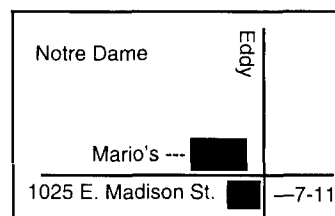
Notre Dame all-American JoAnna Deeter, recovering from her sixth-place finish last week, finished first overall with a time of 17:39. Irish sophomore Alison Klemmer repeated her second-place finish at the Scarlet and Grey Invitational as she followed up Deeter with a time of 17:47, and Nicole LaSelle and Mieke Walsh placed third and fourth respectively for the Irish. Notre Dame placed four runners in the top five and five runners in the top 15.

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VOLLEYBALL

Netters take second at home

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

This weekend proved to be a difficult one for fans of all Notre Dame sports. For proof, one can look no further than the women's volleyball team.

Despite a top 25 ranking and many successful victories, ranked opponents have proven to be a difficult challenge for the team.

Unfortunately, this statement is just as true this weekend, as the Irish took second place this weekend in the Tournament of Champions at the Joyce Center.

The Irish started off the weekend with a three set victory over the New Mexico Lobos, 15-6, 15-12, 15-12. In the second game, the two teams were tied at 11 points apiece before the Irish pulled away, scoring four of the final five points.

Notre Dame pointed 11-9 in the third game before scoring the next five points. The Lobos then attempted to rally back, but the Irish sided out and closed the match with a joint block from junior Lindsay Treadwell and freshman Christi Girton.

Senior hitter Angie Harris led the Irish charge with 23 kills, her highest total ever in a three-game match. Eleven of those kills were scored in a marathon second game which had 113 attack attempts by both teams.

She also had a .463 hitting percentage, making just four errors on 41 attempts. Senior hitter Jaimie Lee turned in a solid performance, scoring 13 kills despite seven errors on 36 tries. They were assisted by

Treadwell and sophomore Mary Leffers, who had nine and 10 kills, respectively.

"I thought we played very well on Friday," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We made some good adjustments with our offense. I don't think that we played a great match, but overall I was pretty pleased."

With the loss, the Lobos fell to 6-6 on the season.

The win against the Lobos set up a championship match against No. 14 Texas A&M. The Aggies easily defeated California in three games Friday, and they continued their winning ways against the Irish, defeating them in three games, 17-15, 15-9, 15-10.

Despite a 14-13 lead in the opening game, the team could not secure the match point. The Aggies then took advantage of the momentum to take the other two sets through strong hitting and thorough blocking. In the second game, Texas A&M had a team hitting percentage of .382. In the course of the match, the Aggies had three players who had seven or more block assists.

The Irish were again led by the team of Lee and Harris, who scored a combined 29 kills on the match. In each of the eight games in which Lee has played, she has registered at least 10 kills. Leffers had another eight kills, while freshman Denise Boylan and sophomore Emily Schiebout recorded two apiece.

Notre Dame struggled to balance their offense, as Harris and Lee scored more than 70 percent of the team's kills. While the Aggies outthit the Irish .246-.080 and had a 14-7 blocking edge, the Irish did enjoy a 5-3 serving edge, due in part to four aces from Harris.

"I thought that we had played

an excellent first game," Brown commented. "We fought real hard throughout the match, but after the first game, they pretty much controlled it. It was very close at the start, but we were really outplayed in the second and third game. They outplayed us in almost every category: they hit, blocked, and dug better than we did."

"We have a long ways to go," Harris remarked. "And this match just reiterates how much farther we need to come. It's really frustrating because we have so much potential, and we're not playing to our peak."

With the win, the Aggies improved to 7-2 on the season.

Two Irish hitters, Harris and Lee, managed to earn placement in the all-tournament team. Harris had 36 kills over the course of weekend, while Lee managed to score 29 kills, including a team-high 16 against the Aggies. For both players, it is their third selection in four tournaments. Texas A&M hitter Kristie Smedsrud was named the tournament MVP.

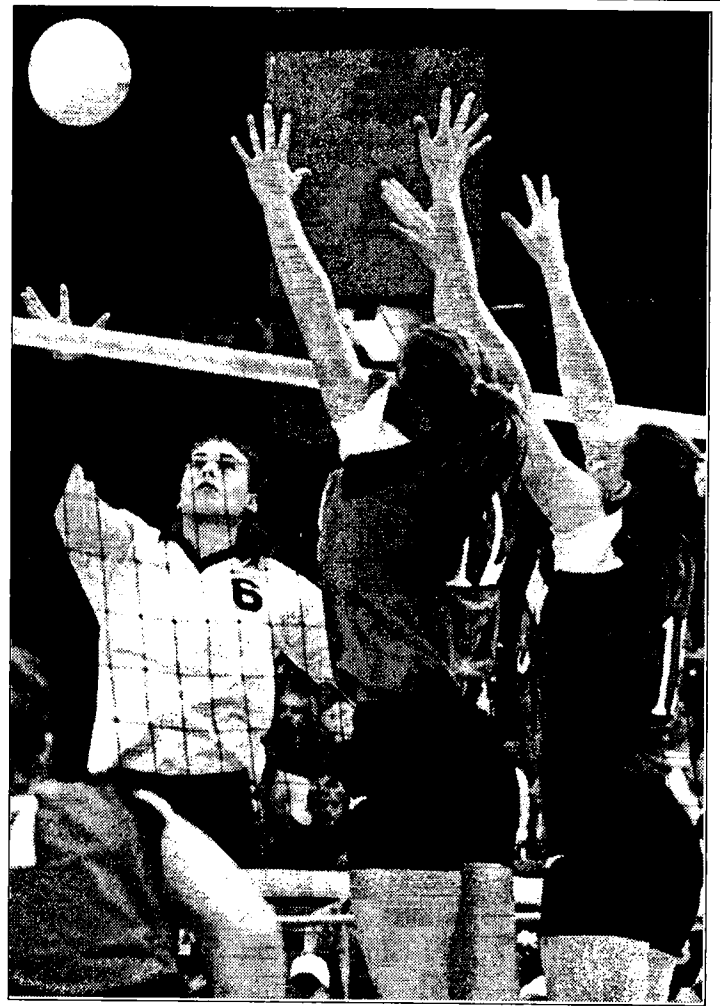
With the split, the Irish now have a record of 6-5 on the season, and are ranked fifth in the AVCA Volleyball poll. All five of the team's losses this season come at the hands of ranked opponents.

Looking ahead, the team will play one final non-conference match against Marquette before beginning its Big East title defense with two home games against St. John's and Connecticut.

"I think it's going to be a tougher challenge for us," Harris said, "because we have so much to work on. We just need to pull everything together and use each match as a stepping stone and get better each time we play."



Harris



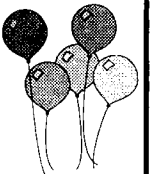
Senior Angie Harris led the Irish with 23 kills against New Mexico. The Observer/John Daily

Theresa Higgins!
Wake me up before you go-go!

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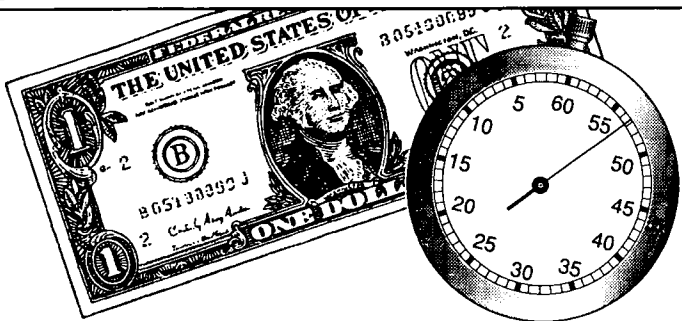


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Love,

Nick, Aaron, Sean, & Nate



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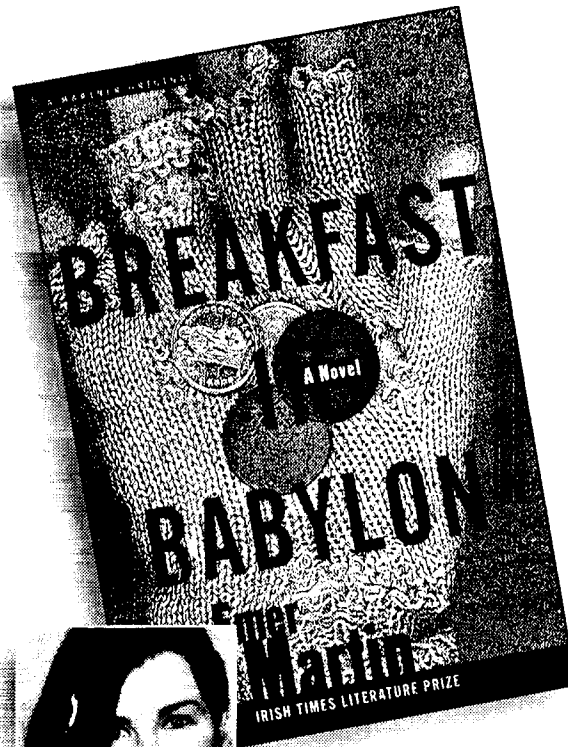
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■ SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look ahead to Albion

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Sports Writer

Coming off an impressive win over the University of Chicago last week as well as a loss to DePauw University in four games, the Saint Mary's volleyball team aims to find consistency in its game tonight versus Albion College at home.

"We need to be more consistent at the net offensively and defensively," coach Jennie Joyce said.

Other keys to winning the game according to Joyce include staying low and maintaining concentration when passing. Additionally, Joyce emphasized the importance of aggressive play in order to win.

"We need to be the aggressive servers that we have been

in past matches," Joyce added.

The play of the outside hitters, sophomore Mary Rodovich and senior Meg Kelly, has impressed Joyce.

"Their serving has been so consistent," Joyce said.

Another player who has been stepping up in previous games is Jane Ozbolt, a 5-foot-11 sophomore middle blocker.

"Jane comes ready to play," Joyce said. "She doesn't always get a lot of sets and therefore is not a kill leader, but she contributes whenever she can."

Megan Jardina, a freshman setter who led the team in assists against the University of Chicago, could also impact the flow of the game if she again demonstrates consistency in her offensive play.

The Belles' opponent tonight, Albion College, is a member of their new conference. However, the game presents a challenge to the SMC team. According to Joyce, they have little information about the offensive or defensive tactics of Albion.

"We are going into the game not knowing what Albion will do offensively and defensively, but we will just have to make adjustments after the first game in whatever we see them doing," Joyce said.

Joyce was optimistic not only about the game versus Albion College but also about what she foresees for the rest of the season.

"If we play our style of volleyball, then we have the potential to be a great team," she said.

■ NFL

Favre breaks Packer touchdown record

By ARNIE STAPLETON
Associated Press Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis.

Who says the defending champions can't be the same scoring machine they were a year ago? Not Brett Favre.

He tied a career high with five touchdown passes and broke Bart Starr's team record with No. 153 as the Green Bay Packers outlasted the Minnesota Vikings 38-32 on Sunday for their 21st straight victory at Lambeau Field.

After getting outscored 24-0 in the second quarter, the Vikings (2-2) quickly made a game out of it when Brad Johnson capitalized on two turnovers with TD throws to Cris Carter and Jake Reed to cut a 31-7 halftime deficit to 31-22.

He led the Vikings to scores on their next two possessions, too, but Johnson failed when it mattered most.

After completing his first 13

passes in the second half against the Packers' weakened secondary, Johnson misfired three straight times after the 2-minute warning and the Vikings had to punt.

Green Bay (3-1) got the ball back with 1:38 left and ran out the clock.

Johnson hit Carter with a 3-yard scoring pass after Bill Schroeder fumbled the second-half kickoff. Then, after Jason Fisk intercepted a Favre pass at the Green Bay 24, Johnson found Reed for a 7-yard TD, and Charles Evans ran in the two-point conversion to make it 31-22.

Favre responded with an 81-yard drive, capped by a 2-yard TD pass to Mark Chmura, his first since 1995, making it 38-22.

But Johnson continually picked on Packers left cornerback Tyrone Williams, making his third start since Craig Newsome was lost for the year with a knee injury in the opener.

After Greg Davis' 31-yard field goal, Johnson hit Reed for a leaping 27-yard TD catch over Williams with 6:44 left to pull the Vikings to 38-32.

After starting the season with a 38-24 victory over Chicago, the Packers had struggled to get into the end zone the last two weeks. They scored just two touchdowns, in a 10-9 loss to Philadelphia and a 23-18 win over Miami.

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Soccer

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used a cross from the left wing and a defensive lapse to set up Robin Confer's goal that gave the Heels a 2-1 advantage.

"We made mistakes," said Petrucelli, "but Cindy Parlow is a great player and she'll punish you when you make mistakes. She's probably the best forward in college soccer and you can't make a mistake with her on the field."

Then at 68:10, amid increasing showers, Jenny Heft knocked in a Makinen pass that looped over the North Carolina defense, knotting the score.

Petrucelli decided to give the start to Heft, the team's leading scorer, over freshman Meotis Erikson, and the sophomore forward rose to the occasion.

"I made the decision (on Thursday) because not only has she been playing well in games, but she's been doing well in training," said Petrucelli. "That goal she scored (on Friday) doesn't surprise me, because she's been doing that for us all year long."

Beene passed her first real test in goal for the Irish, making several spectacular saves on North Carolina shots from point-blank range.

"I'm disappointed," said Beene. "It was a great game and I just wanted to battle out to see who would be victorious."

Although Beene laughingly said she was tested "a little bit more than usual," the Irish keeper said "these are the kind of games I want to play in."

And these are the kind of games Notre Dame will look back on when tournament time rolls around.



Freshman Monica Gonzalez challenges Duke's Sherrill Kester in Sunday's 5-0 victory.

The Observer/Brandon Candura



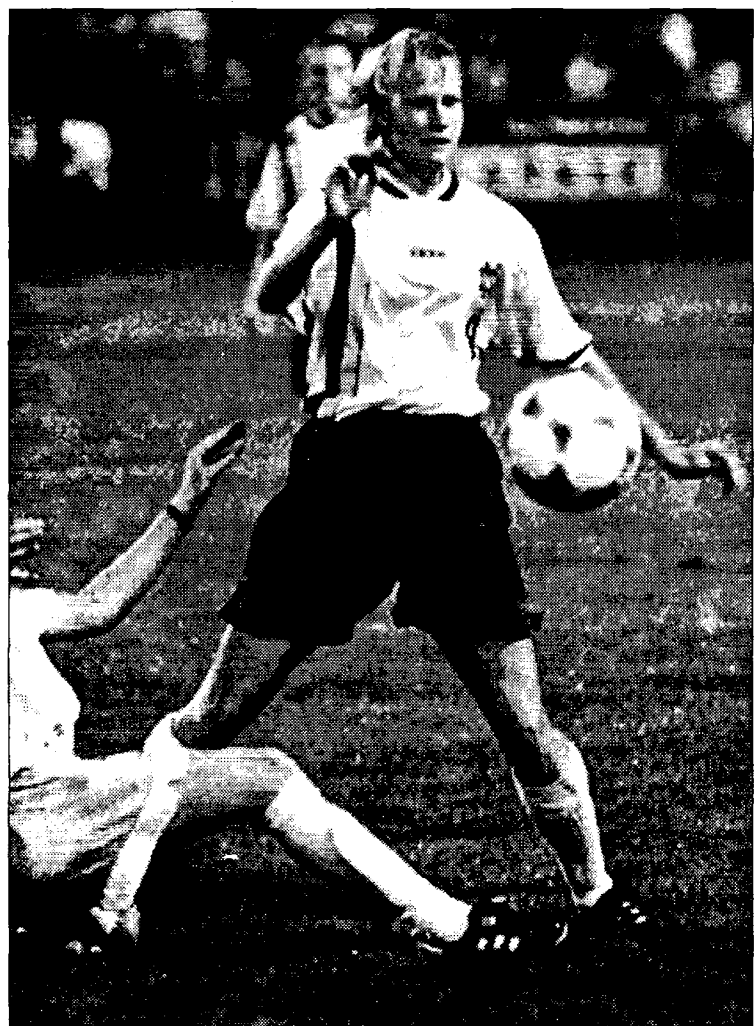
Sophomore defender Jen Grubb solidified the Irish defense in Sunday's shutout of Duke.

The Observer/Brandon Candura

Addidas/Lady Footlocker Classic 1997 All-Tournament Team

Justi Baumgardt	Portland
LaKeysia Beene	Notre Dame
Lorrie Fair	North Carolina
Monica Gonzalez	Notre Dame
Anne Makinen	Notre Dame
Andi Melde	Duke
Cindy Parlow	North Carolina
Kate Sobrero	Notre Dame
Jenny Streiffer	Notre Dame
Kristi Whelchel	Duke
Staci Wilson	North Carolina

Freshman phenom shines in weekend play



Anne Makinen earned offensive MVP honors with three goals and an assist in two games.

The Observer/John Daily

By ERIK KUSHTO
Sports Writer

When most freshmen come into a Division I athletic program they are expected to spend their time on the bench and wait for their turn to shine on the field. Somebody must have forgotten to tell that to Anne Makinen.

Makinen, the 21-year-old freshman phenom, has become a force on the Notre Dame Women's soccer team. The soft-spoken midfielder with the thunder foot scored three goals and was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for the Addidas Lady Footlocker Classic this past weekend.

"It is a great honor (to be named MVP)," Makinen said about the award.

Makinen's actions on the field definitely speak louder than her words. A midfielder from Helsinki, Finland, Makinen joined the Finnish national soccer team at the age of 16. Only a year later she was named Finnish player of the year. In all, Makinen has played in 40 international games and scored 10 goals for Finland. She also captained the Finnish under-20 team, scoring six goals in 15 games. She will travel to France next month for more international competitions.

The skills Makinen has brought from her play abroad have added a potent element to

an already talented Irish squad. Against North Carolina Friday, Makinen took a free kick from 25 yards out around a wall of Tar Heel players and placed it perfectly in the lower left corner of the net. North Carolina coach Ansen Dorrance was astounded.

"The ball went over [the defender's] left shoulder and curved right into the net," Dorrance said. "We just looked at each other on the bench and said, 'Great shot.' It was a world class shot."

Later in that same game, Makinen struck again by sending a long ball 25 yards over the North Carolina defense to the waiting foot of sophomore forward Jenny Heft who flicked the ball into the net and tied the game at two goals apiece. Lightning halted the game three minutes later at 71:16, ending the showdown with a dissatisfying 2-2 tie.

"We were disappointed that we didn't finish the game," said Makinen. "I was sure we were going to win."

Makinen and the Irish came back with a vengeance Sunday as they routed Duke 5-0. Makinen once again displayed her brilliance, scoring not once, but twice from over 20 yards out. Her first goal of the game came at the 64:02 mark when she sent a rocket blazing into the upper left corner of the Duke goal mouth.

"The first goal she scored may be the best goal that's ever been scored on this field," said Petrucelli. "She just wacked it."

Makinen's second goal was just as amazing, a stinger that hit off the crossbar and just crossed the plane of the goal line. "I feel like I can shoot from out there," said Makinen of her long range blasts. "I just got a pair of new shoes. It must be the shoes."

With the kind of talent that Makinen displayed this past weekend, she could be wearing combat boots and still score from 20 yards out. It is a kind of talent that could have taken her anywhere in the world. But she chose to come to Notre Dame.

"It is a great place," she said. "It was just a feeling that I belong here."

Tournament MVP's

Offensive MVP:

Anne Makinen
Notre Dame

Defensive MVP:

Lorrie Fair
North Carolina

Makinen leads Irish domination over Blue Devils



Freshman Monica Gonzalez contends with Duke goalkeeper Dana Piper for the ball. The Observer/Brandon Candura

Manthei achieves milestone with 100th assist in her 83-game collegiate career

By ERIK KUSHTO
Sports Writer

"We dominated the game from the beginning, we scored some great goals, and I thought we played really well."

Those words spoken by head coach Chris Petrucelli summarize perfectly the Notre Dame women soccer team's 5-0 dismantling of the fifth ranked Duke Blue Devils.

Domination.

The Irish outshot the Blue Devils 26-3. Notre Dame had 13 corner kicks to Duke's one. As a matter of fact, the ball rarely entered the Irish defensive half of the field. The Notre Dame defense stifled any offensive attack that Duke could offer.

"(The defense) is playing real well all the way through," Petrucelli said. "Kate Sobrero is having a great year for her senior year, Jen Grubb is a great player and Kelly Lindsey belongs in the back for us. She has done a great job."

The Irish offense, who seemed to have countless scoring opportunities in front of the net, started off slow and could not capitalize.

"(Duke was) a good team and it just took us some time to break them down," said Petrucelli. "You're not going to go in against a team that's one of the top five teams in the country and score five goals in the first half. It's more a credit to how they defended than what we were doing."

Despite the slow start, the Irish were able to put two goals past the Duke goal tender in the first half, both courtesy of freshman forward Monica Gonzalez. Her first goal came

at 35:38 when Gonzalez took a back pass from Jenny Streiffer and fired from 20 yards out on the left wing into the lower right corner of the net. Gonzalez struck a second time at 44:30, heading in a cross from Streiffer and Holly Manthei. The assist by Manthei marked the 100th assist in her 83-game career at Notre Dame.

Great Goals.

The second half of the game was highlighted by three scoring efforts of epic proportions. Anne Makinen

scored the third Irish goal unassisted after collecting a loose ball and firing a blast from 25 yards out into the upper left corner of the net. Jenny Streiffer struck six minutes later at 70:24 after dribbling through two Duke defenders and shooting from seven yards out. Makinen closed the Irish scoring with another scorcher to the upper left corner of the net from more than 20 yards out at the 72:42 mark in the game.

'The two goals that Anne scored were world class goals. The first goal she scored may be the best goal that's ever been scored on this field.'

Chris Petrucelli

"The two goals that Anne scored were world class goals," said Petrucelli. "The first goal she scored may be the best goal that's ever been scored on this field. She just whacked it."

Following the game, Makinen was named the tournament MVP. Irish players named to the all-tournament team were goalkeeper LaKeysia Beene, Gonzalez, Makinen, Streiffer, and Sobrero.

The Irish improved to 7-0-1 while the Blue Devils dropped to 5-2-0.

Notre Dame resumes its Big East schedule this weekend when they travel to Rutgers Friday and Villanova Sunday.

■ IRISH INSIGHT

Irish shake down the thunder

True test awaits teams in tournament

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

It was a clash of titans, a battle of the unbeaten, pitting the heavyweights of the women's soccer world against each other in a rare midseason match-up.

The 3,300 fans who braved the frequent downpours and lightning—to see top-ranked North Carolina's first trip to Alumni Field, home of second-ranked Notre Dame, witnessed the finest display of emotion and athleticism they've probably seen in quite some time.

On this occasion, the second game of the adidas/Lady Footlocker Classic's opening evening, a group of the nation's premiere soccer talents assembled. Among them were Notre

Dame's Holly Manthei, the college women's soccer record-holder for assists (100); Anne Makinen, the tournament's offensive MVP and Finnish player of the year at age 17; North Carolina's Cindy Parlow, the 1996 NCAA player of the year, and defender Staci Wilson, a 1996 first-team all-American selection by the NSCAA, just to name a few.

For just over 71 minutes, the Irish and Tar Heels waged a physical and mental war. Momentum shifted back and forth as rain soaked the soldiers to the skin.

Goals were rationed while the lightning in the north crept ever closer.

Fans cheered, not only for their respective teams, but for the masterpiece unfolding before them. They stood their ground when the skies opened up, refusing to acknowledge that Mother Nature could change the course of the contest.

But nature took control, stopping play under the threat of continuing thunderstorms, ending the Irish and Tar Heels' battle in a 2-2 tie.

So enthralled were the fans, that when the cancellation was announced they chanted for



Irish senior Holly Manthei accelerates past Duke's Kristy Whelchel and Sherrill Kester in route to her 100th career assist in yesterday's game. The Observer/Brandon Candura

more soccer. Having seen 72 minutes of soccer, only wanted them craving more.

Maybe even Mother Nature knew that this was a fitting end for two teams so evenly matched. Ninety minutes of play may have determined a winner, but what would that have proven at this point?

This game was for the play-

ers, to push their limits, to prepare them for the season ahead. It was for the fans, who traveled from the corners of the nation, converging on Alumni Field on a stormy Friday night.

The true tests come in November and December when the conference tournaments and NCAA tournament games

commence.

Right now, Notre Dame and North Carolina may have lowered their records to 6-0-1, but the sense of unfinished business will bring even more emotion to a highly-anticipated rematch.

When that day comes, they'll be playing for keeps.



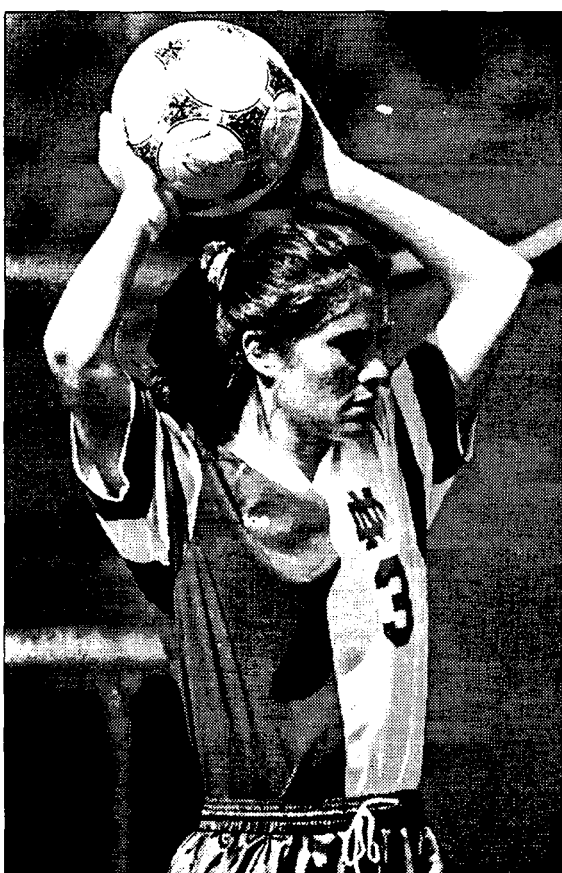
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Sports Writer

Adidas/Lady Footlocker Classic



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North Carolina 2

Notre Dame 5
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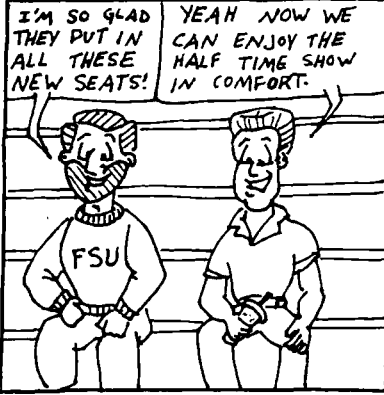
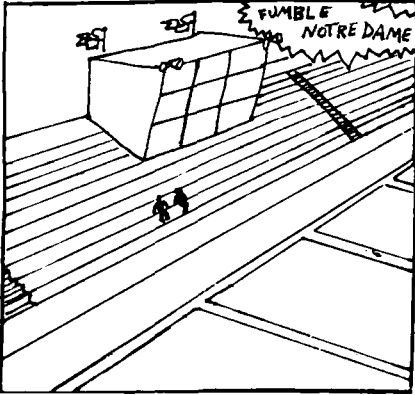
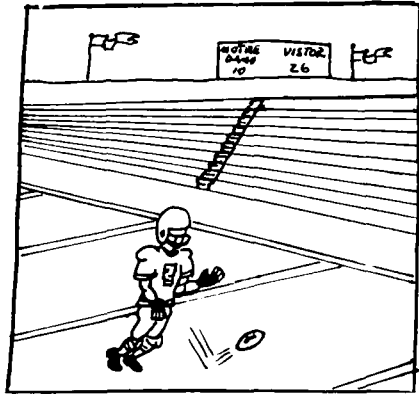


With the help of (clockwise, from left) Kara Brown, Monica Gerardo, Anne Makinen, and Meotis Erikson, the Notre Dame women's soccer team beat fifth-ranked Duke Sunday to close out the adidas Lady Footlocker Classic. The Irish scored 7 goals in the two games—most in the tournament—while allowing only two. Makinen earned offensive MVP honors by scoring three goals from more than 20 yards and assisting on Friday's game-tying goal against North Carolina.

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DEAR EUGENIA: I was born on Oct. 26, 1956, at 6:36 p.m. I have been dating (twice engaged to) the same man for almost 9 years, but we have many problems. He is a Cancer, born July 8, 1949. I am thinking about breaking up with him, but hesitate to do so because of time invested in this relationship.

will be emotional with regards to friends and their situations. Do not take on the responsibilities of older relatives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make headway in the work force if you put your mind to it. Everything you do will contribute to your good fortune.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Opportunities will develop through those you encounter while attending organizational events.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will find that superiors may not see situations as you do. Wait to get all the information before consulting your boss.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Pleasure trips will promote new romantic encounters. You will be attracted to unusual forms of entertainment and foreign cultures.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Opportunities for romance will develop through group endeavors. However, the association isn't likely to last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Opportunities to meet new and exciting individuals will develop. Attend lectures or sign up for courses of interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make major gains professionally by completing projects on time. Your discipline will aid you in new objectives.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social activities that involve the whole family will be enjoyable. Take time to listen to children.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romantic encounters will develop through colleagues. Minor health problems will cause setbacks if you haven't taken proper care of yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sudden changes regarding friendships are likely to occur if you have tried to reform others.

Dear Sue: You've met your match and, although it can be up and down, you do have a link that draws you. By the way — he isn't all that strong a Cancer. Air and Fire are predominant in his chart, and that is probably what captivates you.

You have gone through a confused period recently, and if you make any decision regarding your personal life right now, it will probably be the wrong one. Your chart will be in a much better aspect next year.

If you want to take a break, he won't die. On the other hand, he probably won't sit around waiting like most Cancers.

You are in a high cycle for meeting potential partners this year. If you're interested, or if someone has already tweaked your interest, check it out. Life is always a gamble. Follow through and live life to the fullest. Keep in mind, however, that your Crab does match up quite well, and if you let him go now, he may find someone new.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money can be made if you use your ingenuity. You aren't likely to face any opposition on the home front this week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You

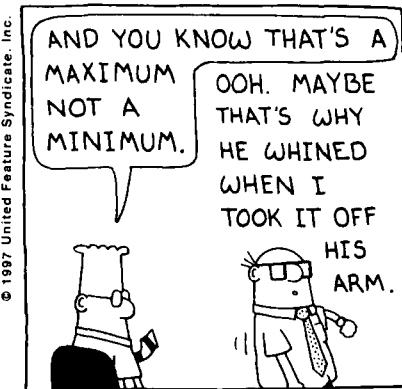
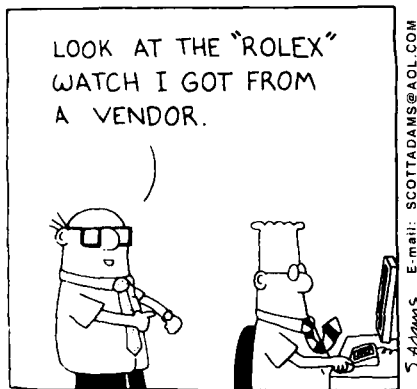
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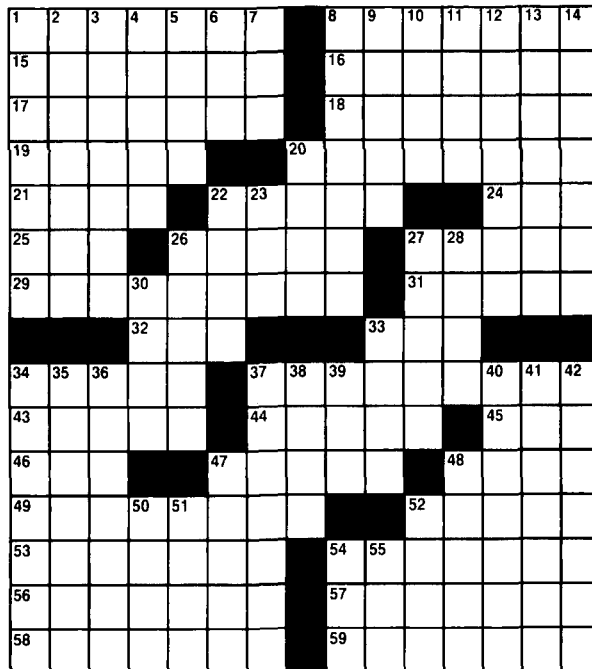
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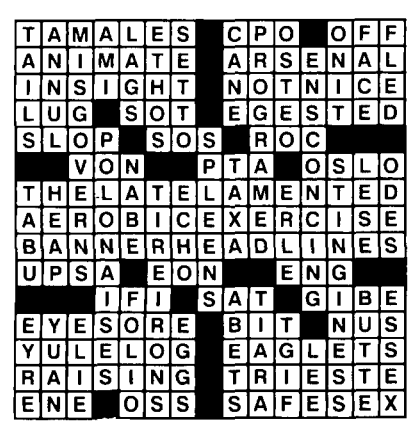
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- 22 Falls off
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- 26 Daytime —
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Puzzle by Robert H. Wolfe

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 28 Where marathoner Grete Waitz was born
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- 36 Richard Leakey and others
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- 38 Cooking staple
- 39 Word
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- 47 Insinuate remark
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- 51 Actress Seigel of "Fernwood 2-Night"
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■ OF INTEREST

The Tolkien friends are pleased to announce Bilbo and Frodo's birthday party, Monday, Sept. 22. The party will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Haggar Parlor, Saint Mary's College. For further information, please call 272-7399.

Human Rights in El Salvador will be addressed at 7:30 p.m. in 303 Haggar at Saint Mary's. The film "School of the Assassins" will be shown, followed by a discussion of what our campuses might do to address human rights abuses.

Van Training Class for Drivers of Center for Social Concerns Vans will be held in the multipurpose room from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 22 and Thursday, Sept. 25. Please bring your drivers license and a pen. Registration is not necessary.

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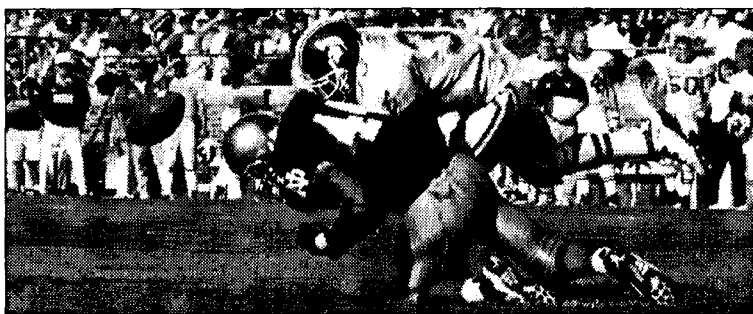
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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish tie Tar Heels in battle for No. 1

*Threatening weather conditions
terminate game in second half*

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Chris Petrucelli knew his team could play defense, and he knew his squad could score, but in this weekend's adidas/Lady Footlocker Classic, Petrucelli found out that his team could come back.

In an emotionally-packed contest, second-ranked Notre Dame and top-ranked North Carolina played to a 2-2 tie Friday night before a sold-out crowd of 3,300 at Alumni Field.

"I was really excited about the way we came back," said Petrucelli. "There was about a 20-minute span in the second half that we had trouble containing (Cindy) Parlow, and she got in and they scored a couple quick goals. It would have been really easy for us to get down at that point."

The game marked the first tie at Alumni Field for the Irish, who sport a 70-5-1 all-time record at home. It also snapped a 22-game home winning streak for Notre Dame.

Unfolding as another historic matchup, the Irish vs. Tar Heels contest looked to

continue the recent tradition of one-goal games, including last season's 2-1 regular-season Notre Dame win and 1-0 North Carolina victory in the NCAA championship game.

But intermittent rain turned into a downpour as thunderstorms rolled into South Bend, halting play at 71:16 because of lightning.

"It was unfortunate that we didn't get to play out the game, but safety-wise, it was a good call," said Petrucelli.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 1-0 first-half lead on an Anne Makinen free kick from 25 yards out that found the lower left corner of the net beyond the reach of Tar Heel goalkeeper Siri Mullinix. It was the third goal of the season for Makinen, and it would not be her last of the tournament, as the freshman netted three goals and one assist en route to offensive MVP honors.

The Tar Heels answered in the second half, sparked by the deft foot of junior Cindy Parlow, who set up two North Carolina goals in a 10-minute span.

Raven McDonald volleyed in a Parlow feed from the right wing past a diving LaKeysia Beene for the first score, and



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Notre Dame's Anne Makinen and Duke's Andi Melde, both members of the all tournament team, battle for the ball Sunday.

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Irish stage comeback with West Virginia victory

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writers

The Notre Dame men's soccer team rebounded from two tough losses with a 3-0 win over the West Virginia Mountaineers on Saturday.

"I felt that we played extremely well against West Virginia," head coach Mike Berticelli said. "The win put us back on track as we approach the rest of the Big East season."

It was the third Big East game for the Irish this year, who remain undefeated in conference play with a record of 2-0-1 and have an overall record of 3-2-2.

"The timing of this win is key for the team," senior co-captain Ryan Turner said. "We had a rough week with the loss to Buffalo and the tie with Northwestern. West Virginia was a Big East opponent, and we were able to play well. We can now hopefully focus on the

remainder of our Big East schedule."

Turner got the Irish on the board first. Turner took a pass from senior Scott Wells and was able to beat the Mountaineers goalkeeper. The goal was the fourth of the year for Turner.

Notre Dame's second goal came just before the end of the first half. Sophomore defender Matt McNew scored his first goal of the year when he was able to collect a loose ball off of

a corner kick and put it in the net.

Wells tallied the third goal for the Irish in the second half. This queued the fat lady, who was getting warmed up on the sidelines. Turner and freshman Conor LaRose were credited with assists on the goal.

"At first we were worried with the team's performance the past week, but we knew that it was early in the season," Turner said. "We responded well and now need to remain focused and

continue down the right path."

The Notre Dame defense was tenacious throughout the game. The Irish gave up only six shots en route to handing a goose-egg to the Mountaineers. The Irish have shut out all three Big East opponents they have faced this year.

"The team approached this game as a must-win. The defense approached it as a must-win with a shutout," McNew said. "The shutout was key."



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