Hitting the books with Alliance for Catholic Education

Former ACE pupils return to the program that once inspired them

By KATE NAGENGAST Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame's renowned service through teaching program, the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), not only provides understaffed parochial schools with teachers — but also works to foster mentoring relationships between the students and their teachers. These teachers, however, are students themselves — recent college graduates working complete an intensive masters program during the summers between their two years of teaching service.

Founded in 1994, the program has grown immensely and continues to flourish. This year the program placed 151 teachers in 13 states and 25 dioceses. As a result of three new grants, schools in 11 states and 22 more dioceses will receive teachers who have been prepared according to the ACE model by next fall.

Notre Dame students not only serve as teachers in the ACE program now, but some of them were the pupils. A number of current Notre Dame undergraduates studied under ACE teachers in high school — an experience they deemed instrumental in making their college decisions.

"I never would have even imagined coming to Notre Dame without the ACE teachers' influence," said Tai Romero, a former ACE teacher.

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ACE volunteers (l-r) Colleen Murphy, John Duggan, Nicole Shirilla, Kevin Grugan and Cameron Gummie, gather on the steps on Bond Hall for a group picture. All are currently teaching in Baton Rouge, La. Photo courtesy Tara Mahnesmith

McCain stops in South Bend to support Chocola Congress bid

By JASON McFARLEY Assistant News Editor

Just over a week after presidential candidate George W. Bush visited Michiana, other prominent Republicans were on hand Saturday to rally support for congressional nominee Chris Chocola's campaign.

Among them was U.S. Senator John McCain, who urged voters to elect Chocola in a Third District campaign.

McCain, who said he was campaigning in tightly contested congressional districts to help Republicans maintain control of the House, portrayed Chocola as a candidate who would bring strong values to government.

What's important is we have a man of decency and integrity. We need this kind of representation in Washington," McCain said of Chocola, who's campaign for incumbent Democrat Tim Nannen has gained momentum in recent weeks. On Oct. 27, Texas Gov. George W. Bush stopped in South Bend.

McCain, who vied against Bush for the GOP presidential nomination, told an enthusiastic crowd inside a hangar at the South Bend Regional Airport that Chocola will work for campaign finance reform, one of McCain's signature issues. The Arizona senator said as well that Chocola will "be an independent voice" in bringing

CAMPAGN 2000

Bush, Gore shore up last minute support

Bush showed the flag in Michigan and Pennsylvania, but the Republican lost no time in running strongly there, and Bush was seeking to plug the dike with a Sunday swing.

Bush was sprinting through the close, seeking to energize
INSIDE COLUMN

An appeal to the
alleged vote

How many of you are as anxious as I am for this
entire presidential election to be over and done
Don't get me wrong, I am a self-proclaimed
democrat, but I genuinely believe that the
two major candidates are not the best choices for
our country. I have投票ed for candidates in the past, but this
time I have decided to write about the issues. To their cred­
iture, both Bush and Gore have done a fine job of
campaigning techniques and partisan politics.

However, I am not convinced that either
candidate will refrain from personal attacks,
especially during the final few weeks of their campaigns. They have
resorted to petty political techniques. As a young,
idealistic voter, I hope that they will be better
than this. It is exhausting, and I
would make a political junkie. In my opinion, I think that Texas
Governor George W. Bush would make a great presi­
dent. He is a man with ideas and a vision for the future. He has shown
that he can lead with confidence and strength.

On the other hand, Al Gore is a man with visions of the
country's future. He has shown that he can
lead with compassion and understanding. He has
shown that he can work with others to find solutions to our
problems. He has shown that he can be a
leader for all Americans.

I hope that as we approach the election,
we will focus on the issues and the candidates'
plans for the future. We cannot
allow the personal attacks to
overshadow the issues. We must remember that
our vote is our voice, and we should use it
wisely.

Nate Phillips

OUTSIDE THE DOME

College newspapers release endorsements

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The editorial boards of college newspapers around the nation are
weighing in on who they support for president in the 2000 election.

"But coming to that decision can be challenging for editorial boards, which are sometimes split along ideologi­
ical lines. While many college newspapers have not published their decisions
yet, a random sample of those that have show a decidedly
Democratic lean.

But some are also taking the
Nader factor into consideration. Though the editorial board of
University of Michigan's newspaper, The Michigan Daily said it supported
Gore, it acknowledged several of Green Party candidate Ralph
Nader's strong points.

"Nader is a quality candidate and his stances on the death penalty and
the drug war are better than Gore's, but he doesn't have the experience
or know-how that Gore possesses," read The Daily's endorsement of
Gore.

Government in the United States

Athens, Ohio

American colleges and universities routinely betray the
nation's and the students' liberties through cen­
sorship and hiding their decisions in the shad­
eous practices. The media is always looking for a
story, and often the easiest story to write is the one
about the student who has been censored.

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ical activity. He said a lack of physical activity depresses the immune system, which makes people
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WASHINGTON STATE

Students at high risk for mono

Young adults have a higher probability of contract­
ing mononucleosis, said Mary C. Steed, the nurse
coordinator for Washington State University Health and Wellness Services. According to medical records at
HWS, 47 students tested positive for mononucleosis
since January. People often perceive mononucleosis as being highly contagious, Steed said, but in
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pleased cotton skirts down to
their knees with white, short-sleeved, button down shirts. They wear white socks and black shoes. Their shirts, like the boy’s white polo shirts, must be buttoned all the way up and their shoes tied at all times.

Chris officially begins the day
at 7:45 with one Hail Mary, fol-
lowed by a scripture reading. He raises his voice over a noisy truck on the road that runs right behind the school to finish
the reading from St. Luke before he instructs the class.

"Now work quickly on your jour-
nal entries. The sentences are on the board, as usual."

For the first time, there is silence as the students work on the sentences for 10 minutes. While they’re working, Chris walks around the room to keep
them on task. One boy, Daunte, begins to talk. Chris paces his desk and taps on the student’s desk lightly with his fingertips, alerting Daunte (but not the rest of the class) of his presence and therefore reminding him to continue working.

At 11, Chris’s seventh grade
switches to another classroom
for math. The eighth-grade
class, Chris’s class from last year, comes in for the day’s sci-
ence lesson.

The minute this class begins, Chris lets his guard down. He laughs and jokes with his students. When one student
cesses to quiet down, Chris says, "You’re reminding me of
one of the original rap songs. Are you familiar with 'Fooling
me to the edge'?" The class
bursts into laughter and a few
students finish the popular song, "We're tryin' not to lose
our heads." The class then qui-
ets down as Chris hands out
science tests to the students.

Chris said that the difference
between the way he taught last
year and the way he teaches this
year is very significant. "This year I’m giving them
more structure. I know I have to be more organized about the little things. That, in the begin-
ing, I didn’t think mattered."

He jokes around with his
class from last year a lot, but
doesn’t do so rarely with this
year’s class. "I’m much more
distracted this year — I’m not
their pal. My relationship with
my kids from last year is too
much like they are my younger
siblings. But I think I’m setting
myself up so that second semes-
ter, I can be their pal, and they’ll still respect me."

Chris uses last year’s experi-
ence paired with the advice and
examples of the administrators
and other teachers to know
how he can contribute to this
school’s success.

"My biggest strength as a
teacher here is that I’m mold-
able. The administration and
the teachers know these kids; they know their culture and
their needs, and I don’t. They
can make me into the kind of
teacher they need for the
school."

"Structure is the most impor-
tant thing, and I help to main-
tain that. From the minute they
walk in the door, they have
structure," he said. "Even little things—tying shoes up, for
example, or not wearing their
clothes in class—are important in
providing structure. The kids
try to anything they can to dif-
ferentiate themselves, but so
much of the structure comes
from knowing you have to con-
form to the rules if you want to
stay at this school."

Sister Elise Kennedy, princi-
pal of St. Pius, agrees that class
management is one of the hard-
set aspects of teaching for any
teacher, especially for young

But the structure their school
provides is vital to the school’s
mission.

"Many of the kids here live
very poor lives. We want to
provide stability for them here
because they don’t necessarily
have it at home," she said.

"Our school has greatly bene-
fited from the ACE program.
The teachers who come here
are young and enthusiastic.
Their enthusiasm sparks enthu-
siasm among the rest of the fac-
culty to make sure that the stu-
dents succeed," said Elise.

At the end of the day, Chris
goes outside with a few student
council members to sell candy
and soda for fundraising. He
jokes around with the students
before heading back up to his
room.

Chris is sitting at his desk
when an eighth-grade student,
Kyron, runs in and asks Mr.
Adrian to come back down to
the parking lot because there is
an emergency. Not knowing what
happened, but picturing many
frightening possibilities, Chris runs down to the parking
lot.

There is an accident — both
his and Margaret Okar’s
(ACE teacher at St.
Plus) cars were hit in the park-
ning lot. No one was hurt, but
neither of their cars can be dri-
ven. At about 6, the second-
grade teacher takes Chris and
Margaret home.

The day didn’t quite end up
how Chris had planned it. Al-
thought structure and stability
are two things that Chris strives
most to provide for his stu-
dents, they are two things that
he does not have much control
over. But he and Margaret have a community that was ready at home to talk to.

During their community din-
ner that night, Chris and Margaret tell their story. Instead of despair, the rest of the community responds with

laughter. They laugh at the
bizarre turn of events for the
St. Pius teachers, and they all
laugh as each person shares
events of everyone’s life.

The stability that the commu-
nity support provides for each
member helps each teacher to
deal with the problems and
issues that arise during the day.
They help each other to be

fresh teachers every day, striv-
ing to provide the structure that
their students need.

After dinner, the teachers
busy themselves with lesson
planning, talking to friends and
family on the phone, or visiting
with each other. Chris works
on his portfolio for the academ-
ic portion of the program
before going to bed in the home
that is as quiet now as it was
when the the day started.

And then a night of sleep
to prepare for another day of
school.
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ing about needed changes in areas such as taxes, Social Security and the military.

"Help is on the way," McCain said, and a flap-waving, ener­getic crowd jumped into a chant of "Justice Now!"

McCain also interjected some humor into his speech. At times, the senator's talk resembled a stand-up comedy routine. During the appearance, McCain directed some barbs at his own unsuccessful presiden­tal bid.

"I think Arizona is the only state where mothers don't tell their sons that they can grow up to be President," McCain said, referring to the past failed bids of other prominent men from the state. That remark drew laughter from the audience, but the crowd listened in silence when McCain offered a poignant story about his time spent as a pris­oner of war in Vietnam. Some rally attendees were visibly moved by McCain's narrative about a fellow POW who sewed American flags on his prisoner of war uniform.

"Yes, I am from Virginia. Yes, I am Tim Roemer's congress­man," Davis said in reference to the issue Chocola has made to Roemer's residence outside the Washington, D.C. area.

Davis and South Carolina congress­man Lindsey Graham both said that a win for Chocola would be an early signal of Republican control of the House.

"In Indiana, where the polls close the earliest in the nation, if you elect Chris Chocola, we've won the House," Davis said.

Graham, a House manager during the impeachment of President Bill Clinton said vot­ing in the election Tuesday would be "payback time" for congressmen who supported Clinton throughout the case.

"Looking back on that impeachment process, didn't it just make you want to choke some fools?" Graham quipped.

Oklahoma congressman J.C. Watts' appearance at the rally Saturday was cancelled due to the recent death of his father.

Republican gubernatorial candidate David McIntosh and other GOP candidates for state, local and county elections also made appearances.

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Romero, who now works in the ACE office on campus and hopes to one day be an ACE teacher herself, said the pro­gram is reaching its goals.

"They have personal goals and community goals. Their personal goals are to get their masters in education ... but as teachers they are not only sup­posed to teach their subject matter, but also Christian morality and set an example," said Romero. "I think they were really good examples. They did a lot of things for other each other, they were always there to lend a hand."

Romero is not the only ACE pupil who has considered car­rying on that helping tradition as an ACE teacher. Kat Walsh, a sophomore from St. Joseph Academy in Brownsville, Texas, hopes to one-day return to her hometown as an ACE teacher. "I want to do ACE, but I hope to go to Brownsville, because I want to give back to the community that I came from. I know what's going on there - so many people leave and never go back, but I want to be one of the people who does go back to help."

Jessica Salinas who attended both the impeachment process, didn't it just a student teacher relationship, you could go in and talk. And if you had a test (in anoth­er subject) you could go in for help. She was really generous with her time," said Michael

McCain's
**World News Briefs**

Police break up protest: Police fired tear gas, swung batons and sprayed chemical-laced water from trucks Sunday to break up Malaysia's biggest anti-government protest in recent months. Led by the country's top opposition leaders, thousands of people blocked a major expressway linking Kuala Lumpur, the capital, to a neighboring state and shouted slogans against Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has ruled Malaysia for 19 years.

Oil stains Brazilian beaches: An oil tanker smashed into a pier, spilling more than 20,000 gallons of crude oil into the ocean at a port in southeastern Brazil, authorities said Sunday. The ship, Veracruz II, was transporting about 26,000 gallons of oil for federal petroleum giant Petrobras.

**National News Briefs**

City evacuated after train derails: About one-third of the City evacuated after train derails: Scottsbluff, Neb. were ordered to evacuate on Sunday as the Haile Selassie, their last emperor, was finally laid to rest 25 years after his death.

As leaders of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church stood by, republicans in their colorful robes, elderly veterans of Ethiopia's 1936-41 struggle for independence, lifted the coffin — draped in the nation's red, green and gold flag — up to the steps of Trinity Cathedral. The emperor's family, friends and associates gathered at its first public gathering since 1974, when he was overthrown by Marxist military officers.

A crypt had been waiting at the cathedral since Haile Selassie's remains were discovered under a concrete slab on the grounds of his former palace in 1992 — 17 years after he died under house arrest. Officially, his death at age 83 was due to complications from a prostate condition. The Haile Selassie I Foundation, which had worked for eight years to give the emperor a suitable burial, claims he was assassinated during a trial that seeks to bring members of the 1974-91 regime of Col. Mengistu to justice for the killings of dissidents and monarchy loyalists, two of the emperor's personal secretaries testified that he was killed on a night they were ordered out of his royal suite.

Haile Selassie, who assumed the throne in 1930, was the last in a line of emperors who forgot the modern Ethiopian state out of an ancient land of feuding chieftains. To his spiritual supporters, he was a time of peace and stability during which modern education was introduced in the oldest independent state in Africa. Critics say he was too slow in reforming a feudal society.

Sisay Tadesse, a 19-year-old student who was kicking a soccer ball around with friends as the funeral cortège passed between Bыта Taika church — where Haile Selassie's remains had lain since 1992 — and Meskel, the city's main square, said he believed the emperor was "a responsible leader who ran a benevolent government." Since the 1974 revolution that ousted him dissolved into terror, Ethiopians have suffered a series of wrenching events. A cataclysmic 1984-85 famine devastated the nation and another in 1991 when Col. Mengistu by another group of rebels killed the nation of 62 million people once again.

While the funeral could be seen as the end of an era, nation remains one of the world's 10 poorest countries and has yet to forge a two-year border war with neighbor-

**Ethiopia**

Selassie reburied amidst controversy

Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA

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**Israel**

Two Palestinians shot in Gaza Strip

**Associated Press**

JERUSALEM

Scattered clashes Sunday across the Gaza Strip and West Bank left two Palestinian dead, 17 injured and tensions high despite a truce agreement and plans for upcoming meetings in Washington.

A day after he has been trying restore calm to the region, will play host to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak three days later, on Nov. 12, the White House said Sunday. Both Palestinians killed Sunday were shot dead in the West Bank.

Four of the missing were not found. Everyone else fled.

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**Indonesia**

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFs

House explodes: Fire and police officials have confirmed that a Northern Indiana Public Service Co. crew had been on a service call at a house just hours before it exploded Friday. "The extent of what the service people did in quite clear," said Valparaiso Fire Chief Thomas Streicher. "There's not a lot of detail because (NIPSCO) has not had the opportunity to talk with the individuals who were working that day."

Valparaiso Police spokesman Cpl. Michael Grennes felt NIPSCO had been at the house for a pre-scheduled maintenance check on a gas meter.

**Bosnia-Herzegovina**

41 Muslim villagers finally laid to rest

**Associated Press**

NOVOSOCI

Forty-one Muslims came home Sunday to this hamlet next to this hamlet near Sarajevo, where Serbs, and they were buried by displaced and dispersed families who had spent those years praying they might still be alive.

It was yet another Bosnian drama, a vignette of life in a patchwork country that cannot find peace five years after the Dayton accords ended its war.

Novosoci died on Sept. 22, 1992, when Serb units assembled the small farming population in front of the mosque. Forty-one males were marched away. Damir Oczur, at 14, was the youngest. Stedom Karic was 85. Everyone else died.

Until September of this year, survivors could not forget that their worst fears were true. Eventually, a dying Serb with a bad conscience told authorities what many people had suspected. Crews went to work at Ivan Polje, three miles from here.

"We had to move tons of garbage and also 15-ton chunks of the mosque the Serbs destroyed before we uncovered the mass grave," said Said Govedaric, a forensic expert who sought to identify the remains. "First we found a thigh bone. Then, all the rest."

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Masovic said Serbs had smashed the bodies together with a bulldozer. Creating a nightmare puzzle for forensic experts who sought to identify the remains. "We had to move tons of garbage and also 15-ton chunks of the mosque the Serbs destroyed before we uncovered the mass grave," said Said Govedaric, a forensic expert who sought to identify the remains. "First we found a thigh bone. Then, all the rest."

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Nader urges voters to ‘invest’ in future generations

By ANNE-MARIE MATTLINGLY

WASHINGTON, D.C.
The Green Party platform provides an alternative to Americans who never vote or who vote based on their perception of which candidate is the lesser of two evils, said Ralph Nader.

"Trillions of dollars have been diverted and misused by complex corporate welfare systems rarely studied by university students or scholars. Corporate welfare systems in the past 30 years while politicians tell people "There is no money for those necessities. There is no money for the urban crime scene. There is no money for rural poverty."

Such favoritism for large corporations threatens small business, said Nader. Federal government should demand that the well-to-do corporations use their own funds for such projects, leaving funds previously diverted to corporate welfare for programs for America's citizens, he argued. One major change that must occur before America can take back its government, though, is that the link between corporations and campaign money must be severed.

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Ralph Nader
presidential candidate

In addition to making health care accessible to all regardless of cost, Nader calls for changes to promote the economic well-being of workers earning lower wages.

"The federal minimum wage is at $5.15. That is over $2 lower in real purchasing power than the federal minimum wage was in 1968 when the economic output was the same and it is today and the productivity was 60 percent less," said Nader. "What is the gain? We know. It's the top 10 percent and more in the top 5 percent and more in the top 1 percent," he continued. "The top 1 percent of the wealthiest people in this country have wealth equal to the combined wealth of the bottom 95 percent. And you take the poor. 120 million Americans and their combined net worth is equal to the wealth of Bill Gates a year ago."

Nader also advocated repealing all free trade agreements and renegotiating them, repealing the union-restricting 1947 Taft-Hartley Act and reducing child poverty.

Ultimately, Nader conceded that developing a formidable challenge to the major parties is an easy task. "It's not easy challenging this great two-party system," he said. "The major parties command the money. They dominate the media. They command the p h o n e debate commission that excludes significant third parties and candidates from being in the debate. Still, Nader urged citizens to vote their conscience and not be persuaded that because a Nader vote detracts from Gore's liberal base, it is in essence a vote for Bush."

"[A vote for conscience is] the vote that you need to register, not for the lesser of two evils where at the end of the day, you're still left with evil," he said.

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Nader: DC is ‘effectively a colony’

By ANNE-MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

WASHINGTON, DC

The failure to provide Americans residing in the District of Columbia with a voting Congressional represe n tative is to treat them as Americans residing in the District of Statehood dates to call for change for candidate Ralph Nader Sunday.

Nader gathered with DC Statehood Green Party can didates to call for change for DC’s residents, claiming that the disparity between the rights of the citizens of states and those of the district contradicts the principles of democracy.

“The district is supposed to be the symbol of the freedoms for which this nation stands. The light of democracy is supposed to shine from the capitol.”

“The District of Columbia is effectively a colony, with all local decisions directly subject to change by a Congress that is largely out of touch with local realities,” said Nader.

“The United States is the only democracy in the entire world that deprives the residents of its capital city the basic rights granted to all other citizens.”

Unchecked power such as that Congress has over the District of Columbia necessarily results in uninformed decisions leading to a dysfunctional system, said Nader.

The city has an infant mortality rate that is double that of the rest of the nation, and an estimated one in three children live below the poverty line.

Unchecked power also results in apathy among citizens for their government, Nader explained.

“It chokes the ability and destroys the responsibility of people to govern themselves.”

Ralph Nader presidential candidate

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his political base with appearances before African-Americans and union leaders. His selection of campaign venues showed his electoral betting. The Democrat opened his day Sunday with big rallies in Philadelphia and Detroit, but also headed to Wisconsin and Iowa. He’ll be back in Pennsylvania before the election, but was also going to Florida before voters render their decision.

Most national polls give a slight edge to Bush, but Gore is running strong in some battleground states and the two are often crossing paths contesting the same state. Pennsylvania and Michigan are key to Gore’s hopes, while he hopes to steal an unexpected victory in Florida that would be a body blow to Bush’s hopes by grabbing that state’s 27 electoral votes.

There was little subtlety in the campaign’s close. Bush was making his core argument that voters are ready for a change after eight years of the administration has gotten going.

Under those themes, Bush argues that Gore can’t be trusted while Gore warns that Bush cares only for the wealthy. Both are seeking to project an air of confidence, claiming campaign momentum in the race’s final hours even as they look nothing for grant ed.

“We’re coming down the stretch,” Bush told backers. “I want you to man those phones. With your help, we’re going to win.”

“We’re going to win,” Gore said. “Write it down — book it.”

Bush said the stark contrast sketched should “spell victory on Nov. 7.”

Both also claimed backing from unlikely quarters. Bush pointed to a sign declaring a Democrat to be backing Bush.

“You’re not alone, buddy,” Bush chortled.

“I saw a sign over there that said ‘Republicans for Gore’ and I appreciate that,” said Gore.

Gore warned that middle-class families have the biggest stake in this year’s election.

“My friends, we need to respond to the needs of working families,” said Gore. “I will be a president for the working people.”

Both were preparing to head home to await the verdict from voters. Bush plans to watch returns in Austin, Texas, while Gore heads to Nashville to await the outcome of this year’s marathon presidential campaign.

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The evening news in Russia is eye- opening these days. Every week on MT, a small television station out of Moscow, young women deliver newscasts while either undressing, being undressed by others or already naked. The program is "The Naked Truth," and every Saturday viewers tune in to watch Russian Party bosses and members of Parliament interviewed by professional, attractive, naked reporters. It's great television, as the uncomfortable interviewees try to damndare to look anywhere but at the pretty Hussian girl with the microphone. Six wells, and the ratings reflect it, but don't mistake "The Naked Truth" for simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast. Watch just the visual, and you've got the audio, and the program comes off as simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast. Watch just the visual, and you've got the audio, and the program comes off as simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast. Watch just the visual, and you've got the audio, and the program comes off as simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast. Watch just the visual, and you've got the audio, and the program comes off as simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast. Watch just the visual, and you've got the audio, and the program comes off as simple exploitation. Women like Svetlana Pocstoka, the Ukrainian actress turned anchor, aren't being exploited — they're in on the joke. And "The Naked Truth" is social satire of the best kind because it's indecipherable. So what's it satirizing? The news, according to Sergei Moskvin, the creator of the program, is that they will just laugh, and the program comes off as straight and dry as any news broadcast.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Investigating political discrepancies**

In last Friday's Observer a letter appeared that reported on the Oct. 5, 2000, debate between Al Gore and Abraham Lincoln. The letter says that Vice President Gore changed his position on gay rights by 180 degrees, and it asks what Abraham Lincoln would think of "a man who sells out his 'deep personal conviction' for political expediency." To answer this question I offer the following quotes: "Let us discard all this quibbling about this man and that man, this race and that race and the other race being inferior... Let us discard all these things and all this prejudice that exists through this land, until we shall once more stand up declaring that all men are created equal." Abraham Lincoln, from a speech given in Northern Illinois on Monday, November 6, 1854.

**Exploring diversity issues**

Diversity is a pertinent issue here at Notre Dame and tonight, I am extremely inspired by it. As a diversity educator this fall, my mission is to go into the diverse dorms with off-campus Notre Dame students and faculty to talk with freshmen about issues of diversity. This education program is in its second year, and our teams have been preparing for over two months for this weeklong first-year experience. Tonight, my hands go down to Siegfried Hall to see how the freshmen are doing. Thursday, I went in one dorm, which is not one of the four dorms ranging from gender, age, race, sexual orientation, disability and other forms of diversity. Having been here at Notre Dame for a couple of years, we generally have high expectations of the freshmen. But going into Siegfried Hall tonight where the students were engaging and insightful, I felt truly amazed. When asked about changes that we can make to be allies to those people in society with less social power, the freshmen suggest one very profound sound: don't make jokes that could possibly hurt someone, participate in ethnic events to celebrate diversity, care enough to reach and educate yourself about another’s perspective. Diversity is a friend and a supporter, don't make assumptions or stereotypes and many more insightful comments. What hope I have for the future! The Siegfried freshmen reminded me that with communication, open minds, respect and commitment, diversity issues can be explored and appreciated with great ease. I was proud to be a part of a diverse group which adopted a course of action that will empower those with less power, support those who are segregated and hurt and celebrate diversity rather than merely tolerate it. The Siegfried freshmen took 90 minutes to examine their own behavior and life in trying to understand the perspectives of someone else. Then they pledged to continue this movement as allies to others. Every dorm has shown itself to have great insight and courage, but I am especially impressed with those amazing freshmen from Siegfried. I implore them to keep being the brave and compassionate leaders that they are. I encourage all other students to continue caring enough to learn from these diversity programs and brave enough to make little changes that will make a difference in this world.

Ken Soifer<br>sephorah<br>Siegefeld Hall<br>October 30, 2000

**Facing abortion’s reality**

There’s a little something out there called reality that smashes down these otherwise so perfect worlds we’ve worked so hard to build for ourselves. It tells those situations uncontrollable variables of sex, drugs, love and hate, to name a few. I suggest that perhaps some of us get caught up in actually living our lives that they carried away from our perfect worlds without even knowing it. And so, we create our very own imperfect worlds as a result of all of our failible actions and all of those other messed up things over which we have no control that somehow have still managed to alter us. That, my friends, is called life.

Life is not perfect. Or if it is, perhaps your coming out of the closet is really just on. Life is a series of actions and reactions to choices and misfortunes. Sometimes those choices aren’t always the best choices. For example, if it is, perhaps your coming out of the closet is really just on. Life is a series of actions and reactions to choices and misfortunes. Sometimes those choices aren’t always the best choices. For example, if you don’t want to be gay, you will have to live with that decision. Sometimes you can change your mind and sometimes you can’t.

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**Sharing the warmth**

It's that time of year again. The leaves are changing color, the temperatures outside are dropping and the winter coat is now being pulled out from their seven month storage. It is with this in mind that Project Warmth attempts to do something for the hundreds of homeless living in our community.

The coats collected are cleaned by St. Michael’s Laundry and redistributed. Collection sites are located throughout the Notre Dame campus, including residence halls, faculty and staff offices, and the Hammes Bookstore. The Task Force can be reached at projwarmth.1303edu and our website is www.nd.edu/~ndcntrsrJProjectWarmth/index.html.

We strongly urge you to participate in this program. In the past four years the Notre Dame community has given back over 6,000 coats. When you go through your closet this fall looking for that winter coat, think of the less fortunate and donate those coats that you would otherwise discard. Do not make the choices and the temperatures dropping, isn’t it time you shared the warmth?

Project Warmth Task Force<br>November 3, 2000

**Casting a vote for third-party candidates**

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 millions of Americans will turn out at voting booths across the nation to vote for our nation's next President. Simply put, when voting, a person should vote for the candidate that he or she thinks would be the best President. For me, that candidate was Ralph Nader. I strongly value his stance on campaign finance, the death penalty and the environment. Most importantly, though, I value his honesty. For these reasons, I feel Ralph Nader would be the best President of the United States.

Others, however, have told me that I am wasting my vote. To them, a vote for a third-party candidate is useless, simply because he will not win. True, third-party candidates may not win, but a vote for them is not wasteful at all. With a vote, I have a chance to stand up for my beliefs and vote for the candidate I think would be the best President.

To do otherwise, to vote for a major party candidate when I believe that a third party candidate would be the best President, would be against the purpose of my vote. To vote in this manner would simply (and ironically) be a waste of my vote. I urge all of us to do what I value our vote for an intended purpose — to voice our opinion on whom we feel would be the best President.

Richard Riehl<br>sephorah<br>Dillon Hall<br>November 3, 2000
Snite exhibit sparks Holocaust memories

Bak’s paintings to be displayed through Nov. 19

By MARIBEL MOREY

A new way to look at your zodiac sign

Zodiac is a sham. Those horoscopes based on birthdays and stars never work. If you want an accurate summation of how your day is going to go, the best thing to do is to go to 2 Par Shaker’s grave and ask him. But if you can’t get over there, you might try asking somebody you have never met. And since I don’t know who is reading this, it’s like I don’t know you. So I am going to tell you about how today is going to go:

Libra

Lately you’ve been feeling like your inner self is your inner self while the outside of you has no trouble getting bigger... and bigger. Now is the time to trim down for that summer bikini. 3 Star day.

Sagittarius

Unexpected facial hairs this week will make you feel manly. Thank goodness for the ladies, Nads is now available at Walgreens. And as for the men, your mustache will look great, all thin and prickly. Put some butter in it. It makes you look mature. Two star day.

Capricorn

Halloween was a time of pleasure for you. You feel that you can let your true self shine through. Although it’s over now, don’t stop. Go out dressed like a Dominatrix or a Sea Crazed Nurse. Let your libido out of its cage. Let the sun shine all over your body. Five hormonally active star day.

Aquarius

Drink a lot of water today. Lately your urine has been very dark, and so have your mood swings. The simple solution is water. Also, eating a few “Ants on a Log” today will help mellow out your mean streaks. Don’t be afraid to play with your food in front of the ones you love. Zero star day.

Aries

Lately you have been missing your childhood toys and playmates. You have been noticing the only people that still act as silly as the small number of your friends who get kicked out of bars. Well Mr. or Miss Aries, it is your Zodiacal duty to bring out the fun without the liquor into your friends. When doing this you will find true happiness, for a week. Four star day.

Taurus

Not only are you devilishly good looking, but also you are smooth, and very good with the opposite sex. It seems as though you are a robot programmed for success. You will do better than ever this coming week in terms of grades friends, and fewest times alone in bed. Five star semester.

Gemini

For you good things will come in twos: front tire, back tire, right shoe, left shoe; one brownie, two brownies; one girlfriend, two girlfriends. You have your hands in many pies. Five star life.

Cancer

Deep down you want everyone to die. You should not act on this feeling. Instead, if you have a cold, wipe your snot on a keyboard or at a computer cluster, or accidentally cough in someone’s face. This will satisfy your needs for the short term. For the long term, I recommend buying a mug ring, and when it turns black, lock yourself up. One star day.

Leo

You feel like you are king of the school. You aren’t even close, in fact most people think you are a dork, but even after reading this you won’t believe it. So keep dorkin’ it up. Real world — Zero Star day. Your world — eight star day.

Virgo

You are more innocent than you realize. So go out and experience the world. Do everything different today. You will find this to be revolting. This includes eating dessert first, and wearing pants on your head. Other people might not understand, but it is time to look out for your own needs regardless of what others think. Four star day.

Scorpio

You will get whatever you want for your birthday, you just have to let people know what you want. And at the bars, tequila is not the answer. Go straight for the double shots of Wild Turkey. If you want to know what people think of you, do not be direct. Spy on them. Two star day.

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Deep down you want everyone to die.
Pyros and Weasels share a spirited rivalry

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

The energy generated by the rivalry between the Pasquerillas might be enough to light Mod Quad for a week. Many students claim to have witnessed the surge of that competitive impulse, drawing lines of separation between the two women's dorms.

"You won't see many people walking along the walkway that separates Pasquerilla East and West," said Andrea Gonzalez, a senior resident assistant. Of course sharing a name, a distinct location on campus and a history would naturally feed the fire between these two dorms as each vies for its own identity. Still, a closer look reveals that both the Pasquerillas have a lot to distinguish themselves and a lot to be proud of.

Pasquerilla West
Pasquerilla West, along with Pasquerilla East, was founded in 1981 with the generous help of Frank and Sylvia Pasquerilla, residents of Johnston, Penn. Both dorms have remained women's residences since that year.

"We actually invited the Pasquerillas back to campus to celebrate our 15th anniversary a few years back," said PW rec­treess Sister Sue Bruno. Unfortunately for the residents of PW, the Pasquerillas were too sick to make the trip back to Notre Dame.

Sadly, both Frank and Sylvia passed away this year, but their memories will have left in their wake a number of wonderful women who continue to promote their good name across campus.

This year, in fact, 240 of these women live in PW. So what makes the Purple Weasels of PW so special? "We make a way for the students of PW to feel like they are a part of something great, a really important community," said Bruno, who credits "a staff that works really, really hard" among those responsible for creating a comfortable, nurturing atmosphere.

Sophomore Christine Kelly felt PW's sisterhood was its most important aspect.

"We have lots of spirit," said Kelly. "And a really strong freshman orientation with a lot of activities." Of course, a strong freshman orientation not only breeds a friendly environment between residents, but it also helps to stress that spirit from the beginning.

"We have a lot of dorm pride, more than a lot of other places," said senior RA Christina Million-Passe. "We're not the prettiest or the nicest dorm, and we don't have big rooms or anything, but everyone loves it here. We're like one big extended family." Though many PW residents like to joke about their trek out to Mod Quad, affectionately named for the modernity of Knot Hall, Siegfried Hall (PW's brother dorm) and the two Pasquerilla buildings, they have not failed to find some perks in their location.

"It's actually really convenient," said M.H. Lea - a Sophomore, who enjoys being near North Dining Hall and closer to Rolls and the Joyce Center than any other dorm on campus.

When things get slow up there on north campus, however, the Purple Weasels make sure to keep themselves busy with service projects and let house with dances and other dorm-wide events.

Between dorm trips to Habitat for Humanity and the Dismas house to cook dinner, the women of PW play a large role in the South Bend community. This past week they hosted a Circle K Halloween party for 100 local area children, and this weekend they plan to host up to 40 PW alumni for the Boston College game and a barbecue on Sunday.

Each fall before their all hall dance, PW celebrates "Queen Week," a week long competition between sections in which each section picks a representative to compete in events such as a talent competition and ice cream eating contests. At the end of the week, the Weasel with the most points is crowned queen at the dance.

"Queen Week is a time for people to just take a break, enjoy themselves and get spirit­ ed about the dance," said Kelly. Other dorm-wide events include multiple barbecues, one held in the fall, another in February and always one on the last day of classes.

Football is also very impor­tant to PW residents.

"There is a lot of passion about our football team here in PW," said Bruno. According to freshman quar­ter-back Leslie Smidt, "We had a really great season ... though we were upset that it's been cut shorter than usual.

Though P.W. will be losing some key players this year, they are confident that inner-hall football will remain an impor­tant part of their dorm experi­ence.

Perhaps the most unique way the Weasels let loose is their annual skydiving trip. Every spring a group of 15-25 girls heads out for a day of tandem skydiving.

"For a lot of girls it's their first jump, but they keep coming back every year," said senior R.A. Andrea Gonzalez, who felt that it was a very important bonding experience for the women of PW.

And what about their claim that "West is best?"

"We do have a fun-loving rivalry with PE," said Bruno. "But we really do respect each other.

Pasquerilla East
The Pasquerilla East Pyros may share a name with PW, but they do a good job of distin­
guishing themselves from their twin dorm.

They were also founded in 1981, with the help Frank and Sylvia Pasquerilla, and they too find themselves set off in Mod Quad. But ultimately, they feel their level of spirit and devotion to hospitality separates them and sets them above PW.

"As a freshman in PE, Frank Beecroft has appre­ciated both "The girls here are really fun," said Beecroft, "and everyone is really welcoming and friendly.

Even as a freshman, Beecroft feels the strength of the Pyro's pride.

"We have a tremendous amount of spirit," said Erin Fischer, a senior RA in PE, "and that makes known on campus." Rectress Sister Mary Mueninghoff makes a special effort to promote her "inclusion clause," a dictum within P.E. that allows any and all campus groups to meet in Pasquerilla East, whether they have members that live there or not.

"Sister Mueninghoff always tries to make us a welcoming dorm ... we are notorious for our hospitality" said Liza Villaruz, another one of PE's senior RA's.

This hospitality draws group after group of Notre Dame Students and affiliates to PE, including the participants of the yearly musical, who not only practice in PE but are also spon­

The Pyros of Pasquerilla East and the Purple Weasels of Pasquerilla West share a name and a location on campus, but have their own distinct identities.

"We're a little removed from the action ... we don't get to hear the band on Saturday morn­ings" said Vila­ruz. "But we still get to hear the same at the same time, we're air conditioned." Seems like a small price to pay.

Still, PE's location puts no barriers on their strong service commit­ments. Every year they shake sack lunches for the homeless during the first six weeks of fall semester, and they take up a weekly donation after mass to help sup­port PE graduates who are out somewhere doing work.

"We have really active service commissioners this year," said Fischer. "They try to get us all involved in a lot of activi­ties.

Outside of these service activities, however, the Pyros spread their flag across campus with many dorm-wide activities that let off steam.

"The football team is usually a big thing," said Villaruz. "It was mentioned that PE could boast three trips to the finals in the stadium in the past four years.

Pyromania Week takes place every fall the week before the all hall dance and includes activi­ties like a sack sack-lunches, and social mixers between the women of PE and their dates.

The dorm culminates the week of celebration, and this year's theme is "The Queen and Hell will have never been seen".

"We're trying to use the dance this year to start a new tradition, and that's a huge stick," said sophmore Lindsay Terfay, who also happens to be PE's hall chair.

PE also holds an annual "Pyrolympics" in which sections compete in various athletic com­petitions.

The event kicks off with the symbolic running of the torch, during which the women of P.E. dress up in crazy outfits and run across campus to the front steps of the Dome, waving Sparky, the PE mascot who is a papermache in match.

"The Pyrolympics are a great opportunity for us all to get together there," said Villaruz. "We're a very spirited and also a very athletic dorm.

And in regards to their chant: Who's the better Pasquerilla? PE? EE?

Villaruz admitted that their rivalry with PW is nothing but having fun.

"There's nothing serious to it — of course there's a rivalry, it's very natural to want to be the better dorm."

So who exactly is the better dorm? It's up to you to decide.
Wildcats survive wild ride with Wolverines

NCAA FOOTBALL

Evanston, Ill.
The victory at Wisconsin came when the Badgers were short-handed. Michigan State? Turns out, the Spartans were short-handed, too.

And evading to meet Minnesota? Hardly a Big Ten powerhouse.

But this was no fluke. Northwestern upset the Wolverines on Saturday. That'd be the same Michigan with the storied tradition, winged helmets and the 11 national titles.

"WOO-YEAH!" linebacker Kevin Bentley screamed as students flooded the field after the game and tried to bring down the north goal post. "It's great!"

Northwestern (7-2, 5-1 Big Ten) jumped nine spots in the poll to No. 12 with the victory, while Michigan (6-3, 4-2) dropped eight spots to No. 20.

"Because of our history, they don't want to lose," Northwestern running back Damien Anderson said earlier in the week.

That's because beating Michigan was oh, so sweet. A perennial powerhouse. We feel like everybody's just waiting for us to lose," Anderson said.

But this was no fluke. Northwestern put up 564 yards on 90 plays against Michigan. They scored on 10 of their 14 possessions.

"I thought they would score, coming into the game," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "But I saw them almost scoring at will."

Equally stunning was Northwestern's balance. The Wildcats rushed for 332 yards and passed for 322. Anderson had 268 yards and two touchdowns on 31 carries, the second-highest outing of his career.

Kostoks passed for two touchdowns and ran for two more. Simmons caught 12 passes for 124 yards.

Michigan put up some gaudy numbers of its own. Passing 535 yards on 81 plays. Anthony ran for 199 yards and three scores, and David Terrill caught nine passes for 117 yards and three TDs.

Drew Henson was 23-of-35 for 312 yards. Marquette Walker caught nine passes for 134 yards.

"To play that well offensive and not win it is disappointing," said Carr. "Especially with the championship on the line."

Northwestern scored on its first four possessions as it jumped out to a 28-10 lead. But Northwestern quickly rallied, scoring on seven straight possessions to take a 46-45 lead on Tim Long's 41-yard field goal with 12:30 left in the game.

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**WOMEN'S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS**

**Whirlwinds wipe out Wild Women, Ducks defeat Crime**

By LAUREN CONTI and SUSAN CARPENTER

**Sports Writers**

The Welsh Whirlwinds continued their undefeated season on Sunday, beating the Welsh Wild Women 16-0 in the semifinal round of the women's interhall playoffs. The decisive shutout, however, simply wasn't enough for the title-hungry No. 1 seeded Whirlwinds.

"We could have played a lot better," said coach Casey Boulton. "We didn't execute as well as we have in the past."

The Wild Women managed to throw off the Welsh defense early in the game with a new and unusual offensive formation.

"It wasn't like anything we've ever played against before," said Welsh captain Maria Feilmeyer. "We had a couple of mistakes because of it. But our defense caught on pretty quick after that."

Walsh stuck with its characteristic strong defense, however, despite missing senior safety and punter Courtney Schaefer.

The Wild Women still managed to hold the game scoreless until the second half, the Wild Women were unable to stop the Whirlwinds, and couldn't seem to move the ball comparatively on offense.

Walsh seemed to be on the move when Alison Troy intercepted a Rak pass and ran it up to Walsh's 25-yard line.

"We'd been saying all day long that we needed to get a turnover," said Melissa Reiting, Walsh captain. "Our safety and our corners were right there the whole game, we just needed to get a hand on it. Alison really stepped up."

Walsh then passed to receiver Kay Scanlan, who broke away for a 66-yard run that brought the ball up to about one foot from goal. The Wild Women were unable to capitalize, however, as Welsh's defense thwarted attempt after attempt to score.

Finally, an interception by Welsh's Colleen O'Connor ended the Wild Women's chances at a touchdown.

"They were just a better team than us today," said Walsh of the game.

**Howard 25, Off-Campus 0**

The underdog triumphed again Sunday as Howard defeated Off-Campus 25-0.

The Ducks' offense led by quarterback Jill Veselik, dominated throughout the game, getting the ball in the end zone by capitalizing on turnovers and excellent field position. On the second drive of the game, after an interception by Jill Harris, Veselik elected to hold on to the football and run in for a touchdown to put her team up first.

Elizabeth Klimek nabbed a pass for an interception to set her team up for their next touchdown. Ten yards out, the Crime's aggressive defense looked as though they were going to drop Veselik for a huge loss in yardage. The athletic Veselik evaded their tackles and connected with receiver Vanessa Nero to add another six points. The pass for the extra point was tipped off of the fingers of one Duck receiver and into the hands of Elizabeth Klimek to put Howard up 1-0 at halftime.

In the second, Off-Campus began their series deep in their own territory. Jill Harris grabbed her second interception of the day and ran back from the five-yard line for the touchdown.

The Howard defense shut down the Off-Campus offense time and again, while the Duck offense amassed 25 unanswered points. Howard coach Paul Guzzetta credited quarterback Jill Veselik for leading their team to the win.

"She's tough as nails," Guzzetta said. "She came out and had an excellent game."

With three interceptions, the defense was a powerful force to be reckoned with. "The defense came up huge today," said coach Brad Untiedt. "They came up with big plays that gave us the momentum." "It was a whole team effort on both sides of the ball," Veselik said. For next week's game, she said that they are going to continue to practice hard, but they are not going to change their general strategy.

"We are going to go with what works," she said.

Off-Campus coach Paul Diamantopoulos summed up the game as "the first time all season when the ball didn't go our way."

Coach Dan Laughlin agreed. "They [Howard] played a good game," he said. "The ball bounced their way."

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this year." Premier's coaches and players would have to agree. The team, comprised of former college players, played three games prior to Sunday, losing to Pittsburgh and Bowling Green and defeating Central Michigan. They play four more games in the next seven days. The two-week tour ends on Sunday against Eastern Illinois.

Last year, Premier led the Irish by six points with three minutes left before Notre Dame pulled away at the end.

"They're the best we played," Chosy said. "Bar none."

Thanks in no small part to Joyce, who along with Ratay and Ivey will be looked on to provide a consistent perimeter game to help Riley.

A native of Topeka, Kansas, Joyce attended Notre Dame's summer camp in 1998. She enjoyed her visit and returned several times before committing to the Irish in June of 1999.

"She is very smart," McGraw said of Joyce. "And very poised."

Joyce was the first player off the bench on Sunday after Riley's first foul with 14:54 left. She missed four of her first five 3-point attempts but nailed a trio of 3s in the second half. Joyce also logged 27 minutes on the night, the second-highest total on the team.

"It's completely different from high school," Joyce said. "It's an adjustment but hopefully it will be a smooth adjustment."

Judging from her opening performance, there's no need for Joyce to worry.

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a three-year starter. Bethel achieved a No. 1 ranking in the NCAA in 1997.

Milligan has competed on several club teams and the Indiana Olympic Development Program state team. He also has a 102-117 coaching record at the premier club level for the Jr. Irish Soccer Club.

"I'm going to do another year of coaching club soccer, and I am going to play a lot too," Milligan said. "This definitely won't be an end to coaching."

Plans are in the works to set up a recruiting committee, which will include some of the players, to select a new coach.

"I'm going to open this up and advertise it," Kachmarik said. "We're going to do a thorough job. I really want to keep this positive."

According to Klink, Kachmarik already has a list of possible candidates for the Saint Mary's soccer coach.

"She's got some names in already," Klink said. "There will be a group of girls on the committee who will contribute to the final decision."

Part of the urgency to find a new coach is the fact that the soccer team will now be playing during the spring, and is allowed nine practices under a coach's supervision after spring break.

"(Milligan) put us in the right direction," Kachmarik said. "Now I'm going to find someone to take us to the next level."
Knott plowed its way to victory over a feisty Sorin team 6-0. The Juggs came out victorious despite a slew of turnovers and penalties.

**MEN’S INTERHALL PLAYOFFS**

Knott knocks Sorin out of playoffs 6-0

By JOHNNY LEITNER
Sports Writer

When Knott and Sorin met in last year’s interhall football championship game, their combined offenses scored 30 points. In Sunday’s rematch, they racked up a grand total of six. However, the end result was the same - the Juggs of Knott Hall triumphed 6-0 in a hotly contested affair.

Both teams felt that the game was an intense and hard-hitting affair. “We expected a battle — and we were evenly matched,” said Sorin captain Mike Crowe. “The small things made the difference.” Knott captain Pat Virtue agreed. “It was a low-scoring like a lot of playoff games between two tough teams,” he said.

The first half was characterized by turnovers and penalties. After the numerous possession changes, the half ended with no touchdowns scored. The teams went to halftime with the score 0-0. “In a game like this — it was hard to keep momentum going,” Crowe said.

Strong defensive play by both teams resulted in the second half. Again, turnovers were common in the second half and Sorin had a key fumble at the outset of the fourth quarter. Knott maintained possession thanks to a fumble recovery by Roland Newrones and moved 25 yards en route to a one-yard touchdown gallop by John Bisanz. A missed extra point left the score at 6-0.

Crowe saw the defensive performances and turnovers as the crucial aspects of the game. “The defense really stepped it up and gave us some good opportunities — we just didn’t make them count,” he said.

Sorin’s offense took the field with five minutes remaining, but was stymied by a Knott defense that could sense a sixth consecutive shutout in the making. Knott regained possession. On their first play from scrimmage, Otter defender Jim Vavricek sustained a potentially serious injury to the neck. Action shifted to a nearby field while Vavricek awaited an ambulance. Vavricek was taken to the emergency room at St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center. He was treated and released Sunday.

Virtue believed that Knott’s victory was the product of consistent defensive play and opportunistic offense. “We were able to capitalize on good field position, and our defense stood its ground and played great — especially in pass coverage.”

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Knott captain

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See You There!!!
Huskies’ own goal gives Irish sixth-straight conference title

By KEVIN BERCCHOU
Spokes-Winner

Sometimes revenge is best served slightly chilled.

The top-ranked Notre Dame women's soccer team avenged a 0-0 tie with Connecticut, the only blemish on their record, beating the Huskies 1-0 on a cold afternoon Sunday at Alumni Field to claim its sixth consecutive Big East crown.

Victimized in their first meeting with the Huskies by a lack of intensity, the Irish entered play Sunday determined to match UConn's fire.

It was not the intense Irish attack that scored the winning goal, however. It was a Husky defender who put the ball in the net for the Irish championship.

Just 10 minutes in, freshman Amanda Guerlin, made a move on the left flank before sending a low cross in front of the goal. A streaking Ali Loveland caused all sorts of confusion as she raced for the touch, and before anyone knew what had happened, Husky defender Lauren Naido had inadvertently directed the ball into the net for an own goal as she attempted to clear.

"The thing about own goals is that they don't happen if you don't put the pressure on up front," head coach Randy Waldrum said. "It's unfortunate, you'd like to score on your own, but I still think you have to give credit to the work we did off the ball."

Because of the previous tie against the Huskies, the Irish came out playing as if they had something to prove, playing as if they were the challenger and not the defending champion.

"I thought in the first half we had the intensity," Waldrum said. "We knew we needed to come out and play."

"We definitely had more intensity," said Mia Sarkesian, the tournament's most outstanding player. "We were flat when we tied them."

Buoyed by the scoring break from Connecticut, Notre Dame continued to press the issue for the remaining minutes of the game's first half, but were unsuccessful in creating any kind of real chances against UConn's defense.

"I think the second half was more open," Sarkesian said. "But a credit to them, they fought hard, they always do."

On the defensive for the majority of the first half, Connecticut turned the tables on Notre Dame in the second, and came at the Irish in droves. Notre Dame had to do all it could to hang on and was carried by goalkeeper Liz Wagner's calm control.

Wagner, the only reason the Irish were able to escape with a tie in their first meeting with the Huskies, was once again the difference.

"I've said it again and again. She's the best goalkeeper in the conference," Waldrum said. "She really came up big today."

With just seven minutes remaining and the outcome still very much in doubt, the Irish nearly gave one away, but unlike UConn in the first half, Wagner was not in a giving mood.

A defensive breakdown left two Huskies alone in the box, but a calm Wagner was once again the saving grace, leaping high to nudge the ball just over the bar and preserve the victory.

"I just tried to get set and play the ball," Wagner said. "I just jumped, put my hand up, and got a piece of it."

While happy in claiming yet another conference title, the Irish were perhaps even more excited with being tested in a close game. With the NCAA tournament looming, the action will get tighter and tighter, so Sunday's close clash can only help the Irish prepare for the battles that lie ahead.

"I think it helps a lot," Wagner said. "We needed a close game to get ready for the tournament and this is what tournament games will be like."

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"But good teams have to win close games. Notre Dame claimed the win over Connecticut after defeating Boston College Friday night in the semifinals, by a resounding count of 3-0.

The Eagles of Boston College were supposed to provide the Irish with a stern test, but were clearly overwhelmed by an Irish squad eager for another shot at the Huskies.

Sarkesian scored what would prove to be the game winner 15 minutes in, heading a cross from Mootis Erikson into the lower part of the net for the only goal the Irish would need. Anne Makinen added a point blank shot just before the half. Erikson would add a goal of her own early on in the second half to complete the scoring.

"It was a great win for us," head coach Randy Waldrum said. "I really expected a tougher game, but we'll gladly take this."
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IRISH SWEEP WEEKEND MATCHES, RISE TO 21-5 ON SEASON

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Space Writer

Notre Dame volleyball earned its 21st win of the season and 10th conference victory following this weekend’s games over Boston College, North Carolina and Providence.

“This was an important week for us to gain momentum into the end of the season. We showed some pretty solid play throughout the weekend, in all the matches,” said sophomore Keara Coughlin. “Our ball control was consistently good throughout the weekend. It was a very positive weekend.”

The Irish topped Boston College Friday in a three-game match. “Everyone on the team participated in the win over Boston College,” Coughlin said.

Senior Christi Girton led the Irish against North Carolina with 17 kills, eight digs and two blocks while classmate Denise Boylan racked up 41 assists and nine digs. Junior Marcie Bomhack added 16 kills and five blocks.

“The match against North Carolina was huge for us. They’ve been getting votes throughout the year to be in the top 25. Because we came out so strong against them in the beginning and because we kept our intensity through the three games, we played at a level that we haven’t seen from our team in quite a few weeks,” Coughlin said. “The crowd, especially Knott Hall, at the match against North Carolina was awesome. We fed off of them.”

The Irish completed the weekend with a three-game win against Providence on Sunday (15-5, 15-10, 15-9). After earning game one, the Irish struggled as Providence grabbed an early 9-3 game two lead before Notre Dame rallied for 12 points and the win. Bomhack led Notre Dame with 8 bo 14 kills in the match while Girton finished with 10 kills. Freshman Kristen Kinder added 21 assists.

“Our blocking was not as strong against Providence because they have a different style of attack. We were able to pick up our ball control and that let us keep our level of play high enough to win the three games,” said Coughlin.

The Irish will return to non-conference action on Tuesday as they face St. Louis in its last home regular season match at 7 p.m.

“Our senior night is on Tuesday and we need to keep our high level of play to beat St. Louis,” Coughlin said.
SPORTS

WOMEN’S SOCCER
Milligan surprises team by resigning as Belles’ coach

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

In a move that caught even his team captains by surprise, Jason Milligan resigned his position as head coach of the Belles soccer team Thursday.

"I was really contemplating this before the season even started," Milligan said. "I've been around here for a long time, and now I'm moving on to get my master’s."

Milligan had just finished his second season as head coach of Saint Mary's soccer, who maintained its 1999 sixth-place finish in the MIAA after its final match Oct. 28 against Hope College. The 2000 Belles slipped to 3-13-1 overall and 3-10-1 in the MIAA.

"It was great that he had a positive attitude going through this season," Belles' captain Jessica Klink said. "We appreciate all his hard work with the team.

Milligan was the assistant coach for the Belles during the 1998 season when the Belles finished with a 6-10-2 record overall and tied for fifth in the conference. When Milligan took over, he led the Belles to a 9-6-2 overall performance and sixth-place finish in the conference.

While Milligan continues his education, the Belles are left without a coach. Current assistant coach Jared Ilochstettler is assisting Saint Mary’s athletic director Lynn Kachmarik until the athletic department begins the process to find a coach, and the captains are also stepping in to fill the void.

"Kachmarik is going to take over recruiting," Klink said. "I don't think [Milligan's resignation] is going to cause any problems."

Still, this situation was not expected by either the players or asked for by the department.

"We were all pretty shocked," Klink said. "It's going to take some getting used to."

Kachmarik was pleased with the improvement of the Belles soccer program under Milligan.

"I am really thankful for everything Jason did," Kachmarik said. "He really worked very, very hard to move this team forward. But he has other things to do. He is just going to move on to some of those."

While he hasn't yet decided where he will earn his master's, Milligan said that he was considering UCLA, among other California schools, and also schools in Texas. While he makes plans to study, Milligan will continue to coach at the club level and he would like to play more himself. Milligan is a 1998 graduate of Bethel College, where he was a key replacement in the second half as Notre Dame defeated the Premier All-Stars 91-56 before an announced crowd of 3,249 at the Joyce Center.

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Freshman Joyce plays like veteran in exhibition game win

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

For the first 20 minutes of Sunday night's season opener, Jeneka Joyce played like a typical freshman.

When she entered the game early in the second half, the 5-foot-9 Joyce showed she could be a key replacement for Danielle Green, last year's starting shooting guard. Joyce scored half of her team-high 16 points in the second half as Notre Dame defeated the Premier All-Stars 91-56 before an announced crowd of 3,249 at the Joyce Center.

"I'm glad they fell in the second half," said Joyce, who connected on just one of six shots in the first half.

As are the rest of her teammates. In the first of two exhibition games, all 12 Irish players saw action. The five starters (Ruth Riley, Kelley Siemon, Ericka Haney, Alicia Balay and Niele Ivey) scored in double figures. But the reserves, led by Joyce, produced more than 1/3 of the team's offense (132 points).

"They're a special team," Premier assistant coach Paul Chosy said. "I didn't see any weaknesses."

"Riley, the All-American center, scored 12 points (on 5-of-5 shooting and 2-of-2 from the line) and grabbed eight rebounds in only 13 minutes. She committed two fouls in the first ten minutes and sat out the remainder of the first half. With Riley on the bench, Premier closed to within four points (24-20) but the Irish held their opponents to nine points in the final eight minutes."

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Women's Basketball

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