Nader struggles for recognition

By NATE PHILLIPS

With the presidential elections just around the corner, the race is becoming increasingly significant to the presidential nominees Al Gore and George W. Bush.

Many voters, however, forget that there are several alternative party candidates who are also seeking the executive office.

Leading the race among these candidates is Green Party leader Ralph Nader. Nader seeks to establish a new type of alternative party in the United States.

In the last 1992 and 1996 elections, Ross Perot made a significant impact on the overall election. In the same way, voters for Nader could pull votes away from Gore.

"Nader's ability to get on a ballot is not that outstanding of an accomplishment. Perot set the bar for this eight years ago, and quite possibly cost Bush the election," said Al Tillery, a Notre Dame government professor.

"Nader could pull liberal voters in favor of the environment and taking money out of politics away from Gore's camp."

"Nader being on the ballot will take away votes from Gore," said Notre Dame government professor Benjamin Radcliffe. "How many votes is still up in the air, but nevertheless, there are several indications just around the corner, that there are several races that are becoming increasingly tighter between the candidates."

The University extended invitations to the nominees to inform the student body of their respective platforms.

"It gives us the opportunity for people in the campus community to actually see and hear the candidates in the flesh," Moore said.

The University has a history of inviting presidential candidates to campus, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

By MAUREEN SMITHE

Nader presents a threat to Gore's campaign. Polls indicate he may capture 5 percent of the vote.

Children underdog

Third party candidates Ralph Nader and Patrick Buchanan continue gaining support among readers.

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PLS major celebrates 50 years of learning

By NATASHA GRANT

Celebrating its 50th year, the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) plans to continue honoring the program's success through the semester.

"We've had events running from [the] last academic year," says Michael Crowe, a Cavanaugh professor in PLS. Crowe and Nicholas Ayo, a CSC professor, are in charge of the year-long celebration.

The history of the major goes back to the 1950s, when Father Cavanaugh was president of the University.

"They were trying to bring the world back to its roots and Father Cavanaugh brought [PLS] here and presented a Catholic version. The program struggled in the beginning, but it eventually found its way," Ayo said.

The goal of the program is to instill a sense of humanity appealing to law and justice, the meaning of life. A y o agreed.

"Books that have been in print a long time are a sign that it's a good book. Also, books that are cited by other authors are usually included in a good book," said Crowe.

"People would like to have a common experience of being in the same class with the same people year to year. In these small-knit communities, students are known by name," said Nicholas Ayo, CSC professor.

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Bush changes mind about ND appearance

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By NATE PHILLIPS

Green Day graces the music world with their pure punk roots.

Green Day's American Idiot, the band's sixth album, was released on Sept. 17, 2000. With its release, the band has become one of the most successful bands in recent years.

"This album is the culmination of everything we've been doing," said Tre Cool, Green Day's drummer. "It's our most personal album, and we want people to feel it emotionally.

"I think people are going to like it a lot more than the last one," he added.

The album features 11 tracks, including the hit single "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," which was released as a single in April 2000.

Band members Billie Joe Armstrong (vocals, guitar), Mike Dirnt (bass), and Tré Cool (drums) performed together for the first time since 1995, when they recorded their debut album, Dookie.

"We've been working on this album for almost two years," said Armstrong. "We wanted to make sure it was perfect before we released it.

"This album is really about growing up and maturing as a band," he added.

Green Day has been described as a "punk rock" band, but they also dabble in other genres such as alternative rock and indie rock.

"We don't want to be pigeonholed into just one genre," said Dirnt. "We want to keep evolving and experimenting with new sounds.

"This album is a collection of the best parts of our music," he added.
A stolen bike, a shattered ideal

I had a great weekend. My sister came for a visit, we went to the football game and I managed to have a relaxing Sunday afternoon despite midterms week. However, my peace of mind disintegrated late Sunday night on my way to the Grotto. Walking past the bike rack outside of my dorm, I noticed that my brand new bike was gone. Heartbroken and shoulder slumped, I creeped to the Grotto, hoping that in some way my bike would turn up. Maybe one of my friends just borrowed it, I reassured myself. Maybe Notre Dame Security saw it unlocked and brought it somewhere safe. Maybe I forgot that I had driven it somewhere. All sorts of rationalizations raced through my brain until I made it back to the bike rack.

Lying in the dirt, I found my cut lock lying near where my purple MountainTrek bike used to be. I checked it up and dusted it off, thinking about the person who cut the lock and carelessly threw it on the ground.

That person approached my bike with the planned intent to steal it. That person deliber­ately cut the lock and rode away with no remorse and no concern for the person whose bike they were ruining. What did that person think about me every time they sat on my purple bike?

I guess I never thought that things like this really happened on our campus. No one even locked their doors, so why would any­one go through the trouble of cutting a bike lock? I never felt violated because I just didn’t really happen. But, now I know that crime does happen on this campus. Many people have experienced theft.

It had been years since I had a bike, and I really liked the one I had. My grandma gave it to me in the summer, and I was so excited to bring it to campus. It had the cutest Love Pack on the back of it, perfect for toting clothes to Saint Michael’s dry cleaners and clothes to Saint Michael’s dry cleaners and clothes to Saint Michael’s dry cleaners. My grandma even gave me a speedometer for it, and even though it never worked, it was fun to have.

To the person who stole my beloved bike:

"I don’t think a lot of people knew I’m on the team. I just go to class and go to practice. I’m a pretty regular guy."

Lauren Conti

Kiflin Turner

Sports

Associated Press

Chicago

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OUTSIDE THE DOME

Same-sex marriage in question at Duke

DURHAM, N.C.

In a passionate speech to the Board of Trustees Friday, Duke Student Government (DSG) president Jordan Bazinsky highlighted and hammered home recommendations on financial aid and same-sex marriages in Duke’s Chapel. His bold approach seems to have worked.

The issue of same-sex marriages in the Chapel was not on the board’s agenda, but cropped up as an item of discussion Saturday morning.

As a result of the trustees’ advice, university President Nina King announced Sunday that she and the Dean of the Chapel will appoint a team of trustees, faculty and adminis­trators to review the policy and pre­sent a policy recommendation.

When he got to same-sex unions toward the end of his speech,

Bazinsky referenced a controversial survey by Princeton Review that ranked Duke the fourth-most intoler­ant school toward alternative lifestyles. "Is that acceptable to you?" he asked the trustees. "It’s not accept­able to me. Duke must courageously

and proactively work for equity in all its endeavors, without question."

Duke currently operates under a highly visible nondiscrimination policy that specifically includes sexual orienta­tion, he said. "Duke cannot lead the nation in its educational and diversity mission without ensuring equal op­portunities and equal rights on campus equal rights to all of its facilities."

Koshue asked the counsel board to name a committee that will be devot­ed to recommendations and issues in question.

The DSG has set discussion panels featuring INSIDE officials, administra­tors, faculty members and officials from the Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Life. DSG is also planning a rally on the Chapel steps.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Credit card scammers target students

Many students have received this phone call from companies. A credit card company is updating its records and a credit card number is necessary for account status verification. This person says they are from a major credit card company and they ask for deposit. My grandma even gave me

Ohio State University

Program may undervalue teachers

For the past 10 years many college graduates may not have realized an opportunity that was available to them. Physics majors, engineering majors and English majors could have used their degrees to become teachers through Teach for America (TFA). TFA seeks to provide relief in rural and urban regions where teacher short­ages exist. While TFA is responsible for recruiting, selecting and training its teachers, the hiring of teachers is handled within the individual school districts that TFA serves. Corps members serve as full-time teachers.

Patricia ENCISO, Ohio State University assistant professor of education, has mixed feelings about the program. "They (TFA teachers) can offer enthusiasm for a subject, but because of the experiences they’ve had in their own edu­cation, however, successfully teaching children requires that they not only have an understanding of a particular subject, but also an understanding of how children learn," Enciso said. However, according to statistics provided by TFA, oftentimes their teachers do prove to be very effective in the classroom.

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National Weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, Oct. 10.

We want to run it down their throats and crash them into the ground."

Dahx Marrs, Fisher interhall football defensive linebacker

Compiled from UWire reports

INSIDE COLUMN

Quotes of the Week

"All you guys are worried about is if there’s going to be hot chocolate in that press box."

Bob Davie, Notre Dame head coach addressing complaints made by the press on the weekend’s weather

"Do not walk the streets at 2 o’clock in the morning. You might as well put a sign on your head that says, ‘I am a Notre Dame student. Beat me. Take my money.’"

Keshun Brandon, Notre Dame quarterback

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PricewaterhouseCoopers releases sweatshop report

Critics claim report lacks concern for workers' rights

By MYRA McGRIFF
New Yorker

PricewaterhouseCoopers, one of the largest auditing firms paid to perform factory monitoring, released the first public monitoring report Friday on the conditions of factories in countries like El Salvador, Mexico and Korea. The report outlined the methodology of their research and the conditions of the factories. In the report, PricewaterhouseCoopers based the conditions of the factories primarily on the health and safety of the workers, fair wages, benefits, and working hours.

The severity of the discovery varied for each factory, but some critics did not find the report accurate in its reporting of the true condition of the factories.

"Everything they said was true but the conditions are much worse than this," said Maureen Capillo, Saint Mary's student and member of United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS).

In a published critique of PricewaterhouseCoopers' findings, Professor Dara O'Rourke of MIT said the auditors found minor violations of labor laws and codes of conduct. However, they failed to include major labor practice issues.

Some feel that the firm did not pay enough attention to the worker and their rights. The intent of PricewaterhouseCoopers was to interview workers, look over factory records, and review timecards. The published report, however, appeared to send a different impression.

Some saw bias in the way PricewaterhouseCoopers carried out their factory inspections, especially in employee interviews where managers were present.

"Until they do off-site, confidential interviews with employees, PricewaterhouseCoopers will not be getting the full story on how workers are being treated." Maureen Capillo USAS member

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Some critics believe oversights like these cannot be dismissed.

"There are no checks and balances to monitor how well the monitors are doing their job," said Capillo. Some Notre Dame students want the critiques of the PricewaterhouseCoopers to open the door for discussing a new system of monitoring factories that produce Notre Dame apparel. Since 1999, the University, a member of the Fair Labor Association (FLA), has employed the firm to do their monitoring.

Now with a public report, some students think it is time to reconsider monitoring options.

"The firm can be accused of not actually fixing the problem of sweatshops and slave labor. We want to use local non-government alliance," said Aaron Kreider of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA).
Nader
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less, it probably will not be
enough to make a shift in the
overall outcome of the elec-
tion. In response to his inclusion
on the Illinois ballot, Nader is
hosting a rally in Chicago
today. It is unclear whether
other states will follow Illinois' 
lead and
allow Nader
to be
incorporated on the ballot
in November. It may be
too early to
make any
certain judgments about how
much Nader
will
impact the election, because it is not
clear how many states will
place Nader on their ballots.

Nevertheless, Nader's
attempt to make a large
impact on the upcoming elec-
tion is unlikely.

"Nader owns only about 5
percent of the overall popular
vote," said Radcliffe. "Rationally, it seems that sup-
port will even fade a little bit
as the election approaches."

Even though his chances on
making a major impact on the
overall election are low, the
controversy over Nader's cam-
paign continues to exist, and
will remain until it is seen how
many states place him on their
ballots.

Last week, the flap over
necessity of Nader's camp-
paign reached a new level.
Not only was he
neglected participation in the Oct. 3rd
debate at the University of
Massachusetts
in Boston, but
he was refused admittance by
the debate commission to
watch the debate.

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Ralph Nader
Greens Party
presidential candidate

Nader said, as
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the Associated
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said.

In response to his exclusion
from the debate, Nader
released a statement to the co-
chairman of the Commission
on Presidential Debates (CPD)
demanding an apology for the
actions of the commission.

He also released a proposed
settlement, which states that
the CPD would not only allow
him to enter all future debates,
but also
donate
$25,000 to
the nonprof-
it Applesseed Center for
Electoral
Reform at
Harvard
Law School.

Although his
tests may seem
extreme,
Nader
promised to
pursue redemption in the legal
system if his requests are not
met by today.

The public response to
Nader's exemption from the
debates seems to indicate that
the CPD was at fault for not
allowing his participation.

"Although Nader's chances
at becoming president are far-
distant, it probably will not be
enough to make a shift in the
overall outcome of the election," said Radcliffe.

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"Nader owns only about 5
percent of the overall
popular vote. Rationally, it seems that support will
even fade a little bit as
the election approaches."

Benjamin Radcliffe
government professor

American people, that he
should be able to express them
in a debate forum," said Notre
Dame sophomore Adam
Harrison.

Whether or not the CPD was
at fault, however, remains
ambiguous.

"The Commission
of Presidential Debates has set a
standard for those
allowed into a debate," Tillery
said. "Whether or not that
standard has changed mid-
stream, I'm not sure, but it
seems as though Nader war-
ranted enough support to be
invited."

Recently, however, Nader's
luck has taken a turn for the
better. The Illinois State board
of Elections is scheduled to put
Nader on the November ballot
at a meeting on Wednesday.
This decision conflicts with the
views of the Democratic Party
of Illinois, who requested that
Nader be held off of the ballot.

"It is easy to say that a large
number of liberal voters will
vote for Nader," Radcliffe said.
"When push comes to shove, it
will be interesting to see
whether or not the third party
will make a significant impact
as the election approaches."
**World News Briefs**

The Netherlands releases reporter: A Dutch court ordered the release of a journalist on Monday who was jailed two weeks ago for refusing to divulge the name of a police source. In a case almost unheard of in the Netherlands, Koen Voskuil, of the daily commuter newspaper Spits, was arrested Sept. 22 after he defied the judge's order to name his source at the trial of a suspected drug and arms trafficker.

Vatican reconsiders Wilde: An influential Jesuit publication has rehabilitated Oscar Wilde, the Irish writer once jailed for homosexual acts, praising him for his integrity and a deathless conversion to Roman Catholicism. The article marking the centenary of Wilde's death came in La Città Cattolica, a quarterly whose articles are often endorsed by the Vatican, which condemns homosexuality.

**National News Briefs**

Female Santa suit dismissed: A discrimination complaint filed against Wal-Mart for barring a current employee from playing Santa Gaas was thrown out Monday by a state panel that said the woman wasn't convicted. Customer service representative Marta Brown volunteered for the role in 1995, dressing in traditional Santa garb. Managers elected to go with a male Santa after a customer said her child had asked about Santa's breasts.

Siamese twins die after separation: A 6-month-old Siamese twin who was surgically separated from her sister died Monday, three days after the operation. Janlee Luna and her sister, Janlean, were born joined at the abdomen and shared a liver, kidney and bladder. They were separated during a 17-hour operation Friday at Babies Hospital. The hospital said complications, the hospital said.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Entrepreneur creates coffin furniture: Just in time for Halloween, a company is peddling a line of products that would make Count Dracula red with envy: coffin furniture. Terre Haute manufacturer Brad Miller created the coffin furniture a year ago with a business partner who had devised 101 uses for the average wooden coffin, aside from the usual purpose. "What we decided on this was that this was the ultimate conversation piece. We have a motto that you should get to know your coffin before you're buried in it," said Miller, whose family-owned business, Fort Harrison Products Corp., has been around since 1937.

**Market Watch 10/9**

| DOW JONES | 5,168.43 | -28.11 |
| Up: 1285 | Same: 456 | Down: 1167 |
| Composite volume: 1,811,516,544 |

| AMEX | 921.90 | +1.19 |
| Nasdaq: 3355.56 | -5.45 |
| NYSE: 659.55 | +2.57 |
| S&P 500: 1402.03 | -6.96 |

**Israel**

Jews, Arabs promote civil unrest

Associated Press

In the worst civil strife in years, Jews and Arabs attacked each other Monday in towns across Israel.

In Tel Aviv, Jews chanted "Death to the Arabs," burned tires and smashed the windows of Arab cars, prompting the mayor of the usually tranquil seaside metropolis to ask residents to stay indoors. Arabs in several northern Israeli towns threw stones at passing Israeli vehicles, damaging several, police said.

In a special televised message, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak appealed to Arabs and Jews to end the violence against one another. "I call on all Israeli citizens to refrain from violence," Barak said. "To the Jewish citizens, refrain at all costs from injuring Arabs and their property. To Arab citizens, refrain from being led by an extreme minority that wants to bring down the portrait of life in this country." "We are a nation that experienced much suffering as a minority throughout the world. Anyone who hurts a minority that lives among us, hurts the very core of our society," he said.

"This ugly cycle must end, it will leave scars that are not simple but it is within our power together to overcome them."

The night before, hundreds of Arabs and Jews had attacked each other with stones and fists in the streets of Nazareth, the town of Jesus' boyhood. Two Israeli Arabs were killed by rubber bullets fired by police. As Barak spoke Monday night at the end of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, or holiest day of the Jewish calendar, hundreds of Jews in Tel Aviv suburbs took to the streets in anger.

Three Arab-owned apartments in a mixed neighborhood were set on fire. Tires burned in the streets and protesters chanted "Death to the Arabs." Police and Israeli army were hit with bottles and stones.

Many Israeli Arabs have joined in the protests that have engulfed the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the past 12 days. Ten Israeli Arabs have been killed in clashes with police. The demonstrations have rallied Israeli Jews, who feel Israel's very survival could be threatened by an internal rebellion.

**NAACP rates hotels' promise progress**

Associated Press

The nation's 11 major hotel chains have not kept their promises to improve business opportunities for blacks, the NAACP said Monday in urging people to avoid "underperforming" companies.

In its fourth annual report card, the nation's largest and oldest civil rights organization gave the chains a grade of C-minus. Last year, the NAACP had said the hotel chains improved somewhat.

NAACP President Kwesi Mfume urged people "to avoid spending dollars in failing or underperforming hotel chains."

"Sustained progress has not been as fast as we had hoped, nor has it been as fast as it has been promised," he said.

 Marriott International earned a B from the NAACP; Hilton Hotels Corp.; C-plus, and Hyatt Hotels Corp. C-plus. The NAACP issued grades of C to several major chains and grades below C to four hotel chains. Last year, no chain got a grade lower than a C.

When the first survey was conducted in 1997, the NAACP and 35 other black organizations urged a boycott of 10 national hotel chains because of their hiring and promotion practices, and gave several chains an F for not participating in the survey.

The NAACP bases the grades on the hotels' hiring practices, charitable donations and advertising. Hotels were also graded on whether franchise opportunities are offered to blacks and whether the hotels use black contractors.

"We are disappointed with the grade and we pledge to do better," said Fred Stern, a spokesman for Wyndham, one of the hotels receiving a D. "We don't have a question with the survey. We think it is a valuable service that is helpful to the industry as a whole."
HAITI

Aristide plans to run in one-sided election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
Former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide registered Monday to run in a presidential election that all major opposition parties are boycotting, virtually guaranteeing him victory.

Outside the electoral council office where Aristide filed his candidacy, his supporters danced to a carnival band and shouted Aristide’s campaign slogan: “Peace of Mind! Peace in the Belly!”

"Today we have taken a historic step on the road toward peace,” Jean-Bertrand Aristide former Haitian president

Aristide became president when he won 1990 elections in a landslide to become Haiti’s first freely elected leader in nearly 200 years of military and civilian dictatorship in the Caribbean country. The army ousted Aristide in 1991 and he was restored three years later by U.S. troops deployed to end military killings of Haitians and stem a flood of Haitian boat people to Florida.

Aristide's victory is an almost foregone conclusion with the opposition boycott, which leaves only four other little-known candidates in the race. The opposition parties charge that 1991 legislative elections were rigged to favor candidates allied to Aristide, who they claim is plotting to return Haiti to dictatorship.

Aristide was barred from running for a second consecutive term. His hand-picked successor, Rene Preval, won in December 1995 elections.

Haiti has remained mired in poverty and power struggles. The country was without a parliament for nearly 1 1/2 years after Preval dismissed uncooperative legislators who charged 1997 legislative elections were fraudulent.

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11:30 pm-10:00 pm
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, October 10, 3:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Endowed Chair Inaugural Mass

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, October 10, 7:00 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel
Confirmation-Session #2

Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Friday-Saturday, October 13-14
Fatima Retreat Center
Marriage Preparation Retreat #1

Occasionally in life there are those moments of unutterable fulfillment which cannot be completely explained by those symbols called words. Their meaning can only be articulated by the inaudible language of the heart.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This fall the air of Salzburg, Innsbruck, Vienna and other Austrian cities has been over-shadowed by the sound of voices of thousands of students shouting in protest. Sheets bearing words of anger have been posted in the windows from the words of the arts and letters building at the University of Innsbruck. Each morning eager under-grads pass newspapers and leaflets out to those departing class. The red-letters headlines of these documents is, "The 1,000 schilling, Gebühren," the payment by students directly for their education. Formerly, the Austrian state covered the cost of university education with the taxes paid within Austria's socialistic system. This system also provides citizens with health care and pension.

The majority parties in the Austrian government, the GVP and FPO, instituted the 5,000 schilling per semester cost in order to eliminate problems within the Austrian educational system. The universities frequently lack the funds to make improvements and to update technology. Professors within the Austrian system often accept lower paying positions in other countries like the United States. Free tuition also has led to a phenomenon that was never seen before. Frequently, the students that cannot find classes or improvements in the course the students that cannot find classes or openings in the university programs. The new tuition also forces Austrian students, like American students, to deal with the issue of loans. Student loan programs. Forty-seven percent of Austrian students must work to obtain the necessary 1000 schillings per month.

One of the banners adorning our classroom building speaks to the plight of such students and offers a connection to the problems of higher education in America. It reads, translated from German, "am poor, stay dumb." Fortunately in the United States financial aid and scholarships exist to help poor students, yet these limited resources often leave students behind. Frequently, only the wealthy can afford the price tag of an education at a nationally known university and possess the access to good grammar schools and high schools that allow children to succeed and achieve a high academic level. Yet, the expansion of the Austrian economy and the country as a whole requires the education of the majority of the population at the college level and beyond.

Both Al Gore and George W. Bush have proposed plans to help parents, employers and students finance higher education. Gore supports the College Opportunity Tax Cut, a tax deduction or 28 percent of the $10,000 in tuition and 401K accounts that would allow students to save money for education tax free. Bush proposes an expansion in the Education Savings Accounts program that would raise the annual contribution limit from $500 to $5000. He also endorses a $1.5 billion "College Challenge" grant to help establish a merit scholarship program through each state and the complete tax-exemption for all qualified tuition savings plans. Regardless of the outcome of the election Americans should pressure their representatives to accept such proposals that would alleviate America in some of the issues of financing education now felt across the globe.

As I glance at a florescent-yellow poster plastered to the front entrance of my class building that encourages students to engage in an Oct. 11 protest, the similarity in the concerns between students here in Austria and in the United States strikes me again.

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Supporting abortion as Christians

After reading Maribel Morey's column in the Monday, Oct. 11 edition of The Observer, I was relieved and thankful to finally hear a prolife voice that is intelligent, reasonable and thus truly Christian position on abortion. I have been disgusted in the past by those "pro-life" factions which claim to be Christian while at the same time promoting their position using the tools of violence, intimidation, false rhetoric and emotional manipulation, as well as supporting fascist government control of women's lives and bodies. These "Christians" attempt to usurp that exclusive right of God to judge human actions. Every person does have a right to their opinion, but I also respect that right very much I would never stoop to such tactics as bullying others into agreement or silence. I would never believe myself to be so infallible that I was qualified to propose laws that would demean the legal system. That false righteousness! The theatries and name calling which most "prolife" groups resort to would be laughably childish if it were not so vicious. If people are confident their position is reasonable and correct, there is no reason or excuse to resort to such tactics.

By assuming themselves to be qualified to harshly judge other people, "pro-life" factions leave themselves open to the judgment of others. And by all syncretistic, intelligent, reasonable people, including all true Christians, such behavior must be found reprehensible.

Natalie Hudson

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All political ideas cannot and should not be channeled into the programs of our two major parties. History has amply proved the vitality of political activity by minority, dissident groups."

Earl Warren
former Supreme Court Justice

OCT. 5, 2000
Let’s talk about your tax dollars at work. On Aug. 23 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued final guidelines on federal funding for research on “human pluripotent stem cells derived from human embryos (technically known as human embryonic stem cells).” The studies will be funded “only if the cells were derived without federal funds from human embryos that were created for the purposes of fertility treatment and were in excess of the clinical need of the individual seeking such treatment.”

The cells can be used to form any tissue of the human body except the placenta. Scientists hope the cells could play a role in curing Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, heart disease, diabetes, spinal cord injuries, burns and other ailments.

There is just one catch. The human embryo, preserved by freezing, is not just a mass of cells. It is a human being. As Fr. Joseph C. Howard, Jr., of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, said in a column, “the death of one life cannot be justified by the possible benefit to another.”

Some believe that the creation of stem cell research is a success in and of itself. However, what do the dead embryos have to gain from this? Nothing. They are not alive, and therefore cannot benefit from the research.

Let us return to the original question: Is it right to destroy human life in order to save human life? The answer is no. The human embryo is a life, and it deserves the same protection as any other human life.

Paul Reszel
For Ward, Jr.
Oct. 5, 2000
Radiohead releases long anticipated Kid A

Band combines music, art and poetry to create an album that has significance far beyond that of a mere compact disc

By SAM DERHEIMER

Radiohead has always pushed the boundaries of music. More than any other band, it has consistently taken its fans far and beyond the standard framework of the mainstream music industry.

Composed of lead vocalist Thom York, guitarist Jon Greenwood and drummer Phil Selway, Radiohead is one of the most creative and brilliant rock bands ever to come upon the scene. No one can do what Radiohead does.

With the group's fourth studio record, Kid A, the five childhood friends from England have created something that goes beyond anything that has been heard before. Kid A is nothing short of an artistic masterpiece.

Kid A is by far Radiohead's most experimental album, capitalizing on the complex and distinctive sounds the band has become known for.

There is no reason to Kid A, no explanation. Many of the sounds on the album seem almost foreign, irregular, York's vocals are twisted and tangled, and yet, in the end, everything comes together.

Throughout the surface, the sounds of the songs seem almost to want anything to do with each other, a step back reveals the true intricate complexity and layered engineering of the album. Kid A was not created to make sense on the surface. That's the way Radiohead operates. Listeners are forced to clear their minds and listen to what is really there.

For the most part, Kid A's sound is slow, mellowed and beautiful. York also provides no liner notes this time around, serving only to intensify the listener's own ultimate descent into the chaotic nature of the album.

Kid A is more than just a studio album. It is a work of art. It is a trance. It is the sub-conscious of York portrayed through musical notes, vocal chords and artwork. The album opens with "Everything In Its Right Place." A title that may be the biggest paradox of the entire CD. Nothing seems to be in its right place on this song. Meaning and music alike are jumbled, mixed and lost. Yet, in the end, it finds its perfect harmony. It's as if the band took a deck of cards, threw them into the air and they landed in a perfect card house anyway.

The track begins with York struggling to find his voice, "Kid A, Kid A, Kid A." As he comes into his own, finding the strength and confidence to sing out, he carries the listener with him, away from reality and into a realm of self-containsion and deep-rooted psychosis. "There are two colors in my head..."

Unlike anything Radiohead has ever produced before, unlike anything anyone has ever produced before, Kid A blur's the line between listener and musician. Instead of bringing the music to the listener, it's as if Radiohead is bringing the listener to it.

Kid A was engineered to invoke a trance like quality, a song flowing into the next, leaving the listener feeling as if he was scooped in, lost and floating through the immemorial recesses of York's own consciousness.

However, not everything on the album is necessarily so transcendent and supernatural.

"The National Anthem" mixes a more traditional Radiohead style with horns and sax, giving it a pop/big band feel the band has experimented with on previous releases. The song is amazing and a true example of the brilliance of musicianship these men possess.

"How To Disappear Completely" is one of the best and most beautiful songs on Kid A. The passion and haunting pain conveyed through York's vocals are incomparable to anything fans have heard before. "In a little while, I'll be gone. The moment has already passed. Yeah, it's gone! And I'm not here! This isn't happening!"

Even York's own work barely compares to the strength of his vocal talent on so many songs like "How To Disappear Completely," "Optimistic," and "Idioteque." Besides its haunting vocals, "Idioteque" is a strong example of the band's willingness in branch out its sound on Kid A. With a somberly beautiful and almost eerie dance-like beat, the song is an immediate standout. Above all the other sounds on the album, this is the one die-hard fans will either love or hate. But either way, it can not be ignored.

The record ends with "Motion Picture Soundtrack," a track so divergent from mainstream songwriting and yet so extraordinary in its composition, it is the perfect culmination to such an irregular album. Tangled amid the sounds of soft organs and jubilant harps, York's lyrics cry a story of sadness and loss. "Stop sending letters, letters always get buried! It's not like the movies! They fed us on little white lies! I think you're crazy, maybe! I think you're crazy, maybe! I will see you in the next life."

The starch crush between lyrics and music gives the song substance beyond mere sheet lyrics or musical notes. The way the song as a whole still achieves an almost immaculate harmony exemplifies the brilliance of the band.

Radiohead songs are composed as much of emotion as they are of sound. With Kid A, the band firmly stakes its claim as one of the most gifted and talented bands in rock history. These are true artists.

No one can do what Radiohead does. Kid A is merely the product of their genius.

Kid A is a powerful ride of emotion and somber beauty, and marks serious musical growth within the band.
Elastica’s five-year break yields no original sound

By TONI CALLAIS
Scene Music Critic

In 1995, Elastica’s self-titled first full-length release became one of the fastest selling albums in United Kingdom history, and fairly well in the United States as well. The band’s girl-vocals-meet-rock-based-punk sound created hits such as “The Car Song,” “Stutter,” “Hold Me Now,” “Connection” and “Line Up.” Then the band seemed to fall off the face of the planet for five years, although they did release a couple rarities and live tracks in 1999. However, justine Frischmann, Annie Lennox, and the rest are back with their second full-length album, The Menace. This album is a textbook example of a hit or miss record that will have some fans claiming “Elastica is back!” but most wishing that they had worked on the album for another five years. The Menace has some definite high points. The opening song, “Maddog,” is one of the strongest on the album and is reminiscent of the Elastica of old. This song has an awesome beat that appeals to guitar junkies, techno aficionados and euro-punk fans alike. The most impressive part of this song is actually that the opening and chorus feature sound effects from the old GT-9 keyboards from 1984 and 1995.

The second track, “Generator,” is another high point that has great keyboards and incredible vocals that seem inspired by tracks from one of the newer euro bands, Bis. “Love Like Ours,” displays lead vocalist Frischmann’s depth in writing slower songs. This track combines dreamy vocals, really cool but basic guitar riffs and eerie keyboards to create a great listen. In a lighter and more nostalgic look at television commercials, Elastica covers the car commercial theme (a song originally produced in the 1980s by Trio) “Da Da Da” in surprisingly entertaining fashion. However, this time around, the vocals are no longer as monotone, and you discover that there are actually more lyrics to the song than just “da da da.”

Also worth mentioning are the songs “How We Wrote Elastica’s Man” and “Nothing Very Nice.” Despite such great efforts by the band, there are still some serious problems with the album. Tracks like “I Am a Change,” “Human” and “KB” are so bad they should be buried. “Miami Nice” is just a long, drawn out instrumental that could be described as three minutes of build up with no climax. The songs indicate that Elastica has not yet managed to master the electronica movement in guitar. Another potential problem with the album is its lack of originality. They cover one song, borrow the guitar parts for two songs from a group named Wire and on another song, they borrow guitars from the Velvet Underground.

Now, of course, this does not mean that the album is not worth hearing, but it does serve to make one wonder what on earth Frischmann and Elastica have been doing over the past five years.

Green Day moves away from pure punk past

By TIM COLLINS
Scene Music Critic

In a month where record sales look like they will be dominated by rock groups like U2 and Radiohead, those Bay Area punk rockers, Green Day, are back with their fourth major label album release, Warning. The band has had an impressive string of hits since 1994’s breakthrough smash, Dookie, and it had its biggest hit with the acoustic single, “Time Of Your Life” in 1998 from the Nimrod album. But this latest album finds the band going in a totally new direction and, in some ways, abandoning its true punk background.

The album’s opening track, “Warning,” shows how different the album sounds from their past material. The track is a four minute acoustic song in which lead singer, Billie Joe Armstrong, warns the listener not to “shut up and be the victim of authority.” The song actually works really well and even though it may not remind listeners of the band’s earlier albums, it is one of the better songs on the album. “Hold On” is anchored by a great acoustic guitar riff and a harmonica and sounds great. Some of the experiments do not work as well as “Warning” or “Hold On,” though. “Misery” is a complete failure. The song tries to be a little too deep as they sing of “the catastrophic hymns from yesterday of misery.” For this band, it just does not work.

“Macy’s Day Parade” does a better job than “Misery,” but the band’s attempts at acoustic songs with violins in the background have gotten a little bit old by this point — it is the last track on the album. But Billie Joe still does deliver some of the better lyrics from the album on the song when he sings, “I’m thinking about a brand new hope, the one that I’ve never known. ‘Cause now I know it’s all I ever wanted.”

The band still does whip out some of those classic three minute punk songs, but on this album, they seem a little bit more produced and polished than before. “Blood, Sex, and Breeze” sounds like it will just scream out, but actually ends up sounding as if the band is holding back. Green Day needs to turn up the amp another notch on this album.

But the band still does achieve some great successes on Warning. “Church on Sunday” is right-on! Billie Joe talks about a serious commitment that is headed for marriage (“If you live with me, I’ll die for you and this compromise.”) “Waiting” also stands out. This song’s sound is instantly catchy and is driven by the pounding drums of Tre Cool.

The best song on the album is also the first single, “Minority.” The song is already No. 1 on Billboard’s Modern Rock Singles chart, and is one of the best songs of the band’s career. It opens with a quiet acoustic arrangement before Billie Joe screams out: “I want to be the minority, I don’t need your authority. Down with the moral majority.” The verses feature some of the most catchy lyrics in recent rock, and after one listen, get stuck in the listener’s head. Warning is not a failure for Green Day; the band is just heading in a new direction and has not quite figured out exactly what they want to do with it yet.

It is a good step for the band showing that it does not just want to be a bygone punk rockers. But it is a far cry from the pure punk album that Rancid released this summer, and also nowhere near the power of the Replacements’ Tim, the album that shows the best transition a punk band has ever made to more quiet sound.
**Women's Interhall Gold Division**

Badin bests McGlinn 7-6, earning spot in playoffs

**By Chris Federico, Lauren Costello and John Baccio**
Sports Writers

They don't play for multi-million-dollar contracts, national championships, or Olympic athletic scholarships. These are the women of Badin and McGlinn who took the field Sunday afternoon played as if all of these things hung on that game.

On a miserably cold and rainy day, the teams trudged onto the field and played with much heart in any team to line it up on the gridiron. They battled for an hour in blinding winds and cold rain, and when it was all said and done, Badin came out on top 7-6 and earned themselves the right to move on to the playoffs.

With the cold and wet conditions, it proved very difficult for either team to get started offensively in the first half. Just before the half, McGlinn moved the ball deep into Badin's territory, but they were halted on fourth down at the one-yard line.

On McGlinn's opening drive of the second half, the Banshees would control all the way into Badin's red zone. On first down from the nineteen, an punt from McGlinn landed right in the hands of a Badin defender, but she could not hold it for the interception. On the next play, McGlinn would connect on a 19-yard touchdown pass.

With time running out and six points down, the Bugbfrog knew they had to make something happen. Quarterback Priscilla Clements stepped up big time and with three straight Clements Fung the ball — just before being knocked down — to a wide-open Destiny Cavo, who ran forty yards for the score.

"I said McGlinn coming on a blitz, and I knew Betsy would be wide open," Clements said. "I got the ball away just before I was hit, and she was able to get it in and go for the touchdown."

Badin would go ahead on the conversion, but the McGlinn defense couldn't give up a chance to score, but the Bugbfrog defense forced a 4th and 20. When the McGlinn run came up short, Badin's sideline erupted. The players knew that they had just dug in, fended off the last possession, and they gathered in the middle of the field to celebrate.

For McGlinn, all was not lost in the defeat. "We played very well all season, and we just lost some close games. We're a young team, and I know we should be excited about next year," said Jamie Glasser.

Walsh 13, Breen-Phillips 0
The Wild Women of Walsh Halfln finished off their regular season play with an undefeated record, defeating the Breen-Phillips Banshees in back-to-back games.

"We just stuck to our game plan and were well-prepared with what to look for," said Melissa Belling, Walsh captain.

The win cemented Walsh's place as one of the top four teams in the Mid-American League. They will move on to the playoffs this week.

The second half was full of drama for the Banshees. The half was filled with penalties against Walsh nearly every five minutes. But once again, the Banshees didn't do anything with it — the first half was kind of a wash," said Jamie Glasser, McGlinn co-captain. "But maybe we'll have some chances.

Walsh started the game in possession, but neither the Wild Women nor the Banshees had much offensive in the first half.

"We had the ball and didn't do anything with it, they had the ball and didn't do anything with it — the first half was kind of a wash," said Jamie Glasser, McGlinn co-captain.

The Banshees hung on to ball for much of the half, but couldn't score. With two minutes remaining, an opposing side penalty against Walsh only turned the tide in BP's favor, but quarter-back Katie McFarland was sacked on the following play.

With one minute remaining in the half, Breen-Phillips rallied again as Kelly Bockelmann batted down a Walab pass. The Wild Women managed to keep the ball on their side of the field. For the first time, as Walsh recovered well from a bad snap on fourth down and ran the ball to make up for lost yards.

The Wild Women took clear control of the game's first half, and decided to go with Banes' first possession, as freshman Marlana Klinger made her first three interceptions. "It was exciting," said Klinger, "I thought we came out second half and played great."

The Wild Women took advantage and moved the ball deep into Breen-Phillips territory. Their offensive drive was thwarted, however, as Banshe co-captain Atasha Potter batted down the ball at the BP 5-yard line. Klinger intercepted the subsequent quarterback's first down pass, how, in the middle of the touchdown. Only minutes later, she made her third and final interception on the second down, once again stripping the ball at the Banshees' 5-yard line. A handoff to Gretchen McIlroy led to the game's next touchdown, but the Wild Women, who then made good on the conversion with two only minutes left on the clock.

"The whole defense really came out from the beginning to play. It did well," said Klinger.

Banshees were unable to recover from the Klinger-inspired offensive drive by Walsh.

"We're just frustrated," said Jenny Wahske, Banshees captain. "We had heard that they'd been scouting us, and we knew that they were going to do. They were just waiting for us to throw it. They did a good job, though, credit to them for it."

Breen-Phillips isn't too disappointed with the loss, however. "Obviously we still have a lot of work to do," said Koppel. "We were a good team and definitely improved a lot, we learned how to work with each other, and we only have two seniors leaving next year. So maybe next year is what we should look for."

The Wild Women, on the other hand, are left anticipating the playoffs. "We can't wait," said sophomore cornerback Jody Kuhn. "It's really been a great season for us."

Off-Campus 6, Pasquerilla West 0
The Off-Campus Crime was victorious yet again Sunday on Stepan Field. As spectators donned their umbrellas and in cars, the Crime defeated the Purple Weasels of PW to cap off an undefeated regular season.

The cold, wet field conditions kept the game score low. Both teams struggled throughout the rain.

"The rain certainly impacted the game," said Campus assistant coach Chris McSpirit. "Bath teams had to keep the passes shorter."

The only score of the game came in the Crime's second half. Quarterback Jamie Stouffer and running back Francesca Daylor alternated running throughout the game. Stouffer punched the ball in on a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line. Off-Campus had a short field or players, but it did not fazem them. Francesca Daylor played running back for the Crime, coming up with an interception off a Klinger pass, which could not have come at a worse time for the Wild Women, who then made good on the conversion with two only minutes left on the clock.

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lunched forward and got the first down by inches. Less than a minute later, Jay Johnson snared a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jackson for the victory.

Although Notre Dame has won 36 straight against Navy, two of the last three games have exposed Notre Dame's recent struggles in defending the wishbone attack.

In addition to yielding 231 rushing yards last year, the Irish defense also allowed 277 yards on the ground in a 21-17 victory over Navy in 1997. Notre Dame escaped the 1997 game with the win after cornerback Allen Rossum chased down Pat McGrew, who caught Chris McCoy's "Hail Mary" pass with three seconds remaining.

Rossum knocked McGrew out of bounds at the one-yard line to preserve the winning streak. "It's a difficult offense to defend," Davis said. "We haven't really seen anyone like them."

Navy arrives in Orlando with a 0-5 record. Its usually potent rushing attack has struggled thus far this season. The Midshipmen average just 114 yards per game and 2.6 yards per carry. In its first five games, Navy has scored in double digits only twice, averaging 7.8 points per game while allowing 31.2 points.

But with only a week to prepare for the wishbone, the Irish remain hesitant to exude confidence.

"We have tremendous respect for them," Davie said. "Everybody out here realizes the challenge."

Junior Anthony Weaver (No. 98) goes in for a tackle of Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis Tuesday.

The Irish defense is much improved over its '99 counterpart. "It's a good team with good players," said Carroll captain Geoff Polk, who admitted the defense had trouble bringing Sorin down.

The second half was a mirror image of the first. Sorin once again gained a field goal, leading the Midshipmen to the victory. Sorin captain Mike Crowe said, "The offense clicked like I hoped they would; they did very well this game."

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Otters beat Vermin to keep playoff hopes alive

By COLIN BOYLAN AND KATIE DEMENT
Sports Writers

The beats of Carroll and Sorin fought to the finish at Stepan on Saturday. Despite the humidity and rain, the Vermin and the Otters stayed focused and delivered a strong game.

The Otters, known for their passing game, allowed little room for the Vermin to gain control of the ball. Carroll's roster was not full, however. A few key players and starters were missing from the lineup.

The first half was stagnant until Sorin had an opportunity for a field goal. giving the Otters a 3-point lead over the Vermin. "Sorin is a good team with good players," said Carroll's "I'm glad we didn't have to play them."

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Fisher 26, St. Ed's 6

Fisher Hall cruised to a victory and a likely playoff berth as they smashed St. Edwards Hall 26-6 on Saturday. The win, which gave the Wave a 2-1-1 season record, had all the hallmarks of Fisher football: solid but unspectacular offense and great defensive play.

"It's a lesson for the rest of the season," said coach Huie. "It's a battle of wills against a good team."
WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Belles take forward step in weekend meet

By MOLLY MCVeY
Assistant Sports Editor

Teamwork was key in a solid performance by the Saint Mary's cross-country team this weekend at the GC-Ponderosa Invitational. Even missing top runner Casey Kinsella, who was absent from the meet, the Belles finished eighth out of 11 teams in the meet.

"I was ecstatic about how the meet went," said head coach Dave Barstis. "Everyone had their best time of the season."

Going into this weekend's meet, the team's goal was to return to the pack-running style characteristic of last season.

"Our one-five split was 34 seconds and that was our goal," Barstis said.

The top finisher for Saint Mary's was senior Genevieve Yavello, who posted a time of 22 minutes, 25 seconds. Freshman Jessica Millanes, freshman Erin Thayer, sophomore Megan Tenney and junior Melissa Goss followed Yavello across the finish line.

Yavello and Goss finished 41st and 47th, achieving the pack running effect the team was looking for.

"[Goss] looked the best she's looked in two years," Barstis said.

Barstis also credits much of the success to the Saint Mary's runners who usually finish sixth or seventh for the team, Millanes and Tenney.

"Our No. 6 and No. 7 runners really stepped up," Barstis said. "Jessica is usually our No. 7 runner and she had a great race."

Millanes could not quite put her finger on what the difference was between this meet and other meets this season.

"I don't quite know what it was," Millanes said. "I just went out and felt good and just stayed with that."

Spring Arbor College won the meet. Hillsdale College and Kalamazoo College finished second and third, respectively.

Despite the success of the pack running approach, the Belles were not in the running for a top finish. This fact, Barstis feels, is due to one or two standouts from competitors that Saint Mary's lacks.

"If you look at the results, the top teams won because they had one runner up in the top 25," Barstis said. "We just didn't have that."

Barstis said, however, that the team as a whole is becoming very competitive.

"It takes seven runners to do really well," Barstis said. "Given the fact that [Millanes] and [Goss] had such good races, I think we're in good shape. Our goal is to have everyone peak at the MIAA championships and we're well on our way."

The Belles travel to Manchester for the Manchester Invitational Friday.

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Cavanaugh controls Lewis, Lyons stomp on Pangborn

By JOE LICANDRO, BRIAN KRONK AND LIA MILHOAN
Sports Writers

The regular season went out with a bang last Sunday as Cavanaugh edged Lewis 6-0 in a classic defensive battle.

With 30 seconds remaining in the second half, Cavanaugh quarterback Lynn Osowski found wide receiver Mandy Heimer for the game's only score. While there was no disputing the touchdown, the game was marred by a bit of controversy. On the play prior to Cavanaugh's touchdown, Lewis was penalized for roughing the passer after seemingly stopping Cavanaugh on fourth down.

"Two teams played their hearts out for 40 minutes, and the refs decided to take matters into their own hands," Lewis coach Blake Kirkman said. Lewis cannot attribute the loss solely to the referees, however. The Chicks' offense was less than threatening, as Cavanaugh's defense pressured quarterback Erin Narralish and bottled up wide receiver Katie Schlosser.

Lewis' defense was up to the task as well. Safety Liz Carey was all over the field. Her interception early in the second half halted a long drive by Cavanaugh.

Cavanaugh finished the season 2-4, missing out on the playoffs. Cavanaugh captain Amy Szestak believes her team is ready to make a serious run for the league title.

"We're proud of our regular season accomplishments, but our goal is to succeed in the playoffs and play in the final game in Notre Dame Stadium," Szestak said.

Lyons 19, Pangborn 0

Sunday at Stepan Fields, the Lyons offense was on fire, completing three touchdown passes en route to a solid victory over Pangborn.

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Lyons' defense, led by Irene Oneyagbako, never allowed the Phoxes to get into a rhythm offensively.

"Our receivers did a great job getting open and getting us into the end zone," Jenkins said. "The offensive line was really good too. After Pangborn was forced to punt a few plays later, Jenkins took over again, this time connecting with receiver Roxy Trevino, putting Lyons up 12-0 late in the first half.

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With just under five minutes to go in the half, Howard quarterback Jill Veselik completed four passes, including two to freshman receiver Elizabeth Klimek, then threw a touchdown pass to Klimek to put Howard up 6-0.

Switching to defense, Veselik then intercepted PE quarterback Lindsay Terifay's pass to give the ball back to Howard. She then threw her second touchdown pass of the day to Klimek and completed a 1-pont conversion for a 13-0 Ducks' lead halftime.
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Keenan shuts out O'Nei1, Alumni blanks Keough

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The playoff-bound Keenan Knights finished their regular season with a shutout as they beat the O'Neill Angry Mob 14-0 at Stegan Fields Sunday. Keenan controlled the game from the kickoff, utilizing an oppressive pass rush to keep the Mob out of scoring position. The Knights' defensive front put constant pressure on O'Neill's quarterback, completely disrupting their offensive flow and allowing Keenan to squelch any possible shifts in momentum. "Our defense set the tone for intensity and tempo," said Keenan captain Herb Giorgio. "When our D plays well, it gives our offense a chance to regroup."

And regroup they did. Keenan's defense showcased a talented backfield led by quarterback Billy Ellsworth and Mark McKamie. McKamie scored the first touchdown of the game and caught a pivotal forty-yard pass from Ellsworth to set up a TD run by Brian Kunitzer, giving the Knights a 14-0 cushion. Applying continued pressure to O'Neill's passing game, Keenan held on for the win.

There were a few bright spots in the game for O'Neill, however. The Angry Mob put some pressure on the defensive front. O'Neill sacked Ellsworth three times to keep the Keenan lead from growing even larger than it already was. The Mob's putting game forced the Knights to start deep in their own territory a number of times. And, despite Keenan's overpowering pass rush, O'Neill's quarterback played well by leaving the pocket and throwing on the move to avert pressure.

O'Neill put up a good fight, but for all intents and purposes its season is over. At 0-4, O'Neill is out of the playoff picture. Keenan, however, is moving on to bigger and better things. This win puts the Knights at 3-1, a mark of 3-1. They will now sit and hope for a high playoff seed. Keough, however, is moving on to bigger and better things. This win puts the Knights at 3-1, a mark of 3-1. They will now sit and hope for a high playoff seed. Keough, however, is moving on to bigger and better things. This win puts the Knights at 3-1, a mark of 3-1. They will now sit and hope for a high playoff seed.

Keough, Kangaroo in a key play-off match-up on Sunday. The game featured sloppy play and costly mental mistakes, which could be attributed to the freezing rain and bitter cold throughout the contest.

"It was a lot of fun out in the rain today," said Alumni freshmen John Wahoske. "The Kangaroo offense was crushed by two turnovers in the red zone. The first came at the end of the half on an interception by Alumni cornerbark T.J. Sirochotta at the Dawgs' one-yard line."

The second Kangaroo red zone turnover came on a timely play by Alumni linebacker Bailey Siegfried. He timed the snap count perfectly and pushed through the offensive line to force a Kangaroo fumble that was recovered by Alumni's John Salvio. This turnover all but ended any chance of a Kangaroo comeback.

"We came out and did what we had to do. We got the victory and hopefully clinched a playoff spot," said the Dawgs' defensive end Tommy Demko.

Defensively, Alumni just did what they have been doing for most of the season, which is not giving up the big plays and coming through with big plays of their own when they have to.

"We're coming around. We had some key injuries, but every­one is coming back now," said Alumni fullback Brandon Nunnik. "We're starting to come together."

The victory clinched a playoff spot for the Dawgs as they con­cluded their regular season with a mark of 3-1. They will now sit back and hope for a high playoff seed before their season resumes after the break.

As for the Kangaroos, the loss put a severe damper on their quest for playoff football. They will have to rebound with a vic­tory against O'Neill Wednesday and need help from Morrissey in its game with Stanford.

"We blew it today," said Keough captain Ryan Yorkery. "When you are forced to depend on other teams to help get you to the playoffs it doesn't look good."

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Lightweights defeat Badgers

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Irish rowing team's lightweights proved to be heavy on strength this weekend, taking first in the four at Sunday's Head of the Rock in Rockford and winning both the three and the eight as the Chicago Chase on Saturday.

The Irish lightweight fours, coxed by Pamela Swan, sculled the three-mile course Sunday, leaving powerhouse Wisconsin in their wake by over 12 seconds.

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Senior rower

"In Sunday's race, we passed three boats, which helped us to stay motivated for all 4,000 meters," said bow seat Ann Marie Dillhoff. "We could feel that we were racing a good piece, especially through the last quarter of the course."

As for the lightweight eights, they took silver in Rockford, finishing only behind Wisconsin. Coach Martin Stone expected strong performances from his pairs teams, and his rowers responded forcefully. At Chicago, Irishwomen Becky Luckett and Ashlee Warren won the open pairs race, impressing Ashlee. "They're two really good rowers," she said. "They had a fantastical race."

Luccket and Warren returned Sunday to finish third out of 22 boats, with teammates Jaime Szefc and Katherine Burnett placing seventh, while Dillhoff and Diane Price took eighth.

The two novice eight boats, made up of the two first-year rowers, followed the lead of the varsity and finished just behind Indiana and Northwestern in the shadow of downtown Chicago. The Irish, unlike their competitors, were rowing their first race ever. They did not compete on Sunday. Ashe was ecstatic about the team's overall effort this weekend. "It was a big step forward for Notre Dame," she said. "It was our most successful weekend yet."
Irish win two to remain perfect within Big East

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
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Notre Dame volleyball remains undefeated in conference play following wins over Big East opponents West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

The No. 20 Irish, now 13-4 overall and 4-0 in the league, edged Pittsburgh in four games (15-9, 10-15, 16-14, 16-14) Sunday.

"I think Pittsburgh was a lot better than originally gave them credit for. They've definitely been the strongest team we've played in the Big East," said senior co-captain Christa Girton. "They played really tense against Pittsburgh and had a lot of communicational issues. We should have had more blocks than we did."

Girton led Notre Dame with a career-high of 15 kills.

Marcie Bomhack added 19 kills and 10 digs. Junior Kristy Kreher racked up 22 kills. 10 digs and eight blocks while Marcie Bomhack added 11 kills and 19 digs. Denise Boylan totaled 86 assists to break her previous four game assist record an earlier in the season against Loyola Marymount.

"We've had the goal of finishing games quickly instead of getting the 14th point and coasting," said Girton. "We did that well against West Virginia, but we had some lows against Pittsburgh. We were in a cruise through the second set, it was kind of up and down."

Notre Dame came on strong against West Virginia on Saturday, stopping the Mountaineer offense to earn a 15-0 game one win before dominating games two and three 15-7 and 15-4.

"With West Virginia we were able to get in and get on top of the team right away, not mess around with them. We were able to take care of them instead of playing down at their level," said Girton.

Kreher led the Irish with 12 kills and seven blocks, while Girton and Bomhack each added five kills in two games.

"We can't overlook the conference teams. It's not known as a strong volleyball conference but it's getting stronger," said Girton. "Pittsburgh definitely let us know that there are some pretty decent teams to look for."

I know they were dedicated, but I didn't know just how much until I realized that some fans will brave anything — even the worst of weather — to show support for Belles athletics.

Sarah Rykowski
Inside Saint Mary's Sports

It was a rainy, cold, blustery day, but they still showed up en masse in massing kills. Their sole concessions to the horrible weather were umbrellas, which they were only too happy to share with some very wet and freezing Belles fans.

"They are loyal fans of the Irish spirit shows. For most of them the three musketeers if you like. They prefer to think of themselves as the Belles Guard. Hence the wearing of the kilts."

Devoted fans form “Belles Guard”

While at times the attendance of the Irish fans can be unimpressive, as long as these guys are in school across the street, the Belles will have at least three fans sitting in the stands: the three killed musketeers of the Belles Guard.

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