Former accused rapist may return to campus

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Former Notre Dame tailback Cooper Rego is scheduled to return to campus this weekend as a member of the West Virginia football team despite being banned from campus in 1998.

According to Notre Dame alumna Kori Pienovi and an August 2001 e-mail from a senior Residence Life and Housing administrator to Pienovi, Rego was banned from campus as part of a disciplinary decision in 1998. The administrator did not deny writing the e-mail.

Pienovi said that Rego was expelled from school and banned from campus for raping her. The reasons for Rego's transfer to West Virginia nor the details of his disciplinary action were revealed in 1998.

West Virginia sports information director Shelly Poe confirmed that Rego is scheduled to play for the Mountaineers, Saturday.

"As far as I know there isn't any issue about it," Poe said Friday. Calls to Rego's listed number in West Virginia were not returned Sunday night.

Notre Dame officials had no comment on the situation. Bill Kirk and Father Mark Poorman, assistant vice president of Residence Life and vice president of Residence Life, respectively, did not return several phone calls seeking comment.

Athletic director Kevin White's office declined to comment and referred questions to the General Counsel Office. General Counsel referred all questions to Denny Moore, director of Public Relations.

Moore confirmed that the University has been in contact with West Virginia but Notre Dame is not at liberty to discuss its own position stating that the University is "protected from discussion under federal law."

Disciplinary proceedings are considered private parts of students' educational record by federal law.

Moore did discuss Notre Dame's general policy on upholding bans on students.

He stated that if a banned student charged with sexual assault were to come on campus and security was made aware of the situation the student would be asked to leave.

He made a distinction for a student banned coming to campus as a group rather than an individual.

"As an individual, security would ask them to leave ... as a group, that is something different, something we haven't been confronted with," Moore said.

All banned individuals pose a threat, regardless of group affiliation, according to Pienovi.

"If they knowingly let a rapist on campus then they are knowingly working in the University," Moore said.

The administrator did not deny writing the e-mail.

This week's ban on Rego was lifted by the University through its disciplinary hearing board.

Rego's former Notre Dame teammates were unable to return to campus in 1998 because of a ban placed on them.

By HELENA PAYNE
Associated Press Editor

American and British forces unleashed punishing air strikes Sunday against military targets and Osama bin Laden's training camps inside Afghanistan, aiming at terrorists blamed for the Sept. 11 attacks that murdered thousands in New York and Washington.

"We will not waver, we will not falter and we will not fail," said President Bush, speaking from the White House as Tomahawk cruise missiles and bombs found targets halfway around the globe. "We will not fail and we will not fall."

The opening of a sustained campaign dubbed "Enduring Freedom," the assault was accompanied by distribution of thousands of vitamin-enriched food rations for needy civilians — and by a ground-based attack by Afghan opposition forces against the ruling Taliban.

In a chilling threat, bin Laden vowed defiantly that "none of America nor the people who live in it will live out of security before we live it in Palestine, and not before all the infidel armies leave the land of Muhammad."

That was an apparent reference to Israel and Saudi Arabia. He spoke in a videotaped statement prepared

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Students express mixed reactions to U.S. counterattack

By HELENA PAYNE
Associated Press Editor

Notre Dame students had mixed reactions to the U.S. military air strikes in Afghanistan Sunday. The air strikes focused on areas suspected to be terrorist training camps were in response to the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. On the Notre Dame campus, far from the attacks, many students have responded to the recent events with various levels of emotional attachment to the conflict, but with the common goal of reaching peace swiftly.

Senior Steve Kelly from Massachusetts said he learned about both the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11 and the U.S. retaliation by fellow students in his dorm and has been uneasy about the circumstances. "I think something else is going to happen," said Kelly. "That makes me real nervous."

The brother of Kelly's best friend is a secret service agent that was working in the World Trade Center on the day of the bombings. Although he escaped, Kelly said knowing somebody who was directly affected by the bombings has sharpened the impact of the terrorism conflict on his life.

"I'm amazed at how large the reaction is," said Kelly. Kelly said he was impressed by

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Minestrones Fritos

The other night I was perusing the forum at SFM -- the building formerly known as SHB -- when I spotted a batch of Fritos sitting inconspicuously at the end of the soup island. Naturally thinking "chill Fritos!" I scooped some up and looked around for the chilli. As it turned out, however, there wasn't any on this particular night. As to what unforgivable managerial blunder is responsible I know not, but let me say, fellow students, that this is less acceptable than the chilli calling on Saturday. As I scooped up a ladle of minestrone instead, I was reminded of the kitchen scene in the movie "Friday" where Ice Cube lectures his father on the mismatched food selection from which they suffer.

Today, I am thinking a lot about what hardships I've recently endured though, for lo and behold I've actually got some chilli in the form of a ladle of minestrone on Saturday.

As nightmares of possible biological and chemical terrorist attacks continue to scare many Americans, University of Michigan researchers push to develop defense techniques against biological and chemical weapons. Although researchers say they feel the possibility of biological and chemical warfare has been blown out of proportion since the events of Sept. 11, they feel America should be aware of the possibilities.

"I think there is a significant risk," said James Baker, head of the University Medical School allergy and immunology department. "Certainly there are countries that have these agents, but I don't think the risk is any different than before Sept. 11. People should prepare appropriately for these issues, but running around saying the sky is falling isn't going to help."

Researchers urge the public to understand biochemical warfare requires sophisticated delivery mechanisms and labs in which to grow the viruses.

"You'd have to spread them across a fairly large geographical area with a large population because they would die quickly, given the current climate," said Ward, whose research involves mustard gas and its extensive damaging effects on the lungs. "I'm not sure they could be anSUCCESSIVE "Plan B" against biological terrorism as shown in "State of the Union"." Ward's group has been working on an idea to develop a multipronged defense against biological and chemical weapons.

At the University, Ward said, the challenge is how to distribute the weapon and the countermeasures. "It's a very cheap compound to manufacture, so if a terrorist group decides they want to expose a population to something like that, it's not difficult to make," Ward said. "The trick is how do you distribute it in the air."

University of Utah

Researchers find new HIV code

The virus that causes AIDS commandeers a white-blood cell's own inner machinery, producing more virus particles to invade new cells and spreading the disease. But researchers at the University of Utah have found a key component to a viral particle's escape from its host cell. This is still "basic research," said Wea Sundquist, professor of biochemistry. However, the discovery has potential to yield a drug treatment for AIDS. Based on the research, Myriad Genetics is working to develop such a drug, he said.

Because strains of HIV resistant to current treatments have sprung up recently, drugs using different mechanisms to thwart the virus's spread have been developed. Doctors need the "next generation" drugs to fight increasing resistance in both bacterial and viral infections. "It's a constant war," Sundquist said. HIV, the virus responsible for AIDS, enters a host cell. Acting like a parasite, it causes the cell to produce thousands of copies of the virus' genetic code.

Michigan prepares biochemical defenses

Utah Prison and Jail inmates are given the chance to rehabilitate themselves and better their education through Utah State University's Extension and Continuing Education departments. Virus laffer, director of Distance Education, first started a distance learning program for inmates in 1985 when the Utah prison and jail systems approached him with the idea. Now an estimated 150 full-time and part-time inmates are continuing their education every semester. "I felt there was a big need. We could have a tremendous impact not only on the inmates but society as a whole," Lafferty said. USU offers only specific degrees through this program such as a bachelor's in business administration, a minor in business information systems or accounting and a bachelor's in psychology for inmates who plan on attending graduate school. Lafferty said these degrees offer inmates more marketable skills in today's economy than other degrees offered on campus might.

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ND prayer vigil counters U.S. attacks

By JASON McFARLEY
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In the weeks following last month’s terrorist attacks, members of Notre Dame’s Peace Coalition created a counterattack by the U.S. government was imminent. The newly formed coalition even had a game plan in the event that U.S. military forces responded to the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

Meet at 5 p.m. that day on the University’s Fieldhouse Mall to protest the war.

On Sunday, following U.S. strikes on Afghanistan, more than two dozen students gathered at the site for a hastily organized prayer vigil in response to the American action.

“It’s not an easy day,” said senior Rachel Soltis, a member of Pax Christi and the Peace Coalition. “The reality of violence surrounding violence ... it’s overwhelming.

“For those of us who understand that peace is in no way related to violence, it necessitates us coming together. You just can’t be silent ... not as Christians, not as human beings.”

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Peace Coalition member

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The patriotic reactions of the Notre Dame community, confirming how all the spectators at the Michigan State and Notre Dame football game enthusiastically chanted, "America, the Beautiful."

"That showed the most humanity I've ever seen," said Kelly.

Although Kelly saw a positive aspect during this time of conflict, freshman Meredith D'Alessandro from New Jersey, said the attacks were the extra step needed to bring Americans' feeling of war as long as it's not brought about by terrorist acts.

"I've never seen a country that has visibly changed its mind about war, that has visibly changed its mind about war, that has visibly changed its mind about war," said Kelly.

Despite the anxiety caused by the attacks, D'Alessandro said she was finally reassured that 9/11 was "not going to ignore what happened."

"I definitely don't have a problem with war as long as it's justified," said Thornburgh. "It's just that said the U.S. government knew what the Taliban was doing before they took action."

"The only purpose is so that the public feels we get revenge in some way." Berg said that the air strikes didn't seem to be the best way to respond to the terrorism attacks.

"We should fight with peace instead of war with war," said Berg who noticed that many students seemed to support the U.S. retaliation. He also said he considered the Notre Dame student body to be more conservative and therefore might encourage a strong military retaliation.

"I think the general consensus is that it's just a short-term thing and we need to fight this thing, and then we need to move on."

Like Berg, senior Kate Ponto said she had also been watching what was happening by the recent events connected to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "The talk about retaliation upset me," said senior Kate Ponto. "I'm just worried about what it'll lead to, who will get hurt, and if it's the best thing."

Ponto, born and raised in Kalamazoo, Michigan, said it is her duty as an American to be interested in the terrorist attacks because she didn't know anybody affected by them.

"It doesn't seem very connected in my life, but its affecting all Americans," said Ponto. "New York and Washington, D.C., are part of the very unreal world that comes to me through TV."

Just like the "unreal world" that Ponto sees on television, she said that new call against terrorism has visibly captured the attention of students in a way that she hasn't seen during her years at Notre Dame.

"I don't think I've seen anything quite as dramatic as what has happened," said Ponto.

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Vatican paves way for sainthood: Pope John Paul II put seven people on the road to possible sainthood Sunday, beaifying a victim of the Nazis, an Armenian archbishop killed by the Ottoman Turks and five founders or members of religious orders. Thousands of pilgrims gathered in a bright St. Peter's Square and cheered as the names of the beheld were read out and their images unveiled on tapestries hung from the basilica.

licenses granted for aidS drugs: GlaxoSmithKline has granted a generic drug manufacturer a license to produce and market key AIDS medicines in South Africa, a Glaxo official said Sunday. South African company Aspen Pharmacare would be allowed to sell all five widely used AIDS drugs to the public health system.

national news briefs

Marathon record broken: Kenya's Catherine Ndereba set a women's world best on Sunday when she won the Chicago Marathon in 2 hours, 16 minutes, 47 seconds. Takahashi's time was the first under 2:20 for a female marathon runner.

Emmy awards cancelled: The Emmy Awards telecast, delayed three weeks by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was canceled Sunday after United States and Britain launched a military attack in Afghanistan. It was the first cancellation in the awards' 53-year history.

Alaskan pipeline repaired: Crews on Saturday sealed a bullet hole in the trans-Alaska pipeline, finally stopping a leak that spewed 24,200 gallons of oil over three days. Crews on Saturday sealed a bullet hole in the trans-Alaska pipeline, finally stopping a leak that spewed 24,200 gallons of oil over three days.

Indian news briefs

Three dead in Indianapolis: Three men found fatally shot, and a teenager was wounded Friday night in a drug-related shooting. The deaths, at an apartment complex on the city's northwest side, were apparently part of a botched robbery, Marion County sheriff's deputies say. "We do know it was promised a drug robbery that went exactly, tragically wrong," sheriff's Major Jones confirmed.

world news briefs

Afghanistan

Tanks from the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance were mobilizing following the American plane and missile attacks against Afghanistan. The Northern Alliance is believed to mount an offensive following the American attacks.

World leaders support attacks

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The airdrops are delivering "humanitarian daily rations," plastic pouches of food enriched with vitamins and minerals to boost refugees weakened by hunger and travel, Pentagon officials have said.

The food, wrapped so that one packet has enough for one person for one day, does not contain any animal products so as not to violate any religious or cultural practices. Muslims, for example, do not eat pork.

The yellow plastic packets are about the size and weight of a hardcover book. They have a picture of a smiling person eating from a pouch, a stencil of an American flag, a notation that they were made by Rightway Foods of McAllen, Texas, and this greeting in English: "This food is a gift from the United States of America." The packets provide at least 2,200 calories per day.

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Not one day goes by that I don't think of my baby boy.

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If you're suffering because of an abortion, don't suffer alone.

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SMC officials open 3 new exhibits at Moreau

By MARY CAMPE
News Writer

Students, faculty, staff and community members joined at Saint Mary’s Moreau Galleries Friday to help open three new exhibits. The exhibits included photography, paintings, sculptures, ceramics and collectibles.

"Letters from Camp: An Exhibition Blurring the Boundaries Between Good Taste and Bad," was a collection of work in the Hammes Gallery Arts Center.

The exhibit presents the works of artists who use images or items associated with popular culture, such as Pez dispensers and B-movies.

Some pieces included old movie posters and contemporary political aspects. One artist, Dave Huffman, had his "Art For Your Can" on display.

This included different toilet seats decorated to display different events, images and themes from the past in a style he stated as "inspired from Warhol's Pop Art to John Waters films."

"This is a splendid opening," said Saint Mary’s sophomore Daniela Urm. "It is very creative and all gives a very different view of what art can be, aside from just the more traditional type."

The Sistar Rosarie Gallery displayed the photographic works of Detroit-based artist Kamil Antos.

His work included altered photographs that display what he calls “ghosts” from unlikely objects.

The Little Theatre Gallery displayed the art of Saint Mary’s art department chair Bill Sandusky. His work included a self-portrait and different paintings displaying familiar organic objects. He has had exhibits nationwide, as well as in the Saint Mary’s community.

The three exhibitions will run through Nov. 9. The Moreau Galleries are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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endangering the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community," she said.

Piennovi contacted the school two months ago to determine what actions Notre Dame would take to keep Rego off campus. Notre Dame’s decision makes her uneasy.

"I would not be contacting the media if I was 100 percent sure that Notre Dame would follow through with what they told me … It’s been two months and they haven’t made a decision. I am confused why they are considering it … what is there to decide?" she said.

Letting Rego on campus does more than just break a disciplinary decision, for Piennovi it breaks a working relationship she built with the University.

Piennovi spoke at freshman orientation meetings about her experiences as a sexual assault victim for her last three years at Notre Dame and made a video that is shown to all freshmen so her story would not be forgotten after her graduation in 2001. She worked very closely with Residence Life to improve sexual assault awareness at Notre Dame since her attack four years ago.

All her work, Piennovi fears, will be jeopardized if Rego is allowed on campus for Saturday’s home game.

"If they don’t uphold the ban it will make other women more hesitant to come forward in the future," she said.

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ND officials issue tailgating citations

**Student Affairs, NSDP give record number of tickets**

By V. VAN BUREN GILES

Roughly 60 people were given citations for underage drinking and minor in possession of alcohol Saturday, according to Notre Dame Security Police.

"This is by far the largest amount of tickets we have ever handed out," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security/Police.

"So far this year, 17 students have been cited for offenses at hospitals in cases of extreme drunkenness. We sent a message out at the beginning of the year that underage drinking would not be tolerated. We enforced this rule in the Michigan State game and doubled our efforts for the Pitt game," said Rakow.

One student who administered a breathalyzer test blew a 0.2, far exceeding the legal limit of 0.08.

"He was obviously drunk so we took him into custody to monitor him for his own well being," Rakow said.

The push to curtail underage drinking is part of a joint effort among law enforcement agencies in the Michiana community. South Bend, Indiana, Excise, Notre Dame and St. Joseph county Police were all involved in the joint crackdown on tailgating.

Rakow and 20 other officers took part in the crackdown.

In some cases, students lied to police thinking that a lack of affiliation with the university would save them from the laws governing the school, police said.

Those who lied were cited for further offenses and were given tickets involving the Indiana state court system.

"We will not tolerate students lying to offices of the law. Students should understand that they in actuality have it easier as the fines they receive usually only reflect local offenses, which are not as serious as the breaking of Indiana state laws," said Rakow.

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**Student Senate Members work for student input**

By ERIN LARUFFA

Although working in different parts of the country, student senators Josse Flores and Jim Ryan each got a similar inspiration from their summer internships — to increase communication between the student senate and the student body.

Flores, the senator from Carroll Hall, said he learned an important lesson from community members in Austin, Texas as part of his summer service project.

"The community was really big on giving input before it did anything," Flores said. "The way they did that was through conversations."

So, Flores began brainstorming ways to involve the student body about projects that senators were working on. He finally decided that the best route to seek student input was by holding discussion forums in the dining halls.

For Ryan, who represents Dillon Hall, that inspiration came as he worked in the public information office of DuPage County, Ill. While sending local newspapers a list of agendas for upcoming county meetings, Ryan said he decided that the Notre Dame senate should also let its constituents know ahead of time what would be discussed at its weekly meetings.

"If a community wouldn't do this," he said, "why shouldn't we do this?" said Ryan. His idea became a reality two weeks ago, when the senate first published its meeting agenda in The Observer.

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Holding dining hall forums and publishing meeting agendas both fit into the senate's broader plan for the year, according to internet senator Mark Roland.

"One of the goals of the senate this year will be to do a better job of garnering student input," said Roland. "The senate, at its best, is going to be embodying the students' opinions."

However, even though the senate has been publishing its agenda for two weeks now, no students have attended. Nevertheless, Ryan said he remains optimistic that students will come when the senate discusses more controversial issues than the ones they have been talking about so far this year.

"The more we're probably going to want to be there, and they're going to want to share their opinions," Ryan said.

The dining hall forums that Flores conceptualized will begin tonight, as representatives from the student senate and the office of the student body president will be in both dining halls during dinner, and then at LaFortune from 10 p.m. to midnight.

The senate will be in North Dining Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and in South Dining Hall from 5:45 to 7:15 p.m.

The first dining hall forum will focus on faculty/student interaction. Similar forums on different topics will be held every Monday.

"It is important for senators to go to places where students are, such as the dining halls and LaFortune, to make it as easy as possible for students to talk to their representatives," Roland added that students should have an easy time finding the tables where the discussions will take place.

"We'll be in a central location so people won't have to search us out. We're basically in the whole point," Roland explained.

In part, the point of the forums, according to Flores, is to get student input on important campus issues.

"The whole point is to do what your constituents want," said Flores. "We really do want to reach out to students and see what they have to say."

In addition, he added that student government wants students to know it will listen to their ideas and is willing to work for them.

"A lot of service is about presence and making sure people know you're there," said Flores, explaining that student input could change the way the senate handles a particular issue. Although Flores said student government representatives running the forums will have certain questions planned out, they will also, in addition, ask those guidelines.

"The people that are staffing the tables will probably have some guided questions in mind," Flores said. "But the people having the conversation could take it somewhere else."

Ryan said that no matter what forums students use, it is important for them to share their ideas with their senators.

"The senate is a resource for putting the views of the students to the administration," said Ryan. "If students want us to help make sure what we're doing is what students want."

One senator has already taken the idea to another level. According to Ryan, senators can make a stronger case to the administration when they have a lot of student feedback on a particular issue.

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**Bowyer named department chair**

Kevin Bowyer has been appointed to the position of chair of the Department of Computer Science at the University of Notre Dame.

He joined the Notre Dame faculty in August after previously teaching and conducting research at the University of South Florida.

Specializing in computer vision, image analysis, pattern recognition, image compression and medical imaging, Bowyer also is heavily involved in the study of ethical issues related to computing.

The second edition of his textbook "Ethics and Computing — Living Responsibly in a Computerized World" was published this year.

His federalized a series of National Science Foundation workshops for undergraduate faculty members across the United States on the topic of teaching ethics and computing and presented a keynote address on the topic at the 1999 Information Systems Science Conference.

Bowyer also is committed to improving undergraduate computer science education in the area of handling image data and has written two special issues of the International Journal of Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence on this topic.

In addition to South Florida, Bowyer also has served on the faculties of Duke University and the Swiss Federal Technical Institute.
Saint Mary's students joined together for many different events with the intent to display and strengthen school pride. Events ranged from a pep rally to ghost stories. Held on Wednesday, the pep rally honored all fall athletes and students participated in various events to increase class spirit. Classes battled different events with the intent to dis play and strengthen school pride. Classes battled different events with the intent to dis play and strengthen school pride. Classes battled different events with the intent to dis play and strengthen school pride. Classes battled different events with the intent to dis play and strengthen school pride.

Peter Holland, an internationally regarded Shakespearean scholar and director of The Shakespeare Institute at Stratford-upon-Avon, England, has been appointed to the McMeel Chair in Shakespeare Studies at Notre Dame. Holland's primary appointment will be in the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre, and he will have a concurrent appointment in the Department of English. He also will serve as director of Actors from the London Stage. He will join the faculty in fall 2002.

"Peter Holland's appointment ensures that the Notre Dame Shakespeare Initiative will continue to contribute significantly to the field of Shakespeare performance and scholarship in North America," said Dr. Mark Roche, I. A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters. "Holland's work on 'The Ornament of Action' has served for almost 20 years as one of the most important and influential works in that field.

"Holland is remarkable for his outreach and visibility beyond the academy, for his role as one of the creators of the field of theatre studies, and for his understanding of centuries of dramatic form, reaching back to the pre­­tendary period," Roche said. "The appointment should draw international attention to Notre Dame and will be a perfect fit for our developing focus on the performing arts as well as our emphasis on medieval and Renaissance litera­­ure.

Holland's wife, Romana Huk, will join the English faculty as an associate professor. Huk specializes in modern and contemporary British poetry, including work on women writers.

The McMeel Chair in Shakespeare Studies was established last year by alumnus John P. McMeel and his family. A South Bend native and 1957 graduate with a degree in business, McMeel is the chairman of Andrews McMeel Universal, the parent organiz­­ation of Universal Press Syndicate and Andrews McMeel Publishing. He is also president of the board of the Andrews McMeel Universal Foundation. McMeel has been a member of the advisory council for Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters since 1997.

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I went to a peace rally last weekend. I left convinced that for the present crisis the anti-capitalist left and the religious right are utterly irrelevant. The rally was held on a beautiful autumn day in Washington, D.C. Given the setting, the sun and the music this should have been a festive crowd. It was not. It was very angry. Speaker after speaker blamed the massacres of Sept. 11 on the racist, imperialist and fascist policies of the United States. It got so bad that when a representative of the National Organization of Women (NOW) got up and spoke about the Taliban’s human rights abuses, the crowd began to boo. One young man near me waved a placard that read “America: Get a Clue.”

The rally also attracted a sizable counter-protest. That crowd was not as diverse or ecstatic; everyone seemed to be either dressed in red, white and blue or waving something with those colors. Nonetheless, they were just as angry. If the police had not separated the two groups there would have been bloodshed when anarchists set fire to a dozen American flags.

In all the chaos, what caught my eye was a small group of 10 people gathered under a seven-foot wooden cross. I walked over and asked what they were doing. The man holding the cross said they came to pray for America’s repentance. The women next to him added that she believed the attacks were God’s judgment on the nation. She said she agreed with the Reverends Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson who blamed the attacks on abortionists, gays, lesbians and pagans. I left the rally appalled by what I heard that day. I couldn’t decide what was worse: the vile moral equations of the peace protesters or equated terrorists with President Bush or the confused self-righteousness of those who seemed to know the secret will of God. The anti-capitalist left and the religious right stand at the opposite ends of the political spectrum. Ironically, both agree that the attacks of Sept. 11 are judgments for the nation’s immorality. They are both wrong.

On the left, the national sins include racism, colonialism and oppression. The monster of terrorism came about, they claim, as a response to America’s economic and military might. Thus, the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon can be explained as an act of resistance against the imperialist power. I heard such logic at the rally and read it from left-wing luminaries such as Noam Chomsky, Susan Sontag and Michael Moore.

The anti-capitalist left has become apologists for Osama bin Laden and his Taliban supporters. Most of us already know that the Taliban are brutal toward women, kill homosexuals, hate Jews and want to exterminate even more innocent American citizens. Let’s face it, in a perfect world, bin Laden wants to replicate the Taliban across the Middle East. Given the facts, can anyone on the left make a convincing claim that the Taliban are morally equivalent or superior to the United States?

Can the evil of Sept. 11 be absolved by the fact that bin Laden opposes corporate globalization and United States military power? I think not.

On the right, Falwell and Robertson make the mistake of equating America with God’s chosen people. When the two television preachers criticize all “who have tried to secularize America,” the underlying assumption is that there once was a “Christian America,” when it met with God’s approval as his chosen nation. As a historian I object to this characterization. From the beginning the American republic was filled with injustices that surely deserved God’s judgment. I agree that America has had an exceptional history—it has been the metaphorical city on a hill. But it was never a Christian nation. Nor has God chosen America for special favors. His chosen people are no longer drawn from one nation or state. Falwell’s vision of church and state is historically wrong and theologically ungrounded.

Falwell and Robertson compound the problems by blaming the terrorists attacks on those they have bated over social policy. Assigning evil to one’s political enemies is not new but the transparency here is so obvious it is absurd. The figureheads of the religious right have again mixed morality and the political wrongs in the amount.

As clergy they should spend their time ministering to the suffering and spreading the Gospel. As citizens they should be helping to create public policies and institutions that protect the innocent and punish those who take vengeance into their own hands.

On this last task both left and right fall way short. In their indictments of the nation’s morality neither provide just and constructive solutions for the present crisis. And, in the process, both excuse the terrorist act by denying the basic idea of all morality: that individuals are responsible for their own actions and should be judged accordingly by all responsible citizens.

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I’m in a New York state of mind

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“I’m going to go back every other Monday.

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I didn’t want to write about the Sept. 11 attacks again. A lot of people have told me I shouldn’t. Aliens aren’t supposed to get to the business of the country again. We have to move on. And there is other news: The Tennessee Greyhound bus attack and the downed Russian airliner have exploded into the headlines because of possible correlations to the World Trade Center/Pentagon attacks and the death of a Florida man due to anthrax has a lot of people frightened about the possibility of bioterrorism. Then there’s the Cincinnati who shot an unarmed black teen was acquitted, while Andrea Yates was found competent to stand trial for the murders of her five children. And there’s also Rijker’s retirement, Bonds’ 73rd and my predictions probably won’t be very cohesive. Here goes.

I’m supposed to go back to New York, just to see if it was... well, awful. Average per capita income of Manhattan is ... well, awful. Average per capita income of Manhattan is $62,000, with most of the nation behind him, our country like a thick fog. It’s foggy. It’s been depressing Wall Street into a street. My last column was what I thought. This one will be what I feel. And since my feelings have often been spontaneous and inconsistent, I’m not the only one who’s confused. Apparently the President, with most of the nation behind him, thought that the Taliban into the stone age will be a heroic act — somehow gratifying our anger while bolstering our hope.

But there’s a flip side. Our nation. The Taliban are the elite, wealthy rulers of Afghanistan. They have the power there, they have the money. If we go to war with them, how likely do you think it is they’ll be on the front lines, shooting at us out of the windows of their Mercedes-Benzes, instructing their guards to break the windows? With most of the nation behind him, there’s a particularly exemplary oppression of women might as well be the slaughter of women were beaten every day. The Taliban is a third of Afghanistan’s despairsing population has left the nation in the past few months. We have to move on.

The point is that 26 million starving, beaten impoverished Afghans didn’t crash planes into the World Trade Center. They’re true, busy trying not to die. An elite, wealthy ruling class who has the luxury time enough to play video games did this. My guess is 50 people, 100 tops, were behind crashing those planes. Those 50 could have been driving trucks, filling the machine guns. They will be fanned by attractive, scantily clad attendants and sexy. Their ultimate goal is to send aid, to send aid, to send aid, to send aid, sending doctors and nurses to patch the bullet holes we put there in the first place? We don’t have a long term game plan here besides "kill the Taliban without a bloodbath," thinking this through, or we’ll have a lot more to do with the down the line, killing many, innocent Afghans so we can kill approximately 100 Taliban so that this presumably never happens again.

When "kill indiscriminately for justice" has become part of our national dialogue, what happens? Will it stop at Afghanistan? We have a history of seeing women as a nation of taking human life less seriously than we should — think of the Pacific War, Hiroshima and Nagasaki; think of firebombing in the Philippines; think of Vietnam and My Lai. We’ve had a history of killing thousands of innocents to eliminate a few hundred enemies. So, my thanks. I am for justice. I am for the elimination of the Taliban. I am not for indiscriminate killing. I believe we are a sufficiently advanced nation to figure out a way to put an end the Taliban without a bloodbath, without making the world a more dangerous place.

America is a wonderful, well-educated, ultra-modern, strong spirited nation — if anyone can see the course to a proper end to this mess, we can. Let’s not sell ourselves, and the world, short and take the easy way out.

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Imagine all the people showering in peace

Call me a snob, call me an elitist, call me a pampered American; it just seems to me that if one country has figured out how to do something well, then everyone else should take a lesson from it. I know, I know. Cultural differences, preserving ancient traditions, blah blah blah. But let's look at this logically.

Take for example a hypothetical island nation named Napaj. If Napaj were to build fast cars, nice TVs and quality stereo systems, we'd all probably buy them, right? And if another nation, Ynq, spent years of its history developing great bread, we'd obviously collect its loaves, flock like hooligans to its fall festivals and toast to its health. So if another nation, let's call them "A Bunch of States Situated Between Canada and Mexico," were to develop a system of good water pressure, you'd think that other countries would say, "Hmm, toil and trouble that flush! Showers that work? What a novel concept!"

Wrong. I hate to generalize (no, that's not true; I just have to throw in the disclaimer before I make a bold, sweeping statement), but it seems that most of Western Europe missed that memo.

Now I understand why the natives have earned the unfortunate stereotype of not having a shower. It just takes too much blood, sweat and tears to go to the trouble of daily cleaning when your morning routine consists of praying that the water will momentarily pause between Arctic cold and scalding hot and that you won't douse the entire bathroom with the spray (since shower curtains are unheard of), that you begin to appreciate the allure of the sponge bath.

I don't really want to complaint (much). But it just seems to me that as a global community, we need to come together and share our technological advances. A big conference to iron out the kinks in this alleged movement towards progress. France could bring the wine, Italy could bring the food, and Britain, well, Britain could just come and inquire about dental care.

It sounds ridiculous at first, but think how much we could still learn from each other. Spain would convince the rest of the world of the wonders of siesta. France could show the others how relaxed a 38-hour work week can be.

And maybe we would finally listen to Japan, oops, Napaj, about how to improve our educational system to the point where high school graduates would actually be able to locate their country on a map. How 21st century of us!

Of course, both Frank and Teresa in the name of being helpful invite the Brits over for a dinner party. The Brits, ambitious but clumsy social climbers, can hardly refuse. Of course, the fireworks only begin there.

"How the Other Half Loves" is a typical British farce complete with machine-gun fire basting, slamming doors and countless props. Untypical is the way the set is designed. The play actually takes place in two places at the same time. With two separate scenes going on right on top of each other. The set is designed in such a way that it is both a modest and affluent household at the same time.

We have lots of halves of things.
half lives

Onstage show of the year: "How the Other Half Loves"

"How the Other Half Loves" is set in two separate apartments. At one point all the characters have two furious dinner parties simultaneously.

For example, [the] two different apartments will have a piece of furniture where half of the furniture belongs to [one couple] and the other half belongs to [the other couple], so that we emphasize things that are different but still the same," Scott said. Chris Sinnott, the set designer, is a senior at Notre Dame this year and only the third student to design a set for a main-stage production in the last 22 years. His set enhances the way that the actors separate the two scenes. The set completes the strange duality that is characteristic of this show.

The play uses the division of the set and scenes as a metaphor for its underlying themes particularly in regard to social classes. Scott feels that the affair is particularly interesting.

"Normally, when you see this kind of situation, you see a woman, who's in less of a position of power, being attracted to power and having an affair with the guy on top. In this case it's the woman on top having an affair with the guy on the bottom," Scott said.

The intense nature of playing two scenes at once demands a lot of the actors. It requires them to constantly engage the audience to keep the play's clear. Giving such energy pays off in the end though. The added benefit of the bizarre time-shift is that it gives the audience a unique perspective on the action on stage.

"The audience knows more than a lot of the characters do, which is really fun for the audience because they get to see the characters find out what they already know," Well said.

The pace of the show accelerates as the story progresses bringing both stories together in an interesting way. The zenith of show appears when the Detweller's attend both dinner parties simultaneously on stage. Although the scene is technically difficult the talented cast pulls it off nicely. Aside from technical demands, this show also gives the cast tough characters to play.

"A lot of the challenge has been in being a real person as opposed to a character... These are really fairly normal people and it's hard to portray that like they're up on stage rather than actors up on stage," Connor said.

Of course, the real key to any farce is timing and pacing and this show has it down to a science. Smith and Connor's banter comes at breakneck speed and serves as a counterpart to Geary and Well's overly banal presentation.

Smith delivers her lines with a shrewish intensity only matched by Conner's seething rage. Both Smith and Connor lead the show's furious pace, they are the batteries that charge the cast. The always talented Smith is a master of playing off of Geary's carefully constructed idiocy with her deliciously well-timed sardonlc jabs.

"This is a really fast-paced play. It's all about the timing," Well said.

Scott thinks the actors have grown a lot from participating in this show. "They have a tremendous amount of courage to do things that they don't normally do. When you do a comedy you have to put your self out there, out on a limb, and it takes a lot of courage to do that," Scott said of her cast.

"How the Other Half Loves" will be performed in Washington Hall from Wednesday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for general admission, $9 for senior citizens, and $7 for all students. Reserved seats and are available at the door or in advance from the LaFortune Student Center Box Office. To reserve tickets with a MasterCard or Visa orders, call (219) 631-8128.

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Williams carries Saints to victory over Vikings

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William's score was the first of the Saints for the catch of the season.

The Browns' swarming defense did not touch on the quarter, when he wasn't rolling out of the pocket to right, was running for cover.

San Diego's quarterback got roughed up all afternoon and was clothes-lined on a run near the goal line in the fourth quarter by cornerback Dre' Bly of the Saints.

Trailing 16-13, the Browns got the ball with 3:32 left, and Coach went to work. He completed a 14-yard pass to Dennis Northcutt, whose first catch of the game turned out to be a big one. Then on third-and-17, Couch made his best throw, hitting Johnson for 13 yards on a perfectly timed out pattern.

The duo hooked up again two plays later as Couch lobbed his TD pass to Johnson, who was open on the left side of Green Bay's defense. Couch completed his pass from the left hash mark to Johnson, who made a one-handed grab in the end zone, and the Browns (3-1) hung on.

The ball back with 1:10 left at his own 17 on one more chance.

On fourth-and-10, Flutie scrambled for 11 yards and then made two completions for 27 yards, getting the ball to Cleveland's 45.

As Flutie's final pass hit the grass, the Broncos stormed onto the field in celebration along with 73,108 Cleveland fans who suffered through two years of atrocious football.

Buccaneers 14, Packers 10
Tampa Bay beat Green Bay and ended the NFL's longest winning streak in the league with a dud. They also answered their doubters and regained some of the swagger the team lost after blowing a fourth-quarter lead the week before.

The Bucs (2-2) intercepted three of Brett Favre's passes, and Shannon Sharpe put the finishing touches on one of them 98 yards for a touchdown.

A struggling offense did its part, too, putting together the longest driving and scoring drive in team history to produce the winning touchdown with 6:45 to go.

Mike Alstott, filling in for injured running back Warrick Dunn at Mike Alstott's left side of Green Bay's top-ranked defense and lumbered 9 yards in the fourth quarter with help from two blocks by teammate Reche Caldwell.

The Packers (3-1) led 7-0 after Favre threw a 67-yard, second-quarter touchdown pass to Bill Schreiber, and Tampa Bay's only turnover set up Ryan Longwell's 35-yard field goal in the third quarter.

The Packers, who have outscored opponents 59-7 in the second half, nearly made the three-point lead stand with help from a passive Tampa Bay offense that rarely tested Green Bay with deep passes and did not challenge the ball until Alstott broke his TD run.

Keyshawn Johnson had nine receptions for 82 yards against Tampa Bay, Brad Johnson was 23-for-29 for 184 yards, but the offense had trouble on short and intermediate routes that drew boos from the crowd.

Meanwhile, the Bucs contained the Packers' ATM man, Tyron Braxton, who had 97 rushing yards on 15 carries. Alstott finished with 77 yards on 15 attempts for Tampa Bay.
Swimming

Irish fall short of Panthers at ND Relays

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Tyler-Trib

When the head coaches from Notre Dame and Pittsburgh men's swimming teams chatted after the Notre Dame Relays Friday, Chuk Knoles, head coach for University of Pittsburgh breathed a sigh of relief.

Even though Pittsburgh swam its way to a 226-166 victory at the relay meet, it wasn't easily accomplished.

The Irish nipped the Panthers' toes in several events, chasing the 2001 Big East Champions to 14 victories.

But even though Pitt had a clean sweep of the meet winning all 11 relays, the Irish did win two seconds of the Panthers' times.

"I think I held my breath more than the [swimmers] did," Knoles told Notre Dame head coach Tim Welsh.

The Relays — a meet traditionally dominated by both the men's and the women's teams — was a measuring stick for the team at the beginning of the season. While defeating Pitt wasn't a likely goal going into the Relays, the chance to evaluate Big East competition early was valuable, Welsh said.

"It clearly helps to race the conference champions early in the season," Welsh said. "The fact that several of the races were close is a wonderful sign."

The Irish diving duo of Joseph Welsh and Andy Maggio posted the Irish's only win on the day, taking first in the three-meter synchronized diving event.

Notre Dame Women

Friday afternoon was a double victory for the Notre Dame women's team, which chalked victories against Pittsburgh in a dual meet and then again at the relay meet.

The Irish outswam Pittsburgh, winning easily 233-77, and winning 14 of 16 events.

Fifth-year senior Carrie Nixon returned to collegiate competition for the first time since spring 2000, after sitting out last season due to a shoulder injury. Her first college competition since the NCAA Championships a year and a half ago, Nixon won four races in the dual meet and posted more victories on two relay teams.

Nixon won the 50- and 100-yard freestyles as well as competing as a part of the 100- and 400-yard relay teams.

"We're really excited about Carrie Nixon," women's head coach Bailey Weathers said. "This is probably the fastest she's been before Christmas, ever."

The team also clinched the only remaining meet record not held by Notre Dame at Notre Dame Relays, winning the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3 minutes, 27.01 seconds, 10 seconds off the previous record held by Illinois State.

The team of freshman Katie Eckholt, sophomore Danielle Hulick, Nixon and senior Kelly Hecking was also a second off the team record.

"Even in a dual meet, that would be a really good swim," Weathers said. "It was really unexpected ... it's by far the best start we've ever had."

Notre Dame swimmer Carrie Nixon races freestyle during the ND Relays on Friday. Nixon returned this season after sitting out since the spring of 2000 due to a shoulder injury.

Saint Mary's

Only four points behind Marquette University, the Saint Mary's swim team fell into last place at the Notre Dame Relays after two disqualifications Friday.

But that's just evidence of "young mistakes," said first-year coach Gregg Petcoff.

Powered by nine freshmen on the roster, the Saint Mary's squad, did, however, sneak past some Division I teams. The 800-yard freestyle relay team of sophomores Megan Ramsey, junior Lane Herrington, junior Lauren Smith and sophomore Maureen Palchak placed fourth in 8 minutes, 29.02 seconds, ahead of Valparaiso, Washington and Marquette.

The 200-yard medley relay of freshman Molly Malay, Smith, freshman Lindsay Markin and sophomore Chloe Lenihan also beat out Valparaiso and Marquette in 2 minutes, 37.8 seconds.

The Bells used the Relays as a warm-up for two Division I meets on their schedule in November.

The team will face both Texas Christian University and Western Ontario early in the season, the first time the Bells have competed against Division I competition in the regular season.

"There are some things we need to work on ... but it's early in the season." Petcoff said.

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Georgetown goalie Brian O'Hagan and found its way into the net, giving the Irish a 1-0 lead with 2:33 left in the first half.

The Irish received a bit of a scare early in the second half, as Georgetown came back to tie the game. After a shot by Hoyas forward Kaiser Chowdhry was blocked by Sawyer, Chowdhry passed the deflection to teammate Kenny Owens, who found the right corner of the net just eight minutes into the second half, evening the score at one goal apiece.

However, as the second half wore on, the Irish slowly took over the game. With just under 22 minutes left in the second half, Riley drove underdressed down the right side of the field. He then launched a pass deep into the box before putting a wide-open Braun, who shot a bullet from 12 yards out to the top right corner of the net.

"It was a great effort by the team tonight, not giving up after getting our first goal," Braun said.

Just 10 minutes later, Riley made another goal pass, this time to Deeter, who redirected the pass past O'Hagan from point blank range to provide the final goal for the Irish.

"It was a great victory because it gets us back on track for the Big East," Gask said.

The win landed the Irish in seventh place with six conference games remaining.

The Irish face a key stretch of their schedule up ahead, with their next three games on the road, including a match-up with in-state rival and national powerhouse Indiana on Oct. 17.

Next up for the Irish is Big East rival West Virginia from Morgantown, WV., Thursday at 7 p.m.

Notes:
• At halftime of Friday's game, a memorial was dedicated in memory of late Notre Dame men's soccer coach Mike Berticelli. Berticelli passed away on Jan. 25, 2000 from a heart attack.

At the ceremony a plaque was presented to Berticelli's widow, Cinda, and children, inscribed with the words that appear on the memorial that now stands at the entrance to Alumni Field.

Notre Dame captains Griffin Howard and Andreas Forstner also presented Mrs. Berticelli with bouquets of flowers. The ceremony was originally scheduled for the Mike Berticelli Memorial Tournament on Sept. 14 and 16; however, those games were cancelled due to the terrorist attacks on the United States.

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goalie Liz Wagner.

Lloyd struck again, this time unassisted, just two minutes later. The forward was able to place the ball in the upper corner of the net, just out of Wagner's reach, to put Notre Dame down for good.

The only offense Notre Dame could muster came from the defense in the form of junior defender Vanessa Pruzinsky. The former high school striker took the ball up the middle of the field in the 16th minute of the first half, finding herself at the top of the penalty area, and fired a long range shot past Scarlet Knight keeper Christine Caldwell.

The goal was Pruzinsky's first in her Notre Dame career. After the flurry of scoring early in the game, the teams settled into a tense game dominated by the Irish, with 21 shots to Rutgers' nine, and punctuated by strong goalkeeping by both Wagner and Caldwell.

But the equalizer would never come for the Irish. While Friday's game was uncharacteristic for the 2001 Irish, Sunday's game followed a common pattern for this season, with Notre Dame relying on a very late goal from sometime defender, sometime forward Chapman to take down Seton Hall.

Senior midfielder and captain Mia Sarkesian struck first for the Irish, dribbling in the box before putting a shot past Pirate goalie Leah Miller.

The Irish allowed the equalizer on Seton Hall's only first half shot. Emily Fischer was able to loft a shot over Wagner to tie the score in the 43rd minute.

The speedy and athletic Chapman, who moved to forward midway through the second half, was able to win the game for the Irish with eight minutes remaining when she was able to free herself from Pirate defenders long enough to fire a shot past Miller.

The late, game-winning goal has become somewhat expected for the Irish, who have become somewhat dependent on a very late goal from Chapman.

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of the week in the MIAA last week and junior captain Heather Muth was nominated for the same honor this week.

The Belles are now ranked fifth in the MIAA with a record of 5-6-3, 4-4 in the MIAA, with all five wins coming in the last two weeks.

"The beginning of the season was a transition," junior captain Heather Muth said. "We had a new coach and a lot of new players but things are coming together now.”

The Belles continue their string of away games on Tuesday against third-ranked Calvin College at 4 p.m.

This will be the second match up between the Knights and the Belles. Saint Mary's is looking to avoid a second loss from earlier in the season.

"We're excited coming off this win," Muth said. "We're really pumped for the rest of the season."

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The Giants won the game 2-1.

Connected in could be his the first two homers on Friday night, third, popped out in the sixth to end it with a victory and a home run.

The ball was grabbed by Hayashi, 36, from San Francisco. The solo homer came on a full-count knuckleball from Springer. It gave Bonds a career-high 137 RBIs.

Bonds' 73rd home run also wiped out another major league record for the Giants' left fielder. He finished the season with a slugging percentage of .663, easily surpassing the record of .547 set by Babe Ruth in 1920.

And it also secured another record for Bonds and broke every 6.52 at-bats this season, breaking the record of a homer every 7.27 at-bats set by McGwire in 1998.

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Bonds, 37, earned $10.3 million this season in his last year of a three-year, $29.9 million extension. His agent, Scott Boras, is expected to seek a contract worth perhaps $20 million a year starting in 2002.

Bonds would like to return to the Giants, the team of his godfather, Willie Mays, and one of the teams his father, Bobby Bonds, played for. He made that clear Friday night in a ceremony following his record-breaking home run.

"I don't know what my future holds," said "I love San Francisco and I love you fans. My family knows. God knows, I'm proud to wear this uniform." But the Giants have a projected payroll of $66 million next season, and signing Bonds would mean committing nearly a third of that amount to one player. Also, the Giants may not be prepared to offer the five-year deal Boras apparently seeks.

"It's a simple equation," general manager Brian Sabean said. "We'll only pay him what we can put him to put a competitive team on the field. If he's looking to break the bank, our chances to sign him diminish.

And Giants owner Peter Magowan, serenaded with chants of "Sign him! Sign him!" during Friday night's celebration, said it's not such a simple situation.

It sounds like a stupid question — are your chances to win better with Barry or without him," Magowan said. "But the biggest question is, depending on what we have to pay him, how much do we have left over to win?"

"Barry has said all the right things. His primary motivation is to win, and he doesn't want to saddle the Giants with a number that would prohibit us from having that chance. He has said that money is not the most important thing. But Scott Boras hasn't said that, and it remains to be seen what the impact of the negotiating process.

"I'm sure he'd take less to win," captain Nicole Prezioso said. "We had a lot of decisions to make and we made the right ones."

Sophomore Jackie Bauters led the pack again with a personal best. Despite unfavorable conditions, she finished the race in 20 min. 36 sec., six seconds better than the 20:42 that was previously her best time, leaving her in 24th place overall.

"Every race I've been improving," Bauters said. "I think our training has increased and we're working a lot harder now. I'm just adjusting well running on different terrain."

The rest of the Belles turned in solid performances. All five runners to finish within seconds of each other. The bad conditions did affect the team's ability to run in a pack.

The Belles race next at the Manchester Invitational on Saturday.
Challenge awaits Irish at Shoot-out

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

The Irish will juggle their line-up again this week at the Xavier Invitational at King's Island in Mason, Ohio. Last weekend a line-up change helped the men's team finish eighth. "Our expectations are to go in there and compete for the championship," said head coach John Jasinski. "I think we're developing quickly here." So far, the Irish have exhibited an improvement from the beginning of the season, when they finished last in a field of 19 at the Earl Yestingmeier Invitational. Veterans Steve Ratay and Brandon Lunke, as well as freshman Steve Coltiss will remain in the line-up. Lunke finished third overall last weekend. Freshman Ryan Marshall and senior walk-on Kevin Richie will complete the Notre Dame squad for the tournament taking place on Monday and Tuesday. Richie, who will be playing in his first collegiate tournament, replaces junior Chris Whiten in the line-up. But the arrangement is not set in stone for the rest of the season.

"I think the lineup is going to rotate between seven or eight guys," Ratay said. According to Jasinski, the competition at King's Island will not be as tough as last week. The Irish will mainly be competing against middle-of-the-road teams from their district, the teams they must beat in order to advance to the NCAA Regionals. "Notre Dame has beaten most of the teams it will be playing, with the exception of Michigan," Jasinski said. "The Irish lost to the Wolverines by a single stroke last week because of the rainy conditions at the end of the last week, practice had to be altered. "We've just been working on short game," Lunke said. "The course was under water [at the week's end]."

Practice was also mainly on an individual basis for the team, especially for Lunke, Ratay and Coltiss who, because of the performances last weekend, had already qualified to represent the Irish at the Xavier Invitational.

The rest of the golfers had to compete for the remaining two slots. The only time the entire team met this week was at a team meeting. The Irish golfers are stressing that they are in a building phase right now, and that phase includes both increasing performance and confidence. "Our performance level right now is developing. We're heading toward more consistent scoring patterns," Jasinski said.

"There's a lot of positive momentum going on in our program right now," Ratay said. "Right now, I think we're more anxious than we are confident," Jasinski added. "Confidence is a goal that we're building into. The confidence is going to become with our success on the field ... We have to prove to ourselves that we deserve to be confident." John Jasinski
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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles errors lead to loss

By KATIE MCVoy
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Errors and teamwork were the names of the game during the Belles 3-0 (30-14, 30-17, 30-18) loss to the Knights of Calvin on Friday. Saint Mary’s had the errors and Calvin had the teamwork. A solid Knights team forced Saint Mary’s into errors, but the Belles were their own worst enemy.

“I could have done better, but the Knights is a very strong team,” head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. “We made a lot of our own errors. They did force some errors on us, but we forced them on ourselves.”

“Some of those service aces were very strong, because of very strong serving,” Schroeder-Biek said. “It was because we weren’t communicating.”

Communication continued to be a problem for the Belles. During the last several games, talking on the court is something that has only happened on the opposing side of the net. Despite intense work on communication at practice, the Belles fall short during actual competition.

“It’s mainly not talking enough and not confirming to our teammates that ‘Yes, I’m here,’ or the set communication,” Schroeder-Biek said.

“Our communication is fine in the beginning of the game and its not there at the end when we need it to pull through and win the match,” sophomore Alison Shevik said. The last half of the game also continues to be a problem. In all three games the Belles played, they were point for point with the Knights for the first 10 points. But Calvin runs late in the game left them digging themselves out of a hole.

“We were with them point to point, but if they had a spree where they scored a lot of points it got away from us,” Schroeder-Biek said. “If they made more than three points on us we lost confidence.”

Halfway through the match the communication lines broke down. The Knights took the momentum of the breakdown and managed to win all three matches by at least 12 points.

“A lot of times we’re lacking that communication so we lose the entire match,” Shevik said. “We’re up at the same level as the other team to 20 points and then they pull away from us.”

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish take two on the road

By NOAH AMSTADTER
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Watson makes history at ND Invitational

### Men's Cross Country

**Senior becomes first since 1978 to win invite for two consecutive years**

By KATIE HUGHES

It was a dreary day to make history.

But as the rain made Notre Dame Golf Course slippery and muddy, senior Luke Watson led the Irish to their first victory at the Notre Dame Invitational since Marc Hunter of Cleveland went out really well, taking the title in 1978, taking the title in 24:35.

Watson, senior Ryan Shay and sophomore Todd Mobley stayed together and pushed each other for most of the race. Shay, who won the National Catholic Invitational on the same course earlier this season, finished second in 24:25, and Mobley, who won the Valparaiso Invitational, finished right on Shay’s heels, also in 24:25.

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As a deep crowd of fans who came out despite the rain cheered on the Irish, Striowski had one of the meet’s closest races.

Senior becomes first per­son to win the Notre Dame Invitational two years in a row since Marc Hunter of Cleveland State in 1978, taking the title in 24 min. 6 sec.

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“For the seniors, it was nice to win our last race at Notre Dame,” said Striowski.

Striowski finished fifth in 24:38, making this the second meet in a row where the Irish have finished 1-2-3-5.

“I felt like I could have beat (Zandel),” said Striowski. “I didn’t do as good of a kick as him.”

Senior Sean Zanderson ran his best race of the season to finish as the fifth runner for the Irish in 25:00.

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King, who finished 26th at the World Junior Cross Country Championships last year, did not run in earlier meets because her track season extended into midsummer. She and the rest of the team had to contend with a sloppy, rainy day and a muddy course.

“It was a great day for cross country,” King said.

Junior Jon Handley took home third place in 17:28.

“I just put my head down and ran,” Handley said. “I just hung in for the last mile. And having (Lauren) totally felt like this is when our season gets rolling.”

Sophomore Megan Johnson was next for Notre Dame in 10th place, followed by freshman Christi Arnerich (24th). Sophomore Julia Schmidt finished 54th, and Junior Muffy Schmidt finished 56th.

“It was awesome. Finally our team is together,” Handley said.

The rainy day didn’t keep the football weekend crowds away from watching the meet at Notre Dame golf course.

“It was awesome having our parents and friends here,” Handley said.

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Pyros burn Purple Weasles in 6-0 win

We set the tone for both teams. A muddy playing field and steady rain were factors.

The Pyros, wearing purple uniforms, took the opening drive of the first half. They scored the only touchdown of the game on the 13th play of the drive, but the play was called back for flag guarding.

Despite the promising performance, the Pyros couldn't gain the momentum they needed to win the game.

The Purple Weasles were able to put together a drive. The Pyros forced PW into punt, but a penalty for not wearing flags against the Pyros on the punt return gave the ball back to PW. The Weasles couldn't take advantage of the second opportunity, however, and punted the ball back to the Pyros.

On its next possession, PW quarterback Lindsay Terfay scrambled for the game's only touchdown.

"One of the biggest plays of the game was made when center Tara James prevented a PW punt returner from scoring a potential touchdown," said PW coach Stephen Gillespie. "The other was [Terfay's] touchdown."

Stephanie Gillespie PW coach

The Pyros dominated the game, scoring a touchdown and six first downs on the drive, but the play was called back for flag guarding.

"We were throwing short passes, just enough to get first downs and move the ball," said Hoeck. "The rain was just an extra challenge." Hoeck scrambled for a touchdown to complete his fourth down play of that drive, but the play was called back for flag guarding.

Despite the promising performance, the Pyros couldn't get the job done. They made two big stops in the red zone, said PW coach Vandals. "We couldn't convert."

The Pyros will now take possession of the Apple Cup trophy given each year to the winner of the Pasquerilla East-Pasquerilla West game.

"Our defense was great," said Wes Welsh, averaging something like 18 points a game, and we held them to one touchdown."

Breen Phillips 7, Pangborn 0

The katte McFarland show was on as Breen-Phillips beat the Pangborn Phoxes. On a cold, windy, rainy night, McFarland, the Babes quarterback and team captain, dodged the raindrops as she ran for nearly 100 yards, a touchdown and six first downs.

"Scoring early allowed us to focus a lot and improve on other parts of the game. There are still little things we need to do to win."

Katie MacFarland Breen-Phillips quarterback

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WOMEN’S SOCCER

Irish split conference games

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
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It was a weekend of things both familiar and unfamiliar for the third-ranked Notre Dame women’s soccer team. The Irish experienced a rare loss in Big East play on Friday night at Rutgers 2-1, dropping only their fourth Big East game since joining the conference in 1995. Sunday’s 2-1 win at Seton Hall saw a recurring theme for Notre Dame, namely a late, game-winning goal in a game the Irish clearly dominated throughout.

The loss was a wake-up call,” freshman forward Candace Chapman said. “We’ll be able to bounce back from it. I think it was good in that it showed us what could happen if we don’t put teams away and [create] more urgency in scoring.

Just getting to New Jersey on Friday proved to be a struggle. The team missed its connecting flight in Pittsburgh Thursday night, and was forced to catch a few hours of quick sleep in an airport hotel before flying to Newark early Friday morning.

“I think we should be ready for every game no matter what happens before,” Chapman said.

The Irish opened up the Rutgers game with uncharacteristically soft defense. Scarlet Knight midfielder Carli Lloyd victimized the Irish backline for two goals within the first 20 minutes, putting Notre Dame in a quick 2-0 hole, a hole the Irish offense could never fill.

“They scored right off the bat ... that was really surprising,” Chapman said.

Lloyd scored her first goal off a set corner and was forced to catch a few hours of quick sleep in an airport hotel before flying to Newark early Friday morning.

The Irish opened the scoring on by Erica Schubert. Schubert put the ball in play with a low kick that made it through the Irish defense and found the freshman Notre Dame freshman Mary Boland leaps to block the kick of a West Virginia player earlier in the season. The Irish lost to Rutgers 2-1 Friday, but came back to defeat Seton Hall by the same score Sunday.

MEN’S SOCCER

Irish muzzle Hoyas

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Half the battle for the Notre Dame men’s soccer team on Friday was enduring the elements and conditions brought on by Mother Nature. The other half was enduring a pesky Georgetown defense.

Batting wind-driven rain and snow, the Irish defeated the Hoyas in a key Big East showdown, 3-1.

Irish forward Eric Braun scored two goals and midfielder Justin Detter added another to round out the Irish scoring. Chad Riley contributed two assists for Notre Dame.

“It was a great game tonight, and we had a great defensive effort as well,” Braun said. “The [final two] goals we scored were just like drills in practice. I think Coach will be proud of us.”

Irish goalie Chris Sawyer finished with six saves for the Irish, one shy of his personal best of seven, set earlier this season against Seton Hall.

Sawyer, a freshman, has made three consecutive starts in goal for the Irish.

“I’ve never done a terrific job,” Irish head coach Bobby Clark said. “He’s getting better every game, and I’m very pleased with what he’s been doing.

The Irish opened the scoring just before halftime, when defender Kevin Richards took possession after two Hoya defenders collided. Richards, taking advantage of a seemingly frozen Hoya squad, passed to midfielder Kevin Goldthwaite, who found Braun in front of the net. Braun’s shot grazed off the hand of...
Finally

Irish make big plays and get big breaks as they earn their first win of the season

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

With a little more than three minutes remaining in the third quarter Saturday afternoon, a game that seemed destined to fall apart once again for the Irish football team had a little bit when I was out there. It sort of got me "As completing taking every snap in his second start. The sophomore rushed for a game-high 122 yards on 19 carries while "rate any turnovers. It was good to see that happen. Guys made on defense a bunch of that heat because we didn't gen­-erate any turnovers. It was good to see that happen. Momentum's a funny thing."

For an Irish team coming into Saturday's game 0-3, "I told our team, 'Sometimes it gets worse before it gets better.'" Davie said. "Let's face it, that's what this game is. Strange things can happen. Momentum's a heck a lot better than being an 0-4 football team."

The positives began on Pittsburgh's first possession of the game. In each of Notre Dame's three losses, "I thought I was down, but I just kept on going, rushing out of there," Holiday said. "It caught me by surprise."

Notre Dame's first of the season. "At that point they were going in there for the go-ahead touchdown," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "The next thing you know, we're going the other way with the ball."

Three plays later, Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday slipped through the Panthers' defense, broke two tackle­-es and sprinted 67 yards into the endzone to give the Irish a 17-10 lead. "They sort of stretched the offense out and I just sort of cut back. I thought I was down, but I just kept on going, rushing out of there," Holiday said. "It caught me by surprise."

Notre Dame added a fourth-quarter touchdown by Julius Jones, his second of the game, for a 24-7 victory. Notre Dame defensive tackle Darrell Campbell congratulates Anthony Weaver after Weaver intercepted Pittsburgh's David Priestly's fourth quarter pass. "After the game, you don't need to say much," Davie said. "Those hugs and those smiles say about all that needs to be said. I'm not going to get too drawn about it; we're a 1-3 football team. But it's a heck a lot better than being an 0-4 football team."

The positives began on Pittsburgh's first possession of the game. In each of Notre Dame's three losses, the opposing team scored on its opening drive. Saturday, Pittsburgh got only three plays of before English to give the Irish a 12-10 lead. "As each game went on, I started to slow things down a little bit when I was out there. It sort of got me going."

While Holiday stressed the significance of the victory for the team and the Notre Dame community as a whole, the Irish quarterback felt the weight of getting his first career victory off his back. "It's a big win," Holiday said. "It's my first win. I've just got to keep moving on from here. It took a lot of me as well as the team."

Davie simply saw the win as evidence that a team he has touted as the "most talented" in his five years as Notre Dame's coach has the ability to come out on top. "I think it's pretty simple to see what kind of plan we have to have to win a football game," Davie said of his team's ability to make plays and not turn the ball over. "As you look back over the beginning of the season until right now obviously this is the first time that we've been able to follow the plan."

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report card

quartbacks: Holiday looked mature — he threw the ball away instead of taking the sack. He was effective running the ball and his 67-yard dash was the clinching score.

running backs: Aside from Fisher's big run, the tailbacks didn't do anything special. But Fisher and Jones did average 3.6 yards a carry.

receivers: They only dropped one pass all day, but they didn't make a big play. Of course, most of their routes were short eight-yard patterns.

offensive line: They were shaky early, allowing Holiday to take pressure. But as the game wore on, the offensive line simply manhandled Pitt's defensive front.

defensive line: When Weaver gets an interception, you know things are going well. The defensive line simply shut down Pitt's running game, giving up only 81 yards.

linebackers: Since the Irish used nickel and dime packages, the linebackers weren't on the field much. But when they were, they played aggressively and swarmed the ball carrier.

defensive backs: Two interceptions and a hand in a pair of fumble recoveries is the sign of a good day. Although poor coverage allowed Bryant's touchdown, they controlled Pitt's passing game.

special teams: Hilledbald shanked his first punt and the return game was once again a non-factor. But Setta was solid again, this time drilling a 40-yarder.

coaching: For the first time this season, the Irish looked well coached and well prepared. Using more than four defensive backs was a good move to contain Pitt's passing game.

3.41 overall: The Irish played well, but it's hard to say how well because Pitt played horribly. Harris' play calling made Davie look like a genius.

adding up the numbers

number of points the Irish had scored before Saturday's game 23

24 number of points the Irish scored Saturday

number of turnovers Notre Dame's defense forced before Saturday 2

5 Number of turnovers the Irish forced Saturday

Number of Irish defenders on the field when Pittsburgh scored its lone touchdown 10

67 number of yards Holiday ran for on his touchdown — the longest by an Irish quarterback since 1980

yard line where Notre Dame recovered English's fumble 1

time elapsed since Notre Dame last held a lead before scoring first Saturday 13:29

INSIGHT

They finally found The Big Play. And they didn't find just one. They didn't find two. They found a whole bunch of them.

Who knows where they came from? Was it Bob Davie sitting in on the defensive meetings? Did he reach behind Kevin Rogers' ear and pull out A Big Play? Or was it divine providence that caused R.J. English to flat out drop the ball on the 1-yard line? Nobody knows. Nobody cares. The Big Play happened, and that's all that mattered.

All season long, the Irish had been missing The Big Play. They hadn't completed a pass for more than 20 yards. They only had one run for more than 30. And the defense had caused a whopping two turnovers.

But that all changed Saturday. Who could explain what happened when English caught the ball, turned for the endzone, and simply dropped the ball? He wasn't hit. He wasn't even touched. But when the ball popped out of his hands and into the hands of Abe Elam, the Irish finally made a Big Play.

"I felt like we won the game there," Tyree Harrison said. "That was definitely the momentum-changing play. Abe was in the right place at the right time. Sometimes the sun shines on you."

"At that point they were going in there for the go-ahead touchdown," Davie said. "The next thing you know, we're going the other way with the ball. Let's face it, that's what this game is. Strange things can happen."

How important are those Big Plays the Irish were nearly missing? They fire up a team. They rile a defense. They excite a crowd. In short, they change the course of the game.

So when Tony Fisher took the handoff three yards deep in his own end zone and blasted through the Pittsburgh secondary, the Irish had another Big Play on their hands. There was nothing between Fisher and the longest rushing play in Notre Dame's 113 years of football except for slightly trimmed grass — and a bum knee which brought him tumbling to the ground around the 30-yard line.

After the game, Fisher wasn't upset he was caught from behind. He wasn't upset that he was hurt. He wanted to make The Big Play.

"We need big plays as possible," he said. "Carlyle could do it; I could do it, anyone could do it. It doesn't matter who does it as long as it helps the team."

Two plays later, Holiday did it. He broke through the defensive line, twisted his way past the linebackers, powered through the secondary, and was off and running.

Sixty-seven yards later, the Biggest of Big Plays was in the history books.

Everyone wanted a piece of Carlyle's Big Play. As soon as he saw Holiday take off down the field, Javin Hunter raced down the field, throwing a block on a safety that should have been called a clip. David Givens was throwing blocks on everyone and their mothers. The Notre Dame sideline erupted. Davie actually smiled.

"I felt a little bit of a surge on the sideline during that third and fourth quarter," Davie said Sunday afternoon.

"That's what The Big Play does. It creates momentum shifts. It alters games. It demoralizes and inspires players."

"Momentum's a funny thing," Davie said. "Momentum you can talk about and plan. But momentum comes your way when you have guys step up and make big plays. That's what happened today."

There were other Big Plays besides the fumble and the big runs. Elam's interception in the first quarter marked the first time an opponent didn't score on their first drive this season. A play after officials blew a fumble call. Sharron Walton's pick in the fourth quarter sealed the game for the Irish.

A grand total of five — count 'em, five — turnovers.

"That's the one thing our defense was missing this year," said Rocky Bolman. "We hadn't really created any turnovers or any sparks out there, and we did that today."

By making those Big Plays, the Irish shut down the Panthers. By making those Big Plays, the Irish gained confidence. By making those Big Plays, the Irish looked like a football team again. By making those big plays, the Irish won the game.

But then again, that's the nature of The Big Play. It wins games. You can't coach it. You can't prepare for it. You can only hope to find it.

Saturday afternoon, the Irish did.
Keys to success don’t change from year to year

By JEFF BALTRUZAK Assistant Sports Editor

The date was October 6, 2001, but it might have well been October 6, 2000.

With a win against Pittsburgh, the Notre Dame football team finally returned to its 2000 formula: win the turnover battle, let the defense make big plays and run the ball until opposing line backers are seeing Julius Jones and Tony Fisher in their nightmares.

"This is the first time we’ve followed the plan," said head coach Bob Davie. "It was a lot like last year’s team." 

Turnovers

One of the most quoted statistics concerning Irish football this season was the team’s plus-minus seven-turnover margin. Notre Dame only turned the ball over an NCAA record-tying eight times last year.

"For us, it’s all about forcing turnovers," Davie said after the game. "The offense has been taking most of the heat. You know the defense deserved some heat because they weren’t generating any turnovers.

Before Saturday, the Irish defense had created just a pair of turnovers. Strong safety Abram Elam had two turnovers alone against Pittsburgh.

"We got back to the style of defense we played last year, we got back to that this year and forced some turnovers," said senior defensive end Anthony Weaver.

While the defense hasn’t been the turnover machine they were last year, the offense hadn’t done its part controlling the ball either. The Irish offense had been averaging three turnovers a game, a figure Davie has described as "not much of the same. Purdue is about to take the third quarter momentum as well as a four-point lead against an Irish team that is just starting to offensively challenge us."

"I was just trying to show emotion to get everybody fired up to go out and win this game," said Elam.

Elam accomplished his mission. The Irish then drove 99 yards in what Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris recognized was the turning point of the game.

"We came right back very strong on the drive after Notre Dame took the lead on their field goal," said Harris. "We still found ourselves coming out short... the momentum went to them.

Big Plays on Defense

Weaver took making plays on defense to a new level against the Panthers. In addition to harassing Pittsburgh’s quarterback on almost every play, Weaver made one of the most athletic plays the Irish have made this season, leaping up to pick off David Priestley’s fourth-quarter pass.

Priestley was as surprised as anyone that it was even possible for Weaver to make the play.

"You don’t account for those guys," said Priestley. "He just made a hell of a play. I couldn’t believe it when it happened." 

With the Panthers driving in the second quarter, senior corner back Shane Walton had another standout big play. Pittsburgh receiver Antonio Weaver caught the pass over the middle, but Walton was able to knock the ball loose to be recovered by Courtney Watson on the type of play that was common in 2000, when the Irish forced 19 fumbles, but not one year later.

Running the Ball

Last year, Notre Dame was a running team. The Irish relied on the running game to set up an efficient, controlled, first-down oriented passing attack run by a first-year starter.

Against Pittsburgh, it was much the same. Notre Dame had a dominating 249 yards on the ground and just 70 in the air. Carlyle Holiday missed just three passes the whole game, like his eight-yard strike to David Greens on fourth-and-six. But for most of the game, the Irish did not have to rely on Holiday’s arm, just his feet. For the most part, the Irish ran the option effectively, with consistent four and five yard gains.

The Irish didn’t rely so much on 40 yard explosions down the sideline as Fisher and Jones being unremarkable effective gaining five and four yards.

"It was all about going out there and establishing the run and the pass," said Fisher.

"Today, we just went out there and executed a heck of a lot better than we had in the previous games."

And they looked like the 2000 Irish that went 9-2.

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Notre Dame tailback Tony Fisher grimaces as he runs down the field. Fisher hurt his knee on the play. Had Asher scored, it would have been the longest touchdown play from scrimmage in Notre Dame history.

BIG PLAYS EQUAL BIG WIN

Three plays into Pittsburgh's first offensive drive, Abe Elam intercepted David Priestly's pass, setting the tone for the rest of the game. When the clock hit 0:00, the Irish had forced five turnovers, including a momentum-changing fumble on the Notre Dame one-yard line. The offense also played well, racking up 319 yards in total offense and putting 24 points on the board — doubling their season total.

Pittsburgh running back Raymond Kirkley barrels through the Irish defense as Anthony Weaver, left, and Gerome Sapp try to tackle him.