National voter turnout up slightly from 1996 election

By KATIE KELLEHER

As a part of the ongoing effort to celebrate diversity at Saint Mary’s this year, professors Ann Kramer Clark and Marc Belanger held a discussion Friday on issues regarding the U.S./Mexican border.

More than 30 students and faculty gathered on the College for the workshop titled Borderlands: The New Mestiza/La Frontera by Gloria Anzaldúa, which deals with the Mexican border region.

Clark read passages from Borderlands that discussed Anzaldúa’s idea of self and identity. Anzaldúa calls the notion of person into question by asserting that she can be Mexican, American, Catholic and lesbian all at the same time.

On the national voter turnout in the presidential election increased modestly over a 1996 total that had been the lowest since 1924, but experts said on Wednesday the uptick did not reverse the long-term erosion in voter participation.

Gurtin Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate, a Washington-based nonpartisan group that examines citizen engagement in politics, said 50.7 percent of the 205.8 million voting-age Americans cast ballots on Tuesday in the race pitting Republican George W. Bush against Democrat Al Gore.

That compared to 49 percent turnout in 1996, when Democratic President Clinton won re-election over Republican Bob Dole. That year was the first since 1924 that less than half of the voting-age population participated in a U.S. presidential election.

According to a random telephone poll of 282 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, 54 percent of those surveyed voted in the election, slightly higher than the national average.

On the national voter turnout in the quadrennial presidential elections has been falling steadily since 1960, when 62.8 percent of eligible voters cast ballots in the race between Democrat John Kennedy and Republican Richard Nixon. U.S. voter participation also lags significantly behind other democracies around the world.

“Don’t think [Tuesday’s turnout] affects that trend at all,” Gans said. “We had the closest election (in decades) and the perception of the closest election, with millions of dollars spent on mobilization (of voters) and we still have a turnout that leaves us at 139th out of 163 democracies.”

Gans attributed the estimated 1.7-percentage-point increase in turnout this year over 1996 “almost exclusively to mobilization effects in the battleground states.”

The two major political parties and their allies — such as labor unions helping the Democrats — poured millions of dollars into efforts to get voters to the polls in closely contested states. They unleashed tens of thousands of volunteers, while making more than 100 million telephone calls and sending tens of millions of letters and e-mails.

Gans said these battleground states generally experienced turnout gains on Tuesday compared to 1996. “Several of the non-battleground states had lower turnout,” he added.

Officials from around the country are taking a close look at Oregon, which became the first state to conduct a general election exclusively with mail-in ballots. Oregonians passed a ballot initiative in 1998 making “vote-by-mail” the only way to cast a ballot in an effort to curb the cost of conducting the election through voting precincts around the state.

According to preliminary statistics provided by Oregon Secretary of State Bill Bradbury’s office, about 62 percent of voting-age Oregonians cast ballots. That was a modest increase from about 59.7 percent turnout in 1996.
INSIDE COLUMN

Calling it quits

In 1960, John F. Kennedy defeated Richard Nixon by just over 118,000 votes in one of the closest presidential elections in American history. Nixon may have had a legitimate claim to the Oval Office, but in what many describe as Nixon's finest hour, he did not receive a recount. Nixon did not have to determine the legitimacy of the next administration and not to divide his country by contesting the election. Instead, he examined and recognized Kennedy as the country's next president.

Texas Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore have a lot to learn from Nixon's example. It is true that presidential election of 2000 has been seriously flawed. Thousands of Florida's citizens were disenfranchised by a confusing and illegal ballot and many of Florida's voters did not receive absentee ballots despite multiple requests. Citizens were in line before the close of the polls were not allowed to vote, voters who made mistakes in marking their ballots were denied their ballots and voters overseas admit to casting multiple absentee ballots. In a year in which so many voting irregularities have been found it is true that the Florida presidential election has been anything but fair. Unfortunately, there is also no clear way to resolve these problems. A revote in Florida — even if it only includes those citizens who originally voted — is not because it will provide those who voted for Nader and Buchanan the opportunity to change their votes, while people who voted for third party candidates in other swing states will not be able to do so. It is not fair to use the ballots to determine Florida voters' intentions in the case of improperly marked ballots, because voters who made similar mistakes in other states will not be given the same consideration.

Even a complete national revote will be unfair, because both Bush and Gore deserve to be evaluated on their performances during the campaign, not on how they have conducted their campaigns. Nixon may have had a legitimate claim to the presidency, but in what many describe as Nixon's finest hour, he did

The Brown Corporation voted unanimously to elect Bush Simmons as the 18th president of Brown University.

Bush Simmons makes history as the first black president to lead an Ivy League institution — a position she will assume on July 1. She is also Brown’s first permanent female president, and only the second in the Ivy League.

Calling Simmons’ election “a historic and momentous occasion not only for Bush but for the entire Ivy League,” chancellor Stephen R. K. Robertson introduced Brown’s next president to the University community at an assembly Thursday afternoon.

More than 600 students, faculty, staff, administrators and corporation members greeted Simmons with a nearly two-minute standing ovation as she entered Sayles Hall.

After a glowing introduction by Robertson, who led the presidential search, Simmons blew kisses to the crowd as she took the podium.

“I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead this outstanding University in this exciting time in history.”

In her first address to the Brown community, Simmons outlined her vision for the University in the context of her own experiences. She stressed that Brown and its peer institutions should focus on education for all students, regardless of their backgrounds.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Brown nominates first black president

The body of Damon White, a former University of Missouri student who disappeared in March 1999, was positively identified by Kansas City medical examiners Wednesday. Two hikers and their children found White’s skeletal remains in a wooded area near Kansas City. Dental records were compared before a public identification was made. White’s body was found four days after his disappearance. The car contained blood stains believed to be White’s. “It seems weird to me that the body was found so close to where the car was,” said Kenyon Bailey, a friend of White’s. The medical examiner’s office said no cause of death is known at this time and that there is no projection for when a cause of death will be announced. If a cause of death cannot be determined, the skeletal remains will be sent to a forensic anthropologist.

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This Week on Campus

New York University

Study on black students released

NEW YORK

Being reminded of one race's race has profound and negative effects on the academic performance of minorities, a study published by New York University School of Education professor Joshua Aronson says. The study, cited in the current issue of Newsweek, found that black students who were reminded of their race before answering a series of difficult questions did markedly worse than white and black students who were not reminded of their race. Aronson, who clearly pleased with the publication of his work, did have some criticism of the Newsweek piece. Often, low academic performance by minorities, especially blacks, is attributed to genetic or cultural impediments to learning. Aronson and his colleagues suggested that black students, when engaging in intellectual work, must not only accomplish the task at hand, but also debunk myths that they are intellectually inferior. Aronson says minorities are faced with stereotypes and cultural assumptions at the onset of every undertaking.
Dalloway’s, Welcome Center celebrate official opening

Center captures history of Saint Mary’s campus

By MYRA McGRIFF
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Welcome Center and Dalloway’s Clubhouse officially opened their doors Friday. Work on the buildings started on March 20, 2000, the two buildings mark the beginning of the Saint Mary’s Master Plan.

"In this jubilee year we stop to celebrate the doors opening to the Welcome Center and the Dalloway’s Clubhouse," said Saint Mary’s President Mariolu Eldred.

The Welcome Center, donated by the Ryan family, now serves as a greeting place for all incoming students. The walls contain the history of Women of the Holy Cross, in hopes of continuing the hospitable nature of Saint Mary’s campus.

"The Welcome Center will continue the tradition and rich heritage of Saint Mary’s College," said Michelle Nagle, student body vice president.

For the Ryan family’s donation, Eldred presented them with an original montage art piece of the Welcome Center.

The new Dalloway’s Clubhouse, donated by the Parent Council, stands as a student social space. Originating in 1923, the Clubhouse gave students a place to hold dances, dinners and other social activities.

"The Clubhouse will foster friendships and discourse. It will build bridges and open doors," said Eldred.

The Student Activities Board (SAB) will feature events throughout the year in the clubhouse.

"I think the Clubhouse definitely improved," said Brooke May, SAB entertainment chair.

"I went to the old Dalloway’s only a couple of times last year. But this year, I think people are more excited about the new Dalloway’s.

For the Parent Council’s donation of the new Dalloway’s Clubhouse a plaque will be placed in the clubhouse displaying the 19 donors’ names.

CORRECTIONS

The Observer incorrectly reported Friday that Emil T. Hofman founded the First Year of Studies. It was founded by Father James Burtchaell. The Observer regrets the error.

Friday’s article about the COURAGE lectures incorrectly the religious order of speaker Father John Harvey. His congregation is OSFS, not OFS, as reported.

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Russia, China win chess Olympics: Russia won the men's tournament, while China dominated the women's event in the World Chess Olympics that finished in Istanbul Sunday. The Russian men's team, including world champion Alexander Khalifman who scored only 4.5 points in nine games, won with a total of 38 points. Russia has won the men's tournament all but twice since 1924.

Bomb seized in Northern Ireland: Police in Northern Ireland arrested four men and seized a mortar bomb intended to be used in a terrorist attack, the Royal Ulster Constabulary said Sunday. Police said they intercepted a white van carrying the bomb on Saturday night in County Fermanagh, southwest of Belfast.

Woman charged with murder: A woman was charged with murder for whose trip was delayed after twice reversing his plane's course due to a hijacking crisis at home, has offered little hope the meeting could help to end the bloodshed that has killed nearly 200 people in the past six weeks.

Woman charged with ax murders: A woman was charged for allegedly killing her 6-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son with an ax. The two children were found lying in tall grass near an abandoned home on Saturday. Berkeley County coroner Wade Arnette said the children likely were killed in the family's mobile home, then taken outside. Police searching the home on Saturday found an ax inside.

Suspected Israeli collaborator shot

A Palestinian suspected of collaborating with Israel was shot to death Sunday, the first time that has happened during an outbreak of Mideast violence that has left about 200 dead in six weeks. A Palestinian teenager also was killed in a clash with Israeli forces.

In another first, Palestinians opened fire in broad daylight on the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo on the outskirts of Jerusalem, a frequent nighttime target but one that has not been fired on during the day. Exchanges of fire also erupted in Palestinian areas.

The continued violence came in the hours before Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak arrived in Washington to meet with President Clinton for discussions Barak has said were unlikely to produce a resumption of peace talks with the Palestinians.

Palestinian Kasem Kheif, suspected by Palestinians of being a "collaborator" who helped the Israeli occupiers, was shot 12 times and killed in the village of A-Ram north of Jerusalem, Palestinian security officials said on condition of anonymity.

Kheif may have aided Israel in killing a key leader of the Tanzim militia in a rocket attack near the West Bank city of Bethlehem on Thursday, the officials said. Killings of Palestinians suspected of working with Israel were frequent during the Palestinian Intifada uprising of 1987-1993, but had not been part of the current bloodshed.

In other violence Sunday, Mahmoud Abu Naji, 17, died when Israeli soldiers fired at Palestinian demonstrators at the Erez crossing into the Gaza Strip. In reaction to heavy Palestinian shooting, Israeli tanks fired a shell at a casino in the West Bank city of Jericho and another on the outskirts of Bethlehem, an army spokesman said.

Also, the Gilo neighborhood came under fire at midday from the adjacent Palestinian city of Beit Jalla, the army said. The army responded with fire. Two Egyptians were wounded, one critically, when Israeli soldiers shot at a Palestinian riot along the Gaza border, according to Egyptian officials.

ININDIA NEWS BRIEFS

Klan leader arrested: A Ku Klux Klan leader remained jailed Sunday for allegedly holding a television news crew captive in his Newville home on Friday in his Newville home on charges including intimidation and other charges.

Amid violence that has left about 200 dead in six weeks, a Palestinian teenager also was killed in a clash with Israeli forces.

The body of 23-year-old Palestinian Mohammed Al-Madhun is carried during his funeral Sunday. Al-Madhun was shot to death Wednesday in a clash with Israeli soldiers at the crossing of the Jewish Gush Katif settlement in the Southern Gaza Strip.

The car, pulled on rails underground for most of the 3,200 yards up the Kitzsteinhorn mountain to a glacier region, stopped, blazing, about 600 yards inside a mountain tunnel Saturday morning. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Rescuers could not reach the victims as the fire raged on. Passengers tried to flee through the deep tunnel, but most were felled by the thick smoke and flames. Eighteen people survived, mainly by fleeing downwards in the tunnel where the smoke was thinner, authorities said.

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"I think Anzaldua is right," said Clark. "I can be a person with internal contradictions."

Clark described the conflict as simultaneous, not temporary­ly separate. "Anzaldua is living in many conceptual worlds," she said. "Most humans are not in a position of wholeness, and this is not bad despite what Western philosophy believes."

Clark described this idea as a conflict of ethical and conceptual demands, and she sees it as a celebration of the fragment­mentation of self. "It's eternal, not linear," Clark said. Anzaldua structured the book to reflect this idea by switching between English and Spanish. Clark said this helps to bring the reader away from the linear paradigms.

Clark said she found importance in Anzaldua's book, both personally and to society. "It's a part of the small collection of books in my life that I read over and over," she said. She admitted that the book is difficult to read and understand, but encouraged everyone to try. "If you can't understand it, put it down and pick it up again later," Clark said. "I really do think it's one of the greatest books."

Clark believes that Anzaldua has new and important views on this topic that people should recognize. She finished by crediting Anzaldua for her work. "I'm grateful to her for having set it up," she said.

Discussion continued with Mark Belanger, assistant pro­fessor of political science. Belanger read two autobiog­raphical passages from "The Late Great Mexican Border: Reports from a Disappearing Line." The passages were autobiographical accounts of a Mexican American confronted about his nationality by border police.

He described the border as a spiritual and philosophical line, not just physical. He also discussed the borderland cul­ture and the man-made fence that separates the two coun­tries. "Someone built that fence," said Belanger, "and someone could tear it down."
Christianness is possibly the most important religion in the world. However, it is generally seen as having a conservative bias, as if the Christian Right represents the essential beliefs of believers. In contrast, there is a revolutionary tradition within the faith called "Liberation Theology" that not only calls for Christians to take action for justice, but actually requires it.

When analyzing Christianity's liberating potential one must first admit its history of failures. From medieval times it was used by monarchs to justify their rule as "divine right." Governments invaded Church support in their wars against neighboring states, both in regular wars and in explicitly "holy wars" like the Crusades. European imperialists used religion to justify their colonization of Latin America, Africa, the invasion of North America and to pacify the indigenous inhabitants while practicing genocide. From slavery to South America Apartheid to segregation Christianity has reinforced racism.

According to Weber Christianity, or specifically Calvinism, helped build early capitalism — and since then it has often sided with the capitalist elite. The continent's highest church officials have sidelined women, subjugating them to their husbands and often barring them from the ministry. In many so-called "Christians" are leading the struggle against equal rights for gays, lesbians and bisexuals, and even those who practice same-sex marriage.

However there are alternative traditions in Christianity dating back to the foundations of the faith. One should recognize that there is an extremely wide range of views and practices contained within Christianity. In the 16th Century, the Church went through a revolution against the traditional hierarchy that sought to make the Church more real for its members and to practice the authentic message, uninfluenced by centuries of elitist interpretation. Unfortunately the revolution was compromised by feudal politicians and the growing bourgeoisie to serve their own ends and is now known as the Reformation.

In the 1960s another social revolution swept much of the world and Liberation Theology emerged in Latin America. It came out of the people's experience of political despotism and war. They began to relate these experiences of oppression with the Biblical message, interpreting the theology which previously had been taught top-down by the Catholic Church, making it their own.

Since then it has spread from Latin America to every imaginable oppressed group (women, blacks, homosexuals and Palestinians) who have replaced a foreign (white, male, straight and European) God with one that comes from their group — one who suffers and struggles with them for liberation. Liberation Theology recognizes the bias in mainstream theology that was and still is denied by its practitioners and decided to replace the elitist bias with one for the oppressed. Mainstream theology is created by trained experts, who constitute a privileged class due to their educational requirements, who must often be certified by the Church elite. Liberation theologians looked at the Bible and found stories of the Old Testament prophets speaking out against injustice and of Jesus walking with the poor, women, Gospels, prostitutes and criminals. Jesus spoke for liberation, rebellion against the state and was killed with the cooperation of the Roman and Jewish elites. It is here that Liberation Theology finds its bias.

One of Liberation Theology's primary tenets is that unjust institutions are responsible for sin. Why do we live in a time of untold wealth, resource exploitation and production — and yet also in which there are so many people who are poor and oppressed? Liberation Theology uses a semi-Marxist analysis to find the answer — namely that institutional forces (military, political, economic and social) such as the state, armed forces (death squads, army and police), capitalism, patriarchy, racism, sexism and heterosexism are responsible for much of the sin in the world. For instance if someone steals to feed themselves, they are not sinning; it is the system that made them poor that is sinful.

Another idea is that of collective salvation. While conservative Christians tell people to stop individually sinning to save their own soul, Liberation Theology recognizes the necessity of social change to end the root institutional causes of sin.

Liberation Theology calls for grassroots democracy, Acharonts from Christian base communities, to do theology for themselves. Their own life experience is critical for the development of theology. Liberation Theology is spread by priests, monks and nuns — and supported by the Church hierarchy.

Members of these base communities use Praxis (a combination of practice and theory — action and reflection). They both study the Bible (developing theory) and work on practical issues to improve their lives (e.g. end poverty). It is practical. While conservatives use promises of heaven to keep exploited people inactive and apolitical, liberation theology requires that people work to uproot sinful systems of domination — trying to, at least partially, recreate heaven on earth.

Liberation Theology is a system of analysis that generates slightly different theologies when applied in different contexts. Different variations emphasize the oppression of the poor, blacks, women and gays and lesbians.

The Catholic Church at first accommodated and incorporated some of the teachings. Unfortunately the Church (and most Protestant churches) has shown itself to be susceptible to institutional sin, it is up to individual Christians to inform ourselves about this suppressed revolutionary alteration to mainstream theology — and if you believe it, to transform your life.

Aaron Kreider's column appears every other Monday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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Columbia Daily Spectator

The presidential election of 2000 will perhaps go down as the closest in United States history. A few hundred votes in one state will ultimately decide who will govern the country for the next four years. With such a huge burden on these votes and the state overall, it would behoove the election committees in Florida to be as precise as possible.

In Florida, this does not seem to be the case. The now-notorious case of Palm Beach County is a perfect example. The county has been utilized in this light for years, whether intentionally or not. Democratic county has been criticized by many as being misleading. Why should we mislead the people voting? Some argue it doesn’t matter if people were confused; the fact is they still voted. I simply ask these people, is that really so? Does it matter whether or not every single vote was counted? Does it matter if people voted for the wrong candidate by accident?

The answer to such side questions — of course it matters. The truth is that voices of the people in Palm Beach county, whether accidentally or fraudulently, were not heard. Without a re-vote, the legitimacy of the president-elect would be in question. In response to Nathan Hannan’s letter regarding “Courage” in The Observer on Friday, Nov. 10 I was one of the people who took down your Courage poster — however there was no malicious or evil intent. I was passing through, noticed the poster, was without pen and wanted to share the lecture time with others — seeing many other informational posters at the time, I simply took one. Sorry if this aroused your conspiratorial suspicions.

However, Nathan, I must say that after listening to Harvey, this guy is full of baloney! His logic is flawed, his theology selective, his perspective narrow and, frankly, rehashed in the 9th Century. Scholarship, as well as revelation, must be ongoing. Jesus was not stuck in the Old Testament — he provided something new.

Likewise, we are not stuck in the first or ninth or even 19th Century — we must provide something new. Further, it must be clear that the call to chastity cannot mean a call to abstinence if married people are called to chastity as well — obviously the call to chastity means something quite different: a call to commitment, to truthfulness, to a pure heart. This is what it means to be a celibate, as well as to be single, as well as to be a committed man and woman (husband and wife), as well as a committed man or man and woman and woman.

This is what the Church is: committed people, one to another. Sex, however, is how we get to know one another — as well as how some make babies! We need to keep these things straight (or rather, clear).

I hope you are as eager to explore alternatives to these two mindsets as you wish others to be in exploring yours.

William Dell

Columbia Daily Spectator

November 10, 2000

Supporting awareness with pink ribbons and jeans

I would like to suggest that your letter on Friday, Nov. 10, represents a misunderstanding of Father Harvey’s comments during his presentation about the support group Courage. I was at the presentation and when Father Harvey said, “I don’t want to talk about the hostile environment” or words to that effect, he was talking about the hostile environment he encounters as a pro-chastity leader who supports Catholic teaching concerning homosexuality.

This hostility was evidenced by the fact that 20 or so of the posters for his talk were torn down within hours of being placed, by the occasional snarls from the audience during his talk and by the behavior of some “questioners” during the concluding question and answer period.

The hostility that gays may feel on this campus does not come from people meditating on the call of the Gospel or church teaching. “Kill all the fags” scrawled on a bathroom stall was not written by a seminarian after carefully considering the teaching of the Catechism. Hostility toward gays is coming from a different element of society than that represented by Father Harvey and Courage and those latter are the wrong targets for the hostility they receive.

And if this letter gets printed and I get any phone harassment again, I would like whoever it is to have the courage to identify themselves this time.

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November 11, 2000
The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Irish rush past young Eagles' defense

Notre Dame runs for 380 yards in 28-16 victory

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

He played defensive back at the University of Richmond, graduated in 1983 and then signed as a free agent with the Dallas Cowboys. After a brief stint with the Chicago Blitz of the USFL, Mike London's playing career ended in 1985.

But in Saturday's late afternoon hours, the current Boston College defensive line coach envisioned a return to the field.

"I was getting ready to suit up myself," London said.

And why not? His unit's best player (Antonio Garay) injured his knee on the first play of the year, the two others (Sean Guthrie and Steve Martin) suffered that same injury during the second quarter on Saturday and two main contributors (freshmen Justin Hinds and Doug Martin) combined for 29 tackles in the first nine games.

Yet another difference lies in the defense. Not quite Chris Hovan and company, who limited Notre Dame to 95 yards on the ground in 1999. The Irish seized the opportunity and rushed for a season-high 380 yards en route to a 28-16 victory. Notre Dame ran on 61 of its 73 plays from scrimmage. Junior tailback Tony Fisher carried 26 times for a career-best 196 yards.

The last time an Irish player ran for more yards, a Rush resident at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. "Their big guys just beat our little guys up front," Boston College coach Tom O'Brien said. "That was the bottom line.

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"That's how we played out there man," cornerback Brock Williams said. "With emotion."

Credit the special teams as well for leading the Irish to their 10th straight victory since Matt LaVechia (who threw for 86 yards and ran for 80 more on Saturday) took over. Chris Viera gained four yards (after a fake punt) for a first down in the first quarter and a kickoff return unit ranked first in the country averaged nearly 25 yards on four runs.

But it was the field goal kicker (Nick Setta) and holder (Adam Tibbie) who gave the Irish a comfortable 28-10 lead.

Setta lined up for a 22-yard attempt late in the third quarter. Tibbie received the snap from John Crowley and instead of placing the ball on the grass, ran to his left and pitched to Setta for the touchdown.

"Adam saw they thought we were going to kick it so he called it," Setta said. "I had the easiest job."

The 12th meeting between the schools had less suspense than David Gordon, Deke Cooper and the squirrel provided in the past eight years. But regardless, the Irish are two wins away from a probable berth in the Championship Series.

"A lot of people were down our throats with predicators for this team early in the season," Davie said. "But I think everyone felt internally that we had an opportunity to be pretty good."
While I was attending my last football game in Notre Dame Stadium as a student on Saturday, I heard something that infuriated me.

The guys sitting behind me were casting insults at the players after every belted play. I fully understand being disappointed in bad plays, but the guys on the team deserve better from their classmates than to be belittled by them, especially in the last home game of their careers.

Varsity athletes at Notre Dame warrant more credit than they receive. Yes, they get a free education, but they also give a lot to the University in return.

In exchange for their athletic scholarship, they sacrifice the possibility of ever being a regular student.

Athletes spend long hours in practice every day striving to improve. Their heavily booked schedule leaves them with little time to spend on studies or a social life.

Most people don’t realize the amount of hard work that goes into playing for a varsity team at an athletes-crazy school like Notre Dame. They are thanked for their efforts by Notre Dame “Gams” that rip on them for turning in anything less than an undefeated season that ends with a National Championship.

Nobody’s perfect. Guys are going to drop passes no matter how great of receivers they are, they’re going to miss blocks no matter how many times they practice the move. But it’s not because of a lack of effort or time put in, definitely not with this year’s bunch.

The most-recognized players of Notre Dame’s most popular sports – football, men’s basketball and women’s basketball – can’t go anywhere without being hounded for autographs and photo shoots. Most willingly oblige, but the constant attention can get old.

Irish stars also have their every move analyzed by other students, becoming the topic of dining hall gossip — “Does so-and-so have a girlfriend/boyfriend?” “Guess who I saw at Finnigan’s.” “Or what’s so-and-so like?”

I know. People ask me these questions all the time, assuming that as a sportswriter, I must have some kind of insight into the lives of every athlete in the sports I write about. Even if I did, which I don’t, I have no desire to contribute to the sea of rumors surrounding Notre Dame athletes.

Notre Dame athletes also help make Notre Dame what it is — a cult following around the nation. Do you think alumni would support Notre Dame to the same extent if Notre Dame dropped athletics or suddenly went 0-11 every year in football?

The students behind me at Notre Dame’s win over Boston College obviously have a few credits left to go in the class department before graduation. Maybe they should have attended Friday night’s pep rally — they could have learned something from Joey Getherall’s speech.

The senior wide receiver thanked God, his parents, his coaches, his teammates (who he considers brothers), the seniors and all the Notre Dame fans for their support and for allowing him to play for Notre Dame. He talked about the dream come true of playing for Notre Dame and how sad he would be to finish his career here, so sad that he had to pause as he fought off tears.

Getherall also mentioned a teenager named Scott Delgadillo, and the inspiration to fight through leukemia. What Getherall didn’t say was how kind the Irish players and coaching staff have been to the boy, sending him get-well wishes, allowing him access to the locker room and inviting him to a game.

That’s been the norm for Getherall and Co., who represent Notre Dame as well as any member of the Board of Trustees. At the end of practice and following home football games, the Irish postpone dinner or visits with family members to toss a football back and forth with well-wishing kids, sign autographs and get their pictures taken.

Not just football players, but almost all Notre Dame athletes do the same.

My younger brothers, who are 7, 10 and 12 years old, are Notre Dame fanatics. When they came to campus the weekend of the Notre Dame-Air Force football game, members of the men’s basketball team posed for photos with my brothers. David Graves even played one-on-one with my brother Brendan, who still thinks he won the game.

When this year’s football seniors hosted their gold helmets for the final time to the student section, they deserved every bit of cheering they got. They haven’t earned the negative comments and occasional phone calls or emails they get after a loss.

I hope we win the next two games, go to a BCS game and come away victorious. However, if that doesn’t happen, try, if you can, to be as classy as the guys on the team are and show them your support.

So the next time you get an urge to shout out an offensive comment to a Notre Dame athlete, think twice. They’ve devoted four years of their lives to making Irish eyes smile. Why don’t you return the favor?

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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The victory was sweet for Fisher, who remembered last season's defeat at the hands of the Eagles. Following the win, a Boston College player was seen ripping the turf off the ground of Notre Dame Stadium. When asked if he was taking any of the turf home to remember the game by, Fisher simply responded, "I don't want to take the turf home because this is my home right now."

While Fisher's figurative home is on the field, he actually lives in Sarin Hall. His roommate in the oldest dorm by, Fisher simply responded, "I don't want to take the turf home because this is my home right now."

The relationship between Fisher and Howard is symbolic of the team-first attitude embodied by the Irish this season. When starting quarterback Arnaiz Battle went down in the season's second game, first Gary Godsey and later Arnaz Battle went down in the season's second game, first Gary Godsey and later.

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Junior tailback Tony Fisher ran all over Boston College, turning in the 11th best rushing performance in Notre Dame history with a 196-yard outing.

**UNLIKELY HEROES**

Notre Dame got its best performances from players in reserve roles Saturday. Tony Fisher, stuck all season in a reserve role behind tailback Julius Jones, ran for the fourth-best rushing performance ever by an Irish player in Notre Dame Stadium. Ron Israel, backing up Gerome Sapp at strong safety for the day, intercepted a pass. Nick Setta's biggest contribution was not his kicking game, but a 5-yard rushing touchdown. Quarterback Matt LoVecchio did more running than he did passing.

Kicker Nick Setta (13) follows through on an extra point attempt. Setta also ran for a 5-yard touchdown on a fake field goal attempt.
Love’s Fire’ burns hot

FTT presents a contemporary take on seven Shakespearean sonnets

By SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Writer

Thursday night — the cold rain sweeps over the campus in sheets, pushing the population indoors. Everything is quiet, still, peaceful and cold. However, the atmosphere is quite different on the stage of Washington Hall. Inside, it is a tempest of sound, movement and emotion — anything but peaceful. It is the site of the final rehearsals for the Department of Film Theater and Television’s latest production, “Love’s Fire.”

“Love’s Fire” is a collection of seven short plays composed by seven contemporary playwrights. Each playlet is actually an interpretation of one of Shakespeare’s sonnets. The 14 actors in the show examine the many aspects of love and its consequences.

The first of the playlets, “Bitter Sauce,” is written by Eric Bogosian and inspired by Sonnet 118. The plot centers on a couple and their impending marriage slated for the next day. The woman, Bengin, tearfully confesses to the man, Herman, that she has been having an affair. The rather straight-laced Herman must come to grips with her love’s infidelities, as well as their differing perceptions of love. The conservative Herman serves as the perfect foil for the obdurate drunkenness and bi-polar mood swings of Bengin, portrayed by the remarkably talented Kaibryn Weil, a junior. The second show in the series, “Hydraulics That Like Mean,” written by Ntozake Shange, is a poetic piece examining desire and wanting in love. Played between two nameless characters, portrayed by junior Rachel L. Jones and senior Lisa Fabrega, the show is a struggle between two would-be lovers trying to control each other’s desire and evoke passion.

The third, “140,” is inspired by sonnet 140 (but you didn’t see that one coming), confronts infidelity and the nature of modern relationships. The show itself is broken into separate scenes between a web of lovers, each betraying and feeling betrayed by one another. Written by Marsha Norman, “140” takes a hard look at the structure of relationships and the nature of deception.

One of the standouts of the entire performance is “Terminating.” Based on sonnet 115, the show is split between the real conversation of a psychiatrist and her expatriate and each character’s imagined conversations with their respective lovers. Brendan P. Geary, a junior, plays the wonderfully disjointed and emotional Hendryk. Hendryk seeks help from his former psychiatrist, Esther, about whom he has sexual fantasies. Esther, played by Kelly Hart, psycho-analyzes the stream of consciousness pouring forth from Hendryk, and he in turn forces her to confront her own problems. This piece, written by Tony Kushner, is a poignant piece about the frustrations of love. Moreover, the piece reveals the difference in perceptions of love and what love actually becomes.

“Painting You” treats the audience to the single musical performance of the evening. The show follows a painter trying to portray his lover with the same passion he felt at the beginning of their relationship. The beautiful voices of Lisa Marie Fabrega and senior Jeni Rinner lend the way for this playlet as it examines love grows and changes. Inspired by sonnet 102, William Finn wrote the music to “Painting You.” Another standout of the production is “Waiting for Phillip Glass,” the story of an upscale New York party. The party’s host, Holden, played by junior Beth Hoffmann, runs into her ex-flame, Gerry, who wants to rekindle their former relationship. Holden, however, is much more concerned with her party and the advice of her obsequious socialite companion Spencer, portrayed by the capable Jeni Rinner, than finding love. Wendy Wasserstein’s interpretation of sonnet 94 searches for the true nature of love and what happens to lovers once they are parted. The final piece is John Guare’s interpretation of sonnets 153 and 154, “The General of Hot Desire.” This piece serves as the capstone of the show and interestingly ties all the pieces of the show together. It is the story of students trying to make a play out of the sonnets. Eventually, they become the role of the characters and act out the play which is a comprehensive description of love.

Love’s Fire is directed by FTT Artist in Residence Srii Scott. It will be showing Wednesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee showing Sunday at 2:30 p.m. This play contains strong language and content, which some viewers may find offensive.
Irish finish unbeaten in conference play

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sport Writer

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VOLLEYBALL

An Irish player bumps the ball in a match earlier this season. No. Dame closed out Big East play with an 11-0 record.

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the Irish in front just 11 minutes in. It looked as if Notre Dame was home free, Michigan, however, had other plans. The Wolverines tightened up on defense and started to look like kicking himself. As she hobbled off the field at the game's conclusion Dryer described her injury as "just a bruise." Dryer's leg may just be bruised, but her return may have saved the Irish season from being mortally wounded.

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It wasn't happy with the way we played today," Waldrum said. "I wouldn't say we did anything well. We just didn't have the focus." By virtue of their second half surge, the Irish earned the right to take on the Harvard Crimson in the third round at Alumni Field on Friday night.

Despite changing the game by returning, Dryer was quick to downplay her performance. As she hobbled off the field at the game's conclusion Dryer described her injury as "just a bruise." Dryer's leg may just be bruised, but her return may have saved the Irish season from being mortally wounded.

Senior forward Anne Makinen dribbles the ball away from a Michigan player in Sunday's 3-1 victory over the Wolverines.

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A Keenan player rushes to the outside in the Knights' 15-0 shutout of the Juggs. Keenan claimed its third title in four years.

Keenan

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field and almost scored, and I think that gave them some confidence.”

“Early in the game, it appeared as if Knott’s defense would once again be able to control the game. It sacked quarterback Billy Ellsworth three times and managed to hold the Knights to only one first down. But after halftime, Keenan changed its offensive plan dramatically. The Knights moved away from the passing game and relied on Knott’s legs. Knott, who had 15 carries, was able to take advantage of misdirection running plays.

Keenan often sent wide receiver Tom Corr in motion behind Knott, and Ellsworth would either hand off to Knott, who charged up the middle, or Corr, who flew around the end. A few times, Keenan even tried a double reverse to keep the Knott defense off balance. It worked.

Twice, Ellsworth, who finished 3-for-9 passing, hooked up with his wide receivers for huge passes against a defense that was trying desperately to contain the run. He found Steve Byrnes early in the second half for a 40-yard completion and intercepted the ball four times in the second half for a touchdown.

With Jen Grubb for two points on downs, the Whirlwinds took over and the Whirlwind touchdown. It matched the second half looked to be a back duel. Heady to tie the game, but the Welsh attack to get the Ducks back in the game, but the Welsh offense scored on all three downs and the Whirlwinds took over on downs. The game ended by the mercy rule, making it the Welsh’s sixth game of its undefeated season to end it in such a manner.

A slow start in the first half, Welsh coach Casey Bouton said, “It was nice to see our offense click and nice to see defense bounce back. [The championship] was a great way to end the season.”

When you play a team with so many offensive weapons, it’s hard to defend,” he said. “They played their best, and that’s all we could ask for.”

Howard coach, Paul Guzzetta, gave credit to Welsh for its win.

“We wanted to make a point of scoring on their defense,” Cantos said. “We established the run, mixed in a few passes, and got into a rhythm. But it couldn’t have happened without our offensive line. They didn’t get any recognition, but they were one of the main reasons we won. They played a great game.”

Ironically, the Knight’s defense, not the Juggs, was the deciding factor in the game.

Keenan sacked Knott quarterback Mario Suarez twice and intercepted the ball four times, including a touchdown off an interception by Karli Corr, who was 5-for-14 passing. His longest completion of the day was a 26-yard pass to Pawloski.

But the Juggs never managed to get inside the Knight’s 30-yard line. “We wanted to go out there and show that we could get the job done offensively.” Pawloski said. “We can’t expect our defense to go out and win every game and not only stop the other team from scoring, but get an interception or a fumble to set up the offense.”

“We were trying some new things, and we couldn’t get anything going,” he said. “It was frustrating.”

“We knew they were going to pass on us a lot, and we were ready for that,” Cantos said. “A lot of times, they broke the huddle and we knew what play it was because of their formation.”

Knott’s vaunted defense, which until Sunday had not been scored on all season, couldn’t make up for the lack of offensive execution. The Juggs’ defense held the Knights’ offense scoreless throughout the game. Kunitzer scored at the end of the fourth quarter, after Knott’s score, kicker Andy Groebner missed the extra point, leaving the Juggs up 8-0 and giving Knott one final chance to tie the game.

But on second down, Suarez was intercepted by Cantos, who had two interceptions in the game. Cantos ran the ball back 42 yards for a touchdown, sealing the victory for the Knights.

“If you have to lose, you might as well lose there,” Pawloski said. “But I hate losing, and I know a lot of other guys do too. This was really hard for us.”

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for good with a touchdown off a Rok pass. Rok converted with Jen Grubb for two points to set the score at 14-6 at the end of the first half.

At halftime, Welsh and Howard looked evenly matched. With both offenses centered around the passing abilities of their respective quarterbacks, the second half looked to be a continuation of the quarterback duel. Ready to tie the score, Veselik and the Duck offense were focused on a touchdown at the start of the second half.

“She has so much dedication and drive,” Howard head coach Brad Untiedt said. “I’m lucky to be on the same sideline as she is.”

On the first play of the drive, Veselik was sacked by Karl Pederson, injuring herself on the play.

Unfortunately for the Ducks, this sacking was a big turning point in the game. Playing with a sprained ankle, Veselik threw an interception to Vanessa Lichen on the next play.

Lichen ran the ball back for the Whirlwind touchdown. The injury coupled with the interception shifted the momentum to Welsh for the rest of the game.

After Howard was forced to punt, Welsh only needed four plays to score the final touchdown of the game. Rok completed a pass to Grubb for her third touchdown pass of the game and a 26-6 lead.

“[Rok]’s arguably the best quarterback in the league,” Parossa said. “She played like the champ that she is.”

Veselik tried to mount an attack to get the Ducks back in the game, but the Welsh defense proved too much for Howard. Veselik was forced to scramble out of the pocket on more than one occasion and suffered a loss in yardage from a sack by Colleen O’Connor.

On fourth down goal from the two, Howard had one last opportunity to stay in the game and maybe shift the momentum back to its side. Again, Welsh’s defense held and the Whirlwinds took over on downs.

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Welsh players storm the field after Sunday’s 26-6 victory over Howard in the women’s interhall football championship game.
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Katie Koestner is a date-rape survivor and sexual assault prevention advocate. Koestner’s work on behalf of date-rape survivors led to the passage of the Campus Sexual Assault Victim’s Bill of Rights in 1992. She was written several books and made countless campus and television appearances. Koestner will be speaking about her experience with date-rape, her refusal to remain quiet, and her subsequent experiences as an advocate of victim’s rights.

This Lecture Should Not Be Missed By Anyone!
WOMEN’S SWIMMING

Saint Mary’s Ramsey sets record in 100-yard butterfly

By JANEL MILLER
Sports Writer

The newest member of the Saint Mary’s swimming and diving record book doesn’t keep the word satisfaction in her vocabulary. With only four collegiate meets under her belt, freshman Megan Ramsey has proven she’s ready for the challenges of being a college athlete. But she’s not taking these challenges lightly. Finally, after unofficially breaking three individual school records and one relay record earlier this season, Ramsey set an official school record this weekend.

Ramsey scored both the record and the first place at Wabash College Saturday in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of one minute, 23.13 seconds.

But Ramsey can’t say she’s that happy with her performance, even though she set the record, the time wasn’t a season best.

“It feels great. It was getting annoying (about not getting official times) but I was confident and knew that I could do it again. But I’m a little disappointed because at my first meet I swam faster than I’m swimming now,” said Ramsey.

It’s all part of the transition from high school athlete to college athlete head coach Gretchen Hildebrandt said. “She’s just frustrated because in high school swimmers are used to getting rest between meets, but in college you swim tired through the season and rest for championships.”

Hildebrandt doesn’t see Ramsey having trouble with the transition in the future.

She’s an extremely hard worker. She enjoys setting challenges for herself and she doesn’t stop until she reaches them,” said Hildebrandt.

Having graduated from Michigan City High School early at the age of 16, Megan went on to Andover College Preparatory School in Massachusetts where she stood out as a student and athlete.

“I had my best year of swimming when I was there,” said Ramsey.

According to Hildebrandt, Ramsey is not all individual — she’s also a team player.

“She is very supportive of the whole team and works hard to be the best she can be for that team,” Hildebrandt said.

Ramsey may have dominated Saturday’s dual against Transylvania, but the rest of the Belles squad also posted solid performances.

Including Ramsey, the Belles had 13 season best times and came within nine points of a win over the women of Division II Transylvania University.

Senior co-captain Colleen Sullivan attributed the success to the attitudes that day.

“I think it helped that we were having fun at the meet. We were all in great spirits and it showed in our swims,” said Sullivan.

Senior co-captain Olivia Smith contributed to the Belles with a second place in the 500-yard freestyle. Smith dropped tremendous time in the 500 according to Hildebrandt.

Smith teamed up with Ramsey to clinch a one-two finish in the 500 yard freestyle.

Sophomore Lane Herrington and freshman Elizabeth Dero also came out with a one-two finish in the 50 yard freestyle. A pair of second and third combos by Sullivan and freshman Maureen Falchak in the 200 yard freestyle and sophomore Lauren Smith and freshman Katy Lebiedz in the 100 yard breaststroke wrapped up the meet along with a strong performance on both the one- and three-meter boards for diver Ryan Cox.

A Saint Mary’s swimmer races through the water in a backstroke event at the Notre Dame relays earlier this season. The Belles finished nine points behind Transylvania University this weekend.

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Top-ranked Eagles skate to 5-3 victory over Irish

By MATT ORENCHUK (Sports Writer)

The Notre Dame hockey team played well against Boston College on Friday night. But playing well wasn’t good enough against the No. 1 team in the country. The Fighting Irish played a spirited hockey game, almost coming back from a 4-1 deficit before finally succumbing to the Eagles 5-3.

The game was a sellout of 2,749, with the crowd almost evenly split between Irish fans and Boston College fans. The split crowd gave the game a tense playoff atmosphere at times, with both contingencies being very vocal.

Boston College had the first opportunity to cheer just 1:10 into the game when junior Jeff Giuliano ripped the puck past goalie Scott Clemmensen, and put the puck in the net. But Boston College was called for interference on the play, giving the Irish a 5 on 3 for 1:37 of the period, and then an interference penalty with 17:55 left in the period.

Boston College penalty killers held Boston College on many of the power play opportunities. The rest of the first period was an open highflying segment of games. Notre Dame didn’t have to work harder to keep up with its opponents, and the teams went into the first intermission tied at one apiece.

The second period began with a couple of Notre Dame penalties. Jay Kopiechowski was called for elbowing 22 seconds into the period, and 2 1/2 minutes later Chad Chipchase took a penalty for holding the stick. The Irish penalty killers held Boston College in check for both penalties. All in all, the Irish killed all seven power plays they faced in the game.

With 12:53 left in the second, sophomore Tony Voce slapped a rebound past Irish goalie Tony Zasowski. Exactly 1:53 later, Voce put away another rebound that just eluded the outstretched glove of Zasowski. Voce is a small player, and that worked to his advantage against Zasowski.

“We [smaller players] have the speed, and as bigger players have to work harder to keep up,” Voce said. “On the second goal I split the defensemen, and then made a nice move to beat [Notre Dame’s] goalie.”

Boston College scored again with 7:12 left in the second to stretch their lead to 4-1 over the Irish.

But momentum again swung towards Notre Dame. Boston College senior Brian Gionta was called for hooking with 6:37 left in the second period. Irish coach Poulin called a timeout to get his troops for the power play.

“Even though we were down 4-1, I liked where we were at for that point in the game,” Poulin said of his Irish. “I told the guys that we were going to score on this power play, we were going to be down 4-2, and we would take it from there.”

Aaron Gill made sure Poulin’s words came true when he hammered home a rebound in front of the net 49 seconds into the Boston College penalty. This made the score 4-2 going into the second intermission.

The first 10 minutes of the third period saw both teams struggle to get two goals in the first 10 minutes of the third period saw both teams trade off penalties. With 12:22 left in the period Boston College defensemen Bill Cass was called for tripping Dan Carlson.

Notre Dame pushed hard on the ensuing power play, and their efforts were rewarded with a goal just one second after the power play expired. Sophomore Jake Wiegand was able to slam home the puck after some confusion in front of the net. This made the score 4-3 with 10 minutes to go, and the home crowd on its feet for the Irish.

A Boston College penalty was called on JD Forrest for hooking with 8:30 left in the game. On the ensuing power play, however, the puck bounced the wrong way, and Boston College found itself with a 2-on-1 breakaway with 15 seconds left on the penalty. Gionta put away the puck past Zasowski for the short-handed goal.

After the short-handed goal, Notre Dame wasn’t able to get anything going, and Boston College escaped with the win.

Although the Irish lost, the game showcased the improved Irish special teams. The power play produced two goals in the game, and the third Irish goal came just one second after the power play had ended. Even more impressive has been the Notre Dame penalty kill. The Irish held Boston College to 0-for-7 on the power play. Notre Dame has now killed off the last 16 penalties in a row.

The Irish now have the next two weeks off before they host Northern Michigan on Thanksgiving weekend. Notre Dame has a lot of games coming up in the CCHA, and Poulin knows that can change the season.

“A lot of good things came out of this game [against Boston College],” Poulin said. “We have only played four CCHA games, so there is a lot of hockey left to be played. We need to rest up and get ready for the next segment of games.”
No. 15 Notre Dame closes out preseason 2-0 with 89-71 victory

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Forwards Brian Humphrey and Troy Murphy formed a two-person team early in Sunday's 89-71 exhibition victory over the International Select All-Stars, scoring 16 of Notre Dame's first 18 points. But the Irish discovered it takes more than two to win, as they couldn't build a commanding lead until other players began to hit the mark on offense.

"This was good for us because it didn't come easy," Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey said. "We had to do some tough things to win this basketball game. The other night, it was so showy.

The International Select team, made up of former collegiate stars and led by former Irish star Ken Barlow, was a more athletic opponent than Notre Dame's first foe. It played three games in four days, beating Loyola (Ill.) and losing to Valparaiso and Notre Dame.

Murphy and Humphrey displayed signs early on of repeating Wednesday's highlight film when they scored 10 points in the first eight minutes and 15 in the first period, it was Humphrey's contribution none more so than a basket and a 3-pointer. A little bit later, Humphrey soared for one of his eight first-half rebounds. The pair took turns pulling down boards and nailing free throws and field goals as the period continued.

Midway through the second stanza, the other reserve center for the Irish -- sophomore Ivan Kartelo -- and Carroll began to find the bottom of the net. They reeled off 12 points between them in a four-minute period. Carroll hit two long jumpers from the right wing, while Kartelo scored eight in the lane and at the charity stripe.

"I know that I'm helping the team to win the game," Kartelo said. "I'm just a back-up guy." The scoring stream by Kartelo and Carroll gave the Irish a 66-55 lead. They didn't relinquish that advantage as Gruns sunk 12 points in the final 5:40.

Notebook
- Humphrey did not play in the second half as a precautionary measure. He came down on his knee hard and an X-ray was taken at halftime, although Brey expects Humphrey to be fine.
- "He really wanted to play," Brey said. "He was trying to sub himself back in without the trainer seeing."
- Barlow, 36, has played for eight years in Italy, three in Greece and three in Israel since graduating from Notre Dame. He is hoping to play one more season in Europe. After that, he would like to get into coaching. If an assistant position should ever open at Notre Dame, it would be high on his list.
- "It (Notre Dame) means the world to me," Barlow said. "It's my heart and soul. My wife was a student here, and hopefully, someday, my kids will be students here."
- The former Notre Dame player predicted good things for the Irish this season.

"Troy Murphy mixes it up well inside and outside. He's tough to handle," Barlow said. "I think the sky's the limit for him and the Irish this year. They have a deep bench."
- Four Notre Dame players scored in double digits -- Murphy with 23, Graves with 19 and Humphrey and Carroll with 10. Kartelo and Swanagan each added nine.

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Irish advance to Sweet 16 of College Cup

By KEVIN BERCHOU
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On a frigid Sunday at Alumni Field, the Michigan Wolverines nearly put top-seeded Notre Dame’s season on ice in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

It took a return from an injury, an impassioned halftime speech, and all the Irish could muster to hold off a Wolverine team that nearly pulled an upset before Notre Dame could escape with a 3-1 triumph.

After a lackluster first half, which saw the Wolverines take control of the game, the heavily-favored Irish stood at one with a season’s worth of hopes hanging in the balance.

At the break it was coach Randy Waldrum who tried to restore focus pick his team up for the win.

"I told them if they wanted to throw away 21 games of hard work, then they should just go out and play like they did in the first half," Waldrum said. "It wasn’t anything tactical we talked about. We just needed to refocus.

Sophomore Ashley Dryer listened intently to her coach’s pleas, and no doubt took them to heart as she shook off a first half leg injury to lead a second half charge.

With a little more than 20 minutes remaining in the game, it appeared as if Dryer’s day was done as she lay near the midfield stripe writhing in pain. But a bubbled Dryer returned to seize the day.

"In the first half we didn’t have the intensity," Dryer said. "We knew we needed to step it up in the second half.

Just nine minutes into the second half, it was Dryer who took it upon herself to make sure the Irish didn’t have an upsetting afternoon. Taking a pass from classmate Aly Lovelace, Dryer sprinted up the right flank before threading a perfect pass to freshman Amanda Guertin who was just joining the play.

Guertin held the ball just long enough for the Wolverine keeper Carissa Stewart to commit, before sliding a shot into the far left corner.

“She’s so patient around the net,” said Dryer. “You’d never know she was a freshman.

Their will shattered by the goal that broke the tie, the

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Knights claims third title in four years

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Knights is back on top.

After losing in the first round of last year’s playoffs, Keenan knocked defending champion Knots 15-0 in Sunday’s interhall football final to claim its third title in four years.

“It’s a great feeling for us to win,” said sophomore Dave Cantos. “A lot of the older guys have been around for the other championships, so it was nice for them to go out this way.”

Keenan did everything right Sunday afternoon. They moved the ball effectively against Knot’s defense and completely shut down Knot’s offense, leaving Knot frustrated and confused.

“Keenan played a great game,” said Knot wide receiver Brian Pawloski, who had three receptions. “That’s all there is to it.

Keenan scored the first points of the game with 43 seconds remaining in the first half. Facing fourth-and-28 on its own 22, Knot lined up in punt formation. But the snap was too high for punter Kevin Iffehman to handle and the ball bounced into the end zone, where Iffehman fell on top of the ball, giving Keenan a 2-0 lead.

“That safety was definitely in our minds the rest of the game,” said Pawloski. “Keenan came back down the