ResLife threatens cancel Big House Olympic games

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

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There would have been beer bongs, keg races and cups in these Olympic teams representing each study abroad destination would have formed their own groups of 15 to 20 students and would have competed with each other for a gold-painted log trophy.

Jochum, the main party planner and a senior arts and letters major, had emailed every student who studied abroad last year, in hopes of getting support for this party. Some of those who received the e-mail were less than enthusiastic and informed Bill Kirk, vice president of Residence Life, about the party.

"I asked several concerned students had brought the party to his attention, because they saw that there was danger in it," said Jochum.

Kirk called Jochum Thursday and advised him to cancel the party. If he didn't follow, there would be consequences in line with rules.

"It wasn't a confrontational meeting," said Jochum. "Once they found out about it, they had an obligation (to end the party) so people wouldn't get sick.

"Big drinking parties cause big problems," said Kirk. "I'm concerned with student abuse of alcohol immoderately." 

Now, Jochum sees why the Olympics was canceled. "(Jochum) probably had the altitude taken away about that it was a competitive drinking game. ... It was going to be a small party and I don't think this environment would have gotten ten out of hand," he said.

The preparations were already on the way, but Jochum called Thursday and reversed the orders. "I sent an e-mail out [Thursday] and said it was done. I'm giving everyone their money back," he said.

"I wanted to get kids abroad together in a social setting," said Jochum.

Jannine Brown, a senior accounting major living off-campus agreed. "The point was to get all the different countries to come, drink and be merry," he said.

Budweiser would have supported this party, as it has done for others this year, said Jochum. When he met a representative from Budweiser at one of these parties Jochum asked if she would be interested in helping, and she agreed.

"Larger parties have had a Miller or Budweiser banner," said Jochum.

United Beverage Company, the local Anheuser-Busch distributor, had promoted parties in the area, and in this case, printed a banner for Jochum.

However, Jeff Dee, vice-president of marketing at United Beverage Company, said, "I don't know anything about the Big House Olympics.

Although, he declined knowledge of this party, he later affirmed printing the banner.

"We're not actually sponsoring the event; the students put our name on it," said Amy, a Budweiser representative who declined to give her last name.

Jochum foresees some problems with Budweiser's involvement in parties, even though he, too, has sought their help.

"I think it's a big deal if Budweiser is involved with students and underage drinking," said Jochum. "But the parties will go on with Bud or without, so they just have to capital on it." But Jochum stresses that Budweiser was not sponsoring, but rather, "just giving us a banner.

If they didn't use my product, they'd be using my competitors," said Dee. "But we're not selling the kids the beer. We're a distributor, so we sell to the liquor store. Beyond that, it's out of my student affairs. Student Affairs seems, however, to take control when it comes to excessive drinking.

"I hope that those companies and the others will take responsibility on proper use of their product (and) I hope that Budweiser would be promoting both legally responsible and moderate use," said Kirk.

SMC junior class T-shirt incites debate, controversy

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Claiming that the Board of Governance decision to prevent sale of the junior class T-shirt was censorship, members of the Class of 2002 organized an open forum Thursday to voice their opinions on BOG's decision-making process.

BOG voted Wednesday to absorb the cost of the T-shirt and prevent sales, believing that the message conveyed on the shirt was sexist and did not reflect the ideals of the institution. The T-shirt features an imitation of the painting "Il Bacaro," depicting a little boy dressed in a Notre Dame shirt kissing a little girl with a Saint Mary's emblem on her chest. A girl dressed in a Notre Dame logo shirt.

Members of the junior class board emphasized that the debate was no longer about the controversy of the shirt itself, but the manner by which it was handled.

"We are here because we want to make sure that our whole junior class has a say and is able to voice any of their comments," Mandy Schomar, junior class secretary, said. "It's not about the shirt any more."

Many of the juniors felt that BOG had wrongly taken control of the T-shirt.

"I think it's wrong to take other people's opportunities away," junior Mary Campione said. "There's lots of things that I don't support at this school. I liked

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GIRL OF CHOICE

The controversial T-shirt (above), designed by the Saint Mary's Class of 2002 pictured a girl labeled with a Saint Mary's French cross and a boy and a girl each with an ND on the front of their outfits. Despite protests by some members of the junior class, BOG maintains that buying the T-shirts to prevent them from being sold was not censorship.
Finding who I am in Spanish

When I left for Spain this summer for my second study abroad experience in the country, I told myself I wasn't going to be the typical American tourist. I didn't want to live in the European tourist bubble that doesn't know the culture, the people and the language. I wanted to blend in. I was feeding myself, I can't pass myself off as Spanish any more easily than I could play the basketball team.

Of my first days in Madrid, I was shopping in a corner clothing boutique. I overheard the sales clerk, who obviously assumed I didn't speak English, say to her co-worker, "It makes me nervous when you look loud the store."

I left the store, hurt and disappointed that the worker had not only pegged me as a foreigner, but that they thought I would rob the store or damage the clothes just because I wasn't Spanish.

I became even more determined to fit in. I avoided speaking in English, carrying a map or wearing blatantly American clothes like jean shorts and tennis shoes. I bought clothes at the black and get brown contact lenses, I gave in.

After a hot June afternoon, as I walked from the bus stop to Toledo University, two guys repeatedly stopped and tried to offer me a ride. They claimed to be worried I didn't know the same street a lift.

Still no luck.

When I returned home to my Spanish family, I complained in frustration to my "mom," Fatima, that I was tired of standing out, and didn't understand how everyone knew I wasn't Spanish. Fatima shook her head in amusement and told me, "You have blond hair [by Spanish standards], blue eyes and fair skin. You could have one or two and still be Spanish but not all three."

After that I realized how much I didn't know where I was going or had a long way to walk, but I knew it was just because I was a foreigner. They weren't offering any spaniards walking on the same street a ride.

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Fate of SafeRide remains undecided until fall break

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Students anticipating word on whether SafeRide will restart its operations on campus will have to wait at least another three weeks for an answer. Student government representatives said on Thursday that no conclusive decision on the matter would come until after the University's mid-semester break.

“Shortly after fall break, we’re planning to decide if SafeRide is something we want to keep,” said Brooke Norton, student body vice president. This year’s break runs Oct. 14 to 22.

Non-operational since last spring, SafeRide, in the past, acted as a taxi-type service for drunken or stranded University students in need of transportation back to campus from local weekend bars. The Student Union-sponsored program was run free of charge to students.

Last semester, SafeRide was beset by problems with staffing drivers to work on the projects two nights of operation, Fridays and Saturdays, and getting them to work their assigned shifts.

SafeRide has not started at all this academic year. SafeRide’s role on campus is of concern to student government officers, according to Jay Smith, chief-of-staff in the office of the Student Body President. Smith said they plan to look at what's preventing the project from running effectively and then make a decision as to its fate.

“We’re right on schedule. This is around the time we had targeted to begin looking at it,” Smith said.

Norton said that before a verdict is rendered, those involved in the decision-making process will consider students’ patterns of use for SafeRide last semester. Those patterns will likely determine if the program is in enough demand to continue and if restarting it is a financially sound undertaking. Program information indicates that SafeRide operated four hours, from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., each night it ran. Between 30 and 40 students utilized the service per night.

This year, funds totaling around $4,000 have already been set aside for the project’s operating budget.

In the coming weeks, Smith said there are also plans to talk with former SafeRide workers. Other student input may come in the form of focus groups.

“Our decision will depend a lot on what the students think to talk,” Norton said, who added that student government officials in conjunction with the Student Activities Office will make the definitive determination about SafeRide.

If they opt to continue the program, it would operate on a two-week trial basis beginning around mid-November. It would then be in full effect in January at the beginning of the spring semester.

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DENMARK

Danish citizens celebrate in Copenhagen after rejection appeared certain in the referendum on joining the single European currency, the euro. The euro has declined 25 percent since its introduction to other nations.

Voters reject euro in referendum

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN

In the latest blow to the beleaguered euro, Danish voters on Thursday rejected the European Union's common currency in favor of keeping the 125-year-old krone.

The referendum - closely watched because Britain, Sweden and Greece also plan votes on euro adoption - was an embarrassment to the European Union, which has pressed for a common currency.

With nearly 90 percent of referendum votes counted, 53 percent opposed making the euro Denmark's currency, while 47 percent favored the switch from the krone, according to the Interior Ministry.

Denmark's Social Democratic-led government, which strongly supported the euro, conceded defeat.

"Democracy has spoken; our people have spoken," said Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen.

European leaders sought to minimize any potential damage to the currency, which has declined more than 25 percent in value against the dollar since it was introduced by 11 EU members in January 1999.

French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin, whose country holds the six-month rotating EU presidency, said that a rejection would not pressure the euro because Denmark's economy relies on only a small part of the organization's economy.

The euro is now used for corporate and investment transactions, but coins and bank notes will come into use in 2002.

Danish radio reported that about 86 percent of the country's four million eligible voters cast ballots in the referendum - Denmark's fifth plebiscite on European Union issues since 1973.

In the five referendums, Danish have shown they want to stay in the European Union but are cautious about the terms.

In 1992, Danes stunned fellow EU nations by rejecting the Maastricht treaty, which called for a common currency and a common defense.

A year later, Danes adopted a revised treaty that allowed them to stay outside the European Monetary Union.

Thurday's result meant Denmark won't join 11 other European Union countries, including heavyweights Germany and France, in giving up its currency for a regional European Union one.

"This is not a nationalistic "no," it's a popular "no," it is a European "no,"" Holger K. Nielsen of the Socialist People's Party said supporters in parliament as he held a glass of champagne.

Thursday's vote was closely watched by Sweden and Britain, whose governments support joining the European Monetary Union but plan to let the public decide in referendums.

Even non-European Union member Norway was watching as it debates again whether to join the trading bloc.

Elían’s Miami family sues Reno

Miami Herald

Elían Gonzalez’s Miami relatives filed a lawsuit Thursday against Attorney General Janet Reno, alleging the armed raid that took the Cuban boy from his home and reunited him with his father was illegal.

"The last time I saw anything like that was in films from postwar Germany when the Nazis were invading people's homes without cause," said the family's lawyer, Ron Guralnick.

The lawsuit filed in federal court claims Reno and the Immigration and Naturalization Service used false statements to obtain the arrest and search warrants used in the pre­­dawn Apr. 22 raid to seize the 6-year-old boy.

The Justice Department defended the decisions made by its leaders as appropriate under the circumstances.

"Unfortunately, the Gonzales fami­­ly's refusal to comply with a lawful federal order and their statements that they would never give up the child except by force compelled us to take enforcement actions," Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said. "We still believe our actions were appropriate and lawful."

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Elían’s great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez; his great-aunt, Angela; and their daughter, Marisleysis, Elían's second cousin. They had cared for Elían since Nov. 1999, when the boy sur­­vived a boat crossing from Cuba that killed his mother and 10 other people.

Their lawsuit claims the raid violated the family's rights of expression and assembly, freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures, and freedom from the use of excessive force without due process of law.
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the shirt and would wear it. But I don't think you can take some­one's opportunity away. "It is not why the actions were taken, but how the action was taken," said Kristen Wojtas, fundraising chair for junior board and one of the T-shirt designers.

But not all attendees were in support of the shirt. Many mem­bers of the junior class felt they had not been consulted and approved of the decision that BOG made. Others felt that the shirt was not representative of Saint Mary's.

"I came here because it would create relations between me and others that would uphold my values," Sarah Hoshaw, a junior, said. "The shirt goes against the mission statement of the College!"

Mary Kate Driscoll, treasurer of the junior class, agreed with Hoshaw. "Beyond this T-shirt we are Saint Mary's women," Driscoll said. "We need to protect ourselves at Saint Mary's before we defend ourselves as individu­als. This (situation) is dishearten­ing."

Members of BOG argued that because the shirt reflected nega­tively on Saint Mary's, the board could not endorse the message of the shirt.

"If you are wearing a shirt that says Saint Mary's, (and) someone reads it, it sends a certain mes­sage," said Molly Kahn, student trustee and member of BOG. "Yes, it might have been taking away your responsibilities, but for us to endorse it reflects nega­tively on us as an institution."

Members of the class board protested that they had gone through the appropriate approval process, getting the shirt approved by Student Activities. Because the shirt had been approved, they did not feel BOG's decision was appropriate.

Kahn detailed the criteria for approval of class T-shirts, includ­ing the requirement that states that no approved T-shirt can contain anything about alcohol, drugs, or sexism. "That is an existing policy," Kahn said. "The approval was a mistake."

Georganna Rosenbush, advi­sor for the Board of Governance, said that the responsibility of printing the shirt rested in the junior class. While Rosenbush warned the Junior Board that they needed to consider the reaction the shirt would cause, she said at Wednesday's BOG meeting that she did not feel the shirt violated the merchandising criteria that must be met to sell class T-shirts. Rosenbush, also the director of Student Activities, was one of the administrators that approved the T-shirts for printing.

"(BOG) was the only time we could have stopped (the sale of the shirt)," Rosenbush said. "Very clearly (the shirt) is a risk because of the Notre Dame land! Saint Mary's student relations. BOG has a responsibility to look out for the entire student body. I told you you need to be prepared for the reaction to the shirt. This is in your ball court."

Rosenbush said that the Board had no choice but to take the action they did. "That is the first time that BOG has had to nix a deci­sion," Henner said. "We have a merchandising policy which states that nothing can be print­ed contrary to the mission state­ment."

Those present at the meeting also brought up other controver­sial T-shirts that have made the rounds of both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. The 'Women on Top' shirt and the 'Vagina Monologues' shirt were men­tioned.

"Notre Dame doesn't like the 'Nebraska Blows' shirt," Kahn said. "It's one thing for a student government to support some­thing, and quite another for some­one to just sell shirt out of their backpack."

Erin Weldon, vice-president of the junior class, stressed that the T-shirt was something that the junior class board believed in. "This is important to the junior board," Weldon said. "We've worked hard on the shirt. To the juniors who don't like this, I'm sorry. It is hard when you make decisions and yet are said, 'You didn't think.' We all have friends at Notre Dame. We didn't mean to step on anybody's toes."

Pride Week 2000 chairwoman Emily Koelsch emphasized the importance of understanding the history of gender relations at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame. Distributing a packet of news­paper articles that detailed the history of the struggle, including the infamous parasite letter from 1997, Koelsch asserted that it was necessary to reach a compromise between the junior class board and the student body.

"This is women getting mad at other women for stupid reasons," Koelsch said. "I don't believe in the rivalry between Saint Mary's women and Notre Dame women. I've lived with it for four years. I don't think it's right."

"We're women who should work well together. I think that it is something we discuss. I hope we can find something to make the junior class happy and satisfy the studentbody," she said.

Koelsch emphasized that it was important at this point to look past blaming people for the shirt and realize the importance of the discourse happening.

"Nobody here is to blame," Koelsch said. "It just happened. (Whether or not the shirt is offen­sive) depends on individual inter­pretation. The fact is that we are here having this discussion. Take this to your advantage and run with it."

"I wish communication like this had happened from the get-go," said Junior Abner Zayed.

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**SMC Prepares for Pride Week**

By Katie Miller

Saint Mary's is gearing up for "Pride Week 2000: Are you Belle enough?" set to begin Monday, Oct. 2.

This will be the fourth annual celebration of pride for the College since the first pride day following the infamous parasite letter in 1997. Begun originally as a day-long event, the festivities have stretched into a week over their four-year evolution.

"Pride week has gotten a lot more publicly since its start," said senior Emily Koelsch, co-ordinator of Pride Week 2000. "The first time it was all thrown together in response to the parasite letter. Now it's said senior Laura McIntyre.

"I think it's great that Saint Mary's comes together, especially at this time, to show our love and enthusiasm for our school," said junior Katie Evens.

"The third annual Saint Mary's in the City service project takes place Saturday. Students will volunteer their time to benefit the South Bend YWCA.

"Since I started working at Saint Mary's, I have become conscious that some agencies have real needs," said Kors. "Saint Mary's in the City is an exciting way of meeting such needs of the community."

The entire campus is invited to participate. "It really brings out the focus of the College," said Kors.

Saint Mary's in the City is an effort to seek volunteers for further information, contact the SURV Office at 284-5368.

**Students Enter City for Service Work**

By Katie Rzepka

The third annual Saint Mary's in the City service project takes place Saturday. Students will volunteer their time to benefit the South Bend YWCA.

"Each year there's more and more pride at Saint Mary's," said Laura Stevens.

"I think it's great that Saint Mary's takes on sophomores and freshmen in the "04ds vs. Evens" powder puff football game." Friday concludes the week with a prayer service on the island, a co-sponsored Notre Dame and Saint Mary's pep rally before the Stanford game and the Notre Dame Relays, where the swim team will begin their season.

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"I think it's great that Saint Mary's comes together, especially at this time, to show our love and enthusiasm for our school." said junior Katie McIntyre.

"It's a tradition that will continue," she said.

"The job for Saturday entails painting and cleaning. Saint Mary's in the City started in 1998 in observance of Founder's Day.

"The first agency to benefit from the service project is Saint Margaret's House, a drop-in center for poor, low-income women and children. Approximately 100 students joined the effort by painting the building's second floor.

Last year the tradition was held at St. Joseph's Care Center West. The number of volunteers rose to about 140. Students not only painted, but did window washing as well.

"Since I started working at Saint Mary's, I have become more and more aware of how Saint Mary's comes together, especially at this time, to show our love and enthusiasm for our school," said Laura McIntyre.

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NF fundraising exceeds $1 billion

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame has become the 18th university overall, and the 12th private, to exceed $1 billion in fundraising. As well as being the first Catholic university to raise more than $1 billion in a fundraising campaign. The University's "Generations" campaign exceeded the $1-billion mark in mid-September, with three-and-a-half months remaining until its Dec. 31 conclusion. The campaign, announced in May 1997, passed its goal of $767 million more than a year ago.

As well as being the first Catholic university to top the billion-dollar mark, Notre Dame joins Princeton University as the only institutions without medical schools to reach this milestone, and Notre Dame also is the third smallest university. In terms of alumni base, it is 140. Students who dedicated to Notre Dame's being a great Catholic university and unaffiliated with their generous support of that mission," said William Sexton, vice president for University relations. "It is also a testament to our faculty, students, and alumni, whose achievements make Notre Dame a university that attracts strong support. And finally, it is a testament to the great skill, hard work, and innovative thinking of our development organization, which made it happen.

Sexton has overseen both "Generations," which has raised more money than all of Notre Dame's previous campaigns combined, and the $463 million "Strategic Moment" campaign, which at its completion in December 1990 was the most successful campaign conducted until that time by a Catholic university.

"Already, 72 percent of Notre Dame alumni have contributed to the "Generations" campaign," said Daniel Reagan, assistant vice president of University relations and executive director of development. "Notre Dame annually is among the top three to four universities in the nation in percentage of contributing alumni," and that participation is the key to our fundraising success."

While emphasizing that more than three months remain in the campaign, Reagan noted that its goal already has been exceeded by more than $233 million, or more than 30 percent.

"The campaign's aim is to increase student scholarship funds, increase the number of the University's endowed faculty positions, enhance the quality of the undergraduate program, fund needed new facilities and improve and provide programs and services to the University and the larger community of academic centers and institutes.

**ND fundraising exceeds $1 billion**

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and ensure that the design conforms to the merchandise policy.
"This is a small market," Rosenbush said. "We do this so we don't have classes competing to sell the same shirt. Whatever gets the idea first has squatter's rights." The merchandise policy states that designs may not feature themes that promote alcohol or sex.

Junior Board's form was approved by Rhonda Elmore and Rosenbush said. "We work so hard to maintain those ties with Notre Dame. Something as simple as this T-shirt could totally destroy those ties."

Katy Robinson
Junior Board president
discussed it with Michelle [Nagle] and Chris [Benner] and they could see some problems with it."
The problems with the design led the Board of Governance to vote to buy all the shirts and prevent distribution of the shirts on campus.

Several members of the Junior class claim that BOG's actions are a form of censorship.

Robinson, however, said BOG was right to go against Rosenbush's approval and seize the shirts. Robinson voted for the ban and said that BOG's actions were not censorship. Although she approved the design, Robinson said. "I work so hard to maintain those ties with Notre Dame. Something as simple as this T-shirt could totally destroy those ties."

She said her responsibility to uphold the goals and standards of the College were more important than winning popularity contests with her classmates.

"It's not censorship," Robinson said. "We worked so hard to maintain those ties with Notre Dame. Something as simple as this T-shirt could totally destroy those ties. If I had the opportunity to redo it, I would. I'm willing to stand behind my beliefs."

I approved it," Robinson told the Board of Governance to vote to buy all the shirts and prevent distribution of the shirts on campus.

Katy Robinson
Junior Board president
said she did not approve the final design for the shirt. While she did see a preliminary version of the shirt, she was uncomfortable with the "ND" label and told the designers to remove it. "I thought the shirt was cute," Robinson said. "It still might have brought us a few victories but it would not have brought Notre Dame into this if the labels were left off." Those labels, however, were not removed and the Junior Board voted to approve the design with the labels at a meeting where Robinson was absent.

"I was at a game when they voted for this design," said Robinson, a captain on Saint Mary's soccer team. "I was there the first time they discussed it. But I was not there for the final agreement. I had

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INDIA

Weeks of flooding kill hundreds

Associated Press

AISTHALA, India

Steering clear of bloated corpses and poisonous snakes, flood survivors wade through chest-high water in eastern India, searching for lost relatives and valuables.

Jackals and vultures move in and there is no place for cremations or burials in the aftermath of 10 days of torrential rain that has killed about 1,000 people and marooned millions.

"We saw many bodies floating. Some people tied stones to the corpses to sink the bodies because there was no place to bury them," said Basanti Das, 35, who weaves sari's by hand in Aisthala village, 45 miles north of Calcutta. "There is so much water all around, there is no place to cremate someone."

Ten days after unseasonable monsoon rains forced rivers to overflow across eastern India and western Bangladesh, people — joined by their goats and dogs — are still living on the roofs of their mud and brick houses to guard against thieves who row up in boats to loot abandoned homes.

In India, 651 people are known to have died in the floods, and 225 are missing and presumed dead.

In Bangladesh, 57 have died. A total of 18 million in both countries are believed to be marooned. Millions more have seen their meager homes washed away.
The Saint Mary’s student body had every reason to be embarrassed of the Junior Class Board Wednesday for its production of a controversial class T-shirt.

They had even more reason to be proud of their Board of Governance. The Board of Governance is entrusted with the responsibilities of acting with integrity, protecting the ideals of the institution and making decisions in the best interest of the student body. The decision to stop distribution of a shirt that is not representative of the ideals of the community was concurrent with those responsibilities.

The Board of Governance deserves to be supported by students who demonstrated integrity, community sensitivity and an admirable pride in the College.

One should not confuse the Board’s actions with censorship. Because the Junior Class Board is a division of the Student Government Association, its actions reflect upon student government as a whole. Board of Governance, as the central body of Student Government Association, acted within its grounds to make a decision about an action carried out within the associations. While the Junior Board put into question the majority of the student body were not acceptable, regardless of whether those decisions were made by students or administrators.

The encouraging part of the controversy is the outrage of the student community. Through contacting student government, writing letters to The Observer, and speaking at the junior class meeting Thursday the student body has said that the stereotypes falsely classifying Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame women are not acceptable. It is time for some students still believe in these stereotypes, the community’s shift to say that these stereotypes are offensive innovations hopes that these stereotypes are fading.

Student leaders and administrators involved in producing the junior class shirt need to ask themselves serious questions. The criteria for approving campus T-shirts clearly need to be re-evaluated. Because class T-shirts produced by class governments are reflective of the Board of Governance as a whole, the Board has a right to have input. The decision of approval needs to be moved out of Student Activities and into the hands of the Board of Governance. Its actions in this case certainly merit this responsibility.

Preserving our journalistic freedom

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I have spent the last months of my senior year organizing and overseeing the news paper. I would like to use this space to dispel some misconceptions that I have heard bandied around about this newspaper. This newspaper’s independence is not some trick “granted” by the president Edward Malloy. It predates University president Edward Malloy. In fact, I don’t believe that this newspaper’s independence was “granted” by anyone. It just is. So, to begin with, who is Malloy to take that independent status away? Additionally, how is it possible that a newspaper can purport to serve Saint Mary’s College and fall under the jurisdiction of Notre Dame’s Student Affairs? To answer your objection, no the University doesn’t fund this newspaper. Most of its operating revenues come from advertising. The amount that does come from tuition is voluntary subscription fees for one year’s worth of the Observer.

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Matt Loughran
Random Thoughts

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If we value the pursuit of knowledge, we must be free to follow wherever that search may lead us. The free mind is no barking dog to be tethered on a 10-foot chain."

Adlai E. Stevenson

politician
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning Coach Davie’s worth to our team

As a student at this great University I as well as every other warm-blooded creature on this campus are die-hard Notre Dame football fans. Having been born and raised in Detroit, Michigan I am quite accustomed to the raucous fans of the Wolverines and the Spartans. This is what makes the loss this past weekend to Michigan State simply unbearable for me.

I have been defending Bob Davie for the past three years to friends and family members alike. I have said repeatedly, “He is a Notre Dame man, just give him a chance, and he will turn things around.” It has now come to the point where I cannot and will not defend Coach Davie anymore. With an immoveable, inexperienced quarterback at the helm, the Spartans’ game plan did not seem limited at all.

Watching that heartbreaking loss from inside Spartan Stadium for me was the straw that finally broke the camel’s back. I truly believe that Coach Davie is outclassed every Saturday by his counter-part on the opposing sideline. The first thing I do not understand is why Coach Davie insists on limiting the offense so much simply because we have an inexperienced quarterback at the helm. You may say that Davie has a point. Godsey is inexperienced, but what was Coach’s excuse against Nebraska? With our starting quarterback leading the team in a tie ballgame with 67 seconds and two timeouts left at our own 30 yard-line against the No. 1 team in the nation, Davie decides to sit it on and opt for overtime. This is inexcusable.

What message is Davie trying to send to his team? If the head coach doesn’t have confidence in his team with the starting quarterback in the game, what are the players supposed to think? The Notre Dame football players deserve much better than this, and until Davie is relieved of his duties we will continue to blunder in mediocrity.

Secondly, Coach Davie has absolutely no idea how to match the clock management. On fourth down against the Spartans, the Irish had the ball around midfield. LoVecchio came in as the quarterback and tried to draw the Spartans offside with a hard snap count. With the play clock dwindling down to a few seconds and the Spartans unfooled, LoVecchio called a timeout. I have to believe that this is what Davie instructed his quarterback to do, but why? Why not take the five-yard delay of game penalty and punt? Yield position at this point in the game. Instead, the Irish waste a timeout and when they need one most, down by six with a minute and a half to go in the game, Davie has any left. Did Davie think the officials would allow him the two time outs that he didn’t use against Nebraska?

To me this is simply poor coaching. How can the head coach at the University of Notre Dame, the most storied football program in the country, fail to understand the nuances of clock management and the use of time outs? Again, this is simply inexcusable.

Thirdly, what ever happened to throwing to the tight end once in a while? In Jabari Holloway and Dan O’Leary the Irish have arguably two of the best tight ends in college football and between the two of them they have caught only six passes this season. With an immoveable, inexperienced quarter-back the tight end should become the quarterback’s favorite target. Why not run a few tight end drag, or bottomhook, or outs? These are high percentage pass plays, and force opposing defenses to respect the passing game, which in turn opens up the running game.

Against the Spartans Dan O’Leary played the majority of the game and went out on one pass route. When asked why he went out on this question, not even Coach Davie himself are those plays in which the tight ends release on pass routes too complicated for Irish quarterbacks to understand? Apparently so. By limiting the Irish offense so much, Davie does not necessarily cut down on offensive mistakes, but rather limits his team’s chances to win.

Notre Dame definitely has the high caliber players to compete for a National Championship, but unfortunately we do not have a high caliber coach that will allow this to happen. Coach Davie may someday become a great head coach, and I do hope he does, but it will simply not happen here at Notre Dame. Maybe he should look for a leading role at one of those “directional” schools that he loves so dearly but perhaps about much.

Lastly, I would like to thank our players for pouring their hearts and souls into representing Notre Dame on the gridiron. My hat is off to all of you truly are champions in my book. God luck with the rest of the season. I will be there to cheer you on throughout the remainder of your games. Hopefully Coach Davie will put you in a position to win games instead of doing what he has done for the past three and a half years which is hinder your chances for victory.

Oh, and Athletic Director White, this is your time to show what type of leader you are. If you have any sense of loyalty to Notre Dame and really believe that Notre Dame is as special of a place as you claim, you’ve got to make sure that we do not have a new head football coach for the 2001 season regardless of how the rest of this season plays out. Remember that we are Notre Dame and we will not stand by the bench of a coaching situation to hinder us any longer. Notre Dame deserves better. And Coach Davie, best of luck to you next year in your job search.

Matt Hendrick senior Off-campus September 26, 2000

Voiceing opinions on SMC shirt issue

Withholding shirt not a form of censorship

I’m writing in response to all the commotion about the class-part shirt. I have two points to make. First, while it was a very cool idea and might have worked at another school, it doesn’t here. With the gender relations being as they are between Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame males and females, this shirt and the com- motion it has caused can and may bring about some major problems between Saint Mary’s women and Notre Dame students and begin new “white type” political letters and comments. Do we want to be viewed this way? In lieu of next year’s – Pride Week – we are supposed to be celebrating who we are and why we are here. We need to ask our selves, does this shirt portray this?

Secondly, The fact that the shirt was approved and has been denied in an important point in the debate. If there was a con- cern about the shirt, the junior board should have conferred with the junior class as well as the entire student body. Because the SMC symbol was used on the shirt is reflective of the entire SMC community and not just the junior class. BGU made a sound decision to protect the image of Saint Mary’s College. They were acting in our best interest and that is why they are in that position. However this is not a form of censorship. Censorship is not defined by protecting the ideals and appearance of a large group of people. Censorship is, however, an issue in the possible act of putting our student newspaper under University control.

The fact that we are here putting up a fight over a stupid T-shirt that in a few years will be laying on the bottom of a pile while our student paper, that has been here longer than we have, could be told what they can and can’t write and we would be upset. If we want to make a difference, fight for something that counts.

Janel Miller
Saint Mary’s College
junior
September 28, 2000

Shirt’s intent is well understood

Does the Notre Dame community really have the wrong impression of our Saint Mary’s neighbors? It doesn’t appear that way, as evidenced by the impressive Saint Mary’s Pride week they hosted. We heard you loud and clear. The damage is done, sell the shirt. In fact, we would like to see you wear them in the Notre Dame student section.

Molly Norton
Beth Shaner
Beth Rimkus
University of Notre Dame
junior
Off-campus

The Observer, Friday, September 29, 2000
It's that time of year again. There's a snap in the air, the days are getting shorter and upperclassmen are beginning to think about life after Notre Dame. As job fairs come and go, resumes are polished and students prepare for their first job interviews.

Are you ready? An interview is no small task, and can be a nail-biting experience for even the most confident student. Sure, transcripts and resumes can be updated and spell-checked, but, what about your appearance? Upon meeting a potential employer, even before you extend your hand for that ever-important first handshake, the employer has made an instant judgment based solely on your appearance. Your glossy, folder-bound resume hasn't even reached the table yet, and the initial verdict is already in.

However, the scales of fate always have to tip against you. Dressing for an interview can be effortless (and even fun) if you follow a few easy steps and know where to shop.

Men

- It shouldn't come as a shock that a suit is the best way to make a favorable impression on an employer. Even if the office attire for the position you're interviewing for is casual, you always want to dress a step up, as if preparing for your next promotion. This is key when interviewing.
- When buying a suit, think neutral colors like light gray, navy blue, charcoal and black. Worsted wool is the standard material for dress attire and is a resilient, strong fabric, good for durability. If you'd like assistance when shopping, one of the best places to go in town is Bernardo's. Although the costs are a bit high ($350-$650) you're assured to find knowledgeable sales associates, quality suits and in-house tailoring, which is included in the price of the suit.
- Others stores to try are LS Ayres, where men's suits run from $189-$309, and Marshall Fields, whose stores of New York ($425) and Kenneth Cole ($495) collections are among its most popular.
- Maybe a suit isn't exactly in your gone-broke-college-student price range. Have no fear: a sport coat and tie can be perfectly acceptable attire for an interview as long as your shirt is pressed, your shoes are polished and your belt is the same color as your shoes. Think dorm formal. A navy blazer, pressed oxford shirt, tie and khakis are appropriate in most interview situations. However, in this situation, bringing your interviewer a silly gift from Meijer isn't necessary.
- One thing to remember when shopping for a suit or sport coat is that wool-polyester blends run about $100 cheaper than 100 percent wool varieties. However, we're talking polyester blend here, not the broken-college-student price range. Have no fear; a sport coat and tie can be perfectly acceptable attire for an interview as long as your shirt is pressed, your shoes are polished and your belt is the same color as your shoes. Think dorm formal. A navy blazer, pressed oxford shirt, tie and khakis are appropriate in most interview situations. However, in this situation, bringing your interviewer a silly gift from Meijer isn't necessary.
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- Make sure your suit fits. You don't want to look like you borrowed your dad's suit or like you've outgrown your high school blazer. Alterations are very important for this reason.
- If you're trying to look like a million, go for the popular Legis Philbin-inspired mono-colored suit and dress from head-to-toe in one color. Seems to work well for him — and ABC's ratings. Although Oxford shirts are popular in an array of colors these days, it's best to stick with blue and white long-sleeved, collared shirts. Bernardo's offers several options, as well as shirts with subtle brown, gray or tan patterns for those who'd like to add a bit of sophisticated flair to their ensemble.
- Unless you're interviewing with a job in one of our National Parks, leave the backpack at home. A briefcase is a nice touch, but few college students have them, and employers don't expect you to have one. As long as your resume is kept in a neat, unmarked folder (no “WE ARE NOT” or countdowns to fall break scrawled across the top) you'll be
Business — with style

To wear in order to appear your best at a future job interview

Ellis sport coat, charcoal pants, a navy blue tie and black socks and shoes. Hunt blue and black striped tie. Robert Hunt (right) sticks with a classic grey on grey suit. To assure that your clothes fit the best they can, which is essential for presenting your best image.

Women
- Okay, ladies, you have a bit more leeway clotheswise when it comes to interviewing. Whether you’re wearing a tailored suit, skirt and blouse or dress, an overall rule to keep in mind is this: think conservatively. What you wore to Heartland the night before most likely isn’t befitting for an interview.
- Dark colors are usually flattering and illustrate a professional appearance. Choose colors like navy, black, gray, beige or tan — colors that complement most skin tones. Black and navy work well with fair skin; those with olive tones look best in tans and gray.
- Skirts and dresses should touch the knee, at least. Don’t sport a mini-skirt. Ally McBeal can get away with it, but most of us can’t.
- Blouses should be kept simple — no plunging necklines or glitter. Solid colors work best and make sure that your blouse is a color that coordinates with the rest of your outfit.
- Wear pantyhose. It just looks better.
- Purses aren’t necessary; but, if you feel the need to bring one, make sure that it’s small and matches your outfit.
- Close-toed shoes with a small heel work best. Choose dark colors, or, if possible, the color of your dress or suit. Your favorite shoes may be five-inch Steve Madden heels, and they may look fabulous, but save the spike heels for Friday night. No need to teeter into an interviewer’s office for that just-off-Wall-Street look, make sure that everything matches.
- Your tie should complement your shirt, which in turn complements your suit or jacket. Check the mirror and then get a second opinion — no matter how good you think you look.

- Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. A watch, a bracelet and small earrings are enough. Small, thin necklaces are fine, as long as the length of the chain is suitable to the neckline of your blouse.
- Scour department stores — a suit from Marshall Fields can run anywhere from $195 for a Jones New York suit, to $255 for a Kasper suit. However, career separates are usually more affordable, and department stores are always having sales. Other stores to keep in mind are Ann Taylor, The Limited and T.J. Maxx. Shopping online? Try www.jcrew.com.
- Make sure your clothes fit. If it’s too tight, forget it — no exceptions. If it’s too big, either have it altered or find something else. It’s not only what you wear, but also how you wear it that matters.
- Make-up should be subtle. Less is definitely more. This is another occasion where glitter doesn’t apply.
- Hair should be out of your face and simply done. No need for a severe slicked back gel look, but make sure that your hair is neat and professional looking.

Finally, BE CONFIDENT. Even if you’re wearing a $1,000 suit and have a resume that will have your boss salivating, no employer looks favorably on someone whose overall demeanor is indifferent or nonchalant. If you’re confident in your appearance and go to your interview with the mind frame that — yes, I deserve this job — then you are set.

Remember, a firm handshake and a self-assured manner complete your overall appearance. Stand up straight, look your prospective employer in the eye and realize that you look great. You’re dressed like a champ and ready to take on whatever lies behind that office door.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
By JAMES VERALDI, MATT HARRAGAN, and TODD NIETO
Sports Writers

Powerhouse, Weberster defines it as a powerful team or person. The Alumni Dawgs and Keough Knights define it as a year after year of successful dominating interhall football. These two "storied programs" will meet Saturday afternoon with important playoff implications. Alumni, which stands at 2.0 behind a strong defense, can clinch a playoff berth with a victory this week. Alumni, after a disappointing loss to Dillon, is currently fourth in the Blue Line standings and holds the final playoff spot. The Dawgs bring arguably the best defense in interhall football to the field. They are coming off of two consecutive shutouts, and looking to hold their opposition scoreless in the regular season for a second straight year.

"We will count on our defense to shut down the Keenan offensive and give us a chance to win the game," said Alumni senior Brian Jochum.

Timmy Dmko, Baily Siegfried and good play from the Alumni secondary led the defense in week 6. Defensive tackle John Salvino should provide a lot more upside to the dominant defense. "We need to put pressure on our quarterback and force them to make mistakes," said Jochum.

The offense struggled last week but is looking to get back on track. Along with an explosive, young backfield led by freshman quarterback Chris Cottingham, the Dawgs present a formidable threat to any team and they look to prove that they can do the same.

"Dillon has the ground game, the passing game and the defense," Keough quarterback Ryan Yokery said. "We're not going to take them lightly, but we feel we can get out there and stop them."

On Dillon's side of the field, it's clear that the Big Red know they must work to continue their winning ways.

"This is an important game, and we need to keep improving," said captain Jason Vienor. "We need to sustain this strong defense, but one team will have to break through and put some points on the board."

The Knights will try and stuff the Alumni offense with a young defense. Led by Herb Gregos and Steve Gehman, the Keenend defense came through with a huge goal line stand against Dillon last week, and is looking to do the same to the Alumni in order to give their offense a chance to win the game.

"We need to concentrate for a full game," said Ellsworth. "We have not done it yet, and it's our chance. We will have to be a lot sharper."
**Panthers continued from page 28**

While freshmen Chad Riley and Justin Detter have shown flashes of brilliance, their youth and inexperience have led to many mixed chances.

"Nobody's really stepped up as a guy who's gonna score a dozen goals for us this year," said Apple, "so we've been trying different guys.

While the Panthers have a potent offense, their defense has shown holes. Notre Dame dominated the Seton Hall defense last Friday, allowing only one breakaway goal. Against the Panthers, the Pirates managed to put the ball past the keepers three separate times.

With an effective offense combined with an underrated defense that has dominated the gold league standings coming down the stretch. "It should be a really tough game," said Knott running back Pat Virtue. "Our defense has been playing very well, so we have a great amount of confidence heading into this game."

Defense played a key role in both Knott victories this season. In a opening day victory against Fisher, the Panthers shut out the opposition to earn a 5-0 victory. Last week against Carroll, the defense returned an interception for a touchdown and held the vermin offense scoreless in a 20-14 victory. Both Carroll touchdowns were scored by the Vermin defense.

But Siegfried is no slouch on defense either. In their opening day victory contest, they only shut out Carroll's offensive attack for a 19-0 victory.

However, with all the offensive firepower both teams exhibit, it would seem that a defensive stalemate is unlikely.

Siegfried, in particular has been pleasantly surprised with contributions from running back Travis Smith and tight end Tim Kearne. Smith scored all three Rambler touchdowns, and both players contributed significantly in the Ramblers opening day win against Carroll. "They have been outstanding, especially didn't expect so much from Kearne in his first year playing for us," said Siegfried quarterback Rob Plumb.

Kearn is still attempting to get their offense entirely in sync, and rest their hopes for the rest of the season on the strong arm of quarterback Mario Suarez and the sure hands of Brian Pavlowski.

In last year's championship run, the Juggernauts suffered only one loss all year. That loss was to Siegfried. Siegfried, however, doesn't believe last year's result will impact this year's game. "No, it's a totally different season with different players. I don't think last year's results will have much of an impact on this game," said Plumby.

Zahn vs. Carroll

"As long as everyone contributes and plays well we should be OK." 

Dean Korolis  
Fisher captain

"The offense was awake this season, and the defense has kept us in the games. We're working on the offense," captain Geoff Polk said.

Zahn, 1-1, on the other hand, has been leaking a bit all around game from their opponents.

"Our defense pretty hard hitting, and our offense can put up with a lot," Zant said. "We're pretty good out of both of them."

Carroll will rely on line-backer/receiver Kraig Kehoe and quarterback Mike DeManuz in their quest for their first mark in the win column, while Zahn will count on quarterback Mike Bystedt, tight end Chris Risbyard, and defensive linemen Peter Countryman and Brock Domini to lead them to victory.

"The Vermin and the Babich Bats will face this Sunday at 3 pm on Stepan field.

Fisher vs. Sorin

"The strongest of the fittest is sure to come into play this Sunday when the Fisher Waves take on the Sorin Otters at 1 p.m.

Fisher's season started out with a disappointing loss against Knott in their season opener. The Waves managed to redeem themselves with a 22-14 victory over Zahm this past Sunday.

"The Fisher strength is our defense and our running game," Fisher captain Dean Korolis said. "This past Sunday the offense was able to execute against Zahm in a 2-point conversion that led to the Wave victory. With both aspects of the Fisher team coming together, Korolis is ready for the game against Sorin.

Sorin's game against Zahm started out on the right foot. A 2-point conversion carry by St. Edwars gave the Otters a strong start.

Sorin captain Mike Crowe is proud of the "strong defensive play against St. Edwars."

The Waves and the Otters seemed to be on the same plane when it comes to taking advantage of their opponent's mistakes, which has led both teams to victory. Opposing penalties have been beneficial to both teams.

"We won't stray too far from the game plan and as long as we execute we should be alright," Crowe said.

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Women’s Interhall Blue League

Whirlwinds and Chaos clash in battle of titans

By JEFF BALTRUZAK, JOE LICANDRO and BRYON KONK
Sports Writers

If there were one game to attend this season, the clash of teams that is Welsh versus Cavanaugh would be it. These unbeaten squads have battled through the Interhall Blue League regular season with the most impressive records. The Chaos of Cavanaugh sport a perfect 3-0 record and a perfect defensive play; they have not given up a single point all season. Cavanaugh has given up only six points all season. This Sunday, the Whirlwinds, with their 2-0 record, are looking for a win to keep their momentum down the stretch. While both teams possess less than desirable records, neither of them has totally been eliminated from the playoff picture. A win on Sunday may be the turning point each team is looking for.

Lewis vs. Lyons
Lewis vs. Lyons will be youth versus youth on the field at noon Sunday at McGinnis Fields as the Chicks of Lewis Hall take on the Lions of Lyons Hall.

The young Lyons squad will have to deal with the loss of several important players on Sunday due to injuries and prior commitments. Lyons coach Michael Barranda said, “Unfortunately, some key players to perform on both sides of the ball will be playing. The first three games have been big opportunities for this young team, with the team making strides,” said Lyons coach Michael Barranda. “Unfortunately, we will have to adjust to the absence of a few key players.”

Barranda said that his young team will be looking for the big plays they need to score a bunch of points on Sunday. “We’re still trying to implement our defensive scheme,” she said. "Our whole team needs to come together and improve both offensively and defensively to have a chance to win."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Banshees focus on key game against Shamrocks

By LAUREN CONTI, CHRIS FRANCO and JOHN BACKSKIN
Sports Writers

The Breen-Phillips Banshees are focused on the moment. The moment. For now, it is Sunday's game against the McGlinn Shamrocks.

"We're just trying to win games as we go," said Banshee quarterback Katie McDonald. "The playoffs are a definite goal, but we still have a couple tough games left in the regular season. For right now, we're just focused on Sunday." The Banshees plan every game we've played, and we can win it, we think we have improved exponentially in the past few games. We need a win to have a shot at the playoffs!"

"The Banhees are definitely thinking that it's going to be a pretty tough game," said McGlinn quarterback Jami Badin. "Our offense struggled a couple of weak spots I think we can capitalize on," she added. "And hopefully come out with the win."

"We'll expect them to be tough, but that's our attitude about every game," she said. "We need to put some points on the board and preserve the scoreless tie. We're not afraid."

"The game will take place at 5 p.m. on McGlinn Field. Farley vs. Off-Campus With the interhall football season already more than halfway finished, it is time for teams to begin considering playoff implications in their games."

"We definitely think we have a shot at the playoffs," McGlinn captain Jamie Lindsey said. "Our offense struggled against Farley (2-0-2) and Anna Benjamin, who come off a solid game against Walsh. Jennifer Lynch provides a spark down the field at tight end. We had our share of close games this season, and this contest won't be any easier."

"Off-Campus (1-0-2) will rely once again on their stingy defense which has allowed only six points in their three games this season. They are led by defensive backs Erin Price and Anna Benjamin, who come off a solid game in which each had an interception to prevent a touchdown and preserve the scoreless tie."

"Our offense struggled against Farley," Off-Campus captain Marita Keane said. "If we want to win, we will need to put some points in the board."

Their quarterback, Jamie Slouffer, returns to action Sunday after suffering a leg injury Tuesday that sidelined her for the second half. Farley (1-3) desperately needs a win to have a shot at the playoffs. Team captain Rebecca Glatz sees the need for much improved execution on both sides of the ball.

"On offense, we need to complete more passes, and on defense, we need to tackle better," she said. "The Finest will look for a big day from quarterback Jenny Geraldi and wide receivers Beth McKay and Lindsay Kosinski if they are to overcome Off-Campus's stingy defense and have a chance at making the playoffs."

Pasquella West vs. Walsh McGlinn field will be rocking this Sunday when two of the top teams in the Women's Gold Division square off. The Purple Weasels of PW (2-0-1) take on a team of Wild Women from Walsh (2-0-2), as each team looks to give the other its first loss of the season.

"Sophomore quarterback Walsh Lauren Walsh will lead the Purple Weasels. They are young, but talented offensive line consisting of freshmen Sarah Cunningham and Colleen Garten and sophomore Jen Schmidt will protect Walsh. Jennifer Lynch provides a spark down the field at tight end for the Wild Women. Lynch scored the game-tying touchdown in Walsh's 6-6 tie with McGlinn on Friday night. Captain Melissa Belting leads the Walsh defense, along with seniors Rebecca Craig and Angela Pulsinelli on the defensive line. Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger is looking forward to Sunday's game. "We know PW will be tough, and we need to improve on Tuesday's performance, but we're not going to try anything new."

"The Purple Weasels have had their share of close games this season, and this contest won't be any easier. Leading the way for PW are co-captain Amanda Gallen at wide receiver and freshmen quarterback Leslie Schmidt. Playing offense and defense for PW, Gallen scored a crucial extra point and made a game-saving interception in last Sunday's 7-6 win over McGlinn."
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needed to step up her racing. "Big East cross country last year was the race where I felt for the first time that I could be good," Kuenster said.

Connelly added, "Over the last two years, we've seen the biggest improvements. She had a little bit of success and now she's more confident, and she's taken herself to another level. She doesn't put limitations on herself. She just goes out and competes."
The Wheaton, Ill., native remembers thinking everything was hard as a freshman. Now she's one of the team's fastest runners.
"I use her as an example all the time of how much you can improve," Connelly said. "Our freshman class, I think all those kids ran faster than Chrissy coming out of high school. Now here's a kid who they're looking up to."
That was highlighted by the senior in her final year of competition. Kuenster hopes to give the Irish the toughest battle out of the team. She's individually. I would just like to get faster and make sure I'm doing my part to get to nationals."
"I'd like our team to qualify for nationals," Kuenster said. "It's going to be tough, but I think it's still realistic."
"I think it's great," Connelly said. "Individually, I would just like to get faster and make sure I'm doing my part to get to nationals."
As she works to keep her own training on the right path, she's showing her teammates that hard work pays off.
"She's a great model for everyone," Connelly said. "The thing that she's dedicated to the sport," senior runner Erin Olson said. "It's been incredible. She's improved more than anyone on our team.

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**Surging Belles take on Alma College**

By CECELIA OLECK
Sports Writer

Flying high after grabbing their first two victories of the season, the Belles volleyball team hopes to capitalize on their success. Facing off against MIAA opponent Alma College on Sunday, the Belles hope to add another victory to the win column.

"We're just looking to play strong and achieve a victory," Leigh-Ann Matesich, co-captain, said.

"This is the third time we're playing [Alma]." Matesich said. "We're just looking to play strong and achieve a victory."

The Belles, who were the MIAA Player of the Week for Sept. 17, will face a challenge in Alma setter Jamie Lippert, who was the MIAA and an 11-9 hitter and defensive specialist.

"We have good coverage we said," Meyers said. "We're looking to get more motivation from the kids has played well and then some, and I expect more of the same," Thomas said.

**MEN'S GOLF**

**Irish tee off at Invitational**

By MATT CASSADY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame golf comes into full swing this week as the Irish prepare for the Northern Invitational which tees off Saturday in Champaign, Ill.

The team started its season Sept. 8 with a fourth place finish at Wisconsin's Badger Invitational in Madison, Wis. Junior Steve Ratay finished tied for the lead in the tournament, shooting a three round total of 212. Sophomore Brandon Lunke finished 23rd with a score of 222, freshman Peter Rice 38th with a score of 225, and senior Adam Anderson finished 73rd with a score of 249. Irish coach George Thomas looks for Ratay to continue his leadership on and off the course for the remainder of the season.

"Ratay has held his own and then some, and I expect more of the same," Thomas said.

The Irish followed up the fourth place finish with a ninth place finish at the PSI Net College Invitational in Minneapolis, Minn. Again, Ratay led the team with a 14th place finish shooting a three round total of 225. Senior Alex Kent followed him in 24th scoring 232. Senior Pat Schaffler shot a 232 and freshman Peter Rice scored 242, rounding out the scoring members of the Irish squad in 35th and 57th, respectively.

This week, the Irish face their stiffest task to date.

"This should be our toughest tournament of the year," Ratay said. "Facing all the teams from across the Midwest should be a good measuring stick of just how good we are."

The Irish could get a lift from a freshman this weekend. Thomas announced Thursday night that Gavin Ferlic has earned the right to travel with the team to Champaign.

"Gavin Ferlic has played well enough to travel with the team and I think it should be a [good] experience for him," Thomas said.

While the team may get a lift from Ferlic, it will be Ratay who leads them into battle. His scoring average of 71.73 in the fall of 1999 was more than six and a half strokes lower than that of his freshman year. This, he said, is a credit to experience.

"The [improved scoring average] came from working on improving all areas of my game," he said. "And getting used to college golf really helped me get better."

According to Thomas, the entire team will need to get better to fare well this weekend. "(The competition) will be from the Big Ten and MAC conferences, so it will be a very competitive field," he said. "But the kids have been working hard and making some improvements, so we'll see how it turns out."
Irish open Big East season at home this weekend

By RACHAEL PROTzman
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball will open Big East play at home this weekend, hosting Villanova today and Georgetown on Sunday.

The Irish, who are 9-4, are coming off of four weekend tournaments in the past month, including three held at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame gathered two titles in the tournament series, including the Shamrock Invitational and the Lady Seminole Volleyball Classic.

"I think we have confidence going into these games, especially coming off of four weekend tournaments, the Shamrock Invitational and the Lady Seminole Volleyball Classic. It's been great for us to play good teams since we've played good teams so far. I mean, we've played No.1 Nebraska already and No. 23 Loyola Marymount and the Golden Dome Invitational in which the No. 24 Irish faced Wyoming and No. 3 Colorado State. Girion racked up 49 kills and 34 digs with a career-high of 23 kills in the win over Loyola Marymount. Notre Dame earned wins over Loyola Marymount (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14 and Wyoming 15-1, 15-5, 15-8, but fell to Colorado State (7-15, 7-15, 14-16).

Junior Kristy Kreher leads Notre Dame with 172 kills this season, including 32 kills in the Loyola Marymount match to earn the record for most kills in a four-game match. The Irish are more focused on this, their team play, than on the other team.

"It depends on how we play more than how the other team is doing. If we can play our game then it will all be fine," Boylan said.

Notre Dame will face Villanova today at 7 p.m. The Wildcats are now 6-9 with seven previous losses out of the seven games played against the Irish. Villanova is coming off a win over Bucknell (15-13, 14-16, 15-4, 15-5).

Breen Eddinger will pose a threat as she leads Villanova in kills with 118 kills.

"Georgetown is one of the top teams in the conference and it will be good to play them," Boyland said. "Especially after we've already played some of the top teams in the nation."

The Irish will be out for revenge against Georgetown at Sunday's 2 p.m. face-off. Of its 10 past matches, the Hoyas have won just one in a Big East tournament upset last year (10-11, 15-10, 15-8).

Kiran Gill leads Georgetown this year with 175 kills while the Hoyas' freshman Jennifer Ward is on a streak, earning Big East Rookie of the Week honors last week.

"I think we are going to do extremely well and that we'll be 2-0 by the end of the weekend," said Boylan.
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KANSAS STATE and TENNESSEE

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Michigan’s talent pool is as strong as any team in the country, especially on offense. Quarterback Drew Henson returned from a broken foot against Illinois, and looked good both running and passing the ball. Wisconsin replaced departed Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne with junior Michael Bennett. Bennett possesses sprinter’s speed, and competes on the Wisconsin track team. While he cannot match Dayne’s overpowering north/south running style, Bennett should be able to make big plays when he gets into the secondary.

Quarterback Brooks Bollinger posted an 8-0 record as a starter last year on the way to Big Ten Freshman of the Year accolades. His mobility adds a dimension to the Wisconsin attack that has been absent in recent years.

Other Top Games

Kansas State at Virginia: The Wildcats have been nothing short of extraordinary. Once perennial doormats of the Big 8, the Wildcats now annually contend for a BCS bowl bid. Possibly the apex of the resurgence was the thrilling home win over Nebraska in 1998. The knock against Kansas State is its insistence on playing a cupcake schedule in September. Any college football fan cannot help but frown when they see another Wildcats game that resembles an Arena League football score. This year, Kansas State blasted opponents Louisiana Tech, Ball State and North Texas by scores of 54-10, 76-0, and 55-10 respectively.

Two problems emerge from this type of scheduling. First, Kansas State loses ground in the BCS poll because of the strength of schedule factor.

Secondly, the Wildcats have a false sense of security due to padded stats and poor competition. What results is a nasty habit of losing big games such as in the 1998 Big 12 Championship and the humiliating 45-15 loss to the Huskers last year.

Mississippi State at Kentucky: The Volunteers hope to continue their winning process from their controversial loss to Florida. Quarterback Casey Clausen was impressive in his college debut last week against Louisiana-Monroe, but the Vols will give the Volunteers a better fight.

Former Michigan State coach Nick Saban was hired to right the ship in Baton Rouge. Fortunately, usted Coach Gerry DiNardo left the cupboards well stocked with young talent. The Tiger fans want success now, and will only give Saban two seasons to rebuild the program. This team is yours away from contention, but can realistically expect to improve on last week’s game.
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"They’re a team that wants to come out and beat us," he said. "I don’t think we have to worry about them laying back."

After that potentially difficult game, Notre Dame will remain at home to take on the Scarlet Knights Sunday afternoon. The Scarlet Knights are an enigma of sorts. They lost badly to the Irish last year and have been unable to mount a run thus far, as they stand at a mediocre 4-3-2.

"What scares me about Rutgers is that we really don’t know what kind of team they are," Waldrum said. "They were very average but this time around we’re unsure of what to expect from them."

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Jones wins 200 by largest margin since 1960

Associated Press

SYDNEY

The competition didn’t keep up with her. The tough question didn’t rattle her.

Marion Jones seems determined to make her way through the Sydney Olympics with her trademark mix of poise and speed.

Jones won the women’s Olympic 200 meters by the biggest margin since 1960. Then she answered a question that would have aggravated just about any other athlete under similar circumstances.

"I don’t have that fear, because the people who know me, coach me, train me, know I’m not cheat ing," she said. Her biggest victory since Wilma Rudolph’s was to win five gold medals in track and field.

"When I stepped on the track, it just seemed like everything was put aside and what I was focusing on was the track," she said. "I think it’s very easy to forget about things off the track when you step into the sta dium - the people, the lights and the camera. You know, it wasn’t very difficult."

With chief rival Inger Miller out with a hamstring injury, Jones’ 200-meter triumph, and her 100-meter victory last Saturday, were devoid of suspense. She simply blew the competition away, then indicated that was what she and everyone else should have expected.

"I don’t think anybody, at least not 100 percent in you guys, doubted me in the sprint," she told reporters with a smile. "It probably was the most one-sided sprint win in Olympic history."

Her margin of victory in the 200 was 0.43 seconds, the biggest since Wilma Rudolph won by 0.45 seconds at the 1960 Tokyo Games. Last Saturday, her victory margin in the 100 of 0.43 seconds was the second-largest ever in that Olympic event, by a man or woman.

The lack of any real competition didn’t diminish Jones’ joy, though. She had been aiming at the Olympics since she was an 8-year-old girl watching the Los Angeles Games on television in 1984.

"It’s so much better than the dream," Jones said. "It’s so much better than [the gold medal] actually around your neck."

She remains a supporter of her husband, who claims he never takes performance-enhancing drugs.

"I know I can walk away with five," he said. "No way." Jones refuses to allow her husband’s positive steroid test to overshadow her performance.

"We’re here for greater things than these two gold medals," Jones said. "I know I can walk away with five."

Next up was her toughest individual event, the 100-meter dash, an often-criticized technique, or lack of technique, makes each of her successful competitions an adventure.

"Looking slightly farther down the road are the 400- and 1,600-meter relays. Miller and Gail Devers, both original members of the relay team, will not be able to run because of hamstring injuries, so the United States of two of its top sprinters...

These problems, and a lack of big-time talent other than Jones and Miller, is undoubtedly what makes Jones’ team so strong.

The more gold Jones wins, the bigger target she becomes.

WRESTLING

Henson one victory away from freestyle gold

Associated Press

SYDNEY

Warm up the bubble bath, wipe off the rubber ducks. Sammie Henson is one victory away from the gold-medal match in Olympic freestyle wrestling.

Henson, a former world champion who specializes in come-from-behind victories and then always eating a good bubble bath later, pulled off another comeback Friday (Thursday night EDT) to reach the semifinals at 119 pounds.

All four Americans wrestling in Friday’s first session were winners. Brandon Slay, who upset Olympic champion and four-time world champion Bouwassa Saitliev of Russia on Thursday, reached the semifinals at 167 1/2 pounds.

Lincoln McClary at 152 pounds and heavyweight Kerry McCoy won their matches in their pools.

Henson fell behind 4-0 that rallied with a succession of speed and strength moves to repeatedly take Oleksandr Zakharuk of Ukraine to the mat for an 8-4 victory.

Henson, a two-time former NCAA champion who still wears Clemson gear to the mat over top of his singlet, has won his three matches by a combined score of 29-5.

"Eliminate and dominate, that’s the idea," said Henson, who said his goal before the Olympics was to get the gold medal and win each match by 6 or 7 points.

Henson flirted with his own elimination against Zakharuk, a three-time world placer, by falling behind 4-0, the equivalent of a basketball team trailing 20-0.

"When you’re behind 4-0, you expect to win," Henson said. "I made a mistake and I overcame it. Something like this used to be the downfall of Sammie Henson. I’d get mad and frustrated. But when used to be a deficiency is now a strength. I kept my head and started doing what I can do.

Henson, who now lives in Norman, Okla., came from behind in all five matches to win the world championship in 1998.

"Certainly, 4-0 is more of a deficit you would like to see," U.S. co-coach John Smith said. "The focus is not losing your composure against a quality opponent. But Sammie has the composure who makes things happen."

Afterward, the 5-foot-4 Henson, who is short but muscular and seems to have a perpetual 5 o’clock shadow, likes to soak in all the attention. And soak in a steamy bubble bath drawn by wife Stephanie.

"It was great last night," he said. "We got out of the Olympic Village and shopped in a hotel downtown not far from here... and, yes, I had my bubble bath."" Henson said. "I’ve always got to have my bubble bath."

Henson’s semifinal match against Sergei Demchenko of Belarus was later Friday.

May Slay, another top match, winning on referee’s decision over Evgeny Kalyev of Kazakhstan after the two tied 2-2. Slay backed off his offense in the final minute of overtime, aware he was ahead on point-values, still wanting to win, and to guard against making a mistake that would cost him a point and the match.
**Crossword**

**ACROSS**
1. Like a title—a title sofa
2. Drink to one’s health
15. Reason to separate swine
16. Roadblock
17. Beat in a way
18. Charges
19. Short, in a way
20. 1,500

**DOWN**
1. Beat, in a way
2. Direct
3. Enforced
4. Robert of "Guys and Dolls"
5. Uses as a roost
6. Wordsworth’s flight
7. Bird that nests in chimneys
8. Unhealthy diet
9. Surrounded by
10. Problem in a play

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
1. "Ogives" composer
2. Name in the middle of a madrashead
3. "There Mountain" (1967 Donovan hit)
4. Lampa’s cry
5. Like much low-and-bound property
6. Has dates
7. Fierce
8. "Later!"

**Fox Trot**

**AND IT’S ALL FOR YOU, LITTLE BROTHER.**

**Bill Amend**

**Things Could Be Worse**

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**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Irish take on South Quad fans, Panthers**

By NOAH AMSTADTER  
Assistant Sports Editor

To some Notre Dame students walking along South Quad this afternoon, it may appear that the Irish men’s soccer team has chosen to move their practices to the grassy area in front of South Dining Hall. Actually, this is just a promotion designed to bring more fans out to Alumni Field for tonight’s 7:30 game against No. 14 Pittsburgh.

As a promotion to attract fans to tonight’s game, a goal will be set up in the middle of South Quad where students will get a chance to take a shot on goalkeepers Greg Tali and Cole Straub from 12:30 to 1:30 today. Other players will be there, and schedules and raffle tickets will be passed out. The winning raffle numbers will be announced at tonight’s game—renewable for T-shirts, sweat tops and other soccer paraphernalia.

“Basically it’s a promotion because we want to get more fans out cheering us on,” said Irish head coach Chris Apple. “I think we’ll see both of those things (Friday).”

In particular, the Irish are looking for an individual to step up on offense and provide consistent goal scoring. The team’s leading scorer right now is senior Griffin Connelly, whose goals have all come on penalty kicks.

Sophomore Erich Braun — last season’s leading scorer for the Irish and the Big East Rookie of the Year in 1999 — has been hobbled by hamstring injuries throughout the season.

**WOMEN’S SOCCER**

**No. 1 Irish await Pirate’s challenge**

By KEVIN BERCHOU  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women’s soccer head coach Randy Waldrum would argue that winning is not the only thing needed. Though the Seton Hall Pirates have suffered through an inconsistent year, they represent Notre Dame’s toughest competition in the Big East Conference when they visit Alumni Field tonight at 5:30.

Though the Irish have won late, they are 9-4-0 on the season and ranked No. 1 unanimously in all of the national polls. Waldrum has not been happy with the way his team has played. Last weekend, after completing a stretch that saw them play four ranked teams in a matter of eight days, the Irish took their newly acquired number one ranking on the road to Morgantown, West Virginia. They nearly lost in disgrace as the Mountaineers took a match into extra time before falling 2-1. Notre Dame returned home to take on the Pittsburgh Panthers Sunday and looked ragged at times in beating a team of lesser skill by only a 1-0 count.

“We lacked a little enthusiasm and intensity last week,” Waldrum admitted. “We need to get back that sense of urgency we had earlier.”

The Pirates, like the Irish, are undefeated in conference play, making tonight’s tussle at Alumni Field a showdown for first place in the division.

“We’re going to approach it like a playoff game,” Waldrum said. “If they were to beat us, there’s really no one else in the division they’d lose to, so it’s a huge game for us.”

The Pirates have shown the Irish in the past that despite their unranked status they can indeed be formidable. In 1998, the Pirates ran-sacked a much higher ranked Irish squad 2-1 in one of the bigger upsets in recent Notre Dame history.

“We understand the possibility of upssets,” Waldrum said. “We plan on playing this game with the intensity we had early in the year.”

Seeing that his squad was weary, Waldrum gav his troops two days off this week. He said not practicing on Monday and Tuesday was beneficial.

“I think it helped,” Waldrum said. “We looked a little sharper later in the week. I think all of the girls had a tough week in school so the rest came at the right time.”

The Pirates, on the other hand, had a busy week. Playing a rare weekend game, Seton Hall topped the Villanova Wildcats for their third win in a row Wednesday night.

The win came days after the Pirates upended the same Mountaineers who gave the Irish so much trouble.

“Seton Hall will certainly be a test,” Waldrum admitted.

After facing a Pittsburgh team that frustrated by packing the box with as many as six defenders, Waldrum is hopeful that Seton Hall will come out trying to open things up.

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Kuenster proves to be leader**

By KATHLEEN O’BRIEN  
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Early in her Notre Dame career, cross country and track coach Chrissy Kuenster was a nice addition to the junior varsity squad. Head coach Tim Connelly had not recruited Kuenster out of high school, so any contribution she made to the Irish came as a bonus.

“I didn’t really recruit her,” Connelly said. “She wanted to come to Notre Dame and wanted to run, and I definitely encouraged her, but I didn’t recruit her.”

Somewhere along the way, the Irish began to count on Kuenster to race varsity, score and act as a team leader. Her passion for running paid off in the form of faster times and consistent workouts, as the senior has dropped nearly two minutes off her cross country time from freshman year. Kuenster finished her first meet in 1997, the Valparaiso Invitational, in 20 minutes, 17:93 seconds, a time eclipsed by her 18:23 finish in last week’s National Catholic Invitational. This time was good for fifth place overall.

“I’ve done the workouts as hard as I could, and it’s consistent as I could do them,” Kuenster said. “I love to run, so I’ve enjoyed them. I like being able to help the team.”

A year-round schedule helped Kuenster slash her times, as did her tutelage under older and faster runners like All-American Alison Klemmer, who graduated in May.

“Shes got an incredible work ethic. She just trains and trains and trains,” Connelly said. “Plus she got in with some of the older kids, and that helped her. Alison Klemmer and she are really close. Alison took her under her wing. I think training with someone like that really helped her.”

A year of success helped foster further accomplishments for Kuenster. A 33rd place finish at last year’s Big East Cross Country Championships in a time of 18:27 gave her confidence.