Ruptured gas line causes evacuation of five buildings

By M. SHANNON RYAN
St. Mary's Editor

Studying was abandoned, Sega games paused and soap opera put on hold yesterday morning after students from Lyons, Badin, Howard and Morrissey residence halls and Bond Hall were evacuated due to a gas leak on the southwest path circling St. Mary's Lake.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., workers from Dye Mechanicals, a piping contractor located in La Porte, Ind., struck the line while digging to repair a clogged drain. There was a rushing noise as natural gas was released into the air.

A mark drawn to indicate the digging site was off by about seven feet, according to Mike Howell, the Dye Mechanicals employee who hit the line. Locators contracted by Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) were responsible for drawing the line, said John Delamore, director of utilities.

Crews from NIPSCO arrived at about 11 a.m. and had clamped the leak by noon. They continued to work into the afternoon on repairing the line.

Notre Dame Security/Police cars and a Notre Dame Fire Department truck arrived to block off a portion of Holy Cross Drive to pedestrians and motorists and to prevent danger in the unlikely event of an explosion due to gas buildup.

Students in classes at Bond Hall were missed, while residents of Lyons, Badin, Howard and Morrissey halls were denied access to their rooms after the leak was stopped.

Many students expressed frustration concerning the inconvenience.

"A paper's on my computer, right now upstairs," said Morrissey Hall senior. "I still need to correct it before class today.

Others had to attend class without their texts or notebooks.

The strong odor of natural gas was the first sign of the leak, according to many students. Notre Dame security contacted each dormitory and hall rectors con-

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LOOKING AHEAD TO THE SEASON...

Davie talks about '98 campaign

By BRAD UNTIEDT
News Writer

An upbeat and excited Bob Davie answered students' questions at a student forum at the Joyce Center last night.

The coach began the question and answer session by praising the students for their support and enthusiasm for the Notre Dame football team. He commented on how positive everyone has been about the upcoming season and how exciting this season should be.

"Our goal, obviously, is to be twelve and zero," stated the coach. "That is everyone's goal at the beginning of a season."

Davie talked of a greater commitment to excellence that the team, as well as the coaching staff, has displayed in preparing for the upcoming season. He stated that there has been a raise in the level of standards on and off the field by the team as a whole, and seemed confident that this can only lead to success for the entire program. Along with this commitment to excellence, he noted, a greater sense of team unity has been stressed throughout practices.

Dave Davie
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The problems surrounding camping out for football tick-

ets and off-campus parties highlighted the opening meet-
ing of the Campus Life Council last night. Council members addressed security and safety concerns stemming from last week's camps for ticket and tailgate parties at Notre Dame's stadium. Concerns were also expressed about the impact of out-of-season parties, ticket sales, and security and safety issues on other campus events.

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC discusses parties, ticket sales

By ERICA THESING
News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN

‘Do or Do Not ... There is no Try.’

These eight simple words send a fairly powerful message, especially when spoken by a Jedi master who has never met the word ‘refugee’. Even from being one of the fundamental tenets of Jedi creed, the message seems to have been preached often enough right here on campus. At its core are the ideals of strength of will, effort and grit. A recent story featured in the first year seminar the golden Dome. Looking back on those few first weeks as a Domeon, I remember a speech given by a senior administrator whose name comes up often enough in this paper. If I recall correctly, she compared saving the state. The state legislature passed the Arizona Family College Savings Program in April, 1997, and the Internal Revenue Service is expected to approve the plan soon.

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Recently strikes by the United States Steel workers have put the spotlight on steel. The steel industry has been talking about the possibility of a strike for many months. The steelworkers and the company have been at odds for many years. The strike was the result of a dispute over wages and working conditions. The steelworkers were asking for a higher wage and better working conditions. The company was offering lower wages and worse working conditions. The strike caused a great deal of uncertainty in the industry.

Syracuse University

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Corporation sponsors APMEP program

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
American News Editor

Ameritech, Inc. has contributed $60,046 to the University of Notre Dame to expand the Ameritech Pre-College Engineering Program (APMEP). The APMEP is designed to introduce area minority middle school students, to engineering and related fields. Notre Dame faculty, graduate and undergraduate Ameritech volunteers will work on the APMEP on the first and third Friday of each month to conduct a two-way video conference session.

"In all production, every session," said Joy Vann-Hamilton director of the minority engineering program. She explained that a tremendous amount of work goes into planning and executing each session.

The faculty and graduate students develop the material and presentation for each session and conduct them from a specially equipped classroom in the DeBartolo Hall. Undergraduate students are stationed at Washington, Chicago and River schools in South Bend to reinforce the sessions and assess the students' reactions and participation. The series of sessions are intended to culminate in a project by the students.

"It can become like watching television if they're not actively engaged," said Vann-Hamilton. Special care is taken to ensure that the students' attention is maintained.

"It is very interesting to see that the kids respond more and more each time that you go," said Cassidy, a senior chemical engineering student. She explained that the rewards from participating in the program for undergraduate students comes when the children begin to interact with students from other schools and participation and creativity increase.

"In grade school I didn't experience hands-on experiments so it would have helped me a whole lot," said Merkhasha Chenault, a junior chemical engineering student. She recalled that the only exposure she received was through summer programs and seminars at nearby universities.

"Interest in engineering among students needs to be encouraged before high school," said University Professor Edward Mulloy in announcing the gift. "Without such interest, students simply will not choose, nor succeed in, a high school curriculum that will sustain them through college careers. APMEP truly makes the difference in Notre Dame's ability to reach out to the surrounding communities to share our blessings of talented students, faculty and administrators."

Minority groups such as African-Americans, Latinos and American Indians constitute 28.5 percent of the college-age population, but less than six percent of the engineering workforce, according to Joy Vann-Hamilton, director of the Minority Engineering Program.

Currently, individuals from these ethnic minority groups comprise only about 10 percent of the bachelor degrees graduates in engineering and about three percent of the doctorates. Minority women constitute just 1.1 percent of the engineering workforce and earn only 27 percent of the bachelor's degrees and less than one percent of the doctorates in engineering.

In the 1996-97 school year, 13,605 of the 84,230 freshmen enrolling in engineering nationwide and 6,412 of the 57,610 students who received their bachelor's degrees in engineering were minority students.

There is no formalized follow-up for the program, according to Vann-Hamilton, but she said that they have taken a bus trip to the Motorola Museum of Science and that they are planning a trip to an amusement park. She explained that trips of this sort are not only fun for the students, but opportunities for real-world applications of the physics and engineering concepts they are introduced to through the video sessions.

"Ameritech gift is a component of Notre Dame's $767 million "Generations" campaign. "Ameritech is interested in awarding a gift that will help position Indiana as a leader in the future," said Kent Lebherz, president of Ameritech Indiana.

"We recognize that our brightest hope for tomorrow depends upon the opportunities provided to our youth today," explained the University President.

Colloquy for year 2000 addresses social space

By STACY CRAFT
News Writer

A common complaint from Notre Dame students is that there are not enough places on campus for socializing. In an effort to find solutions to this problem, the University conducted a self-study called the Colloquy for the Year 2000.

"The Colloquy looked at what areas we need improvement on," said Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities. "When it got to campus social life, we ended up seeing we need more social space. However, the report didn't get into details on what this means.

The need for details led to the formation of the Social Space Vision committee, a group of Notre Dame students, faculty and staff who met with consultants contracted by the Office of Student Activities. Cassidy worked closely with the consultants to find out exactly what sort of social space students are looking for and to discover where the best area of campus to put the space would be.

These questions led to a survey of one-third of Notre Dame students and employees. Alumni were surveyed as well and their results were kept separate from those of current students and employees in order to study trends in the opinions of past students as opposed to those of current students.

In addition to surveying the Notre Dame community, the consultants also met with various groups of students to assess the needs of the different populations within the University. Traffic pattern assessments were performed in order to get a sense of the areas of greatest pedestrian traffic and decide where the optimal location for any new social space would be.

The consultants finished their report in the spring of 1998 and turned it over to the Office of Student Affairs. Since then, administrators have been studying the situation.

"It's right now, we're at a wait and see point," said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life.

The senior staff has not yet analyzed the report, according to Kirk. Instead, they are waiting to see if the renovations to South Dining Hall, the addition of Rockers and Burger King, and the recent availability of space on the third floor of LaFortune will make any difference in student social life before they make any new decisions.

There is no indication that a new place to socialize on campus will be built in the near future.

"It's going to be awhile before we can make use of the survey information," Kirk said.

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Many positive points about the team were brought up, as well as some of the questions and concerns about the upcoming season. The coach was very excited by the fact that seven starters are returning on both offense and defense. "With this there is more depth and experience at almost every position and the team is healthier than it has been in some time." Davie also stated that he is extremely excited about this year’s freshman class, calling them the best freshman group that he has ever been involved with. He said that as many as eight out of this group will see playing time in the first game, with one, Tony Weaver, starting on the defensive line.

Some of the concerns about this season were also brought up. The toughness of this year’s schedule, which includes six teams that defeated the Irish last year, has led to questions. Along with the schedule, inexperience at some key positions is a cause for concern, but Davie was very optimistic about these question marks. He said that the defensive line, parts of the kicking game and quarterback are all questions which will be answered this Saturday against Michigan.

This week’s game was a topic of many of the students’ questions. With the Michigan Wolverines entering the season as the defending national champions, this week’s game has been greatly anticipated.

"I am excited. It is going to be a great football game," said Davie, who said the team must be focused on execution in order to be successful against Michigan.

Approximately 250 students attended the discussion.

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The council sent both issues to the alcohol committee for further review.

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Stock market plunges

NEW YORK
The Dow industrials fell more than 500 points on Monday as stocks wiped out what little remained of this year’s one-round gains and plunged toward the first bear market since 1990.

Less than two months after peaking above 14,000, the Dow Jones industrial average of 30 major American companies fell 512.61 points, or 4.4 percent, to 7,399.07, a loss of 4.7 percent for the year and its lowest level since November 1995.

The loss, the second highest in points behind the 554-point drop suffered last fall on Oct. 27, extended the Dow’s sharp drop from the July 17 record of 7,347.77, a loss of 997 points, or 13.9 percent.

The technology-dominated Nasdaq composite index fell 8.66 percent to 1,499.25, losing a record 140.43 points, and the Nasdaq-100 index fell 99.50 to 927.28. Both measures are now showing a loss for the year after posting gains of more than 20 percent at July’s highs.

The Dow’s 512-point loss surpassed the 508 loss in the “Black Monday” crash of Oct. 19, 1987, but was well short of the 22.6 percent loss on that day.

While there were more discouraging developments among the laundry list of overseas troubles that have weighed on markets this month, analysts attributed Monday’s pile-up selling to emotions more than the latest news.

“The news at the margin continues to turn negative, and that’s all you need for a down day with this atmosphere,” said Barbara McMahon, senior equity portfolio manager at Citibank Global Asset Management.

In Russia, for example, angry law­makers on Monday emphatically rejected Boris Yeltsin’s offer of a new prime minister, blocking formation of a government that would have superior political and military ties to the former Soviet Union.

The backstop in Asia, which has been a yearlong financial crisis, turned more unsettling amid news that North Korea had fired a test missile over northeastern Japan.

There were more signs of the impact of these foreign crises on American companies as a Midwestern manufacturing group, in the first sampling of August’s busi­ness conditions, reported the first drop in factory activity in three years.

The Clinton administration moved quickly to reassure investors that the U.S. economy is essentially sound despite the plunge. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said he had been in touch with President Clinton and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and with officials around the world.

“The fundamentals of the United States economy are strong,” Rubin said. “The prospects for growth, low unemployment, low inflation contin­ue to be strong.”

The Dow, which was up 18.1 per­cent for the year at the July record, is now just 68 points away from its first “bear market” decline of at least 20 percent since Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Even so, analysts were careful to point out the difference between eco­nomic conditions then and now.

“Certainly, a U.S. economic growth is going to slow, but the whole recession thing. We don’t think it’s nearly that bad,” said Robert Streid, senior investment adviser at Northern Trust in Chicago, noting that low borrow­ing costs should keep U.S. consumers spending.

World leaders push reform in Russia

In a flurry of phone calls, world leaders consulted with each other before Boris Yeltsin on Monday over Russia’s worsening crisis, calling on him to stay the course of reform.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who holds the rotating chairmanship of the Group of Eight major industrialized nations, spoke to the Russian president by telephone for 20 minutes Monday, a spokesman for Blair said. After the weekend, Blair spoke to President Clinton and leaders of France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan to share assessments of Russia’s economic and political turmoil.

Blair “passed on the desire of these nations to help Russia, but made it clear that there was agreement among them that any help must be tied to the economic reform program,” the spokesman said, speaking on condi­tionary of anonymity. “He was assured that Russia understood the importance of that economic reform program,” the spokesman said.

Russia’s economic and political turmoil deepened Monday, as world investors rejected Yeltsin’s choice for prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin. The latest crisis sent shock waves through most of the world’s financial markets.

The consultations among world leaders came just ahead of Clinton’s scheduled arrival in Moscow on Tuesday for a summit.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Jacques Chirac also spoke by phone and spent part of the weekend assessing the Russian situation, their offices said.

Kohl Monday warned Yeltsin that Russia would receive no infusion of financial aid from abroad unless it was provided with reforms.

European Union Finance Commissioner Yves-Thibault de Silguy cautioned that Europe — particularly the 11 nations that adopted the euro currency next year — has more at stake in Russia’s economy than the United States.

“Fifty percent of Russia’s foreign trade is with Europe, and only five percent is with the United States,” he said Monday in an interview with French radio Europe-1. “But it’s Clinton who’s going to Russia on Tuesday.”

Blair’s office indicated earlier that the Group of Eight is expected to make a decision for the formation of a new Russian government before taking any steps.

Russia, whose economic crisis has been building all sum­mer, is the newest member of the Group of Eight.

Some commentators saw no other option but to keep aid to Russia flowing.

“As absurd as it sounds, there is nothing further for the West to do but to pump money into Russia,” read an editorial in the Vienna newspaper Der Standard, warning the alternative would be “further hysterical reactions on the international finance markets.”
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Senate report finds no evidence to support claims

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A Senate committee report concludes there is no evidence to support the theory that U.S. soldiers who fought in the Persian Gulf War and then became mysteriously ill were exposed to nerve gas.

"We have found nothing to show that the illnesses are related to chemicals," said a Senate Veterans Affairs Committee official who spoke late Monday on condition of anonymity.

The panel planned to make the study public on Tuesday.

The bipartisan report, prepared over 18 months, concluded that nerve gas was not to blame for the illnesses.

But it is highly critical of a Pentagon conclusion last year that up to 100,000 soldiers were exposed to low doses of nerve gases released in the demolition of an Iraqi ammunition depot in March 1991, days after the war had ended. That report said the doses were too small to have it marked the first official acknowledgment that there was any exposure at all.

The Senate report argues there is no hard evidence to back the report's conclusions. It says the Pentagon, working with the CIA, relied on a flawed computer model to re-create the exposure levels and assumed a worst-case scenario.

"There is insufficient evidence at this time to prove or disprove that there was actual low-level exposure of any troops to chemical weapon nerve agents or that any of the health effects some veterans are experiencing were cause by such exposure," Tuesday's editions of The Washington Post quoted the report as saying.

The source added to The Associated Press: "We think that the Pentagon may have overreacted based on the evidence it had."

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**TECHNOLOGY**

**Government requests changes in Microsoft case**

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON

The government urged a judge Monday to reject Microsoft's request to throw out the most important parts of the antitrust case against the $14 billion software company, but it didn't substantively broaden its lawsuit.

The government's lengthy court filing includes new evidence that Microsoft allegedly behaved illegally toward rivals Intel and Apple Computer to stifle competition in the high-tech industry. "We believe the facts will show these new allegations are groundless," Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray said. "Collaborative efforts are common all across the high-tech industry, and they're good for consumers and pave the way for rapid development of new technology."

But one person familiar with the document said the essence of the complaint remains what it always was, and that the government is not expanding its case.

The Justice Department and the 20 states suing Microsoft were ordered to respond to the company's Aug. 10 request for summary judgment.

A copy of the government's filing won't be publicly released until Tuesday, but a person who worked on the document characterized its contents for The Associated Press.

In its request to throw out the case, Microsoft had contended that a favorable ruling earlier this summer from a federal appeals court -- combined with evidence it has uncovered from business rivals -- undercuts the government's most dramatic claims.

In its response, the government pointed to statements by the appeals court that the June ruling was only peripheral to the pending antitrust case.

For example, the court itself noted that "the ultimate sorting out of any factual disputes is a difficult question, and one we, of course, cannot resolve on the limited record before us.

The appeals court in a separate but related case had ruled that Microsoft was allowed to bundle its Internet browser with its popular Windows operating system, calling it "a genuine integration."

That is legal, because a single combined product offers benefits over separate ones. "The appeals court ruling severely undermines their original case, so they're trying to rewrite the case in a matter of days before the trial begins," said Microsoft's Murray.

But the government contends Microsoft's bundling amounts to illegal "tying," because it forces customers who use Windows -- the world's dominant operating system -- also to use the company's web browser rather than that of rival Netscape.

Microsoft also had argued that it uncovered evidence from Netscape during its trial preparations to refute another government claim: that its decision to include its browser effectively shut Netscape out of the market.

Microsoft said Netscape can distribute its browser through computer makers and Internet providers, along with making it available on the Internet for customers to download for free.

The Justice Department argued that asking customers to download an Internet browser is too burdensome, and it contended that Microsoft was guilty of exclusive agreements with the nation's largest Internet providers to distribute its own browser instead of Netscape's.

Meanwhile, Microsoft has demanded copies of about 4,000 e-mails that Netscape employees wrote over the past two years.

Netscape's own lawyers on Monday were reviewing the messages, which Microsoft hopes might include embarrassing comments about Netscape's own executives or its products, or possibly inflammatory messages about Microsoft.

Netscape employees posted the messages to two private forums for informal complaints. They fired off e-mails, for example, to gripe about cafeteria food and about the company's policy prohibiting employees from taking their dogs to the office.

Kent Walker, Netscape's attorney, told employees Aug. 20 that Microsoft had subpoenaed the contents of the forums, called "badattitudes" and "really bad attitude."

"Microsoft is going to pay some ... lawyer $200 an hour to find out that we hate cafeteria food, don't like security posters, had a (bad) newwdest and think 'Navigator' was cooler than "Communicator." And I smile," one Netscape software engineer wrote in an e-mail about the situation.

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**TIC TAC TOE**

*The Democratic Daily*

With the renovation of South Dining Hall, students now are prohibited from carrying backpacks into the eating area so as to cut down on congestion. A number of student leaders have voiced concerns regarding the safety of the property against theft as it sits unattended while students eat. The issue is being considered for discussion at tonight's Student Senate meeting.

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**TIC TAC TOE**

*The Observer*

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a step that could have a significant impact on presidential politics, the Legislature on Monday sent the governor a bill that would give California one of the country's earliest presidential elections.

By a 21-14 vote, the Senate gave final approval to legislation that would move the primary from June until the first Tuesday in March, in 2008. The Assembly approved the bill last week.

Sen. Walsh, a spokesman for Gov. Pete Wilson, said the Republican governor had expressed some concerns about the bill but hadn't indicated whether he would sign or veto it.

Wilson is considering running for president in 2000 and might benefit from the change in election dates.

Some lawmakers have been trying for years to move up the date of the state's primary, saying that presidential nominations are usually wrapped up by the time Californians vote, even though the state has the most electoral votes — 54.

California voters haven't had a real impact in the selection of a presidential nominee since 1972, when George McGovern's victory in the California primary propelled him to the Democratic nomination.

Wildfires ravage California: homes, businesses destroyed

Associated Press

A large wind-driven wildfire destroyed at least 26 homes Monday, and authorities ordered evacuations for residents in the path of the 5,000-acre blaze.

There were no reports of injuries. The fire started Monday afternoon about 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles in an area called Jupiter Flats and was fueled by dry, dense brush and pavement.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, although there were reports of lightning strikes from thunderstorms.

At least five other fires, including a 2,000-acre blaze, were burning in Riverside County, east of Los Angeles.

The State Fire Marshal, speaking for the California Department of Forestry. No homes were immediately threatened in those fires. In addition to the homes, several in the homes that burned down in the Jupiter Flats fire, at least 10 outbuildings were destroyed. About 30 people sought shelter at an elementary school.

Some 400 firefighters were working on the blaze, said Capt. Derick Thompson, a spokesman for the forestry department.

The fire was being monitored by fire officials from throughout the state.

An inmate was killed and a firefighter was seriously injured in Palmdale when a truck carrying at least 11 prisoners to help fight a fire rolled and several times after the driver lost control on a curve.
Catholics need to hold on to the core of the faith

It was said in Kevin Coyne's novel Domes, that Notre Dame is a great place to find your faith, but also a great place to lose it. An student often feel the pressure of coping with demanding academics, all the while keeping our friendships, staying fit, and not to mention maintaining our spiritual lives.

Sean Vinck

Notre Dame is a very rich place in a number of senses. Culturally, we have magnificent buildings, a gigantic library system, a museum of art, numerous academic institutes, and a brain trust of scholars that rival any other school in the nation. Athletically, we boast some of the finest collegiate teams in a variety of sports. But perhaps most importantly, we possess a very magnetic religious tradition.

Yet, there is a problem. While it is true that mass attendance is high, and that confession lines are long, it is my belief that there is what I call a confusion of faith. I will elaborate. There are multi­tudes of good hearted people here, there are those who do not share in their pastoral care. There is a group of people that is vocally opposed to the administration of Holy Communion to everyone. The number of those who do not share in the liturgical practices is quite desirable. I see lay people approach the tabernacle to remove the sacrament with­out genuflecting first, demonstrating a lack of reverence for the Holy Eucharist. The entire ambiance of the mass seems to be radially different in our dorms than in, say, the Basilica. As a freshman, I was told that the mass in my dorm was a celebration of Jesus' death, with all applicable graces and merits. While I enjoy sitting with my friends at mass on occasion, their presence on a given Sunday does not add to the inex­ensible value of the grace that the mass bestows upon each soul. In fact it is said that at our time of death, the number of masses that we have heard in our lifetime will be our greatest consola­tion. I am suggest­ing that if we diminish the richness of Catholic theology, substitut­ing with not-con­triver­sial platitudes, we run the risk of subtly eroding our faith. It is all too easy to forget the eternity of hell, the effect of mortal sins, and the necessity of confession for the more bright and happy aspects of Catholicism — eternal bliss, lover, etc. My remark would not be interpreted as an attack on well-meaning people. There is a room, and frankly a need for a certain diversity in modes of religious practices. Yet, in our faith there is a logos, a unifying element — the magisterium of the Catholic Church. Intellectual duality to the Holy Father and the magisterium teachings of the church will unify the dispar­ate elements of the church. Submitting to the pope's judgment, guided by the light of the Holy Spirit will overcome the theological confusions and squabbles that sometimes plague our church. We must move beyond the old debates among liberal and conservative elements in the church, and unite in a spirit of orthodoxy. It will be said that our holy father is out of step with the demands of a modern world, that circumstances dictate that we alter our faith in order to live comfortably in the world. There is a simple reply to this: the demands of catholicity are often incongruous with demands of main­stream society; we must choose to pre­serve the integrity of our souls over and above all worldly considerations.

Notes and Aides

Kudos to Maureen Kranich for her very important letter regarding Senator Bradley's pro-abortion record. It is unfortunate that such letters have to be published, yet abortion is the pernicious cultural issue of our time. No doubt the erstwhile Senator will justify his opposi­tion to Partial-Abortion ban by explaining that he is not pro-abortion, that he is personally opposed to it, that he would impose his values on women; such semantieal double-talk is as tiresome as it is intellectually vacuous.

As was pointed out last semester, it is unfortunate that for the sake of re­sponsibility in the eyes of the academic community, Notre Dame chooses to com­promise its integrity by bringing in "edu­cators" who do not share in their pastoral mission.
Take action against oppression with the Student Alliance

This is the first in a series of weekly columns written by members of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA). By rotating writers we hope to provide a wide variety of views from the left. Each columnist will be expressing her own opinion. So here we go...

Welcome to Aaron Kreider

Social columnist will credit. Tho tempting to working for social justice by raising pie are "The Progressive Student Alliance. Our views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. 

Aaron Kreider is a graduate student in the sociology department. This column appears regularly by a different member of the Progressive Student Alliance. His views are a difficult to reflect the viewpoints of the Progressive Student Alliance. 

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The media and the Era of Lewinsky

I wish to assure you that I will not stoop to the sub-gutter level of so many other Americans and make vulgar light of the Clinton-Lewinsky situation. It distresses me that this once God fearing nation has become increasingly preoccupied with the activities of the—say we—hydrant and hose of the Executive Branch. If anyone at fault here (and as we all know, absolutely none of the responsibility lies upon the President’s, um, shoulders) it’s the mass media and the Lewinsky newscast goes-like (it only took five months), nobody got in any trouble for it). And not for we’ll advocate here’s mine. being oppressed is oppression. It's At times Notre Dame might seem to be dominated by conservative white upper-middle-class Catholics and you might feel there’s no hope for progress. But just a couple of examples from our history show it was no different. During the late 60s, a radical political party began demanding the release of students stopped (very) important for building power on campus, and other organizations that will alter the relations of power on several other multi-issue groups of which Oppressors of animals (as I am trying to be vegan (no meat, dairy, no eggs). You, your friends, or your organization are acting against oppression and PSA can do anything if we act together and contact us and we’ll advocate for you! Your organization’s goals (fighting against oppression) are very broad, and we want to be able to cooperate with other groups who might focus primarily on a single issue. In most activity, in places we can act radic...
One week at the Jimmy Carter Work Project 1998

DAY 1:
trusses and framing

DAY 2:
blue-board insulation, windows, roof decking

DAY 3:
insulation, drywall, shingles

DAY 4:
interior painting, caulking, vinyl siding, vinyl flooring

DAY 5:
landscaping, carpeting, clean-up

Top: Former President Jimmy Carter approaches the work day with enthusiasm.
Bottom: Carter, Jessica Chicalski, Christina Sullivan and Kate Bamgorg (left to right) enjoy breakfast before a long day of construction.

All photos courtesy of Nicole Benjamin
Sweat, muscle and love help Notre Dame students replace sub-standard housing in Houston and the Philippines

By NICOLE BENJAMIN
Scene Writer

It was a summer of blistered hands, blazing temperatures and touching moments for members of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity student chapter.

In an effort to eliminate poverty housing outside the South Bend area, the club sponsored three building projects — one in Houston, Texas, and two in the Philippines.

The Houston house sponsored by the Notre Dame Habitat chapter was one of 100 homes built during the 1998 Jimmy Carter Work Project. President Carter and his wife, Rosalyn, have led this annual work project every year since 1984.

This year's JCWP volunteers were the first to construct 100 houses in one week in the United States, and the Notre Dame-sponsored house was the first student house to be built by a single campus chapter at a JCWP site.

Notre Dame sent 22 undergraduate students to Houston for the JCWP project, held June 14-20. These students worked with Mario Almanza and Juanita Garcia, the partner family, to build a house on 57th Avenue.

The students were selected through a written application process and many were given financial aid to help cover the project's $250 registration fee. These 22 students traveled from across United States to take part in the project, including a core of six Notre Dame students who made the 24-hour trek from South Bend to Houston.

For many of the students, the Jimmy Carter Work Project was their first experience with Habitat for Humanity. The Notre Dame campus chapter members hoped that this experience would spark the interest of the newcomers to become involved with Habitat for Humanity on campus this year.

Many of these rookies do plan to stay involved with Notre Dame's Habitat chapter this year.

"This was the first time I volunteered with Habitat," Christina Sullivan said. "I have always wanted to get involved, so when I heard about JCWP, I decided to give it a try and apply. Now I'm hooked and looking forward to working on the South Bend house this year."

Working on the South Bend house is a completely different experience from the Jimmy Carter Work Project. During the year, Notre Dame's Habitat members only work on the weekends and most of the school year is dedicated to building one house.

But in Houston, the Habitat house was completed in only five days — a typical day in this blitz build was both rewarding and exhausting for the Notre Dame volunteers. After a breakfast in the dorms of Rice University, the Notre Dame volunteers were bussed to the JCWP site.

From 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. the students hammered, painted and sweated. Yet despite the callouses, blisters and scratches, there were plenty of opportunities for smiles, laughter and plenty of photographs. The students were able to forge many friendships through their common spirit for Habitat for Humanity.

"It was very inspiring to see how much they wanted to have a home and how hard they worked to make that dream possible," said Amy Crawford, former president of Notre Dame's Habitat chapter.

The students were young adults, and I think this helped the students relate to them and enabled all of us to get along so well. The site was always filled with laughter and smiles. It was very inspiring to see how much they wanted to have a home and how hard they worked to make that dream possible," she said.

"The Almanzas made it so easy for us to see that what we were doing was extremely important — that we were doing service for friends in need. At the end of the week, Mario and Juanita were welcomed not only into their new home, but into the Notre Dame family as well."

The Jimmy Carter Work Project is an international event held in a different city each year. The site for the 1999 JCWP is in the Philippines. Last summer, Notre Dame Habitat volunteers were invited to build the test house for next year's project.

Recent 1998 graduates Amy Crawford and Kelly McMahon, sophomore Jennifer Farrell and junior Anne Morarity participated in the Philippine test project in June.

The building took place in Bacolod, the Filipino city of smiles, as the girls joined forces with 30 Japanese students. The building site was called Pamana Habitat village and was donated by a Habitat benefactor whose hope was to form a new tradition of bright futures and strong families for this optimistic, close-knit community.

The houses in the Philippines were much different from the houses built in Houston. They were duplexes with no indoor plumbing, composed of cement block due to the ban on wood in the Philippines.

The Notre Dame women were housed in a 12-to-a-room retreat house located about a mile from the building site. Here they experienced the true conditions of living in sub-standard housing — no plumbing, no hot water, and showers taken from a large bucket.

Anne Morarity, however, was all smiles when she described the positive impact of her experience in a foreign country.

"This opportunity to build in the Philippines broadened my understanding and appreciation of Habitat to a new level. I truly believe this will help me better relate to Habitat's philosophy."

"There is such a strong urgency for more people to get involved in Habitat for Humanity so we can eliminate sub-standard housing by working together and building one home at a time."
Miami- Mark McGwire went 0-for-3 and hit his lead in the home-run race Monday, but teammate Brian Jordan helped to keep the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Florida Marlins 5-3. 

Sosa went 3 for 5 in the third inning of the Chicago Cubs' game against the New York Mets, tying him with McGwire. Both need one homer to equal Hank Williams' 68-year-old National League record of 26.

McGwire struck out twice, walked twice and doubled. He fell to 49 lifetime against Marlin starter Kirt Ojala. 

In 25 games left, McGwire remained on a pace to hit 65 homers, Roger Maris set the major-league record of 61 in 1961.

McGwire worked the count to 3-2 on each of his first two at-bats, the crowd of 36,544 rooting for the Canadian slugger. 

They boosed the pitcher when he failed to throw a strike and jeered umpire Elam Franklin when he called a strike.

Against Ojala, McGwire fouled out on two in the first, and struck out swinging at an 86-mph fastball in the fifth.

Against Brian Edmonson, McGwire tied his third-inning streak. McGwire, who was ejected for protesting a third strike Saturday after this time argued briefly and then walked away from the plate shaking his head.

The crowd roared when Vic Darchenbag McGwire wore one out and nobody on in the ninth, and perhaps half the fans headed for the exits.

Before the game, McGwire admitted he didn't know much about Williams and became aware only recently that the NL record for homers was 36. 

McGwire knows a lot about the history of the game, and sometimes I wish I knew them all," he said. "Then again, I'm happy that I don't, because you don't think about things. But it would go fast back in time and play against these great players.

Darren Oliver (2-2) allowed Florida three runs in six innings, striking out seven strong innings as the Chicago White Sox beat Baltimore 4-1 Monday night, ending the Orioles' streak of six straight losses.

Greg Norton also homered for the White Sox, who have won six in a row, including the 6-4-3 double play. Their winning streak to eight games.

Orioles centerfielder Bill Bordwin also homered for the club record in one game. 

Bradford pitched 1 1-3 innings for the Orioles.

Blasberg, Sosa. McGwire. McGwire became aware only recently that the NL record for homers was 56.

Baltimore 4-1 Monday night, outscoring the Orioles 8-1.
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Sosa hits 55th home run on route to 5-4 victory

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Sammy Sosa took two curtain calls — one for himself and one for Kenny Wood.

Sosa hit his 55th home run in the third inning to tie Mark McGwire for the major league lead Monday night as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Cincinnati Reds 5-4.

Sosa moved within one homer of tying Hack Wilson's 68-year-old club and National League record when he lined an 0-1 pitch from Brett Tomko into the left-field bleachers in the third.

After the two-run homer cut the Reds' lead to 2-1, Sosa came out of the dugout and, as he has so many times this season — acknowledged the adulation from a frenzied Wrigley Field crowd.

Wood lined a two-run homer in the fourth, his second this season, to give Chicago a 5-4 lead, but when fans chanted for him to come back onto the field, he didn't respond.

No problem.

Sosa, who seconds earlier had given Wood an enormous bear hug, jumped to the dugout step and waved to the fans again, gladly taking a bow for his young teammate.

Wood (1-3) went six innings, striking out 11 and allowing four runs and six hits. He was pulled after throwing 117 pitches. Rod Beck pitched the final inning for his 40th save.

The Cubs began the night tied with New York for the NL wild card race. The Mets played a late game in Los Angeles, and allowing four runs and five runs — only two earned — in the fifth.

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Young had an infield RBI single off third baseman Garciía's glove in the first after an error on Lance Johnson, who dropped Roberts Petagio's long fly to center.

Cleveland 15, Oakland 6

Richie Sexson hit a two-run single in Cleveland's biggest first inning in 44 years on Monday night and drove in five runs, including his fourth homer in three days, as the Indians beat the Oakland Athletics 15-6.

Manny Ramirez hit his career-high 34th homer and drove in five runs, giving him 138 RBIs. Sexson, who hit a 409-foot homer to dead center in the second, had four RBIs for the third time since being recalled from the minors on Aug. 8 to replace injured first baseman Jim Thome.

Oakland's Rickey Henderson had his AL-leading 57th steal, hit his 11th homer and scored his 11th run when he walked and came home on Jason Giambi's sacrifice fly in the fifth. He is the sixth player to reach the milestone, joining Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Pete Rose and Willie Mays.

Hours after acquiring second baseman Joey Cora from Seattle for David Bell, the Indians scored 10 runs in their first at-bat for the first time since July 6, 1954. They scored 11 in the first inning against Baltimore in that game and won 11-3 on the way to an AL pennant.

Cora, hit by a pitch to help spark Cleveland's 10-run first, extended his hitting streak to 17 games with an RBI single in the sixth to make it 15-1. The Indians beat Oakland for the second straight game after losing eight consecutive to the A's.

Beginning September 7... Phase Two
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio
Best assured Ohio State coach John Cooper won’t be humming anything about West Virginia being almost heaven.
Cooper is considerably less than enthusiastic that his top-ranked Buckeyes have to open on the road in a hostile environment against No. 11 West Virginia on Saturday night.
"If I was making the schedule at Ohio State, I would not play a non-conference road game," the 11th-year coach said during his weekly news conference Monday. "When you have 93,000 people watching you play every game at home, why go on the road to play?"

But the Buckeyes were apparently stuck with having to travel to Morgantown, as a payback for the Mountaineers traveling to Ohio Stadium for a 24-3 loss in 1987.
So in addition to the pressure of upholding the team’s first No. 1 ranking in 18 years, Ohio State also is heading into a place where the game has become a crusade.
"I try to be a humble place to play, but we’ve been to Notre Dame, Penn State, Iowa, Washington and the Superbowl," Cooper said.

Cooper said he would much prefer to have a couple of patsies lined up.
"I’d play an easy non-conference game at home, like Nebraska’s been doing for years and years," Cooper said.
He chuckled as he pointed to the Cornhuskers’ 56-27 victory Saturday over Louisiana Tech and added, "They come back this week with another tough one: Alabama-Birmingham. And how about Florida? They’ve got The Citadel."

In Ohio State’s 108 years of football, the Buckeyes have opened on the other team’s home field just seven times.
Woody Hayes was the coach in 1975 and Archie Griffins was at tailback the last time OSU hit the road for an opener.
There are a lot of reasons why Cooper isn’t looking forward to any country roads taking him home.
For starters, the Buckeyes will be spending Friday night in Washington, Pa., about 75 miles away from Morgantown.
They will ride buses into and out of Morgantown, a route on which extensive road construction could produce lengthy waits in traffic.

The opening kickoff of an NFL exhibition game Aug. 22 in Morgantown had to be pushed back because the Atlanta Falcons were unable to get to the stadium in time because of traffic and construction.

A capacity crowd of 63,500 — an overwhelming majority rooting for the Mountaineers — will be on hand.

Tickets to the game haven’t been available for months, unless one is willing to part with a large stack of currency.

Every hotel is sold out and most have a waiting list if a room should somehow become available.

Another reason for Cooper’s reluctance is the iffily academic situation of some of his star players.

Linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer — who wears Griffin’s No. 45 on his jersey — has yet to make the grade in summer school.

The same goes for standout strong safety Damon Moore and second-team All-Big Ten offensive lineman Rob Murphy.

"We know when they’re taking their finals, but we don’t know when the teachers are turning the grades in," Cooper said. "They’re not eligible until the grades are posted."

Despite published reports quoting Murphy that he had already passed his classes, Cooper said he has received no such notification from Ohio State’s academic counselors.

The coaching staff hopes to get the word to the three starters as early as Wednesday and no later than Friday. Good or bad, that would eliminate one of the constant questions Cooper has faced.

"There have been a lot of distractions because of academics," he said.

North Carolina coach Dorrance to fight lawsuit

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.
Anson Dorrance vowed Monday to fight a $12 million sexual harassment lawsuit filed by 10 former North Carolina women’s soccer players, saying he won’t settle the case out of court.
"I want my name cleared. I want this program cleaned," said Dorrance, coach of the 15-time national champion soccer program at North Carolina. "I am looking forward to that wonderful ride."
Thomas Ziko of the state Attorney General’s Office, the lead lawyer for Dorrance and the University of North Carolina in the civil case, refused to comment.
When asked if he was mentally prepared for a possible long court battle, Dorrance said, "I am now, absolutely, I understand what is going to happen. We are prepared. The university is certainly prepared."

"A wonderful thing about this is my athletic director and chancellor have stood up and been counted. All athletics is, in public relations. Athletics is supposed to be positive public relations, and yet despite the allegations the support has been fantastic. That is a very powerful endorsement."

The lawsuit was filed last Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Chicago by 1996 national player of the year Debbie Keller and reserve goalkeeper Melissa Jennings.

Keller, who played for the Tar Heels from 1993-96, claims Dorrance repeatedly made "uninvited, unauthorized and offensive physical contact" with her between 1994 and 1996. In October 1996, the lawsuit alleges, Dorrance coerced Keller into meeting him at a secluded area where he made an "uninvited sexual advance."

Ten offensive lineman Rob Murphy.

"We know when they’re taking their finals, but we don’t know when the teachers are turning the grades in," Cooper said. "They’re not eligible until the grades are posted."

Despite published reports quoting Murphy that he had already passed his classes, Cooper said he has received no such notification from Ohio State’s academic counselors. The coaching staff hopes to get the word to the three starters as early as Wednesday and no later than Friday. Good or bad, that would eliminate one of the constant questions Cooper has faced.

"There have been a lot of distractions because of academics," he said.
Seminole overpowers Aggies at Kickoff Classic

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Good kid Chris Weinke and Tricky Minnesota won't be needing from young pals Peter Wallace and Tricky Texas A&M as No. 2 Florida State won down No. 14 Texas A&M for a 23-14 victory in the Kickoff Classic on Monday night.

The 26-year-old Weinke, who returned to Florida State after six years of pro football, contributed five successful drives, finished 22-of-33 for 390 yards, and ran for 142 yards and a touchdown. Weinke completed his first pass, a 30-yarder to Warrick, and finished 21-for-36 for 207 yards and no interceptions.

The defense chimed in, too, holding the Aggies to a paltry 20 yards in the second half and 33 overall.

Warrick gave Weinke an open target all night, catching a career-high nine passes for 156 yards. Minor, a sophomore Weinke but only 19 years old, set a school record with 12 receptions and ran for 146 yards and a touchdown.

The Seminoles were expected to have the splits with the Aggies, who last beat a top-5 team in 1975, but Texas A&M coach Mike Bowden's team all it could handle in the first three quarters before finally breaking through.

And with A&M leading 14-10 at halftime, the Seminoles went to work, closing on 14-13 on Sebastian Janikowski's second field goal, a 29-yarder with 4:43 left.

Warrick and Weinke then hooked up to give the Seminoles the lead for good. Warrick returned a 14-yard punt 21 yards to the Aggies 37, but four plays later he limped off the field after defensive back Steadman Curry rolled over Warrick's right ankle.

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The Mercury took the day off.

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Tyson in trouble with law again

BOXING

GAITHERSBURG, Md. Mike Tyson was involved in a minor auto accident Monday and had to be restrained by his own bodyguards from fighting the driver of the other car, police said.

Nobody was injured in the accident, described by police as a "fender-bender," in this northern Maryland suburb near Washington. No one was arrested.

Tyson was a passenger in the Mercedes convertible driven by his wife, Monica Turner, who apparently struck the car in front of hers, said Derek Baliles, a spokesman for the Montgomery County police. Tyson got out of the car and "appeared to want to fight the other driver," said Baliles. "He was restrained by his wife and members of his security detail who were traveling in a second car."

The other driver was not identified.

Because passersby called to report the incident, police stopped Tyson a short time later, he said.

"Because of the reports of a fight we wanted to be sure everyone was OK," said Baliles. "While we were speaking to Mr. Tyson, he requested an ambulance, complaining of chest pains."

But once the ambulance arrived, Tyson refused to be taken to a hospital, saying his wife was a doctor and would tend to him, Baliles said. The Tyson group was then allowed to leave. However, several hours later a spokeswoman for Shady Grove Hospital said Tyson was in the emergency room. She said he did not come by ambulance and said his condition did not appear to be serious. She declined to give further details.

"We are writing it up as a misdemeanor assault," said Baliles. "In the state of Maryland, if a misdemeanor occurs and it's not in the presence of a police officer, we can't place charges or place anyone under arrest."

It is up to the other driver to decide whether to make a complaint to police, and it was unclear if he wanted to pursue the matter, Baliles said.

A telephone call to the New York office of Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel was not returned Monday night. Tyson is scheduled to appear Sept. 19 at a hearing before the Nevada Athletic Commission to determine if the state will let him box again.

Tyson was banned by the commission in July 1997 after biting Evander Holyfield's ears during their heavyweight championship fight. His license was revoked and he was fined $3 million.

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Levens back in camp for Pack, Miler may be next

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. Pro Bowl halfback Dorsey Levens practiced for the first time since the Super Bowl on Monday, and flanker Robert Brooks returned to action just 24 days after undergoing back surgery.

With his team back at full force, general manager Ron Wolf proclaimed the Packers the team to beat in the NFL again.

That didn't prevent him, how­ever, from pursuing quarter­back Rick Mirer, who was cut by Chicago.

Levens participated in a no­pads practice and looked to be in great shape. Coach Mike Holmgren said he'll play Levens in the season opener Sunday against Detroit but wasn't sure to what extent.

Levens acknowledged that his training camp holdout hurt him despite his rigorous individual regimen that included a track coach and personal trainer.

"Let's get one thing straight first. There is no shape like foot­ball shape," Levens said. "It's a completely different thing."

And he won't get hit until Wednesday's workouts, either.

Still, Levens said he can be a factor against the Lions.

"I think so, but it's going to take some time. The timing's not there. There's work to be done," he said. "I think I'm going to be in the system for a while and off talent alone, I think I can get a little bit done."

Levens ended his holdout Sunday by signing a one-year tender for $2.742 million, which allowed him to report to the Packers while the finishing touches are put on a five­year, $25 million package.

It also allows the Packers to transfer their franchise designa­tion to another player such as Antonio Freeman, providing Levens accepts an extension before the end of the season.

Levens is expected to sign a long-term contract any day.

"Shoulder pads, knee pads, thigh pads," Levens said. "We're not in pads until Wednesday, so I'll call Lloyd's of London before then."

Holmgren was delighted his Pro Bowl halfback was finally in the fold.

"We just have to be smart­ly on how we handle it," Holmgren said. "I don't want him to pull a muscle. That would be disastrous, if we wait­ed all this time and then all of a sudden something like that hap­pened."

By showing up for work, Levens can collect $161,294 a week under the tender deal while Green Bay and agent Hudley Engelhard negotiate a five­year contract.

Holmgren might start Travis Jervey or Raymond Harris at halfback, but he's not ruling out going with Levens.

"It's not unprecedented that backs have come in without a training camp and play," Holmgren said. "Emmit Smith did it."

Smith had 45 yards on eight carries in his return from a 63­day holdout in 1993 before win­ning his third straight rushing title and carrying the Dallas Cowboys to a second consecu­tive Super Bowl championship.

Running backs coach Harry Sydney said Levens looked rusty and will have to concentrate to the little things in the playbook: "The basic X's and O's he'll get, but he's got to remember where the apostrophes go."

Levens isn't the only one try­ing to make up for lost time.

Brooks returned to practice Monday for the first time since Aug. 7, when he underwent microscopic disc surgery.

Brooks said his lower back had been bothering him since Week 5 of last season, when he got hit hard in Chicago. Since then, he'd been stiff and a step slow, rendering him unable to avoid tacklers, which in turn led to several nagg­ging injuries.

Now that he's pain­free, Brooks said he could cut loose for the first time since the start of the 1996 season, before he shredded his right knee.

Wolf was making all­out effort to lure Miler, but other possible destinations included Denver, San Francisco and Oakland.

"He has to go where he feels comfortable, and only he can make that decision," Wolf said.

"But I can tell you this: I will not guarantee anything, but we have not thrown the towel in."

But Wolf did issue a Tuesday deadline for a decision.

"We're either in or out tomor­row," he said.

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Think different.
Irish hoping practice pays off against Crusaders

By ANTHONY BIANCO

In the sports world, the old adage "practice makes perfect" only makes sense when a team has the contests in which to prove their skills. For the Irish, that opportunity begins tonight as they open their regular season against Valparaiso.

With the intense practices and teamwork the Irish have shown in the preseason, the team is confident that they have something to show on the field.

"Through the preseason the team has excelled with the strong motivation and excitement that a new season brings," said head coach Mike Berticelli. "At this point, we don't need to work on any one thing in particular. All the teams on our schedule are ready to play, and so are we, as we should be."

The eagerness to take to the field has come from an intense series of preseason practices. The Irish have built on a defense that only allowed nine goals in 11 Big East conference matchups a year ago to establish a more aggressive offense. Focusing on a full-pressure defensive style of play that the Irish hopes will give them ball possession deep in the attack, the Irish look to score quick goals snatched up in opponent's territory. The focus on a full pressure defense has allowed us to gain possession when the offensive, catching on the opportunely off side," said junior Matt New.

This more goal-focused and has developed well thus far for the Irish. In two preseason games, the team amassed shots, including 21 this weekend against DePaul. As opposed to last year's possession club, the Irish now concentrate on finishing those plays with goals. "We're getting more creative in scoring the goals," said Berticelli. "Moving the ball will allow us to find the back of the net can easily leave the Irish solely dependent on their defense."

"We can't be giving silly balls away in the mid-third of the field," said forward Andrew Aris. "Once we lose it there, we've lost a scoring opportunity and are instead falling back to defending."

Not that the defense isn't being held up by the squad now looks to anchor the squad.

"We always want to rely on our defense," said coach Berticelli on the strength of this squad. "On the field, everyone's a defender, it all starts with the defense." added co-captain midlielder Matt Johnson.

With preseason practice over, the road to perfection begins tonight against the Crusaders. The series between these two teams dates back to 1977, and the record couldn't be any more perfect for the Irish. Notre Dame has won all 25 of the meetings, with the last three games resulting in Irish shutouts. Playing the percentag, the Irish have also posted a 12-7-2 record in season openers.

Not wanting to rewrite the record books or the old adage, the Irish will take to Alumni Field expecting nothing less than a season-opening victory. With months of practice down, the squad now looks to perfecting its game.

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Notre Dame takes on Valpo in season opener

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN
Spurs Writer

The Notre Dame volleyball team hopes to get off to a strong start to its season tomorrow with a victory over Valparaiso University, an unranked team. The Fighting Irish, ranked 16th in the NCAA preseason poll, don’t quite know what to expect in their first match. They have not played Valparaiso in several years and since it is the start of the season, they will be going in blind.

“We’re going to have to go into the match focusing on what we do on our side of the net, and adapt to Valparaiso and make changes during the match,” said head coach Debbie Brown. “We want to maintain our composure and not let the first game jitters get a hold of the players too much. One of the things that will help is communication among the team. Communication will be key.”

The starting unit for the netters will consist of senior captain Lindsay Treadwell and sophomore Jo Jameson as middle blockers, junior Mandi Powell and sophomore Christi Girton as outside hitters, sophomore setter Denise Boylan, and junior Emily Schoefer playing opposite Boylan. These six are likely to play a considerable amount.

“I think it’s important early on to get people match experience if we can do that, but also not to pull people too early so that they don’t lose confidence,” said Brown. “We’ll be looking for Lindsay to provide strong leadership because we do have young players. Denise will need to be consistent in her hitting. We’re going to need strong passing and to be very active in the hitting as well.”

Treadwell mentioned one goal the team has against Valparaiso.

“For the season, we have made a goal to hit .300 against unranked teams this season,” Treadwell said.

This will be Notre Dame’s only chance for a test run before hosting 12th-ranked Colorado and a strong Georgia team this weekend in the Shamrock Invitational.

“Tomorrow, we want to just go out and see what we’ve been working on all pre-season and get our team together,” said Schiavone. “It’s really an opportunity to get our team used to competing in match format against an unranked team before taking on the ranked teams next weekend.”

Garciaparra one homer away from making history

Associated Press

SEATTLE
Nomar GarciaParra moved closer to joining an exclusive home run list with his 29th homer Monday night as the Boston Red Sox beat the Seattle Mariners 5-1.

The other four are Rudy York in 1937-38, Ron Kittle in 1983-84, Jose Canseco in 1986-87, and Mark McGwire in 1987-88. GarciaParra is one homer away from making history.

GarciaParra’s homer, a 431-foot shot into the center-field seats, gave Boston a 4-0 lead in the sixth.

Ken Griffey Jr., who hit a pair of home runs in a win over the New York Yankees on Sunday, went 2-for-4 and has an AL-leading 4-7 homers.

Bret Saberhagen (12-6) allowed four hits over 6 2-3 innings as Boston won for just the second time in five games. Saberhagen, who missed all of the 1996 season and most of last year after shoulder surgery, walked one and struck out four before the Mariners chased him with three singles and a run in the seventh.

Seattle starter Jeff Fassero (10-11) was hurt by his own infield for a pair of hits, which led to Boston’s first two runs in the fourth.

After Fassero retired the first nine batters in order, Darren Lewis singled off Alex Rodriguez’s glove on a bouncer up the middle. John Valentin doubled under third baseman Russ Davis’ glove down the third-base line. Mo Vaughn walked before GarciaParra’s sacrifice fly. Fassero threw a wild pitch to allow the second run.

Boston added a run in the eighth on Troy O’Leary’s RBI single. Davis had an RBI single for Seattle’s run.

Padres 5, Expos 2

Greg Vaughn hit his 45th homer and Wally Joyner and George Arias also connected as San Diego rediscovered its offense and beat Montreal 5-2 Monday night, reducing the Padres’ magic number for clinching the NL West title to 10.

The Padres had lost two straight, the last to the lowly Expos, who are 33 games below .500, and split the four-game series. The Padres had as many home runs Monday as they did hits in each of their last two games, 3-1 and 2-1 losses.

San Diego (89-49) pulled within one game of Atlanta (90-48) for the best record in the NL.

GarciaParra extended his club single-season record and career-high when he lined a pitch from Carl Pavano (4-7) over the left field fence leading off the second to tie the game at 1.

Vaughn has homered five times in his last nine games. Joyner, who missed the last four starts with a strained quadriiceps, hit his 11th homer with two out in the fifth, also off Pavano. Arias, recalled from Triple-A Las Vegas on Aug. 23, had a pinch-hit homer, his first as a Padre, off Anthony Telford with two out in the sixth to make it 5-2.

Joey Hamilton (12-11) won his second straight start, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings. He struck out five and walked three.

Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth for his 44th save. He tied the club record for saves in a season set by Mark Davis in 1989.

Vaughn beat out a bases-loaded, two-out single to shortstop in the third to score Chris Gomez and make it 2-1.
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By BRIAN KESSLER
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's soccer team travels to East Lansing tonight to take on Michigan State in their first regular season action of the year.

There are high hopes for the Irish, who enter the season ranked second in the nation behind powerhouse North Carolina.

"A lot of people are expecting us to win it all and I think we have a good chance," said Anne Makinen. "But we're taking it one game at a time."

The Irish are coming off last week's preseason victory over another Big Ten opponent, the Ohio State Buckeyes, who they easily defeated 9-0.

Both the Buckeyes and Spartans finished the season in a tie for seventh with a 3-5 mark. Michigan State and an offensive lineman's job

MSU also returns 10 of their top 11 point producers from a year ago, including sophomore forward Gina Dawson, who led the team with 18 points last season.

Seniors Beth Merkle and Kim Shepela and junior Laura Monticello (17 points last season) anchor an experienced midfield for the Spartans. Monticello also lead the team with five game-winning goals.

Sara Kloosterman returns in goal for MSU after starting all 20 games last year as a freshman and giving up just under two goals per contest.

The Michigan State defense is the only real question mark heading into the opening of the season. The Spartans must figure out how to replace four-year starter Aimee Cousins. MSU will look to Melissa Janetta, Kristie Rehman, and Amy Abner, along with transfer Ann Greeskowksi to fill the gap she left in the backfield.

The Irish however are stacked, returning nine starters and four all-Americans.

In addition, Notre Dame is coming off an impressive showing against OSU.

"It was a real confidence booster," commented Monica Gerardo, who had two goals in that game. "The game gave us a chance to test things out and see where we are at."

Apparently, the Irish are already in mid-season form.

Makinen and Jenny Strelizer are coming off hat tricks and LaKeysha Beene registered another shutout for Notre Dame.

They face their first test tomorrow when they travel to Spartan country to take on Michigan State.

*Spartans host second-ranked Irish in home opener*

BY ALLISON KRILLA

Associate Sports Editor

It's a quarterback's job to run the offense, a defensive back's job to cover receivers and an offensive lineman's job to protect the quarterback, but what is a linebacker's job?

To make plays, of course.

When Notre Dame's front seven takes the field for the first time against the Michigan Wolverines on Saturday, the defensive line may be saddled with question marks. Yet it is the play-making linebackers who will be under close scrutiny.

"Because the linebackers are the most experienced, they're better adjusted," said Kirk Dolf, drop outside and giving up just two goals per contest.

"It's a quarterback's job to protect the quarterback, but what is a linebacker's job?"

And he prefers to let his actions speak for him.

Although Minor is a four-year starter at linebacker, is recovering from an ankle sprain that kept him out of practice until yesterday. Meanwhile, in just seven games, Howard recorded 91 tackles, a whopping 13 tackles per game. Minor, another tri-captain, leads the team in tackles with 1-4 mark.

"It's the guys around me that make me better," said Howard, a silent leader who prefers to let his actions speak for him.

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