SMC pride rally unites student body

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Associate News Editor

This Mary's student body Lori 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, McKenough 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," McKenough said. "It was also about strengthening our bond with each other." Although the idea for the rally originated in the upwars over Snyder and Fuller's letter, McKenough 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 Maren Minihane, as well as Kathleen and Robert Welsh and their children, Suzanne Welsh Mulshine, Mary-Carol Welsh Pfusillo and Dan Welsh. Many Welsh residents also went to the dedication and wore blue and white 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 ceremonies.

Research by Sarah Hiltz contributed to this report.

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 Blacker 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 Coshow, GSU president, in her report to the Graduate Student Council on Sept. 8. "In 1992, 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 Coshow.

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

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.
Father Sorin was walking happy to have a few women in the neighborhood to rest his weary feet and, while he was the part of the administration, possibly caused enough perspective chefs for through the water, women were admitted to Notre Dame. Saint Michael’s laundry service was fired up for Father Jean-Luc for his fan is to blame because she was not born on our diplomas, which is all that some people different admissions criteria, I can think of a maybe Notre Dame is to blame. Maybe Notre Dame’s parents slap a few more bucks on the screen “drive” through a cartoon scene in which cars cut through a street, pedestrians appear suddenly and stop toixture your eyes and on trusting 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 2050 will make up 28 percent of the nation’s drivers. Ninety volunteer for live HIV injection. 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 5-year-old daughter at the Minot Air Force Base seven years ago. Special Master LaVon French will decide whether federal courts in Washington, D.C., will proceed to Arthur and Bonnie Brown’s claim against the Department of Health and Human Services. They are seeking medical consequences and other damages for their 5-year-old daughter, Ashlee. The Brownes testified Thursday at hearing before French in Washington. David Terezin, a Justice Department attorney, said Thursday that French would probably rule in about 30 days. The Brownes are seeking compensation under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act, a federal law passed in 1986. Terezin said. In such cases, he said the amount of compensation sought exceeded what federal court 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 Brownes’ two small children, Harley and Ashlee, were vaccinated with a contaminated vaccine before French administration. In a popular resort of Acapulco, Churning ocean waters, generated by Nora have pounded thousands of miles of coastline, by wind gusts and strong surf. Flood warnings also remained in place during the storm, which was blowing across the street, pedestrians appear suddenly and stop toixture your eyes and on trusting 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 2050 will make up 28 percent of the nation’s drivers. Ninety volunteer for live HIV injection.

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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 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, rolling surf washed away beaches, damaged beach houses and exposed the roots of palm trees in a popular resort of Acapulco. In the tiny Mexican state of Colima, authorities made preparations to evacuate vulnerable residents and other buildings were badly damaged by wind gusts and strong surf.
Lieberman: Stop American media's 'values vacuum'

By DINA BRICK

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 "values movement" focused on curbing "revolt" and "careless inclusion" resulting from violence, sex, and promiscuity in television, movies and computer 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 (current­ ly) purveying," Lieberman asserted. He also pointed to the scanda­lous 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 media, said Lieberman. They are learning to respond to unacceptable situations with guns because of pervasive violence on television, he said. Also, the values vacuum in the media has led to the loss of traditional attitudes as well as contributed to today's high rates of teen pregnancy, according to the senator.

Senator Joseph Lieberman spoke last night about the need to curb violence and promiscuity in the media. Examples of what is being done include 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 "as Earth, God's work truly must be our own."

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WASHINGTON

Saying their persistent demands for a special investigation had been vindicated, senior Republicans on Sunday insisted this is not the end of it. "Reno must now seek appoint­ment of an independent counsel to look into White House fundraising activities."

"If she fails to move for a special prosecutor, she must now stand accused of something new life in recent weeks with what is unclear whether Clinton and Gore made improper phone calls from the White House, but on whether foreign governments—namely China—legally tried to influence the presidential election and on whether White House-generated donations went into hard money accounts.

In her opening statement, Reno announced "her intention to file a special prosecutor." But after Thursday's phone activity, her press conference on the matter was essentially "an admission of guilt," said an administration official.

But Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee reacted as though they were certain that Reno must be allowed to make that decision based on the evidence.

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"We were pushed out of the way, we were beaten up, spit on," said Rayburn Ward, 21, who was sprayed with Mace and handcuffed by security guards when he stepped in to protect his wife who said she was being "hounded." 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 new 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. Republicans have been pressing Reno to invoke the Independent Counsel Act which comes into effect when senior members of an administration are suspected of legal violations.

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

If she has so far resisted, suggesting that it is unclear whether a century-old law banning solicitation of federal employees from federal offices is applicable to the White House and vice presi­dent. But a Justice-FBI probe into fund-raising activities has taken on new life in recent weeks with revelations that donations solicited by Vice President Al Gore, and perhaps even Clinton, were moved from soft money accounts, which may be outside the law, to hard money ledgers. Soft money refers to the unrestricted contributions made by all political parties while hard money is directed at certain candidates or political action committees.

White House senior adviser Paul Begala 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—legally tried to influence the presidential election and on whether White House-generated donations went into hard money accounts.

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 presidential immunity be continued "as much on past problems as on future investigation of the Nixon administration."

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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 chew 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 Saint 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 25 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 Hamburger steak — fried beef seasoned with onions — and brought it to America in the 1700s and 1800s.
Stories vary on just how the Hamburger 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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XO's
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 held 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 pararescuemen 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 attacks.

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 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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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 years 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 poll data. 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 exit 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 in 1995.

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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 moment 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 in a lachan, given the lasting impression the mural creates.

Walking on the campus, 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 apparent? He has joined Uncle Sam's imperial Navy in the hopes of someday defraying some college expenses. The combined effects of bland, propagandistic slogans in the classroom and the tap dances 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 covering abstracts, but 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 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 assuage myself, I ended up doctoring the logs and noting various ghosts passing through what I assumed were secure passages. I ended up doctoring the logs and noting various ghosts passing through what I assumed were secure passages.

Other highlights of the mural include the frowning Indian family which is upset because either the wife dumped a pot of water on the fire, or because they are being robbed. The Indian slave labor camp is not peeling off 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 in a lachan, given the lasting impression the mural creates.

David McMahon

have a tree growing out of the middle of their teepee. Either way, the husband is off walking 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 murals that inevitably pile up over 150 years. The Notre Dame campus is rife with such treasures, personalities, flickers, and hidden secrets. The most notorious historical anomalies are the remnants of old school Catholicism which litter the campus like catacombs. These anomalies, coupled with the University's history 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 in its continuing war against Native Americans. Not so, however, embattled 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 country might be because they would be forced to comply with the agreement to give Native American 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 purple panorama of Notre Dame's progress must be expunged. As a young, impressionable young, I joined Uncle Sam's imperial Navy in the hopes of someday defraying some college expenses. The combined effects of bland, propagandistic slogans in the classroom and the tap dances 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 covering abstracts, but 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 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 assuage myself, I ended up doctoring the logs and noting various ghosts passing through what I assumed were secure passages. I ended up doctoring the logs and noting various ghosts passing through what I assumed were secure passages.
The Ultimate Team: Dispelling the Myths

Michael Peppard

their long hair resides a well-trained mind, schooled in the fundamentals of professional ultimate aerodynamics. Underneath each of their bare chests lies a heart with a brain that feeds off the complexity and solidarity through their veins. Underneath their camouflage threads hangs a flower that has prepared to risk rash 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 a column intended 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 team there at this school. The Ultimate team, led by the veteran talent of team captain/club president Joe Kerbeliski, Dave Shol, Andy "Patch" Pascoli, Tim Brown, and Noah "Mama's Boy" Gray, have exploded onto the national collegiate circuit in only four short years since its inception. Last year they won the Illinois and Indiana collegiate division, and have gone to the 15-state regional competition for the last three years, 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 Kovak and James Bechle in the junior ranks; and Walsh and Puck in the more class. When I interviewed Artie Conlon's College Ultimate team, the second best team in the country, they expressed apprehension about playing Ciric this year. Their reasoning included, "I'm worried about Stitches. He's got mad skill." "Patch has a mean hammer throw, and Kerbeliski is a mighty warrier."

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 recent tournament, "Since Ultimate doesn't have any referees, he said, "all the players just have to trust the spirit of the game to call himself out of bounds. It doesn't matter if the tournament is on the line for all the players in the end zone, but he knows he landed a pass of the spirit of the game to call himself out of bounds. If only other sports could learn the same things in the double yellow line数码 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 are not spending on time away from 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 slobly hotel room.

I guess the point of this rambling propaganda is to ignite some support for the winning horses of Notre Dame athletics. The ultimate team is still in its nascent but is performing like it has years of tradition behind it. When the collegiate season gets into full swing, let's get some spirited support for Steph Field. Yes, they are bare-footed long hair, and their clothes are something dirty. But that's why we love them. So you're all welcome at my tailgate next spring behind the second Notre Dame Ultimate trademark: 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.

Michael Peppard is a joint major in philosophy and theology (pun intended) who lives in the attic of the Halfway House. He is involved in a cult of hazing worship which focuses on certain members of the female Ultimate team. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Contrary to what I used to erroneously believe, Notre Dame is not simply a freeway, a few trees, and a few grassy fields. 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 throw from the Canadian border? Not much, except for the name of the town and the fact that her citizens primarily spent a McDonald's gas station.

I drove through Notre Dame, Maine, this summer on my way to work holding end north into Maine's backwoods, and we stopped (against my will and at the insistence of the driver) at that McDonald's. It hit me then if it were not for the 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 sandwich, "go glib" increase the de-velop of the upholstery for weeks. The smell of "lobster" and the "lemon" of the fries is what we can always expect. The way up to Maine were not the worst parts of the trip though. The last 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 noticeable exceptions of Alaska, and maybe parts of some western states, it's impossible (unless you are not paying attention to your gas gauge) to drive so without encountering at least one gas station and probably multiple McDonald's. If someone can show me a non-corporate town 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 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 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 lashing what the editors chose as the 10 best cities in the world. One of the factors contributing to the editory's 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, then had 16 McDonald's. This article wouldn't be complete without a critical examination of the food itself, as well. Nothing 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 Walsh?

Speaking of grassy fields, allow me to in on a little secret: every time a few people decide to trounce across the grass instead of using the sidewalk, 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, will all the grass on campus be 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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A Thousand Acres
Directed by Jocelyn Moorhouse
Starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Jessica Lange
(out of five daimocks)

Another Look at 'Lear'

By JOE LENSKI
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 stirring: a sweeping, majestic shot of a serene cornfield falls gently onto a staid 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 so many years, to his beautiful 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 are revealed. The plot is black and burn gaping holes in the idyllic current utopia.

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 fail to pull the masculinity-stereotyped, deep 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 place 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 resort to another twisting event, and the audience drop any notion of the 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 Sewn Tent." Despite the eyes-rolling script and overwhelming, 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, 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 trust finally hold meaning for a previously beligerenced audience. Rather than tell you to go see this movie, I am going to tell you when NOT 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

Given, the script is due all the credit. The plot, while very detailed with plenty of backstory and twists, 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 ability and characteristics of one man, a detective named Edley, 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 stars. Russell Crowe portrays the tough cop with a heart named White, Pearce the seemingly innocent Edley, Spacey the dapper and star-studded sergeant Vincenzo, and Danny Devito plays the shifty Irish cop, a character named Edley, 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.

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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, cinematic style. Get comfortable, though, because it is 2 1/2 hours long.

L.A. Confidential
Directed by Curtis Hanson
Starring Kevin Spacey, Russel Crowe, Guy Pearce, Danny De Vito, and Kim Bassinger
(out of five daimocks)

By JOSH BECK
Accent Movie Critic

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

Curiously, this will lead 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 dapper dressed and the entire ambiance is very innocent and wholesome. And this is ultimately what this film reveals 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 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

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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. 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 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 booping 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
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 dev-asating 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 Colette up in the press box, in order to give him a better view of the overall picture on the field, and sent co-offensive coordi-nator Bob Chmelir 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 offense did not, as they were only able to get within the Michigan State’s 30 yard line twice throughout the entire game, one of which was because of a Kory Minor interception that he returned 78 yards.

In fact, play in itself sums up 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 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 said, “because of 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. You know what’s going on right now too,” Powlus added. “The coaches are doing great things. I think the players may 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 few bright spots of the offense thus far, throwing for a career high last week against Lafayette, could not come through, being limited to just 59 yards on 15 passing attempts, completing only 29 yards per carry.

Another consistent performer for the Irish, running back Autry Brown had nowhere to go, as players and coaches alike felt that the offensive line twice within Michigan State’s defense was holding Brown on a seven-yard pass.

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"They caught us off guard a few times, and they flat ran over us on a few other plays." Trail ing 17-0 with under two minutes left in the first half, the Irish finally found some sign of life on defense. Linebarker Kory Minor picked off Schultsch 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 until this point in the 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 first extensive action of the season.

Quarterback: C

Impressive completion percent­age, but only one completion thrown when the team losses by 16 at home. Powlus has to make more of an effort to get the ball downhill on the rare occasions that the coaching staff allows for such a route. The deep ball was thrown with purpose and pattern and probably cannot be blamed on the quarterback because the receiver failed to complete the route.

Running Backs: D+

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Wide Receivers: C

Brown continued to get open enough to catch the ball and relatively well on Saturday, but he needs to step doing more 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 multiple times and was sacked three times. Inconsistent would be a kind way to describe this unit's play thus far.

Defensive Line: D+

Some teams looked like a legiti­mate Division I defense in the second half and did a solid job of keeping the Irish in the game thus far. 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-

The company reap the heart of the defense. Unfortunately, their heart nei-ther 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 — the most of the tackles for the Irish, but the reasons for that was the game, with which MSU completed the short pass and ran through the Notre Dame defense as how managed to look bad with­out being tested by Shuta. They gave up a big play that would have a lot of work to do. As 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 kicking was responsi­ble for at least two Spartan scores.

Coaching: D+

The staff may have had the team up for the game, but once MSU changed the Irish defense in less than four minutes to open the game, all emotion was apparent. 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. Keep an eye out for this 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 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 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 efforts.

"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 pulled away."

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 17-6, outside linebacker Kirk Minor picked off a Todd Schulz 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 to Junior Bobby Brown to bring the Irish back within 10.

The only problem 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 positive was, following a sluggish start, linebacker Jimmy Frain made his name and the Irish defense finally made the proper adjustments in the second half.

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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 losing record, without a national championship!

A lot of people, including the Notre Dame community, are a 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 does anything to 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-athlete 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.

There is anything wrong in finding the human side of 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-athlete 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 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.
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.

Michigan State 23
Notre Dame 7
Notre Dame Stadium
Saturday, September 22, 1997

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.
In the days of senseless action and unlikable comedies, it is rare to get a film in which the characters elicit a sense of intelligence and quickness which is actually noticeable to the audience. Not very often do we get a moment in a movie that shows eyes. 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 quite so 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 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 plays up the nature of love with Kristen. Pacino tells Depp that she is no more than 15 years old, but he still chooses to love her. The question is whether or not Depp can love her.

Days of Our Lives

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 appetites with our LoAnn Flemings. The "back from the dead" cassette and the scathing review of Dina. In an attempt to help Jack with his prison Internet. But, as Stefano would say, "we don't call it an obsession, we call it LOVE." The Phoenix itself 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 for Marlena. After locking John and Hope in a cell, Mr. Evil had plenty of time to answer, 'What's my line?' and prove once again that he is the master of all. Even though he is the master of all, he is not invincible. Stefano was able to fake the necessary references and earn his degree. However, when he is about 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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Soap Opera Updates

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 theories about where they'll live, as Sonny wakes up screeching and yelling. "Out damned spot!" Sonny tries to wash the blood from his hands. This is his last week on General Hospital begins. A tip for Sonny: dreaming your second bride is about to be blown up like your fire is never a good sign.

Kady 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 and proceeds to confession to talk about desiring his sister. He settles for confessing to an easodropping Alexis.

On her birthday, Katherine asks Stefan to make love to her. His response: "Ew!" 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 hurrid life. Across town a really depressed Tony tells Bobbie about the elopement. A.J. tells Tony of the elopement and the easy-to-convince Ronny 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 home in Vegas (what an idiotic choice!) and if she's Jack's to give her a new life, may just need to lose him. Audrey uses some of her GIJ history to council her about truth in relationships. Marlena talks 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 rumble to a meeting and promises to believe her and she slams him.

Felicia catches Maxie carrying her off with 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 and call her parents. Jack thanks A.J. for caring then tells him to butt the hell out and deal with his own problems. A.J. promises Carly she'll keep quiet, for the moment.

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MC Morrow plays Joe Pistone, a tough undercover cop that penetrates the New York mafia, in 'Donnie Brasco'.
Newell's guidance key to Belle success

By STEPHANIE VILKINIS
Sports Writer

Victory came at last for the Saint Mary's soccer team when they traveled to Franklin College Tuesday and captured the Bedin Cup, but they shut out Franklin by a score of 5-0. Senior Kevin Sullivan and sophomore Mary Woodoka each contributed two goals, 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 Red Devils soccer and defense. Already this year she has found herself the net six times, which brings her career goals to SMC. At 14, although she played forward this season, 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.

"This is so important to her overall game, and defense, but it has helped me become a better forward," Newell said. Kicking the ball at age four but never thought she would play competitive soccer during her four years at SMC, Newell's role on the team has changed.

"The adjustment to college life and playing soccer was tough for her the first year, but being on the upclassman and fellow freshmen Keirrey Samah 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. "When I was younger, I have given me a sense of trust for the people I work and play with," she said. "This is a major sport 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 didn't take off or on time 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 up and playing 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 I’m trying to live up to some very emo­tions tied to this year," said Newell.

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

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Saint Mary's looks ahead to Adrian
By ANGELA OLSEN

Saint Mary's kicked off their first cross country season on Friday at the National Catholic Invitational 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 Julie 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 remainder 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.

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By BILL HART

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.

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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, both 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 Rodwick 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 Ozholt, 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 to whatever we see 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.
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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 for me and I just wanted to battle out to see who would be victorious."

Although Beene laughingly said she was tested more than usual, the Irish goalkeeper 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 Shernill Kester in Sunday's 5-0 victory.

Adidas/Lady Footlocker Classic
1997 All-Tournament Team

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Lorrie Fair North Carolina
Monica Gonzalez Notre Dame
Anne Makinen Notre Dame
Andi Melde Duke
Cindy Parlow North Carolina
Kate Sobrero Notre Dame
Jenny Strelilina Duke
Kristi Whelchel North Carolina
Staci Wilson North Carolina

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 thunderous foot scored three goals and was named Offensive Most Valuable Player for the Adidas 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 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 captured 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 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 into the net and tied the game at two goals apiece. Lightning bolted the game three minutes later at 71:16, ending the showdown with a disqualifying 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

Defense MVP: Kristi Whelchel
North Carolina

Freshman phenom shines in weekend play
Makinen leads Irish domination over Blue Devils

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

By ERIK KUSHITO
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 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.

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 lose 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 73:42 mark in the game.

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Following the game, Makinen was named the tournament offensive 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 5-2-3. Notre Dame remains at Big East schedule this weekend when they travel to Rutgers Friday and Villanova Sunday.

Irish shake down the thunder

True test awaits teams in tournament

By ALLISON KRILIA
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 Fighting Irish 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 sod up. Fans cheered, not only for their respective teams, but for the masterpiece unfolding before them. They stood their ground when the skies opened, 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 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 players, 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.
Adidas/Lady Footlocker Classic

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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threatening weather conditions
terminate game in second half

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Irish tie Tar Heels in battle for No. 1

 Threatening weather conditions terminate game in second half

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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. "This win puts us back on track as we approach the rest of the Big East season."

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"At first we were worried with team's performance the past few weeks, 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 on goal. The Irish gave up only six shots on goal.

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

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