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The End of Summer

Members of the Notre Dame community enjoy outdoor activities on Saint Mary's Lake during the last days of summer.

Future of SafeRide to be decided soon

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Vowing to "take a hard look at the issue," Notre Dame student body president Brian O'Donoghue said Thursday that he expects to make a decision on the fate of SafeRide as early as next week.

"It's a move that may signal the official end to the currently default campus taxi service," said O'Donoghue.

"As of right now, SafeRide is non-operational," O'Donoghue said.

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Pennock explained that he is skeptical of the idea that creationism is non-operational, that the school board brought to light a debate and a faulty set of arguments that have been around since the theory of evolution arose. Creationists, he said, have looked for holes in the theory of evolution since its inception.

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Lecture debates teaching creationism, evolution in school

By MOLLY MAVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

The clash between creationists and evolutionists that has existed since Charles Darwin's days continued Thursday night at Robert Pennock's lecture.

His lecture, entitled "Should Evolution Be Taught in the Public Schools?" What Dorothy learned when the Creationist Whirlwind Hit Kansas," tackled the issues of where and when evolution should be taught.

"The way creationists would like this to work is as a dual model," Pennock explained.

He was referring to the debate on whether creationism should be part of evolution in science courses.

Pennock first explained his belief that evolutionary theory is the only theory with solid evidence to back it up. He also said introducing creationism in the classroom would open the door for countless other theories on the development of life.

"It would lead to a chaotic education system, not a workable one," Pennock said.

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Pennock describes evolution as the only creation theory with scientific backing during his lecture Thursday in Carroll Auditorium.

See SAFERIDE/4

As recently as last spring, SafeRide was hampered by issues with hiring drivers and adequately staffing them for weekend shifts. Last fall, SafeRide's role at the University came into question. The Student Senate formed an ad hoc committee to investigate the program's effectiveness as a campus service.

"The current University presidents were the last class to really see it working effectively," said O'Donoghue, who also is skeptical of any large student demand for the program.

Dave Powers believes there is a need for the program which he oversaw as coordinator last year.

SafeRide functioned with 10 drivers last semester, according to Powers. The program ran on Friday and Saturday nights, generally between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and provided transportation from areas near campus and in downtown South Bend. About 30 to 40 students currently use SafeRide.
Acclimated to victory

Watching Thursday night football last night, I laughed when I saw North Carolina State fans charge the field and tear down the goal posts after their team's victory against Georgia Tech. That's right. They tore down the goal posts because they beat Georgia Tech. It was obvious to me that NC State fans had no idea how to celebrate a victory. When you beat a mediocre, middle-of-the-pack ACC team, you don't tear down the goal posts. You don't rush the field. You don't brazen your team's accomplishments but you act like you expected your team to win. But NC State fans can be forgiven. It is so rare that the Jackets have a football team worth watching. They get a bit too excited when they win.

But that's not the way Irish fans should react when they win. I've heard Notre Dame fans charge the field following Notre Dame's victory over Georgia Tech. They treat the field as their own when they win. That's understandable. The Irish have a football team that competes among the best. But at Notre Dame, we expect the fans to be respectful. Don't charge the field like the Jackets fans do. Don't do pushups during the Alma Mater. Just enjoy the game and the victory when you win.

Outside the dome

JMU students win athletic discrimination case

HARRISONBURG, Va. Some James Madison University students spent their summer working, some spent it lounging and some spent it flying back and forth to Charlottesville to give testimony in a discrimination case against the Virginia High School League. For four years, 11 female athletes, two of whom are current JMU students, have been attempting to ensure that all student athletes are allowed equal opportunity to participate in the high school sports of their choice. Their efforts came to fruition in July when a U.S. District Court granted their request for a preliminary injunction that allows four athletes to play football. But that's not what Notre Dame fans should do. They should only charge the field if the team wins.

University of Arkansas

Arrest prompts safety questions

FAYETTEVILLE

The student who was arrested Friday for allegedly breaking into several University of Arkansas residence hall rooms has been suspended from all residence halls and dining services, said Claire Good, University Housing interim director. Good said the decision to suspend Robinson was made Friday morning by University Housing officials in conjunction with the office of the vice chancellor of Student Affairs. AUPD has also posted public safety bulletins in all residence halls warning students to keep their doors locked, particularly when they are asleep. Good said, "The decision was made in the best interest of the Arkansas Housing Association, and we are committed to the safety and security of all residents," Good said. 

University of Utah

Football player assaults student

SALT LAKE CITY

Sean Patrick O'Keefe, a walk-on member of the Utah football team, was charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault Wednesday for his alleged involvement in a weekend altercation. O'Keefe, a freshman defensive end from Sandy, Utah, allegedly hit 17-year-old Nathan Pherson over the head with a baseball bat at a party early Sunday morning, causing Pherson to be sent to University Hospital with life threatening head injuries. The incident occurred at approximately 1 a.m. allegedly. O'Keefe hit Pherson so hard that the bat broke. Pherson was originally treated in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, but has since been moved from the ICU and upgraded to fair condition, according to hospital spokesman John Swan. Pherson remains hospitalized with skull fractures and internal bleeding. One doctor said he "could not believe that Pherson was still alive," given the seriousness of his injuries.

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O’Kane’s estate bestows University with $88,232 gift

By JARED JOODREY
News Writer

Notre Dame recently received a donation of $88,232 from the charity of late University alumnus Francis O’Kane.

O’Kane, a former corporate lawyer, drugstore owner and World War II veteran, died at age 89 in 1997. Following the death of his wife, Mary, last May, Renaissance, Inc., a social capital company with a mission to “increase the quantity and quality of philanthropy in this country,” delivered his bequest, totaling $353,000.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, O’Kane worked for several years as a corporate lawyer until the outbreak of World War II in which he served six years on the European front, eventually being stationed on the French and German border. Upon returning to the United States after the war, he proceeded to take over the family business, a drugstore in the Bronx. He married his wife in 1948.

Joan Pfitzer, O’Kane’s stepdaughter, described him as a “quiet and congenial” man who was very intellectual. He was both interested and active in politics throughout his life, she said.

In addition, O’Kane was an avid fan of Notre Dame football, spending many Saturday afternoons glued to the television to watch the games. Pfitzer raised her stepfather and said he was someone interested in “everything involved in life.”

The trust that Kane set up allowed him and his wife to use the money invested to live on until they both died. The remainder of what they didn’t use was to be donated to designated charities.

Cary Solida of Renaissance, Inc., believed that the funds allotted to Notre Dame were “unencumbered” and were sent to the development office for their use in whatever area they deemed fit.

Renaissance, Inc. administers over 5,000 charitable trusts and each year directs an average of $25 million to charities.

Accounting department maintains high ranking

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

The accounting department is again ranked No. 6 and No. 11 for undergraduates and graduates respectively in a survey by the Public Accounting Report. The results are based on a poll of faculty at accredited accounting programs.

The department was able to keep its high ranking by “maintaining its quality curriculum which is a continuous challenge,” according to Thomas Schafer, department chair of accountant.

“Making sure that the faculty has enough time for curricular development keeps us at the cutting edge of a rapidly changing field,” Schafer said.

Schafer also said the student body is a great reflection of the department’s success. “A lot of credit goes to how successful our students are when they leave Notre Dame,” he said.

Students with a Notre Dame degree in accounting have even better chances at finding jobs suitable to their fields. The students’ curriculums lead “directly into services such as tax, assurance services, financial representation and management,” said Schafer.

He said that the high rankings help attract recruiters and recruits alike. The ranking “helps attract top students” for both graduate and undergraduate programs as well as the big businesses looking to recruit students right out of college.

Just recently, a fifth year was added to the accounting department.

“I am pleased with Notre Dame’s placement in the rankings,” said Paquita Friday, professor of accounting.

“However, I believe that once the five-year program is more established, it will be ranked higher.”

The additional year is optional. “Since the majority of students in the five-year program have Notre Dame degrees, the coursework is different,” Friday said. “I think that students decide whether to stay based on their state’s requirements for the CPA exam.”

“It depends on what you want to do,” said Natalie Morgan, a prospective accountant major. “If you want to get your CPA to work with the public, you stay for the fifth year. If you want to work for private corporations, you stay for only four years.”

She said that the No. 6 and the No. 11 rankings were well deserved and called them "a very fair assessment.”

“The University employs great professors who are willing to go the extra mile to make sure that students understand the accounting process,” Morgan added. “They also help students to be successful in their endeavors.”
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Darwinism that was used to justify Nazi Germany.Pennock explained that it was not a direct result of evolutionary theory, but a twisting of the scientific theory to justify an evil conclusion. People took fitter to mean better and better to mean good, and the mean morally good," Pennock explained. "There is nothing in evolutionary theory that requires that kind of conclusion. It is people imposing their prior prejudices on a theory." Pennock is an associate professor at Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State and was named a national distinguished lecturer for 2000-2002 by the Sigma Xi Society. He graduated with a bache-lore's degree in biology and philosophy from Earlham (Indiana) and earned his Ph.D. in history and the philosophy of science from the University of Pittsburgh. Pennock will also be speaking on Friday at noon on "The Ethical Challenges of Emerging Biotechnologies" at Stpslon lounge.

Rodriguez celebrates Las Posadas at SMC


By KATIE MILLER

Small children dressed as Mary and Joseph led the way while the groups followed behind: Singing dancers took the stage at St. Marn's Hall, SMC on the night of December 24. The "Las Posadas," which begins on Dec. 16 and ends on Dec. 24, "is nine days signify nine months of pregnancy, When Las Posadas is over, we have a new life," Rodriguez said.

"I applaud Saint Mary's for relating to our culture," Rodriguez told the audience. "It is important for us to understand ourselves, who we are and where we come from."

"Las Posadas is the re-mem-bra- tion of Mary's trip to Bethlehem; it has been celebrated by Mexicans for more than 400 years," she added.

Mendelson gift allows for new sports center

Special to the Observer

Joseph Mendelson of Santa Barbara, Calif., has established a $5 million endow- ment for Notre Dame's Center for Sport, Character & Culture. A longtime advisor to the university, Mendelson is the parent of two Notre Dame graduates, Patrick Mendelson, Class of 1984, and Rachel Mendelson Rice, a 1987 alumna.

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Powers said that should student government repre­ sentatives choose to continue SafeRide, he would like to see the program's hours expand­ ed to include Thursday nights.

But that could add more stress to the operating bud­ get of a project O'Donoghue called "very expensive to run."

O'Donoghue said that although SafeRide is present­ ly non-operational, funds have still been set aside for the program this year. He said that if the office of the Student Body opts to discon­ tinue SafeRide, the funds would be directed elsewhere. "That money would be put into other worthwhile endeavors. But we have to make a decision about SafeRide's future first," he said.

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N. Korea strengthens military: Despite its severe economic crisis, North Korea has made major military improvements including placing large numbers of artillery guns and rocket launchers near the demilitarized Zone that separates communist North from the U.S.-backed South Korea, a Pentagon report says. It did not predict renewed war between the Koreas, but stressed that "the Korean Peninsula remains a dangerous threat." 

Palestine willing to swap land: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is willing to trade land in the West Bank for territory in Israel, a swap aiming to accommodate Jewish settlers, an American Jewish leader who met with him said Thursday. Israel and the Palestinians are waiting for the United States to decide whether to offer bridging proposals to break the logjam in their negotiations, officials from both sides said.

INDIANA BRIEFS
Woman steals money with promise of blessing: Fort Wayne police are investigating a possible scam in which a woman promised to bless people's money and personal effects, then steals from them. At least one victim lost jewelry and more than $1,000 cash earlier this month to a woman who calls herself "Aloria," said officer Caesar DeJesus, the Fort Wayne Police Department's Hispanic liaison officer. The woman has been distributing computer-made business cards at local Hispanic grocery stores, DeJesus said.

INDIA BRIEFS
Teenage hacker gets six months: A teenager was sentenced to six months in jail Thursday after pleading guilty to federal charges of hacking into NASA computers which support the international space station. The teen, now 16, also admitted he had illegally entered a Pentagon computer system, intercepted 3,000 e-mail transmissions and stolen passwords. The Justice Department said the young man was the first juvenile hacker to be incarcerated for computer crimes.

Group criticizes Hindu prayer: The Family Research Council is complaining that an invitation to a Hindu priest to give the prayer at the opening of a House session is another indication of the nation drifting from its Judeo-Christian roots. Last Thursday, a Hindu priest from Parma, Ohio, delivered the opening prayer in the House in conjunction with Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee addressing a joint meeting of Congress.

An opposition supporter chant slogans outside the presidential palace during a demonstration by hundreds of students after the Peruvian military dimmed fears that it was planning a coup.

Tuesta said Fujimori was intent on tightly controlling the transition and could not be counted out for a comeback. "I don't think Fujimori is the kind of person who will just go off and write his memoirs or give international conferences," said Tuesta.

Military experts cast doubt on whether Fujimori was in control of the military, despite the communique promoting "political stability and national unity." A military expert, who asked not to be identified, said Fujimori has lost credibility in the military.

The president is mistaken if he thinks by communicating that the National Intelligence Service is being deactivated his adviser will be out of a job," said retired army Gen. Daniel Mora, a government critic. There were unconfirmed news reports that Montesinos had moved his command post from the air base that houses the intelligence service into the "Pentagon," headquarters of the army. The army is the most powerful branch of the armed forces and Montesinos has hand-picked the generals who fill its key command positions.

"Montesinos has decided who enters and leaves the army command," said political scientist Fernando Rospisilso. "He manages the apparatus through blackmail, espionage, extortion. They may eventually get him out, but for now I don't think Fujimori is in charge of the situation." Rospisilso said the military communique appeared to be a move to ease public worries over the crisis.

"They've done this several times before. ... The communique is for public consumption" and is intended to make it appear Fujimori is in charge, Rospisilso said.

Shamkhani was quoted saying the declaration of military support "was not coordinated or agreed on" with the U.S. administration official said this was a "political maneuver" to strengthen military forces in the region.

Earlier, a U.S. intelligence official, Robert D. Walpole, cast doubt on the success of the launch during testimony to a Senate subcommittee hearing.

"They say it's successful. We're analyzing the data from the launch and we will tell you more ... but be careful when you get public announcements like this," said Walpole, of the National Intelligence Council, a group of officials from major U.S. intelligence organizations that advises the director of the CIA.
Bush hits hot spots to sway female votes

Associated Press

NEW YORK —

For the second time this week, George W. Bush will settle into a TV talk show's guest chair. His first time on "Live With Regis," in pursuit of female voters who have been more likely to vote for both Democrat Al Gore and the Republican presidential nominee's appearance with Regis Philbin on Thursday follows his visit Tuesday to "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Bush, who rates a "home run" for its focus on Bush as a father and husband, some polls showed him running even against Gore after eliminating some of the Democrat's recent advances.

Polls have shown female voters with a preference for Gore have given Bush his strongest lead in months. A Gallup survey released Monday showed the vice president ahead by 17 points.

The latest poll from the Pew Research Center showed Gore leading among women on all the issues they consider most important — Social Security and Medicare to health care and education. Gore also has an advantage on protecting and strengthening families, 44-37, among women. But Bush believes his message will resonate with women more about his proposal to hold schools accountable for student performance and learn of his dedication to his family. Helping out, wife Laura was appearing "Good Morning America," and later talking with Oprah Winfrey from his office to discuss his favorite TV shows. Bush and his wife continued trying to soften his image Wednesday at a town meeting in Pittsburgh, where both Bushes, microphones in hand, took questions from the audience.

Bush also continued his focus on the vice president's credibility.

"I believe the vice president will say whatever it takes to get elected," Bush said in an interview on New York's WABC. Big contributions, he said, seem to have helped soften Gore's criticism of entertainment violence aimed at kids, Bush said.

"It seems like he must be auditioning for a Broadway play because he keeps changing his tune," the Texas governor said. Gore raised $4.2 million for the Democratic National Committee on Monday night in Beverly Hills, Calif., a week after he gave the entertainment industry six months to take steps to make sure violent films are not marketed to children and suggested sanctions if nothing is done.

"At the beginning of the week, he sounded awfully tough on Hollywood. He talked about six months, sanctions. He talked a tough line," Bush said. "After a couple of fund-raisers, he's changed his tune."

At the California fund-raiser, Gore and running mate Joseph Lieberman eased their rhetoric. "We will nudge you but we will never become censors," Lieberman said.

Nader joins with celebrities to abandon two-party politics

Associated Press

FLINT, Mich.

With Michael Moore along for the ride, Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader stumped for votes Thursday amid the disenfranchisement in the city that helped him become a well-known consumer advocate and brought Moore filmmaker fame.

Both Nader and Moore asked supporters at a rally whether the town had made any progress under eight years of President Clinton. The answers: a definitive "No."

Both blamed the Clinton administration for failing to improve the quality of life in the city. "The unemployment rate and crime remain high, large industrial companies continue to shut down, and more than two-thirds of the area's school children remain below the federal poverty level," Moore said. "All the problems we had 10 years ago we still have today."

Nader said he found it more than "coincidental" that Clinton also was in Flint on Thursday — across the street from the rally. He and Moore tried to attend Clinton's event, but were turned away.

"One of the greatest disempowers of Flint, Michigan, is William Jefferson Clinton," Nader said, referring to the impact of free trade agreements on the town.

Urging supporters to "vote your conscience," Nader wanted supporters against picking the loser of two evils in the presidential race — Democrat Al Gore or Republican George W. Bush. He urged them against using the "least- worst approach."

"If you reward both parties, those parties will only get worse every four years."

Nader was attending another rally Thursday at Michigan State University in East Lansing.

The city of Flint brought both Nader and Moore their first taste of notoriety. Nader's high-profile career as a consumer advocate got its start with his 1965 book " Unsafe at Any Speed," a harshly critical look at U.S. auto manufacturing that focused on the General Motors Corp. Corvair. Moore's 1989 documentary "Roger & Me" assailed the company's actions in closing its Flint plant. "I thought it was a lot of money in 1995. It is now down to 17,800, he said. "What General Motors did to this city, they can do anywhere," Nader said.

Both men were introduced by former talk host Phil Donahue, who joined Nader on his "monovisitor tour" through the industrial Midwest, an area rich with battleground states considered key to Gore and Bush. Donahue first met Nader as a radio reporter in 1962. "I think he's always been right on the issues," he said of Nader.

Donahue has another connection to the city — shortly after Moore produced "Roger & Me," its distributor, Time-Warner, had quake about releasing it because GM was among its top advertisers. Donahue then aired two back-to-back shows live from Flint, boosting sales of the movie.

Earlier, Nader focused on "a sliding backward in environmental achievement," referring to further depletion of the ozone layer, the increase of global warming and soil erosion, in a speech to students at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. He also cited the large number of workplace deaths due to trauma and industrial toxics.

Nader also criticized his exclusion from next month's presidential debates, saying Bush and Gore won't address the issues important to "aver Amercan, including the increase in a living wage, a more balanced transit system, free trade and laws making it easier for workers to unionize."
Calendar of Events

Friday-Saturday, September 22-23
St. Joe Hall
Freshmen Retreat #30

Saturday, September 23
Notre-Dame Room, LaFortune
Asian Culture and the Biblical World
Dr. Seung Al Yang, Biblical Scholar
University of St. Thomas
St. Paul Seminary/School of Divinity
St. Paul, MN

Saturday-Sunday, September 23-24
Oakwood Inn
Asian American Student Retreat

Sunday, September 24, 1:30 p.m.
Keenan-Stanford Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. Felipe Morel, csc

Monday, September 25, 6:00 p.m.
LaFortune Ballroom
Emmaus Kick-Off

Monday-Friday, September 25-29
103 Hesburgh Library
Sign-up, Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #63 (Nov. 3-5, 2000)

September 25-October 30
103 Hesburgh Library
Sign-up, Freshmen Retreat #31 (Nov. 3-4, 2000)

Targeted Group Alumni, Breen-Phillips, Keough, Howard, Dillon, Lyons, McGlinn, Pasquerilla West, Sorin

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, September 26, 9:00 p.m.
Corby Hall
Information Session on Holy Cross Priests and Brothers

Wednesday, September 27, 10:00 p.m.
Monroe Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Weekend Presiders
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, September 23 Mass
3:30 p.m.
Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, c.s.c.

Sunday, September 24 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Thomas P. Doyle, c.s.c.
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

Scripture Readings for this Coming Sunday
1st Reading Wis 2: 12, 17 – 20
2nd Reading Jas 3: 16 – 4:3
Gospel Mk 9: 30 – 37

Follow the Road to True Fortune
by Amy Seamon

I went for a walk this past weekend. My mom, dad, and some friends came down from Grand Rapids, Michigan for the football festivities and were anxious to tour campus. We met at my house, took a left out the front door, saw the golden dome and as cliché as it may sound, I started heading home.

We headed down Notre Dame Avenue pointing out all of the beautiful landscaping and seeing taxis cart students away for a nice quiet meal with friends. Our first stop was the bookstore where for the first time since I can remember my dad did not buy a single thing for my mom or me, but we did get to see the “real Rudy.” We then stopped for a bite at Reckers and I could not help but recall some of my late night trips for a smoothie with my girls from McGlinn. I took them to see my new office. Then we headed to the grotto. I walked past my favorite bench by the lakes, noted many couples taking romantic walks, and then walked down the road that simply calls for me to follow the light. I cannot tell you how many times I have walked this road before.

I graduated from Notre Dame just four short months ago. I find myself in a very familiar place without the hassle of classes and homework. Like many Seniors, in the final months before graduation I panicked about my future and realized that, if I could do college all over again, I would probably have been a Biology major and not English. But life has a funny way of working itself out and I have been blessed with an internship at Campus Ministry. I am working with some of the best people on this campus.

My mom, Mrs. DiLorenzo and I went to light our candles as my dad and Mr. D. stood watch. I walked ahead of the girls, found my “usual spot,” lit a candle for an unexpected intention, and then I wept. I cried like a little girl. Suddenly, I realized exactly where I was, who was with me, and why I was there. My worries and personal stresses from the past weeks exploded and I felt myself growing weaker. My full calendar, challenges with relationships, and transition from student to staff became, in that moment, too much for me to handle. Who would have thought that my mom would be there to make it all better? A routine trip to the grotto became a rediscovery of family, God, and myself.

There are so many times in our daily routines when we take for granted the path we are following. Whether it is the path we follow to the grotto for a prayer around final time or the quad we walk down to get to work or class, no two days can or ever will be exactly the same.

And it’s not just our paths we should be concerned with. We are called to be a light for one another and help each other find the path that leads us closer to God.

After the death of Jesus, two disciples met a stranger along the road as they journeyed to Emmaus. Conversing and debating about the events of the past few days, the disciples did not even recognize that it was Jesus walking beside them. As they approached the village, they invited the stranger to stay with them. While they sat together at the table the stranger took the bread, broke it, and gave it to the disciples. The disciples’ eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ. “They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?” (Luke 24:32).

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where they can gather and share their faith journey while reading and reflecting upon scripture. Campus Ministry listened and created Emmaus. By joining a faith-sharing group, you join a community that promises to be more than just another “club” on the resume or appointment in your date book. Forming an Emmaus group can mean gathering new and old friends to share what is most important in our lives. I pray that your hearts might burn with the same fire as the Lord walks with you and explains the scriptures to you as you continue your faith journey.

A life of faith shared in community demands commitment. Emmaus is an opportunity to mature in faith and build an intimate and trusting environment that will allow you to address some of life’s most important questions with people who are there to support you and grow spiritually in a communal setting. I pose this challenge to you: commit yourself to an Emmaus group for a semester. Campus Ministry can form a group for you. Or ask people in your hall section to form a group. Maybe some friends in a chemistry or an athletic team would like to pray outside of weekly rehearsals. The RA’s could form a group and take this time to talk about the struggles and rewards of each week. Emmaus is for everyone and anyone.

Follow the road to true fortune. Make your Emmaus group a place to come home to, a road you can keep traveling on to continue your journey of faith and nurture lifelong friendships with one another. Take the time to build a community of faith venturing down a new and exciting path and I promise your journey will be blessed.

For more information about Emmaus contact Amy Seamon at Campus Ministry in Badin Hall at 631-3389. The Emmaus Kick-off celebration is Monday, September 25th at 6:00 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom. All are welcome!
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Attackers blast headquarters, cause limited damage

Associated Press

LONDON - Unknown attackers fired a "small missile" at the headquarters of Britain's M16 intelligence agency in central London late Wednesday, causing an explosion on the eighth floor, police said.

The blast caused limited damage and no injuries at the 18-story structure at the heart of Britain's intelligence abroad.

Witnesses reported hearing two explosions, large enough to send up a plume of white smoke and to rattle buildings across a railway. The blast brought firefighters, police and ambulances to the site on the south bank of the River Thames, and police closed the area around the headquarters.

Police Deputy Assistant Commissioner Alan Fry, in charge of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said that at 9:45 p.m. "an object was fired at Vauxhall Cross, which is the headquarters of the Secret Intelligence Service."

"An examination of the exterior of the building showed that some form of small missile has hit the exterior at about the eighth floor," he told a news conference.

"If the object was like a mortar shell, he said he doubted it was powerful. "In all probability I would doubt it is a mortar -- I would have expected more substantial damage," he said.

Fry said it was too early to say if Irish republican groups might be involved. "Clearly we have to keep in mind the capabilities of dissident Irish groups, but at this stage we will not be ruling out any group who might see the secret intelligence service as a target," Fry said.

The blast caused minimal damage and the work of the intelligence service was not disrupted, he said, adding that no claim of responsibility for the attack has been made.

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, whose department is responsible for M16, said there were no casualties.

The 18-story, cream and green modern-style structure was featured in the James Bond movie, "The World is Not Enough." It is thought to be one of the busiest agencies. MI6 was formed in 1921, is responsible for foreign intelligence. It is thought to cooperate closely with the domestic security service MI5 in keeping track of Irish terrorist groups.

The high-tech spy headquarters bristles with security features. Much of the complex is below street level to protect the most sensitive areas from terrorist attacks.

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CSC CENTER FOR SOCIAL CONCERNS

John Giuliano speaks on "Living Faith and Justice: Building Community in Post-War El Salvador"

Monday, September 25, at 8 pm

DeBartolo 138

- The struggle for human rights: resisting economic and political oppression
- A critical look at US involvement in El Salvador during the civil war and now
- The call of the Gospel: building the Christian community
- During the civil war in El Salvador, many citizens were forced to flee the country as refugees. Upon returning to their homelands, they were faced with the challenge of rebuilding the communities that had been destroyed by the violence of the war. John Giuliano, 14-year resident of El Salvador, has played a key role in the rebuilding of the repatriated community of Guariglia. Through his youth organization, Los Tamariños, he continues to work to heal the scars left by the terror of war and to build the Christian community. Guariglia is a site for the CSC's International Summer Service-Learning Program.

- This event is co-sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, the Theology Department, and the Catholic Social Traditions Department.
Questioning ticket allocation for away games

The Observer Editorial

At last Friday’s pep rally, head coach Bob Davie thanked the student body for their support at the Nebraska game and said he didn’t see a single red shirt in the student section. He acknowledged that the student body is always the most emotional and most vocal supporters of the Irish football team. But this week, in a critical road game for the Irish against the Spartans of Michigan State, the student body will be virtually silent. The intensity and volume generated by the 10,000 students at home games will be significantly reduced. Only 196 students received tickets through the Student Board ticket lottery. Only 169 students could win tickets because the University allotted only 200 of the 5,000 Notre Dame tickets for student use. The University has set aside 1,500 tickets for internal University use and 3,300 tickets for alumni. Considering the large number of University officials and alumni that sold tickets to Nebraska fans, it is especially disheartening to see these same groups receive priority over students. When the Irish need strong support from their fans in a crucial road game, they need student support. They need to hear more than the echoes of their classmates screaming in the stands. Unlike games played in Orlando or Los Angeles, games in East Lansing are reasonable day trips from South Bend. If the University would allocate more of its away tickets, especially for nearby games, the students could support their team in the stands and not from their couches.

Tracking the presidential race

Garry Caruso

This election is paralleling the 1988 election when Vice President George Bush ran against Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. Dukakis had led by about 17 points until Bush stormed out of his convention, surged ahead in the poll and never looked back. The exception to the similarities of the two elections is that in 1988, old AlBush attacked with hot-button issues in two areas. He portrayed Dukakis as an anti-patriotic tax evader, a sick millionaire who sold out to crime. Many have called those ads ineffective race-baiting techniques that also portrayed Dukakis as too liberal to be president.

This year, Al Gore has stormed out of his convention with momentum that has been sustained thus far. He effectively has shifted the campaign on his turf issues. By spelling out in great detail his prescription drug proposal and budget priorities, he has drawn Bush away from his original goal of getting the public to focus on the deficit and compassion the main themes of his message. Without the overt negativity of the 1988 campaign, Gore is successfully implying that Bush is a lightweight with “too few” proposals who cannot compete when it comes to offering government programs. Some, along with pols and impartial academic researchers, see Bush’s erosion of women for example, as a permanent departure to Gore because women are part of Gore’s base, which he has solidified.

The half-time analysis is threefold. First of all, Gore has moved the debate of the campaign to his strength issues. Secondly, Bush’s campaign rhetoric of leadership, having a new tune and bringing both parties together has been symbolically undermined by his campaign’s and the Republican National Committee’s actions. And lastly, Gore’s strategists are more focused on the issues and have kept him on track while Bush’s strategists are letting disarray for President Clinton cloud their candidate’s campaign direction.

The current Olympic Games competition in Australia is the half-time entertainment for the presidential race. The Democratic debate has been the locker room preparing for the final five weeks of campaigning that include three debates, ultimately determining the outcome of the election. It is remarkable how the “pressroom” polls do not reflect the current mood on the board. Al Gore has the momentum and the lead coming out for the second half of action.

Some national polls but several bipartisan observers, believe that the race has already been decided with George W. Bush’s three guts prior to the Olympic competition. They contend that Bush really isn’t up to the task of the presidency and has reinforced that notion.

Republicans, along with many whom have not really been paying much attention to the campaign, are confident that Bush has regained those supporters he recently lost to Gore. The Democrats, along with some pollsters and impartial academic researchers, see Bush’s erosion of women, for example, as a permanent departure to Gore because women are part of Gore’s base, which he has solidified.

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The Observer

I have three fake emergencies, two doomed projects, our uninecessary meetings.

Scott Adams

OFF YOU GO

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Just received the following wire from my generous Daddy — "Dear Jack, Don't buy a single note more than 28 copies. I'm damned if I'm going to pay for a landslide.""

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president
Thursday, February 22, 2000

Unravelling the mystery of ND ROTC

Just across Juniper Road, on the outskirts of campus, there is a building. In front of that building there are flags flying, students going in and out, and the sound of fighter planes adorn the classroom walls. There is even a room referred to as the "warrior room," where every fall a tenth of the students body has ever spent anywhere in the United States appears for an hour or so of time in this building and unless you have had a class scheduled there between 7:30 and 8:30 and the option of fighter planes adorn the classroom walls available, you probably refer to it as "that building near the road where the ROTC kids go."

For those of us not in ROTC there are subtle but constant reminders that ROTC is present here on campus. Occasionally, a student in a camouflaged uniform appears from behind a corner and takes notes or talks deadly serious about something, or just as anyone else would. Almost every student has had a dorm section mate in ROTC. But it seems that what students in ROTC are most concerned about is the rest of us. They wake up early in the morning for their physical training, and long before the majority of this campus rises. On many an afternoon, they move in uniform and in exudes to the Pasquerilla Building — "over there, across the road." But exposure to what ROTC does is, however, limited in that we watch the color guard march across the field before every football game or we catch a glimpse of a late-night "chee-shining party" in a dorm hanged as students in ROTC prepare for the next day's important training.

I think it is fair to say that Notre Dame appears comfortable with ROTC. From those in ROTC who are conditioned and trained to be able to take another human life as a tool of waging war; to those not in ROTC who appear largely indifferent to its presence here. Those who do not even bat an eye when fellow students return from a ROTC weekend in full camouflage, field gear and painted faces and ask no questions about what they were just trained to do.

These dialogues sponsored by Pax Christi ND, are as an early stage. Their purpose is to bring what goes on "over there, on the other side of the road" — in classes, in the daily morning hours as PT's, at weekend field training exercises and in summer training camps — to bring all of that over here to be examined and discussed by students, faculty, alumni and administrators, the entire university community. What is at the center of these dialogues, the driving force behind them, is genuine Christian concern. For the students, concern for the people they will one day be ordered to kill is genuine Christian concern for those giving those orders and concern for those who will be ordered to do those things. As a Christian myth we have two long-standing traditions: Just War and Pacifism. I say that both are long-standing because that is exactly the case. Contrary to popular belief, both can and in fact did exist prior to the anti-Vietnam war sentiment of the 1960's.

True Christian Pacifism is a life in the nonviolent life, example and teachings of Jesus; most especially in his death, in a crucifixion in which he not only refused to resist evil, but actually forgave his executioners but that in his final moments he forgave them. The martyrs of the early Christian Church continued this pacifism, some of them refusing to serve in the Roman military and facing death for their decision.

At a school so concerned with Catholic character and with observing and fostering traditions, what does this say to us? I think it says that the issues we are discussing in the ROTC Dialogues are not new ones, and that they are ones that we can not avoid. It is not students in ROTC or of this concern much part of the Catholic Tradition. This is the voice that proclaims that Christians will not have this world betrayed by the taking of life, and that killing one's enemy makes it impossible to live Jesus' command to love them.

It could be argued that in many ways Notre Dame has a student population, though small in number, that is in principle adherent to the Christian Pacifism than it has ever had in adherence to the Catholic Just War Tradition. The Catholic Church, the Catholic Tradition there exists the long-standing framework of the Just War Theory which is the topic of another paper. Its adherence or perceived adherence under certain very strict conditions, both prior to engagement in and during the waging of combat, when the only alternative to the Just War position often arrives in a stance of total war.

In examining modern warfare through the lens of the Catholic Just War theory, the question arises to whether a Christian can ever participate becomes a very real one. There are several cases that require our consideration: the United States' dropping of the Atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in the Second World War, the carrying out of the My Lai Massacre by First Lieutenant William Calley and soldiers in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, and examples of grave unjust disproportional activity in the Persian Gulf War. We cannot pass over the Persian Gulf War too quickly for it is a war that in many ways never ended. This United States continues to impose crippling economic sanctions on the people of Iraq, sanctions that have been reenforced by condemned by the Pope, numerous bishops, and several international governmental authorities and nations. These economic sanctions are implemented and carried out by people, often not the enemy they are supposed to destroy. There are times and situations in which the interests of the United States government and military are in tension or even direct conflict with the mission and ends of the Catholic Church, then it is crucial and necessary that we must consider a tangible incorporation of Catholic Just War education in the ROTC program and curriculum. For those in ROTC that consider themselves called to bear a Christian witness in the military, I offer you this thought: If a Christian witness is possible in the military then it is only possible in the military, as it is only possible in the Christian Pacifism than it has ever had in adherence to the Catholic Just War Tradition. Though the Catholic Church, the Catholic Tradition there exists the long-standing framework of the Just War Tradition which is the topic of another paper, its adherence or perceived adherence under certain very strict conditions, both prior to engagement in and during the waging of combat, when the only alternative to the Just War position often arrives in a stance of total war.

In the encyclical Veritatis splendor, Pope John Paul II states that God never com­mands the imposition of death (Para 102-3). We gather together at the ROTC Dialogues to discuss and to discern these most dif­ficult issues and how they affect our lives. We are taking place in the fact that our discussions and decisions, however difficult we may face, are not concerned with striving toward an impossible ideal. We are attempting to put our Christian faith into practice, to discern how we can best live our Christian life, how we can approach the difficult, thus quieting the Christian voice in the world. If we truly believe that Christ is the Light in the Darkness and that we as Christians are Light to the world, then we must see the world and all we do through the lens of Christ and the Gospel message. Life does two things: helps us to see things more clearly, and sometimes it helps us to see things we have not seen before for the first time. It is time that we bring what goes on "over there, across the road" over here and exalt it together with Christian eyes. I hope that these dialogues are a source of light to our university community in discerning how to live a more loving, Christian lives and effetively preach the Gospel in this troubled world.

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Questioning The Observer's independent status

Though independence is a very important issue for any publication today I’ve seen the word "independence" on my desk as I worked on this issue. The Observer has, in recent years, extended its bounds to stress that independence in the face of the body which allows it to exist. There is, undoubtedly, a difference between an inde­pendent publication and one that is critical of the administration (as front page news) when that topic is, in truth, of minor significance to the community as a whole.

I bring this up primarily in the "gay rights" issue. The Observer has flaunted its independent status and represented the University by giving undue attention to a small group of activists, instead of covering the story in an in-depth and analytical manner. The Observer has compromised the true meaning of "independence." A difference exists between an independent publication and one that is critical of the administration. The administration allows The Observer to exist. The Observer has every right to print any story it sees fit as affecting the community. Recent articles harshly criti­cizing the administration and are not relevant to the majority of undergraduates. You do the math.

Jim Arkedis 
Class of '99
September 21, 2000

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From ties to togas

Anticipating football withdrawal this Saturday? Never fear —

Of course, this good time depends on many things, and your date is often the number one factor. So what exactly makes a good date?

"Someone who is not looking for a relationship!" said Ann Oleniczak, a sophomore in McGlinn Hall.

"If I definitely want someone who can dance, people who just want to cut loose. That's what it's all about," said Bauters.

While some students feel that alcohol can enliven the party, many students say they don't need the beverage to spice up their experience.

"The dance does not have to involve alcohol," said Angie Guhina, a sophomore in Lewis Hall. "As long as my date can have fun without it, it's not a problem for me."

For most people, the biggest challenge is the actual hunt for the date. While some popular methods include leafing through the dance halls, finding someone outside the dining hall an hour before the dance and the ever-effective request for your roommate's date to bring a friend, many students find ways that are, well, more creative.

"Once, this fifth-year senior came up to me in the stir-fry line at the dining hall," said Schmidt. "The next thing I knew he had found my number and it was totally random but I had a good time."

Think about year, one can feel particularly empa­thy for the freshmen who still don't know a lot of people on campus. What do they expect?

"I heard [All Hall Dances] suck pretty bad ... but I'm kind of looking forward to it," said Dillon freshman Alan Ward. Walsh freshman Cat Ruiz, on the other hand, heard "that they were a lot of fun. It's just that it's so early in the year, and you don't know anyone so it's kind of weird."

All the freshmen really do need to, though, is pay attention to their fellow upperclassmen who have some great advice on asking their first date.

"Be persistent," said Brian Ostick, a sopho­more in Alumni Hall who admitted to asking six different people before finding someone for his first dance freshman year. "There are 8,000 other people on this campus who want to go to an All Hall Dance."

"Just ask someone you know you'll have fun with," said O'Neill senior David Ruiz. He says freshmen should "use the dance as an ice breaker if there's someone you are interested in."

Elizabeth Caballero, a sophomore in Walsh Hall, echoed the same thing. "You'll never have the guts to ask that crush again, that's the beauty of the first dance of freshman year."

"Remember that it's not a big deal ... it's not a matter of life and death," said Schmidt. "It's five hours with a person and as long as you keep a casual and open attitude you're guaranteed to have a good time."

And that is the goal, after all, right? Once the mad scramble for dates subsides, and each Dorm finds him or herself paired off for the night, the search for the appropri­ate SYR gift begins. The mall fills with guys reluctantly purchasing various forms of Backstreet Boys and 'NSync paraphernalia, and the bookstore becomes a shot glass facto­ry.

But how do you find the perfect gift for your date? Students name gold fish, talking stuffed animals, Nerf guns, and yes, Barbie Dolls (for both guys and girls) among some of their favorite gifts. Men, in particular, express a great appreciation for sporting goods such as...
the Irish jig is on all dances are here to provide your weekend entertainment.

in it," said Gabana.

The right SYR gift can always make for a good start to the evening, but when it comes down to party time, many agree that it is the theme of the dance that makes it memorable, "I just like it better when there's a theme," said McGinn sophomore Joanna Veneklaske, who added that shedding the classic little, black semi-formal dress for a more outra­geous and unique outfit usually makes for a more exciting night.

Some of the most engaging themes include Hawaiian parties, Harleys and Honeys, holi­day schemes, '70s/'80s nights, toga parties and floor division themes, where each half of a floor decorates with an opposite theme such as Heaven and Hell.

There are a plethora of annual dances stu­dents mark their calendars and count off the days for. Usually held during the spring term when the absence of football season allows for a better dispersion of dances throughout the semester, these are the dances that most people agree students must attend before gradu­ation.

Most revolve around a holiday or a special event, such as the Keough Choral Races or the Merriss key-Christmas Dance, and many extend over an entire weekend.

The Keough Revue, for example, is always a big hit. Accompanied by a three-night perfor­mance that promises each year to be side-splitting utter chaos, the actual dance takes place on Saturday night about an hour after the final perfor­mance. It is the only dance with extreme, satire­tastic, stretching, dancing hours until 3 a.m., and the only dance accompanied by breakfast, as North Dining Hall opens soon after to wel­come the detectives of Keenan and their dates.

This dance is so popular on campus that most guys do not even have to ask their own dates, said Bauters. "We usually get calls from everybody . . . they are looking for tickets and really want to go.

Another widely-anticipated event is Alumni Hall's Wake. "We feel the Wake is the biggest event on campus," boasted Ostick, who hap­pens to be one of Alumni's four dance com­mittees. Still, the Wake remains one of the most mysterious of all campus events as the men at Alumni prefer to keep most of the pro­gram a secret to their freshmen and most non-Alumni residents, "so it doesn't lose its mys­tique."

What is known is that the night before the dance, the men lead a procession around cam­pus meant to emulate the old tradition of the Irish Wake, which was apparently a celebra­tion of life, death and the transition in between. Parading around campus wearing boxer shorts and neck ties, they bear not only their bodies, but also a coffin whose inhabitant remains a mystery to most on campus. This is followed by what Ostick calls "one big crazy party."

The Lewis Crush is another popular All Hall event. The women of Lewis send anonym­ous invitations to their "crushes" and reserve the right to approach their date, should he show up, either at the dance or the barbecue which precedes it. The McGinn hosts an annual Casino Night where each dorm resident invites multiple guests, male or female, to a night of gambling with fake money and fun prizes.

O'Neill's Mardi Gras is com­monly known as one of the rowdiest on campus. Highlights include Thursday night's "King of Mardi Gras" competition, in which the men of O'Neill com­pete for the right to head the parade which kicks off the dance on Saturday afternoon. The men rise up SYR for dinner in their Mardi Gras costumes just before the parade and then progress throughout the entire campus, picking up their dates along the way.

"Guys are encour­aged to bring more than one date," said Tyler, "so there gener­ally ends up being a lot more girls than guys"— seemingly the appro­priate fin­ishing toch to an annu­al celebra­tion of hedonism and wan­ton fun.

But of course, isn't that what SYRs are supposed to be? Whether known as an SYR or an All Hall Dance, it's meant to be a night for revelry with fellow stu­dents.

It's important to not stress out about finding a date or worry too much about the perfect outfit, because most things considered, stu­dents will have fun at the dance.

So to those whose dance season kicks off this weekend and to those whose semester-long battle for dates will continue well into December, have fun, good luck and happy hunting.

And to that guy who sits behind me in Econ with the rust-colored hat — are you busy next weekend? Because we have this dance coming up...

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Male dorms' dance dates

O'Neill Friday, September 29
Siegfried Friday, September 29
Galan Friday, September 22
Merrisskey Friday, September 29
Alumni Friday, September 29
Fisher Friday, September 29
Keough Saturday, September 30
Knot Saturday, September 30
Sarin Saturday, September 30
St Edweds Friday, October 6
Stanford Friday, October 27
Uillon Saturday, December 2

5. Dining Hall Items
4. Live Animals
3. Dead Animals (Steak dinner)
2. Stuffed Animals
1. Anything wrapped in The Observer
The game between Welsh and Lyons on Sunday at 2:00 will be a game of polar opposites. Welsh, a team composed of experienced veterans, is coming off a 29-6 thrashing of Pasquarilla East. The predominately inexperienced Lyons team is reeling over their 26-0 loss to Cavanaugh.

Welsh will be led by playmaker Jen Grubb. However, as Coach Casey Boutin points out, the true key to Welsh's success is their teamwork and defense. Jen is pleased with his team's effort in practice and says his team is ready for the game.

"We've been practicing really hard and we're trying to find each other, and we're hoping our hard work pays off on Sunday. We understand Lyons will be ready for the upset, and we're looking forward to the challenge."

Although Lyons certainly has their work cut out for them, Captain Lisa Thomas believes "the first game was a great learning experience especially for the freshmen."

"Although we had a disappointing turnout in our first game, we expect to play better this Sunday," Thomas said.

Although the odds are stacked against Lyons knocking off last year's champion and this year's preeminent favorite Welsh, the game on Sunday could prove to be the biggest upset of the season.

Lewis vs. Pasquarilla East

For the Pyro offense, it could be bring-up Sunday at his office. After facing the stiffing pass rush of Welsh Family last weekend, Pasquarilla East facets a confident Lewis Chic defensive front four on every play. Lewis and Company Square off at noon Sunday on the McGinn Fields in what might be a bruising defensive brawl for the books.

On the crushing Lewis defense lined up against backer Becky Ward. Coach Blake Kirkman says the Chicks are "counting on her to be everywhere."

Kirkman added that Ward is a superstar on a squad full of talent.

"The defensive line is solid. We have good players in the secondary too," Kirkman said.

Kirkman is pleased with the performance his players have performed so far. "I'm excited about how they're picking up the offense."

Lewis wide receiver Katie Schlessner isn't surprised that defense is her team's strength. "(Our defense)are very athletic. We had a good defense last year too," she commented.

On offense, Schlessner described the team as "inexperienced at the skill positions."

Schlessner explained that the Chicks are tinkering with their offensive strategy for their game against the Pyros.

"We gcassed too much last game," she noted. "We've brought in some new plays so we won't be predictable."

The tough PF defense is seeking to improve against Lewis, after giving up several big plays against Welsh. Defensive lineman Beka McCullough said that practice this week was spent polishing up the defense and communicating better about what the offense is doing.

McCullough explained that the team has responded well despite their loss. "It's a place to start. We can build on it," she said.

On offense, the Pyros face the challenge of another strong defensive front and linebacker corps. But center Kristin King insisted PE will be ready for the challenge.

"We're studying their defense and making changes. We'll mix it up.

Pangborn vs. Howard

Pangborn and Howard came bined for a total of zero points scored in their first games. Pangborn, though Howard bounced back to score 16 points Thursday, both teams are looking to improve their offenses this weekend. They meet Sunday on the McGinn Fields for bragging rights over the grassy paradise known as South Quad.

With a base of freshman, Pangborn's offense is inexperienced and will need to rely on a veteran defense.

Defensive captain Erin Piroutek said that the Phoenix need "to stick to the fundamen­tals." She continued on to explain that her team will play "twice as tough against the Ducks."

The Pangborn defense is cen­tered around its dynamic line­backer duo, Annie Sauter and Libby Cunningham. Piroutek said they will insert more blizzards into the defensive scheme on Sunday. The defense will also rely on the services of sophomore "Crazy" Becky Weisberger.

Captain Jeanne Trelense said Howard will be potent on offense against Pangborn. She commented that strong-armed quarterback Jill Veselik gives the Ducks "big play capability."

Trelense explained that the team will continue to "work on the offensive line and try new things on defense."

Emily Borg anchors the Duck defense. Her strong corner­back play has proved invaluable for Howard.

"The squad maintains tight coverage, but we need to work on the defensive line," Trelense said.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso advances to round two

The fifth-seeded and 18th-ranked Dasso rallied to defeat Pepperdine qualifier Charlotte Vernaz 1-6, 7-5, 6-0 in her first match of the season. The eighth-ranked Irish doubles team of Dasso and junior Becky Varvam advanced to Friday's second round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Pacific's Christiane Barthel and Diane D'Audney. Dasso and Varvam next will meet VCU's 17th-ranked Marta Nedelkova and Andrea Ondrjava, three-set winners over North Carolina's 30th-ranked Marlene Mojica and Erin Neibling.

Dasso will play Wake Forest's 31st-ranked Janet Bergman in the second round on Friday.

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame tennis serves up victory

Special to the Observer

The Irish men's tennis team served victory as it hosted the Tom Fallon Invitational to open its season on Thursday.

Notre Dame won 12 of 13 matches against William & Mary at the Courtney Tennis Center. Irish junior Aaron Talarico defeated William & Mary's 90th-ranked Trevor Spracklin 7-5, 6-2 in singles and later teamed with junior Javier Taborga for a win in doubles.

The ninth-ranked Taborga and Talarico team edged Spracklin and Geoffrey Russell 9-8 in a seesaw match.

The Irish juniors led 7-4 before the Tribe rallied to tie the set at 7-7 and then led 6-4 in the tiebreaker. Taborga and Talarico came back in the tiebreaker to win six of the last eight points to start the season with a victory.

Taborga and junior Casey Smith also posted straight-set singles wins, while freshmen Luis Haddock-Morales and Matt Scott had successful debuts.

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Soccer
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of the Irish goals in Tuesday’s 2-1 home win against Cleveland State.
Sunday’s game against Connecticut pits the Irish against the highest-ranked
team on their regular season schedule. The Huskies tied Rutgers for first in the Big East
last year before advancing to the final four in the NCAA tournament.
This season’s Huskie team is currently 4-1, winning four straight after losing to No. 11
Wake Forest in the season-opening game. Connecticut takes on Big East rival Pittsburgh on Friday before heading to South Bend.
Connecticut is lead by the leading scorer in the Big East
in cruise Control, who has put
the ball in the net five times
this season already. Darin
Lewis has scored four times
while taking only nine shots so
far this season. In goal,
Bryce Wiseman has allowed
only four goals this season en
route to recording three
shutouts.
"It’s going to be one of
those games where we
have to play our best for
90 minutes."
Dustin Pridmore
senior tri-captain

While the Irish have dominated
on defense throughout the
season, defensive breakdowns
and penalties have led to oppo-
nents’ goals. Against Cleveland
State, Irish defender Andres
Forcino was called for tripping,
a penalty which led to the
Vikings’ only score of the first half.
Pridmore stresses that there will no
room for such mistakes.
"It’s going to be one of
those games where we
have to play our best for
90 minutes," said
Pridmore. "We’re not
going to be able to have
slip-ups, because if we have
slip-ups Connecticut is the type
of that will capitalizes on that
slip-up and make our team
pay."

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Freshman midfielder Justin Detter moves the ball upfield during Tuesday's 2-1 win over Cleveland State.
Waldrum's schedule is not nearly as formidable as that of Notre Dame, but they have nonetheless racked up an impressive 7-1 mark to date.

West Virginia’s success lies primarily in its ability to play disciplined defense soccer. The Mountaineers stay very organized in their own half of the field, making it difficult for opponents to find quality chances around the goal. "They play a frustrating style," Waldrum said. "They rack up fouls and don't give the offense time to find the back of the net."

After being tested on the road, Waldrum is hopeful his team can are another exam, this one at home, as the Pittsburgh Panthers come to town for a Sunday afternoon battle. The Panthers have struggled late, and stand just 3-5 on the season. In a game the Irish expect to win handily, Waldrum hopes to rest some of his stars while providing the younger players a chance to play. Players such as senior co-captain Anne Makinen, who has played an instrumental role in what has been a symphonic season, is due for a rest, as is goalkeeper Liz Wagner.

"Hosting key players is something we hope to do," Waldrum said. "We're a little banged up, so that would be nice."

Waldrum doesn't want it for his players to look past the lovely Panthers. Despite its less than impressive record, Pittsburgh poses a threat to Notre Dame. After being dormant all season, the Panthers erupted for seven goals in a shutout victory over the Sun Devils of ASU.

The Belles cross country team is running into new territory this weekend at the MIAA Jamboree. For the first time in its four-year history, the Saint Mary’s cross country will be hosting a home meet.

Head coach Dave Barstis says he hopes "that the meet go off without any problems. I’ve never hosted a meet before so it’s been a learning experience."

The Belles will run against all the teams in the MIAA on Saturday on Saint Mary’s campus. The team is hoping that the home course, which winds through the Saint Mary’s nature trails and will end near the softball field, will bring some advantages with it. "I think that having home course advantage will help having a lot of fans cheering for us, it will pump us up and get us ready!" Junior Melissa Goss said. "We are so excited to be running on our home course, this is what I have been waiting for since I have been here!"

Barstis thinks having the community cheering them on will help too. "I hope having a lot of people turn out to cheer for us will give us a little extra push," he said. "A little extra adrenaline would help us."

"I feel the team should be able to do well this week," freshman Jessica Milhans added. "We have done some different workouts this week, and we are running better as the season progresses."

The MIAA competition will be tough, however.

The Calvin College women’s cross country team is ranked second nationally in Division III competition and they will be out to keep that ranking. "I expect Calvin and Hope to be dominate," Barstis said. "The success of their programs means a lot of runners want to compete for them."

Although the Belles don’t expect to finish in the top four teams, they think the competition between the next four teams will be challenging. "The next four positions are a toss up," Barstis said. "Adrian, Albion, Olivet and Saint Mary’s could finish in any order.

Saint Mary’s is ready for the competition. "We are going to have competition, but I think we are ready for it," Goss said. The meet kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday.
Irish runners host Catholic Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sport Editor

The Irish cross country squads defend their home turf today as they host the National Catholic Invitational in the first of just two home meets.

Notre Dame will be the team to beat, seeing as neither the men or women's squad has lost since 1994. Despite its string of five consecutive titles, a first-place finish is by no means a sure thing for Notre Dame, particularly on the women's side.

"Loyola (Chicago), they're really good," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "They've got a pretty veteran team. Most of their top kids are juniors and seniors. We're going to have to run really, really well to beat them."

An added challenge in aiming for No. 1 will be the absence of sophomore star Jennifer Handley, who likely will not run due to a foot problem.

"She's got a sore foot," Connelly said. "She's really improved a lot, but I don't want to see her back at all."

With Handley on the sidelines, the varsity lineup will likely consist of freshmen Megan Johnson and Rachel Endress, sophomores Muffy Schmidt and Jennifer Fibirch, juniors Hilary Burn and Anne McGrath and senior Chrissy Kenmore.

"We definitely want to win," Fibirch said. "I definitely think that we have the ability to do it. We just have to focus, and I think we have to want to run fast to win and just know we've been training hard enough to win. I don't think it's just going to come."

Loyola is the main competition for the title, but about 20 teams will fill out the field. Dayton, Detroit, St. John's and Lewis all feature several strong athletes.

On the men's side, Notre Dame looks likely to run away with the victory.

"We've dominated this meet the past few years," junior Luke Watson said. "I think we look strong enough that we shouldn't have any real problems at this level of meet."

Watson placed second in the meet a year ago. Marc Srokiowski, Sean Sanderson, Pat Conway, John Keane, David Albir and Kevin Brown will likely join him in the varsity race.

"We're still looking for some guys to step up," Watson said. "Our team is composed of a lot of guys who are freshmen or who haven't raced cross country in their career. What's going to happen tomorrow is we're just looking to get them some experience."

After Notre Dame, Loyola and Lewis should be the top contenders.

Since the National Catholic Invitational began 20 years ago, the Notre Dame men have captured 12 team championships. Since women's competition began 16 years ago, the Irish have taken home seven titles.

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Rabid Bats seek redemption in rematch against Wave

By JOHNNY LEITNER, KATIE DEMENT, AND COLIN BOYLAN
Sports Writers

Defensive tradition takes center stage this Sunday afternoon, when the Fisher Hall Wave collides with the Rabid Bats of Zahm. Both teams, fresh off stellar performances by their defenses, intend on unleashing a ferocious attack against the opposition.

In the past three seasons, the matches between these two powerhousees have all been decided by seven points or less. Last season, Fisher triumphed over Zahm 7-0 on the strength of a special teams touch-down.

Brian Zant, a senior captain for Zahm Hall, anticipates the rivalry to be resumed in similar fashion this year. "Fisher is always well prepared and plays good defense. We expect a defensive battle."

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Brian Zant
Zahm Captain

The game plan is to hit hard, then hit harder. Fisher's defense is the blood of the team," Pawloski said. "Knot's defense is the blood of the team."

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Carroll's 19-0 loss against St. Ed's, redemption has a very different taste. Coming off the heels of a season filled with championship expectations, St. Ed's can prove their freshness and drive intensity to move on. St. Ed's, redemption will be sweet. For the St. Ed's, redemption awaits proving that they can put forth a better effort than the one they last weekend. The offensive line up did a great job throwing an interception against Siegfried.

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"Fisher's defense is the blood of the team."

A Siegfried player catches the ball against a Carroll defender during last Sunday's 130-9 Siegfried win. Carroll takes on defending-champion Knott on Sunday.

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St. Edwards against Sorin Hall football showdown: the theme of redemption.

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Defensively, the Otters are helped by the versatility of Antione Tobias, who doubles as a receiver and a solid cover corner back.

And though Sorin would like to explode out of the gate, the Otters are certainly not underestimating their first opponent. "We're not looking past St. Ed's," said Crowe. "Anything can happen in interhall football and we know that."

For the St. Ed's, redemption awaits proving that they can put forth a better effort than the one they last weekend. The offense scheme this year should be relatively straightforward, according to Crowe. "We're going to stick with our bread and butter, which has been downhill passing and running up the middle," he said.

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Men's Interhall Blue League

Keenan takes on Dillon in early season showdown

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Sports Writers

In what can only be described as a major upset, Keenan squares off against Dillon Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Field.

Each team started its respective season with a victory last Sunday with Dillon blanking Stanford 14-0 and Keenan running a 14 points over the Raiders.

Although each team knows it is in for a tough early season challenge, neither has any plans to change its game plan.

"We believe our offense is going to be a yard or two against all of our opponents," said Dillon senior line backer Dickio.

Quarterback Billy Ellsworth of Keenan agrees.

"I think we are pretty much going to go with what worked last week," he said.

What worked last week was enough to get the job done over Morrisey, but will 14 points be enough to beat the Big Red? "14 points should be enough to win," Ellsworth said. "It is going to take two great defenses going out there.

"The great defense" of Dillon is led by senior line backer Dickio who is currently tied for third in the league in sacks with two. Although his defense pitched a shutout last weekend over Stanford, he was scored on in the room for improvement.

"I think there is always room for improvement," he said. "We'd like to get a little more push along the defense to help our tackles with our tackling. Dillon's run defense was bouncing out of 10 offensive tackles on Sunday. We need to be the ones laying the tackles out there.'

If the Dillon defense is going to be the key to its offense, it will have to stop a potent Keenan offense which includes running back Craig Murray, who scored on an eight yard touchdown run last weekend to seal the game for the Knights.

The one thing that needs to be improved for Keenan according to Knight head coach Giorgio, is consistency.

"Every time we run in the first half (against Morrisey) seemed to work, he said. "We just need to get together and play four quarters.

If the Keenan offense manages to put together four quarters of football as Giorgio hopes, it will be tough to keep the weight back onto the Dillon defense to score some points.

"If we can keep our intensity up, stay focused and execute a little bit better, our offense should be much better this week," said Dillon senior quarterback teammates.

This Sunday's Viner will find out whether his team will be able to deliver on that requirement that Keenan meets the Keenan Knights in a battle of the undefeated.

Alumni vs. Stanford

Two teams that are heading in opposite directions last weekend's competitions will square off Sunday at 2 p.m.

While Alumni is coming off an impressive 13-0 shutout over O'Neill, Stanford will try and build on their 1-1-1 disappointing 14-0 loss to Dillon.

Sunday's competition promises to be as competitive as last week's when the Thaws played tough defense last season's competition's will square off Sunday at 2 p.m.

After plugging the holes and stuffing the run, defensive tackle Nick Linstroth also looks to plug a hole and solid out for the Alumni defense.

"We are looking for our defense to step up again, and give the offense a chance to make the big plays," Alumni captain Mitch O'Neill said.

Stanford counters with a strong defense led by end Jordan Ascher and linesman Sophomore Joel Roberts. The Cardinal defense did an excellent job in shutting down the Cardinal offense last weekend.

The Alumni offense will counter the Stanford defense with an option attack led by a freshman backfield composed of quarterback Chad Carlton and tailback Alex Roadhouse.

Fullback Brian Nunnin will bring experience to the backfield.

Roadhouse and Carlton stepped up last week in their first starts behind a powerful offensive line.

"We expect our offense to show a lot of improvement over last week's defense," said Alumni head coach Linstroth. "We expect them to move the ball better and do a good job of putting the ball in the end zone.

"If the offensive line performs like they did last week, then we will have no problem running the ball at all over Stanford," added Freshman running back Alex Roadhouse.

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As for the Dawgs, they need their defense to step up after the opponent once again and get it back on track ahead of their showdown with Keenan.

Keough vs. Morrisey

The Kangaroos of Keough bounce into action on Sunday, looking to win their season opener against the Morrisey Mummies.

Following a 14-4 loss to the Keough Knights, Morrisey is hoping to regroup for Sunday's game.

Women's Interhall Gold League

Purple Weasels take on Shamrocks in enemy territory

By JOHN RASICK, LAUREN CONTI and CHRIST FEDERICO

Sports Writers

The McGinn Shamrocks hope to finally put a long week behind them for the Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West on Sunday at McGinn Field. The Shamrocks (0-1) would like to put a bigger dent into the Weasels' 0-1 BIG-11.

Freshman quarterback Leslie Schmidt will lead the Weasels against Cathy Yeyle and captain Amanda Gilliron will be Schmidt's targets down the field.

"We've been good against every game," said Galien.

"With the Weasels having the Week two against Rider wants to keep its streak of scoreless opponents in tact this Sunday. In order to do so, they will need to fill the gap left by the loss of defensive line backer, Sue Carpineto, who broke her nose on the last play of Tuesday night's game.

Middle-linebacker Kelly Dries and sophomore safety Jill Houghton will be directing the defense for the Weasels, but they will have their hands full against Shamrocks' quarterback Jodie Greaney.

"We're getting the option well last Sunday against Farley, and she hopes to do the same this Sunday," according to Greaney and coach Geoff Heiple.

The Shamrocks have been working the basic concepts of running the option, but not too well.

"Our offense is strong," said Galien. "Our line backers are looking very good.".

Walsh vs. Farley

With no losses this season, the Wild Women of Walsh hope to keep their record spotless on Sunday afternoon when they face off against Farley's 5:30 p.m. on McGinn Field.

"We've got the win against Bader and one tie. We're going out there hoping to do our best and come out with another win," said Walsh linebacker Tiara Danner.

Farley will enter the game hoping to avenge the 7-6 loss in a competitive game against the Purple Weasels this past weekend.

"We really played soolidly on Tuesday," Farley team captain Rebecca Glazt said. "We just had a defensive lapse right at the beginning of the game, which cost us some points. We don't have any drastic changes to make for Sunday.

Farley quarterback Jenny Geraci leads the offense that looked strong last Sunday, when the Finest beat the McGinn Shamrocks 12-0 in their season opener.

"I think part the strength of our offense is that Jenny has five or six guy's out there who can throw to with confidence," said Glazt.

Walsh team captain Melissa Stoetl expressed assurance in the Wild Women's offense.

"I think the game Tuesday really proved to everyone that this offense is solid," she said. "Offense really came through with some huge plays, like Karina [Mayorga]'s three interceptions.

"We have come up with some great plays that really threw off everyone else's defense," said Glazt. "And our defense, well, there are six of us seniors who've played together since freshman year. We know everything each other is going to do."

Farley is prepared for a competitive match-up, according to Glazt.

"I haven't really seen Walsh play this season, but it sounds like they have a strong team and offensive effort and so do we. We've both had some problems with interceptions, but I think it will be an evenly matched good game.

("B" Phillips vs. Badin

The B.P Banshees and the Badin Bullfrogs will have the look of determination in their eyes when they step onto the West Quad Field Sunday afternoon at 11 a.m.

Both teams are trying to bounce back from tough losses in their last games.

In their past games, both teams have shown that their defenses can hold up. However, both have suffered from offensive struggles.

In their three combined games, the two teams have managed only 18 total points.

The Bullfrogs opened up the season with a scoreless tie to Pasquerilla West in which neither team could accomplish any points. While quarterback Katie McFarland had success moving the ball, they were unable to put any points on the board.

We're definitely playing the role of the underdog this year," said B.P. captain Jenny Wohnee. "We lost a handful of returning players to off-campus so it's a rebuilding year."

But the Banshees admit that their young team is somewhat inexperienced, but she sees improvement with each practice.

"I know we will do better," she said. "We've just got to beat the odds."
**Swimming**

**de Bruijn sets Olympic record in 50-meter freestyle**

Associated Press

**SYDNEY**

Ingo de Bruijn, pursuing her third swimming gold medal, set an Olympic record in the 50-meter freestyle at 24.46 seconds, beating out Americans Dara Torres and Amy Van Dyken.

De Bruijn, winner of the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle, beat the 8-year-old Olympic mark of 24.79, set by China's Yang-Nan. Torres, the 33-year-old from Beverly Hills, Calif., ignored a sore shoulder to touch second in 24.96. Van Dyken, the 1996 Olympic champion in the event, was third at 25.04.

The top 16 advanced to the evening semifinals, with the final Saturday.

"I'm actually doing pretty good," said Torres, competing in her third individual event after winning bronze in both the 100 butterfly and 100 freestyle, "I wanted to break 25 seconds. I know I'm going to get faster." Van Dyken, 27, of Englewood, Colo., won four gold medals in the 1996 Atlanta Games, including the 50 freestyle in a major upset over the then-powerful Chinese team.

Since then, Van Dyken has undergone two shoulder operations. She wasn't even sure if she would attend the Olympic trials, but recovered quickly enough to make the team.

Now, she's in position for another medal. "I think I'll see if it's going to be a world record to win it," Van Dyken said. "I didn't think that running in, but I think I'm swimming fast."

Can the Flying Dutchwoman be defeated? "Yes," Van Dyken replied without any hesitation. "The 50 freestyle is the only individual event for Van Dyken at what is likely her final Olympics. She also was part of the world record-setting team in the 400 freestyle relay.

"I try to start thinking about that, but I'm just going to be happy one. I'm smiling the whole time."

Kieren Perkins must know the feeling. Written off before the Olympics, he began pursuit of an unprecedented third straight gold in the 1,500 freestyle with a stunning time in the preliminaries.

The 27-year-old Aussie was top qualifier in 4:10.01, narrowly winning his heat. In 15:08.34, pounding the water and thrusting an arm skyward as the sellout crowd roared.

**Track and Field**

**Johnson, Greene, Jones sprint past opponents**

Associated Press

**SYDNEY**

Michael Johnson wore gold shoes. Maurice Greene wore a smile. Marion Jones chickened out on her chance to wear something really different.

All three strolled to wins in first-round heats as track and field events began Friday (Thursday night EDT) at the Sydney Olympics.

Jones began her quest for five gold medals with a leisurely win in 11.20 seconds in her heat of the women's 100. She wore custom-made black shoes covered with shiny chrome, instead of the radical pair designed for her for the games.

Johnson, glancing to his left several times down the closing stretch to see if anyone was close behind, strolled to an easy victory in his first-round heat of the men's 400. He finished in 44.25 and advanced to Saturday's second round. Joining him in the next round were U.S. teammates Alvin Harrison and Antonio Pettigrew, who also won their heats.

Harrison, wearing a full body suit and long sleeves on a hot, sunny day, had the fastest qualifying time of 44.94.

Johnson, master of the men's 400 for more than a decade, is an overwhelming favorite to become the first man to win the event in consecutive Olympics. He has won four straight world championships, setting the world record of 43.18 seconds while winning that title last year.

"It felt pretty easy today, so I think I got the mission accomplished." Johnson said: "It's really great to get it started. It was a fun week hanging out down here, but now it's business and I'm ready to get it going."
WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles look to score for victory

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The game plan is the same: they want to win. They won last year, but after Manchester they know that is no guarantee.

When the Belles face Adrian on Saturday, they have two things on their minds: First, to score, and second, to come back to Saint Mary's the victor.

"I am ready to go out there and win since the loss Wednesday against Manchester was so disappointing," freshman Stephanie Arnaiz said. "I think we can take Adrian by surprise because we have a lot of heart and we're finally going to put it all together."

The Bulldogs, who will host Saturday's match, enter the game with more than a little to prove after league losses to Hope and Olivet. They also have a score to settle after last year's defeat at the hands of the Belles in the final minute of double overtime.

In that game, current Belles co-captain Heather Muth, then a freshman, ended a seemingly endless game with a last-minute shot which snuck past Bulldogs' netminder Sarah Moulik, also a freshman. Moulik finished the season with an Adrian record-setting 1.97 GAA.

"I'm just ready to do it again, if necessary," Muth said. "Hopefully we'll beat them in regulation this year."

Last year's victory over the Bulldogs marks the only loss Adrian suffered in a total of six overtime. The Bulldogs finished the 1999 season with a 7-9-2 record. This season they are 3-5 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

Saint Mary's will face tough competition in returning Adrian players. Adrian senior Kelly Neumann is a three-time All-MIAA Honorable Mention, and has three goals thus far this season. Sophomore Jenny Perrin led the Bulldogs last year with 15 points, and leads again this year with three goals and one assist. Moulik has a 1.57 GAA average just into the 2000 season.

The Bulldogs are coached by Rick Gutierrez.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Undefeated squad travels to West Virginia

By KEVIN BERCHOU
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It's been said that with success comes a great burden. If that is indeed the case, then the Notre Dame women's soccer team will have the weight of the world on its shoulders when it travels to West Virginia tonight for a key Big East conference showdown.

The undefeated Fighting Irish have enjoyed tremendous prosperity of late, and are ranked No. 1 in the new polls released earlier in the week. Head coach Randy Waldrum says playing with such a mantle could be a problem.

"To an extent it's a burden," Waldrum said. "If we let it get to us it could be a detriment.

"We don't care about winning. We don't care about our record. We just want to play our best."

The Irish will have to do just that tonight against the West Virginia Mountaineers at 7 p.m. at the Holliday Stadium in Morgantown.

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"They're a very good team," Waldrum said. "They have been playing well and are very difficult to beat.

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The Irish have scored 17 goals in their last five games and are averaging nearly three goals per game. The Mountaineers have scored 15 goals in their last five games and are averaging nearly two goals per game.

The Irish defense has been solid all year, allowing only three goals in their last five games. The Mountaineers defense has been vulnerable, allowing 16 goals in their last five games.

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Boiman blends fiery play with will to improve

Linebacker intimidates foes but shows soft spot off-field

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The sight of linebacker Rocky Boiman sends shivers down opposing players’ spines, with his devilish fire-red hair, glare that shoots bulldogs and intimidate physical. The fierce competition intimidates foes from the moment he marches onto the football field.

A different image arises in the mind of 11-year-old Lindsey Boiman, Rocky’s sister.

“You just want to get to the ball carrier well into the aggressive defense,” Lindsey said.

Improvement comes naturally to Boiman’s game — it’s the product of 100 percent effort every day in practice.

“. . . something I really concentrate on is trying to get better each week, better each day, whatever that takes,” Boiman said. “I just want to improve in all areas as a football player, no matter what they are. No one area do I want to limit myself to.”

Notre Dame linebackers coach Kirk Doll appreciates the energy and work ethic Boiman gives to the game.

“I think he brings an attitude of physical toughness,” Doll said. “He says the way he practices and plays is a great example to the younger kids. You always want to improve each week, and I think Rocky’s done that.”

All in the family

The grit necessary to succeed in the trenches runs in the Boiman family. Rasso, who’s been coaching high school football for 38 years, also coached Boiman’s father, Michael, as a student at St. Xavier High School.

“His dad was like 5-foot-8, 185 pounds, but he was tough as nails,” Rasso said. “He [Rocky] takes after his father, and he is tough as nails, I can see where he gets that football side of him.”

Michael Boiman never played college football. Despite his dad’s help, he’s been able to help Boiman most to improve as a player.

“He’s taught me so much about drive and working hard,” Boiman said. “He’s taught me just to learn all that I can from a bunch of different people.”

Rasso added, “He [Rocky] takes after his father, and as tough as nails, I can see where he gets that football side of him.”

“Family is the most important thing they’ve kind of molded me into,” Boiman said. “They always want me to improve each week, and I think Rocky’s done that.”

Boiman’s passion and desire for Notre Dame is something Rasso added, “He’s really a gentleman, but when he buckles that chinstrap, you’d better watch out.”

When Irish eyes are smiling

Boiman harbored dreams of playing for the Irish even as a youngster. Following his senior year, he’s earning a scholarship to Notre Dame, and later, a spot in the starting lineup.

“Somebody who I’ve been so close with the past few years, the chemistry that we have,” Doll said. “I feel so lucky to have this opportunity and to be blessed like I am. To be in this situation, it’s really something else.”

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Boiman line backer Rocky Boiman (No. 30) takes down a Purdue player in Notre Dame’s 23-21 victory last weekend.

A lot of people don’t realize it’s really tough to play here,” Boiman said. “Just with the pressures of academics and the pressures to win in week in and week out, an individual has to be pretty mentally tough to play here and be successful. People are always watching what you do, good or bad, and especially when you do something bad, so that’s something that you’ve got to be aware of.”

As a pre-professional major considering going into medicine, Boiman bears an even heaver burden than most athletes do. The demands that accompany a Notre Dame football scholarship haven’t lowered Boiman’s opinions of the school. In fact, they may have raised them.

“I can’t really say in one thing or another, but Notre Dame is special,” Boiman said. “I don’t care what anybody says, but we could lose the rest of our games this season and next year and the week after that, and we would still be Notre Dame. Notre Dame is college football as far as I’m concerned.”

Despite his childhood fantasy of playing football for the Irish, Boiman avoided leading into Notre Dame blindfolded.

“I took the time to look at other places, too,” Boiman said. “But I still really fell in love with the place. I wasn’t sure else might look better at the time, but I just thought, 20, 30 years from now, how could I look back and say, ‘I turned down a scholarship to Notre Dame.’ There’s no way I could do that.”

Boiman signed with Notre Dame over Ohio State, but a host of other Big 10 schools prior to his senior year of high school. Despite this background at Xavier and life-long dream of coming to Notre Dame failed to fully prepare him for the rigors of being a Notre Dame student-athlete.

“A lot of people don’t realize it’s really tough to play here,” Boiman said. “Just with the pressures of academics and the pressures to win in week in and week out, an individual has to be pretty mentally tough to play here and be successful. People are always watching what you do, good or bad, and especially when you do something bad, so that’s something that you’ve got to be aware of.”

As a pre-professional major considering going into medicine, Boiman bears an even heavier burden than most athletes do. The demands that accompany a Notre Dame football scholarship haven’t lowered Boiman’s opinions of the school. In fact, they may have raised them.

“I can’t really say in one thing or another, but Notre Dame is special,” Boiman said. “I don’t care what anybody says, but we could lose the rest of our games this season and next year and the week after that, and we would still be Notre Dame. Notre Dame is college football as far as I’m concerned.”

After a surprisingly strong 2-1 start against top-25 teams, the Irish don’t appear to be in danger of going on an eight-game losing streak.

“If you can just make life easier for somebody else or just make people enjoy life a little bit, then you’re helping out.”

Boiman’s passion and desire for Notre Dame is something Rasso added, “He’s really a gentleman, but when he buckles that chinstrap, you’d better watch out.”

Rasso added, “He has unbelievable intensity. He’s the kind of guy who was born to play football. You’d have to kick him out of the weight room. He loved to come to practice.”

Boiman line backer Rocky Boiman (No. 30) takes down a Purdue player in Notre Dame’s 23-21 victory last weekend.

The passion and desire Boiman senses on this year’s Notre Dame is putting wins on the Irish record, which, coming on the heels of a 5-7 season, are welcome as sunshine on a winter day in South Bend.

“Last year, it was hard, but I think in the long term, that was a good thing for us,” Boiman said. “Sometimes Coach Davie talks about how you’ve got to feel bad before you can feel good. I think we kind of saw that bad side and that dark side. We worked through that, and now things are really starting to pay off for us.”

Boiman’s hard work and positive attitude are certainly paying dividends for both he and his teammates as they combine to exceed all preseason expectations. Right now, they’re holding target practice each day with the bulls’ eye being the National Championship.

“The team’s potential is tremendous,” Boiman said. “I think the sky’s the limit. As far as I’m concerned, this is the best defense and has the potential to be the best defense since I’ve been here. I think the intensity and the desire that we play with was unmatched in the other years.”

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Michigan State Defense
Spartans ready to top Irish for fourth-straight time

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s defense has passed its first three tests of the season with confidence-inspiring performances inside the comfort of Notre Dame Stadium.

But when the No. 16 Irish take to the road to meet the No. 20 Spartans of Michigan State Saturday, two words will determine whether the defense can stop the momentum the Spartans traditionally have on their home turf: T.J. Duckett.

Despite Notre Dame’s out-ranking of Michigan State by four spots, the 2-0 Spartans have a running arsenal few teams can top. Led by the sophomore Duckett, whom Notre Dame recruited as a tight end two years ago, the Spartans can be deadly when the ball is in his hands.

“You have got to stop him before he gets started,” Irish head coach Bob Davie said. “When he gets heading north and south, just takes it on a straight line, he is a heck of a player. He is very patient and then when he finds the gap, he just hits it. So you have got to really be patient and be disciplined on defense and not allow seams to occur in your defense.”

Though Michigan State’s quarterback situation is up in the air, the Spartan offense is grounded in Duckett. The tailback touched the ball in 34 out of 70 offensive plays and scored the Spartans’ only touchdown last weekend in Michigan State’s 13-10 win against Missouri. In Michigan State’s season opener against Marshall, he started the year off on the right foot with 219 rushing yards on 26 carries.

As a freshman, the second-team high school All-American rushed for 606 yards on the season and scored 10 of the 12 Spartans’ rushing touchdowns. But while Duckett leads the running charge, a talented Spartan corps backs him.

“You look at Michigan State — on offense they are big,” Davie said. “Their fullbacks are big. They have two tight ends that I think are really good, Chris Baker and Ivory McCoy. Both the receivers played a lot last year. We know how talented they were at receiver last year. [Lavaile Richardson and Herb Haygood] both played a lot of football, talented guys.”

The potency of the Spartan running game will temper the uncertainty behind the line of scrimmage at quarterback. Michigan State’s coaches pegged Ryan Van Dyke as the starter at the beginning of the season, but a bruised thumb part way through the Spartans’ season opener sidelined the junior and threw true freshman Jeff Smoker into the fray.

“I think they are pretty similar,” Davie said. “[Smoker] is pretty far along for a young guy. If he is mobile, he throws the ball well. So does Ryan Van Dyke. So there is not much change with one of the two of them in there [our preparation] is exactly the same.”

Smoker has completed 16 of 24 passes for 138 yards with only one interception in his two outings.

While at press time Van Dyke’s status for Saturday’s game is uncertain, one thing is for sure: The Spartans are bent on making sure the 2-1 Irish even up their record with a loss on their first road trip of the season.

fast facts
ABOUT
MICHIGAN STATE

- Location: East Lansing, Michigan
- Enrollment: 43,189
- Nickname: Spartans
- Conference: Big 10
- Fight song: Michigan State College March

Spartans coach Bobby Williams took over as head coach prior to last year’s bowl game.

- The Notre Dame-Michigan State rivalry is one of the oldest in college football, and dates back to 1897.

Notre Dame leads the series 41-21-1.
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A LOOK AT THIS WEEKEND'S COLLEGE FOOTBALL ACTION

GAME OF THE WEEK

Two South Carolina defenders take down the Georgia Bulldogs' Randy McMichael (No. 86) in the Gamecocks' 21-10 win over the Bulldogs on Sept. 9.

Holtz looks to extend streak over Bulldogs

By PEYTON BERG

Sports Writer

Lou Holtz has accomplished the impossible: he has effectively brainwashed his South Carolina Gamecocks into actually believing that they can win football games. Their Sept. 9 win over then No. 10-ranked Georgia stands as this season's biggest upset. Given the Gamecocks' admitted lack of prime time talent, there is no question that Holtz's faith in his team and motivational skills are still intact.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs are two years removed from a SEC Western Division Championship. The 2000 edition seems ready to challenge again, but needs some lucky breaks along the way. The Bulldogs usually win with a stingy defense, but this year the focus switches across the line of scrimmage.

The offensive line returns three starters from last year, including behemoth 340-pound aptly named offensive tackle "Pork Chop" Womack. This mass of humanity protects quarterback Wayne Madkin and paves the way for a talented stable of running backs. Madkin has matured from a skillful freshman into a capable, experienced leader. His athleticism has bailed out the Bulldogs already this year.

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OTHER TOP GAMES

Clemson at Virginia

Coach Tommy Bowden took over a Clemson program that had hit rock bottom. Many college football experts predicted a slow rebuilding process that would extend into this season. Coach Bowden answered by leading the Tigers to a 6-5 regular season, including a heartbreaking 17-14 loss to father Bobby and the Florida State Seminoles.

Tiger quarterback Woodrow Dantzler threw for 2,713 yards a year ago, and expects to pass more this season. The Virginia Cavaliers are stillsmarting from the loss of All-American running back Thomas Jones, older brother of rising Notre Dame star Julius. The strength of this team lies in its line backers.

Danny Green, Yubenral Isabelle, and Byron Towens anchor a unit that may be the best in the ACC. Virginia remains a year away from ACC contention, especially with road trips to both Florida State and Virginia Tech on the schedule.

Miami (Fla.) at West Virginia

The Big East schedule kicks off for both the Hurricanes and the Mountaineers this Saturday. The winner of this game probably will emerge as the main challenger to defending 1999 Big East champ Virginia Tech and quarterback Michael Vick.

Many publications had Miami returning to greatness and contending for the National Championship. Unfortunately, the train to the Orange Bowl quickly derailed at the hands of the Washington Huskies earlier this season. While BCS plans are on hold for another year, the Canes and the Hokies should settle the Big East when they lock horns in Blacksburg on Oct. 12.

Morgantown, WV is a dangerous college football road game for any team. Like Nebraska, not much else is worth watching in West Virginia during the fall besides Mountaineer football. Sophomore Avon Cobourne was the leading rusher in the Big East last year as a freshman. After this bright spot, too many holes remain on this young roster.

Nebraska's best hope is its defense, but this year the focus switches across the line of scrimmage. The offensive line returns three starters from last year, including behemoth 340-pound aptly named offensive tackle "Pork Chop" Womack. This mass of humanity protects quarterback Wayne Madkin and paves the way for a talented stable of running backs. Madkin has matured from a skillful freshman into a capable, experienced leader. His athleticism has bailed out the Bulldogs already this year.

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But, for now, the most pertinent words of that article were: "Notre Dame didn't formally reject T.J. because he never formally applied." On Saturday, T.J. Duckett will mean more to Irish fans than a prime example of why their beloved team has not been a serious title contender since 1993. As Michigan State's starting running back, arguably the nation's best back, Duckett poses a much stiffer challenge. "I played against against almost all of the best running backs," Coach Bob Davie said this week. "Bo Jackson, Herschel Walker, George Rogers, Eric Dickerson. Duckett is a unique combination of that kind of size and that kind of sprinter's ability." Strong words for a sophomore with 177 career carries. Yet, the aforementioned size (6-foot-2 and 252 pounds), speed (4.45 seconds in the 40 and 10.9 in the 100), strength (bench press- ing 505 pounds) and instincts pose a dangerous threat to any defense.

Duckett should know. He was an All-American linebacker at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, recording 102 tackles and nine sacks as a senior. And when he wasn't wreaking havoc in the opposing team's backfield, Duckett was part of Loy Norrix's option attack as a quarterback. Duckett teamed alongside running back Little John Flowers, his current Spartan teammate, to form a high school version reminiscent of Nebraska's mid-1990s duo of Tommy Frazier and Lawrence Phillips. When it came time to decide on college, coach saw Duckett as a future Lawrence. Not Phillips but Taylor. Except for Dave.

The Irish compared Duckett to former star Jerome Bettis and Nebraska's mid-1990s duo of Tommy Frazier and Lawrence Phillips. Duckett remains coach's favorite. "If he continues his pace, Duckett may excel a few more feet behind center. "What we see now is what we envisioned him being," Davie said. "That's why we were in the hunt to recruit him. Duckett's version of the infamous recruitment circus, Sept. 19, 2000, offers an opposing view. "At the time, linebacker was what I really wanted to play," Duckett said. "Even though, I wanted to play tailback too. But Notre Dame wasn't going to give me the opportunity to play linebacker at all. And Michigan State would let me play both by my sophomore year. I could decide what position I wanted to stay at." He began last season alternating between running back and linebacker before wishing to offense full-time in the second half of the season. Duckett gained 660 yards and scored 10 touchdowns for the 10-2 Spartans but by the Citrus Bowl his weight increased to 275 pounds.

In the off-season, Duckett dieted and ran to help get back to his current playing weight. "Say we run ten sprints, after- ward I'd try to run five or six extras," Duckett said. "I would try to do extra things that would help me lose that weight and gain my speed and endurance." Besides the extra conditioning, Duckett also dealt with the death of his mother, Jacqueline Barham. After six years with lymphoma cancer, Barham passed away on March 17.

"I feel that if I have any questions, I can ask her," Duckett said. "Even though I don't get a response, I know what she would say back to me. I'm dedicating this year to her." Thus far, Mrs. Barham has to be pleased with her son's performance. He has gained 350 yards and scored two touchdowns in two games for No. 23 Michigan State. And, if he continues his pace, Duckett may pass a familiar name on Spartans all-time rushing list. His brother, Tico's 1,394 yards in 1990 are fifth-best in school history and his 4,212 career yards are the second-highest total for a Michigan State runner.

"He can end up being one of the great backs," Davie said of T.J. "He has got a lot of ability." Duckett's no longer the SI guy. At least for this weekend.
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