Union works on report to Trustees

By ALISON HEINZ
News Writer

In its fall 1999 report, the Student Union poses several questions to the Board of Trustees.

What the Union really wants to know is “Are we truly fostering our Catholic Character?”

"With the approach of the 21st century and the upcoming Jubilee, we figured it was time to closely analyze Notre Dame's Catholic character," said junior Brian Smith, the coordinator of the report. "After all, we hope it is our Catholic character that distinguishes us from MIT, Harvard, Yale and other schools.

The report committee began its research last April and worked throughout the summer conducting interviews and surveys among Notre Dame's academic world, Campus Ministry and Congregation of the Holy Cross.

In addition, surveys were conducted among students to gain their perspective on the University's Catholic character.

"Notre Dame has done a good job of fostering Catholic Character," Smith said. "But there's always areas to be improved."

The committee's report analyzes nearly every aspect of life at Notre Dame including the hiring of professors, the duties of resident advisors, classroom activities, service and counseling.

Two areas the Student Union addressed in its report include the marriage preparation and enrichment program and the adequacy of programs and support groups for students and professors, is a hidden jewel on campus

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In the shadow of the stadium

The Snite Museum

The Snite Museum, which offers numerous resources to students and professors, is a hidden jewel on campus

By ERIN LABUFE
News Writer

It is not easy to sit in the shadows of the Notre Dame Stadium. But that is exactly where the Snite Museum is, right across the street from a place renowned for its rich history and tradition. Its hidden location may be why many students are not aware of all that the Snite has to offer.

"We have this treasure, this jewel," said Gina Costa, the museum's marketing and public affairs specialist. "Be aware, it's on campus."

The Snite, like any typical art museum, has both a permanent collection and rotating exhibitions. The current exhibition features the Taos Artists of the American Southwest. An upcoming exhibit will display photographs of victims of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia.

"The permanent collection includes works by Rembrandt, among others. According to Loving, the museum's strengths are in pre-Columbian art, 15th through 19th century drawings, 19th century photography, and 19th century paintings.

Despite the many strengths of the museum's collection, some people would like to see the Snite improve.

"It has amazing strengths in some areas, but hopefully it will continue to evolve," said Charles Rosenberg, a Notre Dame art professor.

"There certainly are university museums that have better collections in 20th century art," said Robert Haywood, professor of 20th century art and history.

"But that [period] has not been their focus. Every museum has its strengths."

Loving said that the museum is developing.

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Sweatshops

Sweatshop activist tells students to push for reform

By TIM LOGAN
News Editor

For 20 years, Michael Posner has battled for human rights around the world. He brought that fight to Notre Dame Monday to talk about enforcement of fair labor practices in apparel manufacturing.

"There are, daily, tens of thousands of abuses occurring in workplace settings around the world," said Posner, executive director of the Lawyers Commission on Human Rights.

He detailed the attempts of activists to fight sweatshop labor and of the recently-created Fair Labor Association (FLA), which brings together labor and industry to address the issue.

The activist encouraged students to stay vocal on the issue and continue to push for reform in labor standards.

"There is so much to be done here and it's not going to happen unless people raise their voices and keep fighting," he said. Student protests nationwide against sweatshops have pressured many universities to take leadership roles on fair labor.

Notre Dame created a Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives in March and the University has also hired an independent consulting firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, to inspect factories where Notre Dame licensed apparel is manufactured.

Posner applauded the University's stance on the issue but questioned the long-term feasibility of University-sponsored inspections.

"I would think that in the long term it is not the business of a university to be monitoring factory conditions," he said. "I just don't think it can be sustained."

He suggested that schools continue to look at credible sweatshop-monitoring coalitions and to raise issues such as living wages and factory disclosure.

Posner stressed enforcement of existing legislation as the most important step governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) can take to combat human rights' abuses.

"We have to move beyond simply denouncing what's wrong."

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**What really matters**

Since high school, I’ve gotten about six hours of sleep a night. Some nights I get more, some nights I get less, but six is a pretty fair average. I’m on the go 18 hours a day. I’m on constant deadline. I do things I really know what to do with myself, but recently I was forced to take some time out and slow down. I caught mononucleosis, and I’m now in the long process of battling my way back. I’m not entirely sure where I got it, but it hit me pretty hard, keeping me out of a full week of classes and forcing me to spend five days as an inpatient in the infirmary. The week and a half I spent there has been entertaining the thought: “If I died now, I would have so much less homework.” (You know you’ve thought it.) Is the infirmary, my classwork going undone, I was getting unbelievably behind and felt awful, but it occurred to me that that wasn’t important. I was in bed having heart attacks.

What’s important is that I have friends who stopped by and visited me every day, co-workers who covered my shifts and brought me Observatorys, classmates who copied their notes for me, professors who were extremely understanding and accommodating, a rector who came by to make sure I was all right, a mother who took a day off and drove two hours to visit me, family who came by every day and worried about me, and nurses and doctors who took wonderful care of me. Now that I’m home, I have sessions with a stop by every time they’re going to Meijer to ask if I’m out of anything, neighbors who turn down their music to let me take naps and classmates who ask how I’m feeling every day. I spent two weeks behind class, my GPA may not be the greatest in the world, my monetary situation may be less-than-stellar, and my health is not as great as the last time you saw me. But when it comes to what matters, I have an abundance of support. I’ll like to say that this was a life-changing experience for me, but I know that just as soon as I’m back on my 18-hour days, pushing too hard and taking too little time out, I’ll continue to make decisions that could chain out our lives and we often have good reason. We push ourselves to our mental and physical limits. We don’t get enough sleep, we don’t eat right, and we don’t take enough time for ourselves. But I had a need to reflect on my life and the wonderful people in it, and I like what I see.

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**College students protest during talk show taping**

**NEW YORK**

Fifteen Columbia students braved cold winds and rain early Thursday morning to protest sweatshop labor in Central America at a taping of Live with Regis and Kathie Lee. The students held signs and marched in a circle outside the waiting area at the hour-long protest outside WABC-TV studios in midtown Manhattan. A window separated the protesters from audience members who took notice of the picketing. Several students from New York University also participated in the protest, which was organized by Columbia Students Against Sweatshops (CSAS). Kathie Lee Gifford, the target of the protest, was singled out because her Wal-Mart clothing line was publicized for using sweatshop labor to manufacture its goods. Last week, CSAS held a panel featuring two Salvadoran workers who detailed the poor working conditions in one of the factories that produce Gifford’s clothing line. The protestors cited an agreement, allegedly signed by Gifford, stating that she would open factories producing her clothing line to independent inspectors and pay workers a living wage.

**Louisville students protest racial issues**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. Last Friday nearly 250 black University of Louisville students held what they called the first of many protests against the administration and faculty. The students, most dressed in black, gathered within the rotunda of Grawemeyer Hall outside President John Shumaker’s office. Protesters said they staged the sit-in to protest the apparent intentional lack of response to a letter written by the University’s interfaith diversity coalition that brought the issue of segregation to Louisville faculty and students.

**Harvard/Radcliffe merger complete**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.- Radcliffe College and Harvard University officially merged at one minute after midnight Friday morning. As most of the campus went to bed, Radcliffe College quietly became the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. A few Radcliffe stalwarts converged outside Fay House to mark the historic change. Beneath the small apple tree that guards Radcliffe Yard—a traditional symbol of the college — a group of Radcliffe officials gathered at 12:01 a.m. to toast the end of the 120-year-old institution’s independence from Harvard and the birth of the Institute. "Radcliffe has been around for 120 years," said Keene Metzger ’67, the Institute’s dean of administration and finance. "She deserves that we be here to see the light go from her. At the same time, we should see the first breath go into the lungs of the Radcliffe Institute." As a stereo played music from the Harvard Glee Club, the group—which included Bunting Fellowship Program Director Rita Nakashima Brock — raised glasses of champagne at the precise moment of transition. Metzger rang an antique schoolhouse bell that belonged to his grandfather.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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**NATIONAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Oct. 5.
SMC honors athletes at Pride Week pep rally

By KAREN FINK
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Pride Week celebration began last night with a pep rally in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

On behalf of the athletic department and student government association, all fall athletes received blue carnations in recognition of their dedication.

Lynn Karchmarik, Saint Mary's new athletic director, opened the evening with a few words to the student body, including this year's motto: "Saint Mary's pride is on the rise."

"The pep rally is a great and fantastic idea. This is how we need to gain and spread support. It goes along with changing Saint Mary's," she continued.

Each member of the volleyball, swimming, soccer, golf and cross country teams was intro-
duced and team pictures were taken while students cheered.

For senior Michelle Samevitz, captain of the swim team, Saint Mary's pride is definitely on the rise.

"Spirit has changed dramatically, especially in the past two years. Freshman year, we were lucky if a few spectators showed," she said. "Now, camaraderie among the athletes is strong and in filtering into the student body. Plus, besides student government, other clubs and halls are supporting the teams."

Senior Rachel Egger, co-captain of the soccer team, agrees that spirit is increasing.

"We've always been supportive, but now we're more outspoken, especially with our new athletic director," Egger said. "Our first home game this year had the greatest turnout ever."

The rally concluded with students filling the dining hall with loud echoing cheers.

Security

Security, rectors advise students to be careful, lock doors

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Recent residence hall break-ins alerted both security and students that campus safety precautions are being neglected.

"Theft is our biggest crime on campus," said director of Notre Dame Security/Police Rex Rakow.

Both Morrissey and Walsh Halls have had incidents with trespassers this semester. Both cases involved offenders who did not force entry, suggesting that criminals are finding students' possessions accessible due to unlocked doors.

"Kids are propping doors open," said Father William Seitch, rector of Morrissey. "They want to make it easy on themselves."

In one of the Morrissey break-ins, a student was sleeping when someone opened the unlocked door of the room. The student woke before the trespasser was able to steal anything.

Rakow said that people have responded quickly to the crimes, enabling campus security to take action. A problem still remains - students are not practicing preventative safety measures.

Campus security and rectors want students to see that they are limiting their safety by keeping doors unlocked and propped, especially during the day when most students are classes.

"Theft is a crime of opportunity and there are less students around. It is convenient," Rakow said.

In addition to keeping dorm rooms locked, Rakow advocates using detex for entry into residence halls. Detex is a security feature used primarily in female residence halls and the newer male residence halls, such as Keough and O'Neill.

By enforcing the use of personal access numbers and IDs, detex controls which people can freely enter the dorm.

Detex was originally put in the female dorms for extra protection after the arrival of women on campus in 1972. Security plans to eventually install the detex into all of the dorms, but the process will be gradual because of the high cost.

Morrissey and Walsh rectors are attempting to prevent future break-ins by spreading the word about following standard safety measures. Seitch recommends that students be more conscious of dishonest criminals and advises against underestimating the potential for theft to occur.

"People are very comfortable here and very trusting," he said. "I don't think our students have lots of street smarts. I think our women and men are some of the finest and they think everybody else is the same way, and that is not always the case."

After the incident at Walsh, rector Sister Patricia Thomas sent out reminders to alert students of the need to keep doors locked. Plans are still being discussed to tighten security.

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Architecture gives sense of space

**Doordan: Campus designs speak to community experiences**

By NICOLE HADDAD

The concepts of space and peace, the architecture of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame give each campus its own distinctive character and community and place, said Dennis Doordan, architectural historian and professor at Notre Dame.

Doordan said the Snite is open every day except Monday. Admission is free and tour guides are available. Doordan encouraged all students to use the museum.

"We have to do something about it," he said. "We have to do something about it, but whatever the involved groups agree upon to combat sweatshop labor must contain a system for punishing violators. This system should also create an exigent framework for monitoring factories where violations may be occurring and the more facto­ries investigated, he said, the better.

"You have to take some risks to set up any accountability and to get something worthwhile," he said.

The involvement of local organizations in the countries where sweatshop labor is prevalent — primarily in South Asia, Africa and Latin America — is essential for success as well, he said. Local agencies provide perspective and information that large multinational groups such as the FLA do not have.

"The more information that is out there, the more we know what's going on, the more local actors are involved, the more we are heading in the right direction," he said.

Furthermore, the biggest problem is the lack of enforce­ment of local laws, and regional and local groups can work with larger agencies, both governmental and non-governmental, on that.

As an FLA board member, Posner has been directly involved in the negotiations for the monitoring and enforce­ment system of the largest fair labor group formed to date. He said he is fighting for a system in which an integ­rating system and a process by which labor abuses can and will be remedied across the board. However, some have accused the FLA board, which includes six industry rep­resentatives, for being too closely tied to apparel manufactur­ers.

Posner said that he believes it is better for anti-sweatshop activists to debate with indus­try than to try to eliminate it, as the FLA is often "a very effective method of affecting change when it comes to something that is as simple as sweatshop labor." Posner also said that he believes the problem is pretty think the problem's pretty significant, he said.

The museum also has out-reach programs with local schools and with local com­munity organizations. There are programs for disadvan­taged children, and 10,000 local school students visit the museum annually.

Our outreach programs are some of the best in the country," said Costa.

Artwork and Architecture The museum is open to stu­dents and the general public. Students, especially, in the areas of history and art, take their classes to the museum for curved-based tours. The museum also hosts movies and lec­tures. "It's the students' museum," said the Snite's executive director, Costa.

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"Arts can uplift and enrich one's life," she said.

Doordan defined experience as "doing something new — whether it be living and din­ning together or relaxing and playing. Experience shapes and is shaped by the place in which it occurs," he said. "The place plays a critical role in finding identity."

"If community is experience, then experience unfolds some­where in some setting," he said. According to Doordan, experience unfolds at a critical point. Place is a "way of divid­ing space, it is not uniform but highly differ­ence."

Doordan said that place plays a critical role in finding identity. The museum is "a rich wonderful concept that can be explored in many ways," he said.

Doordan pointed out that when Saint Mary's and Notre Dame give each campus its own distinctive character, it is essential that the relationship between the two campuses is maintained. He said that the relationship between the Notre Dame campus and the Snite community is experience, and that it is "an experience that can uplift and enrich one's life," he said.

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Seven states will receive a total of $7 million in grants to help develop HIV prevention programs in prisons, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced Monday. Each state will receive between $900,000 and $1.1 million. A study released by the CDC in August found that there are 8,900 inmates nationwide with AIDS and between 35,000 and 47,000 with the virus that causes AIDS who are not infected while incarcerated, but that only 10 percent of state and federal prison systems and only 5 percent of city and county jails have HIV prevention programs.

Four prison guards allegedly set up prisoner rape

Four guards at one of the nation's toughest prisons went on trial prison-cell rape to punish an inmate. The alleged incident took place at the notorious Corcoran State Prison, where eight other officers are accused of setting up gladiator-style battles among inmates for the guards' entertainment. They will be tried. "No one is above the law," prosecutor Vernon Pearson told the jury as the four guards sat expressionless. The guards are accused of putting Eddie Dillard, a 118-pound, 4-foot-6 offender, in the cell of Wayne Jerome Robertson, a 6-foot-3, 230-pound inmate, known as "Booty Bandit," to punish Dillard for kicking a female guard.

Quake shakes central Peru without injuries, damage

A moderate earthquake shook central Peru early Monday, alarming residents. There were no reports of injuries or damage. The 5.5-magnitude quake struck at 8:57 a.m. local time, near the city of Wפרש, 155 miles northeast of Lima. Tremors measuring 3 to 4 were felt from the sparsely populated jungle city to Cuzco, 275 miles away, and as far south as Lima, 400 miles from epicenter. The tremor hit Wפרש, a city of about 7,200, stretching along the Pacific rim, plans a nationwide earthquake drill on Oct. 11 to prepare the country if a larger tremor hits.

Troops bomb Chechen villages

Russian soldiers sit on top of their armored personal carriers, while a column of Russian troops takes its position in the breakaway republic of Chechnya. Russian tanks pounded Chechen positions near the western village of Samut early October 3 as federal forces continued to carve out a security zone in Chechnya.

U.N. allows Iraq to export more oil

The council unanimously adopted a draft resolution that slightly adjusts the U.N. oil-for-food program, which lets Iraq export $5.26 billion in oil over six months to buy food and medicine for its people suffering under sanctions. The U.N. sanctions were imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Iraq is expected to reach the $5.26 billion ceiling between Oct. 8 and 12 — more than a month before the six-month period expires. Security Council action would not let Iraq keep exporting oil beyond the $5.26 billion limit through Nov. 20 to make up for past shortfalls from previous six-month periods. Because of low oil prices and production limits, Iraq fell more than $3 billion short of the ceiling last year.

U.S. officials stressed that the Dutch resolution was a technical maneuver that didn't constitute any lifting of the export limit or easing of sanctions. By making up for oil export shortfalls from last year, the council is merely allowing Iraq to have the food and medicine it needs, but couldn't because of low oil prices. Deputy U.S. Ambassador Nancy Soderberg said. "The resolution does not alter the overall structure of the oil-for-food program, but will help redress the shortfall brought about by the low world oil prices," she said in a statement.

U.N. weapons inspectors withdrew from Iraq in December, before the United States and Britain launched air strikes to punish Baghdad for failing to divulge all information about its banned weapons programs.
HOLOCAT SURVIVOR CALLS FOR EDUCATION, UNDERSTANDING

By ERIN FROUTEK  News Wise

Yaffa Eliach emphasized the role of education in preventing a recurrence of the horrors of the Holocaust during her lecture Monday entitled "Crossing the Bridge between the 20th and 21st Century." Eliach, a Holocaust survivor, also focused on the need for accurate documentation of the human story - the rich and varied lives destroyed by the Holocaust.

"The passage is to make life easier for human beings," said Bashid Abu Erekat, a member of the negotiating team. "We were very concerned about it because many of the ideas did cross the Atlantic to the United States," said Eliach. "My concern was since we're a country of immigrants ... will be our relation to each other in time of trouble." Eliach said greater understanding between ethnic groups is important.

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She expressed concern about official documents of the Holocaust. It includes nothing about the human elements," she said.

Eliach expressed concern about Holocaust education in the United States.

"When I was a student, it was never mentioned in my classes," she said, adding that she had outstanding professors.

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"If it happened in the past, it can happen in the future," said Eliach, citing the Internet, her experience in elementary classrooms in New York City and the recent shooting at a Jewish community center in California.

Eliach recently visited Knovno, which she considers an example of how education failed. It did not compare to the Holocaust, she said, but we did not learn the lessons from the Holocaust to prevent it.

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Flu hits U.S. early, health officials recommend flu shots

Associated Press

BOSTON

The flu season appears to have arrived early this year, courtesy of an influenza strain that reached the continental United States by hopping a ride on Alaskan cruise ships.

Public health officials from Colorado to Massachusetts have kicked off campaigns encouraging people to get vaccinated against the disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States.

"Remember when you get your shots, just think to yourself afterwards, it's just one shot for man, one giant leap for public health," Massachusetts Public Health Commissioner Howard Koh said Monday.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta estimates that as much as 20 percent of the population gets the flu every season. Approximately 20,000 Americans die from flu complications each year.

Flu viruses follow well-worn paths, starting in Asia and heading east, health officials say. Alaska is usually the first place in the United States to be affected, with the viruses eventually making their way south to the western United States and eventually the East Coast, said Dr. Steven Mostow, associate dean of the University of Colorado Medical School and an influenza expert.

"They [flu viruses] follow a very prescribed pattern," Mostow said.

"This is early. You can predict by the week over a 30-year period."

Colorado moved up its flu vaccine campaigns by two weeks this year, Mostow said. He expects the flu will show up four weeks early, hitting Colorado this month and reaching the East Coast by Thanksgiving.

Several cases have been reported in the continental United States, including four in Colorado linked to Alaska cruise ship outbreaks, he said.

"The way the boats are set up - eating in large groups, touring in large groups - facilitated the threat of the virus," Mostow said.

States have become creative with their flu vaccination campaigns. In Massachusetts, Koh distributed T-shirts. Colorado gives flu shots in grocery stores and at football games. In Fort Edward, N.Y., health officials have set up a drive-through shot clinic.

In Atlantic City, N.J., elderly gamblers got flu shots Monday at Bally's Park Place ballroom while slot machines jangled in the next room. Nurses said the shot could cause soreness in their arms.

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Private school donors to get tax breaks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Supreme Court on Monday let Arizona give tax breaks to people who donate money for scholarships at religious and other private schools. The court, without comment, turned away appeals that said the state's program of providing up to $500 in tax credits for such charitable giving violates the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

Monday's action is not a precedent-setting decision. The justices merely refused to review an Arizona Supreme Court ruling that, by a 3-2 vote, had upheld the tuition tax-credit program.

But supporters of providing financial help such as tuition vouchers or tax breaks for families whose children attend religious and other private schools likely will see the action as a major boost for similar efforts in other states.

Last November, the justices left intact a Wisconsin program providing vouchers good for up to $5,000 a year per child for students of poor families who attend private schools in Milwaukee. Because most of those schools are religious, the program had been subjected to a church-state challenge.

In Arizona, a 1997 law enacted by the state Legislature allows taxpayers to take a dollar-for-dollar write-off, up to $500, for donations to private schools. A $200 tax credit is available for public school extracurricular activity fees, covering items such as band uniforms, athletic gear and laboratory equipment.

The state Supreme Court said the tuition tax credit is one of an extensive assortment of tax-saving mechanisms available as part of a genuine system of tax laws and therefore is far different than direct state financial aid to religious schools.

The state court's dissenters said the federal and Arizona constitutions "forbid using the power of the government to provide the type of support encompassed by Arizona's statute."

In the appeals acted on Monday, the program's challengers called it "a thinly disguised use of the tax code as a means of transferring public funds to the coffers of private - mostly sectarian - schools."

They said the Arizona Department of Revenue estimates the tax-credit program could provide private schools with $75 million a year. They said nearly half the states are considering providing similar public financial support for religious and other private schools.

The appeals were supported by the National School Boards Association, which argued in a friend-of-the-court brief that the Arizona program "is a wink and a nod to the very clear and explicit prohibition against religious school financial support."
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Abu-Jamal loses Supreme Court appeal

Associated Press

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Mumia Abu-Jamal, the former Black Panther and radio journalist sentenced to death for killing a police officer, lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday.

Without commenting, the court refused to review Abu-Jamal's arguments that he was denied a fair trial in the 1981 killing of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner.

Abu-Jamal's jailhouse writings about the justice system have attracted worldwide attention. Thousands of supporters have staged demonstrations in Philadelphia to demand a new trial.

"We are disappointed at the thought that 18 years have passed since that night I will never forget, I am pleased that yet another hurdle has been cleared on the path toward justice," Maureen Faulkner, widow of the slain officer, said in a statement.

Gov. Tom Ridge will sign a new execution warrant for Abu-Jamal within 30 days, following state policy in capital cases, spokesman Tim Reeves said.

Abu-Jamal is not likely to be executed soon. He still can challenge his state court conviction in federal courts, a process that someday could lead back to the Supreme Court.

"It is not a setback, but it is a missed opportunity," Weinglass said. "The court could have ended the case quickly. Now we will have to go the long route."

Leonard Weinglass

Abu-Jamal's attorney

House GOPs propose spending cuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Across-the-board cuts in all spending bills emerged Monday as a favorite way to save money, as House Republicans searched for ways to replace their earlier proposal to slow income sup­port payments to the working poor.

Following a closed-door meeting of House Republicans, lawmakers said that while they explicitly called the payment slowdown dead, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican from Ill., and other GOP leaders had implied they needed to find another source of sav­ings.

Republican leaders began searching for an alternative last week after the plan to slow earned income tax cred­it payments for low-income families drew criticism from Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the front-running GOP pres­i­dential contender, and contin­ued opposition from Senate Republicans.

At Monday's meeting, House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, a Republican from Ohio told party mem­bers they could replace the $8.7 billion in savings the tax credit slowdown would have produced by cutting the 13 annual spending bills by that amount of money.

"The beauty of it is it real­izes our commitment to protect Social Security more and control spending — something not all Republicans like. The leaders made no final decisions, aides said.

The spending bills control more than $550 billion. It would take a 2.7 percent cut to produce $8.7 billion in sav­ings this year, since some of the savings would not take effect until later years, law­makers and aides quoted Kasich as saying.

"The across-the-board cut idea is also popular among Sen­ate Republicans. Supporters say it would allow Republicans to argue that the reductions are preferable to using Social Security surpluses, and to President Clinton's proposal for paying for extra spending: raising the federal tax on cig­arettes.

But since across-the-board reductions, by definition, would affect many programs, other Republicans say it would be easy for Clinton to portray them as recklessly cutting popular programs for children, the elderly and oth­ers.

Last week, Republicans pro­posed that the 20 million peo­ple receiving the earned income tax credit get their money in 12 monthly checks, rather the current lump sum most receive in the spring.

That would have allowed lawmakers to take credit for saving $8.7 billion in fiscal 2000, which began Friday, because with the delays, that amount of money would have been paid after Oct. 1, 2000 — in fiscal 2001.

Republicans want to save the money so they can claim they are paying for the spending bills without eating in the Social Security sur­plus — a pledge that has become a central GOP promise this year.

Even with the $8.7 billion cut, the House remained $1.2 billion short of savings, said one Republican aide, speak­ing on condition of anonymity. And Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, a Republican from N.M., has told fellow Republican senators that they still need to find about $4 billion in savings for that cham­ber's spending bills to avoid draining Social Security sur­pluses, said another GOP aide.

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Switching our focus toward the elderly

This Sunday marked the beginning of Respect Life Week, the time of year in which the Church calls us to pay special attention to promoting the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Walking through the scope of the pro-life movement, our focus often falls on these two events: the very beginning of life and its development during pregnancy, and the final rite of passage in the last hours before death. No one will deny that these are extremely important events in the course of life. However, they account for such a short time in the grand scheme. There are so many other opportunities to uphold and celebrate the beauty of life through the simple daily process of interacting with others, treating the least of Christ's brothers as we would treat Him.

One such group of people, often considered out of the loop, out of touch and, for all practical purposes, useless, has a face we see every day, whether at Notre Dame or at home: the elderly. It is so easy to treat senior citizens as fading lights of life ready to burn out, to see them as a group of people whose quality of life is on their way to diminishing. But what we are left with is not diminishing. Sure, we briskly say hello, offer a smile, perhaps to make ourselves feel charitable under the assumption that our insignificant gesture brings a remarkable amount of joy to the person. Let's get real. Whether we talk to a 10-year-old child or a 70-year-old lady, the amount of real attention paid to the person is what really matters, and that kid or that elderly person is as aware as any other of this. The cordial phrases and courteous greetings are nice in the sense of acknowledging a person's physical presence, but what real meaning does it have? How do they bear witness to that person's individuality, his uniqueness of character?

People ask for help carrying their groceries and who become ecstatic at the prospect of the ensuing 15-minute visit, a chance to bring out some snacks and have a pleasant conversation with a young and vibrant individual. Those who have belonged to a parish for so long as they can remember are thrilled to see the new blood that will keep the place going, the youth that can contribute the energy they once did.

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Right to Life

"Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure."
—Knute Rockne

I HEAR YOU'RE BEING REPLACED BY A LOW-PAID EMBRYO. MAY I SEE IT?

I'M SO-CUTE!

I'M TEACHING HIM TO DRINK COFFEE.

IT MUST BE. I DRINK SIX QUARTS A DAY AND SLEEP AT THE TABLE.

IS THAT HEALTHY?

QUOTE OF THE DAY

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Yesterday was the first time I have ever felt compelled to write for The Observer, and it happened after reading about a lecture that Father Coadro gave at Notre Dame, a university that I have always had a great deal of respect for. The lecture dealt with the American Civil War, a subject about which I have read extensively. I decided to write about the lecture because it reminded me of some experiences I have had in the military. I believe that the military does teach its members honor and respect, two things that are sorely lacking in our society as a whole. And the military has held its people to high standards. Most military families are also known to be very strong and to support each other in their work and in their lives. Additionally, I have always been impressed by the discipline and dedication of the military. I believe that this is a great asset to our country, and I hope that more people will follow in the footsteps of those who have served in the military.

Viewpoint

Let's get down to business. How can the military be improved? I think that we need to start by addressing the issue of violence. Violence is a serious problem in our society, and it is something that the military must be prepared to deal with. I believe that the military must be prepared to deal with violence in a way that is both effective and humane. We need to be able to protect ourselves and our soldiers, but we also need to be able to protect the civilians who are affected by violence.

In addition to addressing the issue of violence, we need to address the issue of poverty. Poverty is a major problem in our society, and it is something that the military must be prepared to deal with. We need to be able to provide our soldiers with the resources they need to be able to live and work in a healthy and safe environment.

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By BRIAN McLAUGHLIN
Scene Writer

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The solution came in the form of the Internet. Working from the end of the 1999 spring semester through the following summer, WVFI created its own Web site and broadbanded in Internet technology, in order to become the only radio station to broadcast completely over the Internet. That means no more fiddling with annoyng knobs to get reception that is never quite right — just type in wrf.fnd.edu into the location bar on your computer and the automatic, crystal clear reception of the on-campus station will sound.

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WVFI emerges this fall

The station itself. The design and maintenance of the Web site falls under the responsibility of the Internet productions director Brian Snyder. The station's Web site is incredibly extensive, with a department which informs students of upcoming on-campus events, a catalog of all the music available at the station, information on local bands, a chat room, a list of available campus jobs, a calendar of upcoming concerts in the area, general information on the station itself and the station's current top 30 list. WVFI also runs contests off the site, and offers a survey so that listeners can give the station their critiques and offer suggestions.

The coming year will prove to be a busy one for WVFI, as they have many ideas planned to help promote the station. They hope to build special broadcasts from places around campus, including the golf course, where they hope to host a tournament. Also, the station may sponsor on-campus performances by local bands.

As part of the renovation, WVFI has invested in computer hardware as a means of being on the cutting edge of radio technology. By having computers in the DJ booth, Snyder hopes to connect them to Air1 Instant Messenger, so that online listeners from literally all over the world can easily send in requests.

Also, the staff is attempting to have campus computer clusters equipped with headphones so that people can listen to WVFI while working. Finally, the contests have been promised to get bigger, eventually allowing the station to give away television sets and other luxurious prizes.

If WVFI's promotional campaigns succeed in increasing the size of its audience, these goals and others no doubt will be accomplished. Yet, as Forgash said, "The main goal for this year is to focus on the listener and make sure that both the staff and the listener have a great time."

**WVFI SCHEDULE**

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ALBUM REVIEW

Nine Inch Nails continue ‘downward spiral’ with Fragile

By TODD CALLAIS
Scene Music Critic

Trent Reznor, the front-runner and arguably only real member of the group Nine Inch Nails, is a very talented and disturbed individual. He was trained in classical piano and learned a great deal of other musical instruments, besides picking up musical production training before releasing Pretty Hate Machine in 1989. The 1992 EP Broken and 1994’s The Downward Spiral gave the band critical acclaim and a widespread audience. Reznor is a genius who incorporates the styles of techno, industrial, blues, metal, classical and occasionally, rap into his music. Nine Inch Nails’ new double album, Fragile, delves further into multi-genre experimentation.

Of the five Nine Inch Nails albums, Fragile is the worst. However, it’s still a pretty good buy. One problem with double CDs is there is never a use for them. What would have been an amazing single CD with 11 or 12 cool songs turned out to be a decent double album with 11 great songs and 12 songs hovering between OK and bad.

Disc one, entitled “Left,” is the better of the two. It starts the album off beautifully with the song “Somewhat Damaged,” which is the epitome of Nine Inch Nails. The theme is quickly established that Fragile is about a man with serious problems — guessing by the lyrics the main problem is addiction — because the songs are about failure, mistrusted goals and preventing other people from falling apart.

The second song, “The Day The World Went Away,” will be the band’s first single off the album. It’s average but nearly the best song on Fragile.

The album then switches gears and brings out highly entertaining instrumental transitions between songs that make it stand out as a greatly written and produced album.

The fourth song, “The Wretched,” represents Reznor’s rebellious side in production. “We’re In This Together” is an incredible track with great piano changes and a cool piano ending that demonstrates Reznor’s diversity and skill. Track six is the title song, “Fragile,” and a great choice for the album. The song is a bit slower but seems to set the theme for the album with lyrics like “I Won’t Let You Fall Apart.”

After a good start, the album heads downward. Of the 15 remaining songs, only five are memorable, the best being “No You Don’t,” which is possibly the best of the second CD, “Right,” was probably unnecessary, but is not totally unworthy. Actually, it is great solo music because it is primarily instrumental. Note: It’s not bad. Quite the contrary. It just doesn’t jump out and get you like previous Nine Inch Nails music. The album as a whole, however, is very well written and deserves play in any stereo.

Fragile is not Nine Inch Nails’ best work, but it is good nonetheless. Give it a try, because it deserves some attention.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Guster’s unique talent found on third release

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

Run — don’t walk — to the nearest music store and purchase Guster’s latest offering, Lost and Gone Forever. The third album from the Massachusetts-based acoustic rock ‘n’ roll band is its best yet. Lost and Gone Forever is a bolder and more revealing glimpse of this unique and talented band. But it is difficult to draw comparisons to Guster’s other releases.

Guster’s first album Parachute, released in 1994, was full of distinct songs. Goldfly was released in 1998 and, making a trend out of its variety, offered distinctive music from the first album.

This third release continues to demonstrate Guster’s strong and steady growth as a band. In Lost and Gone Forever, Guster continues to distinguish itself musically with its use of various percussion, instruments like a theremin and innovative use of everyday objects like a typewriter. The drums offer a driving and controlling backbone to the creative and strong lyrics that set Lost and Gone Forever apart from Guster’s other releases. This is not to discount Parachute and Goldfly, though. It just seems that with this album, Guster has reached a new level.

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New York Mets’ first baseman John Olerud went 2-for-5 with a double in the Mets’ 5-0 win over the Reds to clinch a post-season berth for New York — its first since 1986.

Jeffrey Hammonds turned, headed towards the warning track and appeared to have a chance for the catch, but the ball alloved through the dump, raw air and slammed off the soft gray background beyond the wall for a foul. The Mets jumped and pumped their fists as they headed for the dugout railing as Alfonzo rounded the bases, sensing that the franchise’s first playoff berth since 1986 was back in their corner.

The crowd was buzzing again in the third when Manager Bobby Valentine made an uncharacteristically hasty pitching change. The Mets loaded the bases with two outs on Alfonzo’s walk, John Olerud’s soft double to right and an intentional walk to Mike Piazza.

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Chicago fires Riggleman after five seasons

Associated Press

CHICAGO
Jim Riggleman stood in the street clothes, sipping a soda at the far end of the Chicago Cubs' clubhouse Monday, calmly answering questions and accepting responsibility for a season that cost him his job.

Riggleman's five-year run as manager ended Monday. He was fired, one day after the end of a horrendous season that saw the Cubs go from 90 wins and the playoffs to 95 losses and last place.

The disaster was certainly not all Riggleman's doing. But he made no excuses, he pointed no fingers, he displayed no bitterness shortly after general manager Ed Lynch gave him the news.

"It comes down to you got to win ballgames and we didn't win enough," Riggleman said. "I got nobody to blame. I think everybody has to be accountable. I'm accountable and this is the result of wins and losses."

Not even Sammy Sosa's 63 homers could save the Cubs, who finished 67-95, the second worst record in the National League and the team's worst since 1980, not counting the strike years of 1981 and 1994. 

Riggleman had a 374-419 record with the Cubs, including two 90-game losers and one 90-game winner in the last three seasons.

"We didn't get it done," Riggleman said. "I guarantee you there were a lot of people around baseball who probably said, 'How in the hell has that guy kept his job as many games as he's lost?'"

Riggleman, who managed two seasons in San Diego before coming to Chicago, couldn't stop a slide that began in early June when the Cubs were nine games over .500 and in second place in the NL Central. Chicago won only 26 of 77 games after the All-Star break.

There were injuries, there was bad pitching, there were poor performances all around for a team that began the season on the disabled list with a $60 million payroll.

"We underrathered as a team. The numbers don't lie," said Lynch, who decided to fire Riggleman about a week ago.

"I'm not going to point fingers at Jim Riggleman. Sometimes it is necessary to change the perception or attitude or the direction of the club down in the clubhouse. And that's what I'm trying to do," Lynch added. "I deserve a lot of the blame for what has happened here, and I accept that."

The Cubs offered Riggleman the chance to work in their minor league operations. He said he would consider it but hopes to manage again.

"I'd love to manage," he said. "If a good opportunity comes up, I would jump at it. I had a good opportunity here, and it didn't work out."

First baseman Mark Grace came to Wrigley Field on Monday to say goodbye to Riggleman.

"It's not his fault or the staff's. It's the guys between the lines, from Sammy to myself to the 25th guy," Grace said. "We failed him."

The team also fired four coaches and said Hall of Famer and ex-Cub Billy Williams, the bench coach with Riggleman, will be interviewed for the manager's job.

Chicago's starting rotation that was a big part of the success a year ago fell apart in 1999, starting in spring training when Rookie of the Year Kerry Wood blew out his elbow. Steve Trachsel, a 15-game winner, became an 18-game loser in 1999; and staff ace Kevin Tapani, who won 19 games a year ago, was hit by injuries, finishing the season on the disabled list with a 6-12 record.

And veteran players who helped the Cubs to the playoffs in 1998 couldn't match their performances of a season ago — namely Lance Johnson, Mickey Morandini and Gary Gaetti. For the second straight season, Jeff Blauser was a non-factor.

Riggleman said he contributed to personnel decisions and accepted his role in bringing back the veterans who faded.

"I probably did evaluating with my heart rather than my brain over last winter," Riggleman said.

"I knew everybody wasn't going to come back and have a big year, but we didn't know which ones weren't, so we pretty much brought them all back.
Bronco's Davis to miss season

Associated Press

DENVER

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INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Lyons routs Welsh 20-6 to clinch playoff berth

By STEVE DILLENBURGER
Sports Writer

Lyons comeback effort on Sunday paid off as it a 20-6 victory over Welsh and — more importantly — a return to the playoffs.

On their opening drive of the first half the Lions found themselves facing a fourth-and-one at midfield. Lyons attempted to pass for the first down but it was intercepted by Welsh's Vanessa Lichin and returned 40 yards for the game's first score.

Welsh preserved its 6-0 lead for the rest of the first half but the second half would be a much different story. The Lyons offense kicked into gear as it scored 20 points in the second half on its way to victory. Megan Welsh takes its 2-2 record to face Lewis in a must win game for both teams.

Pasquerilla East 20, Walsh 0

Pasquerilla East crushed Walsh 20-0 on Tuesday night.

The Pyro offense and defense were simply too much for the Wild Women.

The PE defense intercepted Walsh on its first drive at the 10-yard line and three plays later PE was in the end zone. On the ensuing Walsh drive, the wild women were forced to punt and a few plays later Pyro quarterback Elizabeth Plummer delivered a bullet to put PE up 14-0.

The Pyros would add another touchdown in the second half, and the Wild Women were unable to respond. PE's defense kept up its pressure and the offense was able to move the ball as they improved to 4-0 on the season.

The Wild Women fell to 1-3 and desperately need a win against the Purple Weasels of PW to make the playoffs.

Lewis 7, Pasquerilla West 6

After Lewis jumped out to a 6-0 lead, PW stormed back for a 7-6 victory and renewed its playoff hopes.

Lewis' Virginia Brislea ran for a touchdown to put Lewis up early as it looked like PW's offense was going to struggle again. The Chicks went into halftime leading 6-0. Then, in the second half the Weasel defense took the job of scoring upon themselves.

Karen Goodwin intercepted a Chick pass and returned it to the 15-yard line. PW's Kori Yelle tied up the game with a touchdown, which set up a critical conversion play.

It appeared that PW was going to take the lead when a Weasel ended up in the end zone only to have it called back because of an illegal procedure penalty. Then Lewis followed suit with a pass interference to set up a third attempt. The third chance ended with Amanda Gullen scoring the critical point to give PW the 7-6 win.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Yankees try to live up to 1998 standards in 1999 playoffs

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Not matching last year’s record-setting season in the regular season was expected for the New York Yankees. Not doing it in the postseason is a totally different matter.

The Yankees spent the last seven months avoiding comparisons to the 1998 squad that won an AL-record 114 games and went on to sweep the World Series. Come Tuesday night, when the Yankees open their division series with the Texas Rangers, that all changes.

“There were times this year when we let down a bit,” David Cone said. “This is the time we have to step it up. The fact is, we did raise the occasion when we had to. Hopefully, that bodes well for the playoffs.”

What bodes well for the Texas Rangers, New York’s first-round opponent for the second straight year, is that they aren’t intimidated anymore by New York.

“The Yankees had a sense of invincibility last year,” Todd Zeile said. “They were the best team in the history of the game. They are still a good club, but we are confident playing against them.”

The Yankees had won 27 of 35 overall meetings between the two teams before dropping three of the last five this year. To advance beyond the first round for the first time in club history, the Rangers need to win three of the next five games.

Last year they couldn’t do that. They brought one of the best defenses in baseball to the playoffs, and ended up scoring just one run and hitting .141 in the three-game sweep.

Overall, New York has won six straight playoff games against Texas since losing the opener of their series in 1996.

“It’s important for us not to get caught up in the past few series or the last three or four years,” manager Joe Torre said. “We’re trying to talk about our guys focusing on the opportunity as opposed to the obstacle. Sometimes you start looking at the obstacle and it becomes too big to overcome.”

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It’s time for clarity.
DePaul's second-half TD leads Phoxes over Finest, 7-0

By JASON KROMPINGER
Sports Writer

Utilizing a big play on offense and some very tenacious defense, Pangborn pulled out a 7-0 victory over Farley on a rainy Sunday on McGlinn fields.

The Pangborn defense made its presence felt from the first series of the game. Following a first down picked up by the Finest on their first play from scrimmage, the Phoxes sacked Farley quarterback Meghan Sheehan on the next two plays and picked her off on third down.

Pangborn quarterback and captain Jill DePaul, however, fared no better on her opening possession. Two short completions went for minimal gain, and an incompletion on fourth down turned the ball back over to Farley.

The teams traded possession the entire first half, with Farley punting two more times and Pangborn turning the ball over on downs twice due to some timely tackles by Farley captain Jen Ross.

"Our defense stuck it out, as usual," DePaul said.

DePaul showed off some speed and scored the only points of the game on Pangborn's first play from scrimmage of the second half. On a quarterback draw, DePaul appeared not to be keyed by any Farley linebacker and sprinted untouched 80 yards for a touchdown.

The Pangborn defense held tough the rest of the game and Pangborn had its first victory. Farley's record fell to 1-4.

BP 13, Cavanaugh 6

In a battle between two hot teams, Breen Philips pulled off a stellar victory to boost its record to 4-0 and all but assure itself a playoff spot, as Breen-Philips defeated Cavanaugh 13-6.

Some picture-perfect passing by Chaos quarterback Mandy Reimer on her opening drive of the game made it appear that Cavanaugh would have an easy day on offense. With passes to the receiver rotation of Meg Myers and Melissa Marcotte, Reimer drove through the BP defense without a dropped ball.

The Chaos scored quickly and went up 6-0 before quarterback Jenny Cho and the Babes offense had stepped on to the field.

The Babes would strike back on their first possession, but not with the same grace as the Chaos. After Cho drove the team down to Cavanaugh's 30, the defense was hampered by a couple of interference penalties, bringing the ball down to the five.

From there, Cho bit receiver Erin West for a touchdown. The Babes converted the point after touchdown, and led 7-6 at the half.

Cavanaugh's offense would never regain the poise it showed during its opening possession. The increased slickness of the field due to the rain caused more dropped passes and broken plays. Breen Philips was able to take advantage of Cavanaugh's miscues and scored in the third quarter on a pass from Cho to receiver Karen Swanson.

Two late game comeback attempts by Cavanaugh were killed by interceptions.

Babin 6, Howard 2

By 5 p.m. Sunday, the rain was coming down in buckets on the Notre Dame campus.

By 6 p.m., the Badin Frogs had stunned the Howard Ducks by pulling off a messy 6-2 victory and handing them their first loss of the season.

Babin concentrated on its running game early on — unusual in a flag-football league — and emerged with limited success. Neither team seemed to really be able to get any solid earth under its feet, and a decent run by Badin was usually followed with a stuff by the Howard defense.

After a scoreless first half, which can be attributed more to the driving rain than anything else, Badin struck early in the fourth quarter on a quick pass over the middle that went 55 yards for a score.

The real controversy of the game came on the conversion attempt by Badin. On the attempt, a Howard player picked off the Badin pass and began to scamper toward the end zone.

The referees blew the whistle shortly after the ball was intercepted, as they were unaware that a conversion can be returned by the opposing team for two points should the opposing team reach the end zone.

Despite the whistle, the Howard player returned the ball the distance, thinking that she had two points for her team. An argument erupted, but the referees continued the game with the score 6-0 Badin.

Later in the fourth, a Rockports official explained the rule to the official and in a bizarre call, the referee awarded the Ducks two points despite initially having blown the play dead.

Despite the controversial officiating, Badin hung on for the victory.

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With recent wins coming against better opponents, Waldrum anticipates a challenging test for his squad.
"I think it will be a very difficult game," Waldrum said.

"They [Michigan] are very good up front. They're quick and talented and they really possess the ball well. We've seen a lot of them on video and they're a strong team."

Adding significance to today's showdown — the third of a four-game home stand — is the fact that Michigan and Notre Dame lie in the same geographic region. A win would have considerable implications on NCAA tournament seedings at season's end. An Irish win or loss today could potentially mean a couple of spots difference in the end of the year seeding brackets.

"That does make it more important," Waldrum said. "You always want to get a jump on teams from your own part of the country."

The surging Irish offensive attack will be led by senior forward Jenny Heft, whose five goals this past weekend left her just five tallies short of Monica Gerardo's school record of 73 career goals.

Captain Jen Grubb, the defending Big East Defensive Player of the Week, will anchor the midfield along with Anne Makinen who recently returned to the squad after concluding her involvement with the Finnish national team.

The Irish know that to effectively handle the Wolverines, they will need to continue to spread the scoring around, in an effort to prevent the Wolverine defense from keying in on one or two players. The recent strong play of Meotis Erikson should allow for Notre Dame to do just that. Erikson regained her scoring touch over the weekend to give the Irish yet another offensive threat.

"It's definitely key that we get everyone involved and move the ball around," Grubb said. "We all have to be ready to play and come out hard."

Notre Dame's offensive arsenal will be complemented by the play of All-American goalkeeper LaKayisia Beene, who is prepared for a busy afternoon after seeing relatively little action in the team's last two dominating performances.

The Wolverines enter today's action sporting an 8-2-1 record, and are coming off an easy 4-1 win over conference rival the Purdue Boilermakers. Michigan's offensive attack will be sparked by freshmen forward Abby Crompton, who leads the team with six goals. Like the Irish, the Wolverines boast a strong net minder in Carissa Stewart, who started each of her team's outings and has already posted four shutouts.

With the Irish women playing their third game in a matter of five days, one would think that fatigue might be a factor, but Coach Waldrum says that's not the case.

"I don't really think fatigue will be an issue," he said. "We were able to get most of our players some rest this past weekend, and I think Michigan is in the same situation we are having played three games in five days. I think it's a fairly even match up."

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Whirlwind, Chicks fight for playoff berths tonight

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

When Welsh (2-2) takes on Lewis tonight the Whirlwind could be fighting for a playoff berth.

Going into Sunday’s game against Lyons, Welsh was 2-1 and could wrap up a playoff spot. It appeared that Welsh would easily clinch a postseason berth when it quickly scored the first points of the game off an interception returned for a touchdown. But after that opening score, everything seemed to go downhill.

“We didn’t play anywhere near our potential,” captain Kate Rak said.

The offense gave up four turnovers and the defense gave up 20 points in the second half. The collapse could be attributed to a lack of practicing.

“We didn’t practice at all between the last two games,” Rak said.

When they take on Lewis, Welsh plans on being more prepared.

“We had practice on Monday and I think we’ll be a little more motivated,” Rak said.

Pasquerilla East vs. Lyons
An undefeated PE will face off against Lyons tonight in the last game of the regular season for both teams.

The two-time defending champion Pyros come into the game undefeated and are led by fifth-year senior quarterback Elizabeth Flummer.

PE is coming off a 20-0 victory over Walsh and is not looking past Lyons this week.

“We still have things to work on and are still looking to improve,” captain Anna Benjamin said.

The defense of the Pyros is also looking strong as of late. Against Walsh, they were led by Donata Perillo’s two interceptions and did not yield a first down.

 Lyons is also coming off an impressive victory, beating Welsh 20-6.

Welsh vs. Pasquerilla West
PW (1-2-1) is looking desperately for a playoff birth. They can accomplish this goal by beating Walsh tonight.

PW defeated Lewis 7-6 Sunday to gain its first win. The victory was highlighted by the play of quarterback Andi Will and by Karen Goodman’s interception on defense. The Purple Weasels were down 20-0 in the first half of the game. Then with about five minutes left they scored a touchdown and made the conversion to go by one. “This is a must win game and we need to make the playoffs,” captain Kori Yele said. “If we lose we’re done.”

GOLF
Ratay paces Irish in Intercollegiate

Special to The Observer

Irish sophomore Steve Ratay holds a two-stroke lead on the field while Notre Dame is one shot out of first place, following two rounds of action Monday at the annual Legends of Indiana Intercollegiate.

Ratay was tied for fourth in the 80-player field after carding a one-under 71 in the morning round before posting a 70 in the afternoon for a 141 total and a four-shot lead after the opening round but slipped to fourth in the afternoon while the Irish used a 294 to remain in second, just one stroke behind Louisville.

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SMC picks up 7th win over Goshen

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

In pouring rain and 48 degree temperatures, the Saint Mary's soccer team defeated Goshen College 3-0 on the road Sunday. "It was really nasty," head coach Jason Milligan said.

Senior captain Katy Burger was pleased with Saint Mary's performance against Goshen. "They were a decent team, but we dominated the whole game," Burger said.

The Belles evenly spread their 17 shots among the two halves — nine in the first half, and eight in the second. Burger led her team with seven shots.

Burger also contributed the first goal, with an assist from freshman Shawna Jianonni. "We had good passes and we were able to finish and score," Burger said. "Things went really well for us.

Sophomore Tia Kappahahn scored the second goal, on an assist by Burger. "I just thought we played really well," Kappahahn said.

Burger cemented her team's victory with a second goal — the team's third. She headed it in after receiving a pass across the goal from Kappahahn. "It was one of the most beautiful plays," Kappahahn said of Burger's header. "It was our goal of the year.

All of the goals were scored in the first half. Jianonni, Heather Muth, Laura Paulin, Liz Coley, Cara Dunbar, Katie Ilieck and Adrian Kirby also had scoring chances for the Belles.

The Belles are now 7-1-1 for the season, and 1-1 in MIAA conference play.

"Every team that we've played, except Kalamazoo, has played a defensive game," Milligan said.

Kalamazoo College's women's soccer team is the defending champions in the conference.

"Once we get up against teams that come out and attack us, that will open up a lot of space (for us to score)," Milligan said.

Goalie Eric Gershick made two saves in the game. Goshen College only had six shots on goal.

"We have an awesome defensive team this year," Gershick said. "They're making my job extremely easy."

With such a solid defense, the Belles are now working hard in practices to sharpen their offensive skills.

"We've been focusing on defense and position," Milligan said. "Now we are focusing on shooting. It takes time to develop. Once we've established it, it won't be a problem."

Saint Mary's next game is at home on Wednesday at 4 p.m. against Albion College.

"We're in a conference game," Milligan said. "They will be a pretty good game.

He was also optimistic about the rest of the season.

"We've got lots of good games coming up," Milligan said. "I know we're ready."
Otters drop first game of the season to Juggernaughts

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

During an afternoon dominated by rainy weather, the Sorin Otters finely-tuned offensive machine, led by quarterback Luke Beuerlein, began to show signs of rust, as the Knott Hall Juggernaughts ran away with a 14-7 victory.

The rain was a nuisance for the Otters' offense, wreaking havoc on its normally strong passing game. The beating the Otters took from the Juggernaughts also did not allow them to repeat their past successful performances, causing them to fall to 2-1.

"We couldn't throw well," Sorin coach Fred Faber said. "And they beat us up fine."

For the first time this season, the Otters' offense was overpowered by the play of their oppo­nent, as quarterback Mario Suarez and company led the Juggernaughts to victory, improving their record to 2-1. Suarez, captain of the Juggernaughts, was very impressed with his team's performance.

"Our offense and defensive line dominated the field," Suarez said.

Knott Hall put points on the board first by a second quarter touchdown caught by an interception by Terry McElroy. A successful two-point conversion from McElroy gave the Juggernaughts six points, and running back their lead in the third quarter when a fourth down pass from Ysasi led to the score.

Fisher dominated the fourth quarter when Faber ran a successful performance, causing their record to fall to 0-3.

"And we couldn't stop the Juggernaughts," Faber said. "We just couldn't hold them back, and they just kept scoring."
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**VOLLEYBALL**

Notre Dame opens conference with two victories

By MATT OLIVA

The Notre Dame volleyball team opened its conference season this past weekend with two convincing victories.

On Friday, the Irish (8-3, 2-0) defeated West Virginia in three games, 15-7, 15-6, 15-9, before knocking off Pittsburgh 15-5, 15-6, 15-6 on Sunday.

In the Big East opener, the Irish outplayed the Mountaineers (8-10, 0-1) in all areas of the game. Mary Leffers finished with a match-high 18 kills and a .567 hitting percentage, while teammates Kristy Kreher and Christy Girton each contributed 11 kills. Denise Boylan finished the match with 25 assists, one more than the entire West Virginia team totaled.

Defensively the Irish were also impressive, holding the Mountaineers to a .099 hitting percentage. Notre Dame also totaled 49 digs, led by Marcie Bomhack's match-high 16, and out-blocked West Virginia 15-11-3.

"Going into this weekend, we noticed that we were at the bottom of the Big East statistics in digs per game," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. "We concentrated on improving this aspect of our game and that was our key to play good defense."

Against the Panthers (6-6, 0-2) on Sunday, the Irish were just as impressive. They won the first two games without ever trailing.

In the third game, the Irish trailed 5-1, but regrouped after a time-out to tie the game at 5. They surrendered only one more point to the Panthers on their way to a 15-6 victory and win match 3-0.

"Pittsburgh was without one of their top players," Brown said. "We did not know what changes they would make, so we were looking to control the match by blocking well and playing good defense."

Kreher, Girton and Leffers all finished in double figures in kills, leading the Irish to a team .330 hitting percentage. Defensively, Notre Dame had another strong game. The Irish finished with 47 digs compared to 27 by Pittsburgh.

Bomhack and Keara Goughlin each totaled 10 digs for match highs. The Irish also out-blocked their opponent in this match 11-7.

"These games were good for us," Brown said. "Looking back, West Virginia beat us in three games and we had a tough five-game match with Pittsburgh. So it was revenge to beat West Virginia and a big step for our team to control both teams, because we expected both teams to be strong."

The next match for Notre Dame is against Michigan. The Irish will host the Wolverines tonight at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

They will continue their Big East conference schedule this weekend on the road against Rutgers and Seton Hall.

Marcie Bomhack spikes the ball against West Virginia Friday night. Bomhack led the Irish with 16 digs against the Mountaineers.

**SOCCER**

Michigan, IUPUI visit Alumni Field for doubleheader

**Women face first ranked opponent in three weeks**

By KEVIN BERCHOU

The sixth-ranked women's soccer team enters today's match with the 15th-ranked Michigan Wolverines playing arguably its best ball of the season.

The Irish women have won four games in a row by a combined tally of 22-2. They were at their best this past weekend as they trounced the Georgetown Hoyas, 10-0, and the Villanova Wildcats, 4-0, to improve to 8-2 on the season.

I was really pleased with the way we played," head coach Randy Waldrum said. "We were extremely organized on defense, and ofensively we were able to score some goals."

The Irish are prepared for a much sterner test as today's matchup with the Wolverines constitutes their first game against a ranked opponent since last month's upset loss to SMU.

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**Men look to stretch winning streak to three**

By KERRY SMITH

The Irish men's soccer team is looking to capture its third straight win tonight when it hosts the IUPUI Jaguars.

The Irish enter the matchup riding a short but encouraging two game winning streak.

"We're starting to get our confidence back," junior defender Stephen Main said. "We feel like we've come together and played well as a team in the last couple of games and as long as we can keep the ball rolling we should continue playing this way."

Dominating control of the game and scoring a combined seven goals in the last two contests, the Irish offense has finally come alive. The Irish managed to score only five goals in their first eight outings, but in the last week they increased the tally to 12 goals in 10 games.

Freshman forward Erich Braun emerged as a powerhouse on attack, netting five goals on the season — more than any other Irish player. Braun, who scored both goals in Notre Dame's Big East win over Syracuse on Saturday, is

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- Volleyball vs. Michigan Today, 7:30 p.m.
- Cross Country Benedictine Univ. Invite Saturday, 3:30 p.m.
- vs. Arizona State Saturday, 1:30 p.m.