New York treats 3 for anthrax exposure

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A police officer and two lab technicians involved in the NBC anthrax investigation have tested positive for the bacteria, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Sunday.

New York officials said four people who may have come into contact with a contaminated letter at a Microsoft office tested negative, while results weren't known for two others.

In Washington, meanwhile, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said he considered the anthrax cases in New York, Nevada and Florida to be instances of bioterrorism. "It certainly is an act of terrorism to send anthrax through the mail," he said on Fox News Sunday.

And Attorney General John Ashcroft said it was premature "to decide whether there is a direct link to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, but we should consider this potential that it is linked."

The new New York cases brought to 12 the number of people around the nation who either have anthrax or been exposed to it.

That does not include an NBC employee who is taking antibiotics after displaying possible symptoms of the disease.

The anthrax scare began Oct. 4 when it was confirmed that a Florida tabloid editor had contracted the inhaled form of the bacteria. His death a day later was the first resulting from the disease in the United States since 1976.

Seven other employees of American Media Inc. have tested positive for exposure and are being treated with antibiotics. None have developed the disease. A second round of blood tests for more than 300 of the company's employees is expected this week.

News of the exposures has caused jitters around the world, with a number of false pending cases reported over the weekend. Among them:

- In Hawaii, hazardous-materials teams were called to Little Rock airport after passengers on a flight from Los Angeles discovered a white powder in their luggage after they arrived.
- Tests were being conducted on the powder.
- In Uniontown, Pa., a 49-year-old woman was given Cipro, an antibiotic for anthrax, and was tested for exposure after receiving an envelope containing a powdery substance. She was later released from a hospital.
- In England, several hundred people were evacuated from Canterbury Cathedral after a worker said he saw a man dropping a white powder in one of the chapels. Workers wearing chemical protection suits cleared up

Officials ban vulgar T-shirts

By JASON McFARLEY

The word "suck" kept John Furka and Brian Kahn shirtless in the rain Saturday during the Notre Dame-West Virginia football game.

Notre Dame Stadium ushers wouldn't allow the University of Virginia football fans to wear shirts with language deemed inappropriate by security officials.

"I was a little annoyed about the situation, but we ended up just taking them off," Kahn said of the "Notre Dame football sucks" shirts.

The navy blue shirts featured gold writing on both sides. It's hard to read "ND tailgating '01." On back was "Drinking because we suck."

They were among about 30 shirts Kahn's cousin printed last month.

Officials considered "suck" a vulgar term, according to Gappy Gagnon, coordinator of Stadium personnel.

"We have a policy that we don't allow vulgar material into the Stadium," Gagnon said. "Even without the policy, we wouldn't do it anyway."

The University adopted the policy more than five years ago, when students printed and wore to the Stadium "I hate Michigan" T-shirts. Furka said. In the past, officials also barred a "Known-Good" shirt.

"We've had one or two people say it was a First Amendment issue," Gagnon said of past incidents of students wearing possibly insulting clothing. "We say it's a Stadium decorum issue. We try to create a family environment."

The shirts didn't threaten that family-oriented environment, the students said.

"I don't think ["suck"] is a bad word," Furka said. "It's not the best word, but there's words that we could've put on there that would have been a lot more offensive."
The real challenge

The last time America was threatened, Franklin Delano Roosevelt told the nation, "All we have to fear is fear itself." A month after the unspeakable terrorist attacks, it is important for Americans to heed this message from 50 years ago. But it is not our military that needs to hear this; it is the ordinary American citizen that should listen.

This weekend my family attended the West Virginia game. They were actually somewhat apprehensive, especially after the new terrorist warnings from the FBI. A big football game would be a nice target," I heard one tailgater say.

My mother also told me what a bad idea going abroad was next year. She felt, like many other Americans, that we are not only at risk in large groups, but we may even be in danger when we open our mail now. The world can be a scary place for an American. But what is scarier is the fact that Jews, Muslims, Christians, Buddhists and others can practice their respective religions, and at the same time still be Americans.

People are now often afraid to disagree with politicians, fearing they will be deemed unpatriotic— that is not American. Those who disagree with America's stance are simply showing us why America is so great. We do have the right to speak our minds, unlike those in Afghanistan who can be beaten or killed for saying the wrong words.

We must be afraid to gather for a common cause. When we all gather in Notre Dame Stadium to cheer on our Fighting Irish, we are undeniably at risk. But it is a far greater risk to give up our right to assemble in fear of terrorists and international evil.

America is not great because we have the tallest buildings or the biggest military. There is no doubt that our armed forces will be victorious in the military struggle. However, at the same time, it is up to you and me to make sure that we win the ideological war. We must ensure that freedom of assembly, freedom of religion and freedoms of speech never perish from the earth.

As I explained to my mother this weekend: I may be killed just for being an American. But that is preferable to living in fear of the world. Sept. 11 changed history, but we must not let this terror change what it means to be an American. We cannot let fear change us, and we must not change our daily routines.

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BEYOND CAMPUS

Berkeley employs college sex offender registry

It's good for the university. Sex offenders living in UC Berkeley housing are already required by law to register with campus police. But crimes committed on campus by noncampus residents are difficult to track, Cooper said. This legislation will expand the registration requirement for all sex offenders who enroll as students or are employed the college. The new law also includes anyone who works on the campus, such as construction workers, who are not employed by the school.

"Sex offense happens all over, but we have such a high concentration of people here," Cooper said.

According to UC police statistics, five cases of forced sexual assaults, which include rape and attempted rape, were reported in the 2000 calendar year.

"People come to the University and have a higher sense of security, believing that the University will protect them," Cooper said. "Having the information (the bill provides) will benefit the students."

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CHILE

Comedian asks government to lift ban

* Senate addresses law banning divorce

Associated Press
SAN JUAN

As he wrapped up his performance at a Chilean campaign rally, the comedian had just one request for senatorial hopeful Enrique Krauss: "Please, sir, work for a divorce law so I can get married." The comedian, known as El Indio, is separated from his first wife, but can't remarry because Chile is one of the few countries in the world that still bans divorce.

The candidate, according to the daily La Segunda, made no promises. That's no surprise. Over the past 90 years, repeated attempts to break the ban have floundered on the rocks of the Human Catholic Church and the conservative political establishment. However, the issue may finally be coming up for a Senate vote.

After 12 failed attempts, the lower house of Congress passed the bill in 1997, but it languished there for four years — until last week, when a Senate committee took it up. The government, which supports the bill, had recently proposed several changes in an attempt to make it more acceptable to the senators. The committee must file a report to the full Senate within 30 days.

Among the thousands of Chileans trapped in broken marriages, few are holding their breath. The Senate has set no date for voting, and when it finally happens, the outcome will hang on one or two votes, says Congresswoman Antonieta Saa.

If enacted, the Civil Marriage Law will make divorce a costly and protracted affair. Couples will have to show a judge that they underwent counseling. Stringent rules will protect the rights of children, guarantee their schooling is paid for, and that alimony and child support are provided.

So far so good, say both supporters and opponents. But proponents of the right to divorce are unhappy with the clause requiring husband and wife to show that they have lived apart for four years — three if the divorce is uncontested.

"That's an eternity when things are not working out for a couple," said Saa.

The intent, explained Justice Minister Jose Antonio Gomez is "to protect the families and give couples a time to reflect." Some think the law makes things worse. "It's better being the only Western country without a divorce law than the Western country with the worst divorce law," said Jimena Valdes, who runs a think tank specializing in women's study.

CNN talk show host rolls into ND

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Chris Matthews, host of "Hardball" on MSNBC and CNN, will deliver this year's Jack Kelly and Gail Weiss Lecture on Journalism and Politics at the University of Notre Dame on today. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library.

Matthews, who also is a nationally syndicated columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, will make a presentation titled "Washington Today: The Inside View." His talk will be followed by a question and answer session.


A graduate of Holy Cross, he did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. He has received numerous honorary doctoral degrees in recent years.

The lecture series, inaugurated last year by Tim Russert of NBC News, was created with an endowment gift from John A. Kelly, a member of the Notre Dame class of 1974, a prominent Washington lobbyist and former aide to Presidents Reagan and George H.W. Bush, and his wife, Gail E. Weiss, who recently completed over three decades of government service on Capitol Hill. At her retirement she was the Democratic staff director of the House Education and Workforce Committee.

The couple has been actively involved with and support¬

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Mubarak criticizes Sharon

Associated Press

CAIRO

Israel is a dictatorship and
Prime Minister Ariel Sharon
knows only war and slaughter,
Egyptian President Hosni
Mubarak reportedly said
Sunday.

Mubarak spoke in a meeting
with Arab editors and senior
journalists. His comments were
reported by a participant,
Ibrahim Nafie, the editor of Al­
Aḥram newspaper and the
chairman of Egypt’s Press
Syndicate.

Recalling his talks with
British Prime Minister Tony
Blair on Thursday, Mubarak
said. "Sharon doesn’t know any­
thing except war, killing and
slaughter,” he said.

Under Sharon, hopes of
reaching a solution to the
Israel-Palestinian conflict have
evaporated, Mubarak said.

He praised President Bush
for his recent endorsement of a
Palestinian state, but added this "should be translated into
practical steps that include
putting the peace process back on
track.

The president has given
prominence to his pursuit of a
solution to the Palestinian
question, apparently aiming to
mute domestic criticism of his
support for U.S. airstrikes on
Afghanistan.

In an interview with Israel’s state-run Channel 1 television, he said: “They have a fight
in Afghanistan and if they
manage to catch the terrorists
there it will be a great achieve­
ment.”

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worse.”

Ushers asked the men
Saturday to remove the shirts
then, twice during halftime
and again during the fourth
quarter, according to Kahn.
Both times the men were in
the student section of the
stands.

Following the usher’s second
request, the men left the shirts
off for the rest of the game, he
said.

Stadium workers did not
confront Kahn when he wore
the shirt to the Oct. 6 Notre
Dame-Pittsburgh game,

Furka said. Saturday was the
first time he wore the shirt to
the Stadium.

Ushers typically ask fans
before they are seated to
remove or turn inside out
shirts deemed unfit, Gagnon
said. If visitors inside the
venue don’t follow the instruc­
tions, ushers usually repeat
the request.

“We give people plenty of
warnings,” Gagnon said. “If
people refused, they’d be
removed from the Stadium,
but that’s not something we’ve
had to do with a student.”

He noted that he received
from Stadium crew few
reports this weekend about
students wearing inappropri­ate shirts. No students com­
plained to him about shirt­
baning incidents this week­
end, he said.

Saturday’s incident wouldn’t
deter Furka and Kahn from
sporting the shirts at future
home games, the men said.
“I just think it’s a funny
shirt. I think it’s good for a
laugh,” Furka said.

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**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Colombia captures rogue fighters:** Soldiers on Sunday captured eight paramilitary fighters suspected of killing at least 24 peasants in a village in southwestern Colombia, the army said. The suspected members of the National Liberation Army, known as the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia, or AUC, were caught in a raid in the province of Valle del Cauca, near where an Oct. 10 massacre of the peasants took place.

**Indian mine rescue unlikely:** Hopes for the survival of 50 workers trapped last week in an illegal mine in eastern India were fading Sunday. The mine caved in Wednesday. Some of the trapped workers could be heard shouting for help, but rescue officials feared any further attempts may cause further damage.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Hurricane Karen weakens:** Hurricane Karen weakened to a tropical storm on Sunday and was expected to weaken further. Forecasters said Tropical Storm Karen was moving north at about 12 mph and was expected to gradually increase in speed as it approaches Nova Scotia.

**School bus crash kills three:** A school bus in Nebraska crashed while returning from a high school band competition, killing three people and injuring more than 30 Sunday. The school bus had veered off the road to avoid a swerving tour bus, students on board told police.

**Minnesota leaders reach accord:** Leaders from the two largest state employees unions met Sunday to decide whether to endorse tentative contract deals reached with the state, which would end a two-week strike by about 23,000 government workers.

**INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS**

**Wounded deer stir debate:** Sightings of a deer with an arrow in its side have inflamed some residents of Beverly Shores, a northwest Indiana town, who oppose deer hunting. The Town Council decided in March to allow residents to hunt deer on their own property in hopes of controlling the deer population. Now that hunting season has begun, a council meeting Monday night was expected to rekindle the debate over hunting within the town's borders, the Post-Tribune reported. The resident said she saw a wounded deer about 20 feet from her bay window.

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**AFGHANISTAN**

**Bin Laden issues terror threats**

Osama bin Laden issues threats in videotaped broadcasts. Bin Laden issued more threats against Westermers Sunday, through a Kuwaiti spokesman. President Bush has been critical of news coverage of bin Laden.

**Associated Press**

**CAIRO**

A Kuwaiti spokesman for Osama bin Laden issued a blistering televised threat early today to kill Westerners, whether in their home countries or in the Persian Gulf area. In the process, he directly linked bin Laden terrorist network to the attacks in the United States on Sept. 11.

The spokesman, Soleiman Abu Gheit, an Islamic preacher from Kuwait, urged Muslims to continue to demonstrate against the American bombing of Afghanistan and warned the United States that "the storm will not calm down, especially the storm of airplanes, until you see defeat in Afghanistan."

He ended his brief recorded message with a threat of more attacks on civilians and cities.

Continuing a series of television appearances this week, and speaking in defense of bin Laden, Abu Gheit warned "Muslims in the United States and in Britain, and children and others who are against the unjust American policy, not to travel by airplanes and not to live in high buildings or skyscrapers."

American television networks were extremely wary of showing the broadcast on Saturday night. In Washington, the White House quickly dismissed the tape as propaganda.

Abu Gheit, in his appearance on Al Jazeera, an Arabic-language satellite network, invoked divine support. "Greatness is for Allah, his prophets and the faithful," he said, "but the infidels do not know it."

The network, based in Qatar on the Persian Gulf, is a popular source of news through the Arabic-speaking world.

"FBI investgates driving school"
U.S.-led warplanes attack capital sites

Associated Press

WASHINGTON U.S.-led forces opened a second week of air strikes Sunday with an assault on the capital's communications system and more of the ruling Taliban's military assets.

U.S. warplanes have destroyed nearly all of the targets originally assigned to them, including militant training camps and weapons storage areas, the captain of the USS Enterprise's air wing said Sunday.

"We're sort of in a cleanup mode right now," said the captain who confirmed the destruction of Bin Laden's compound. Residents also said at least 200 civilians were killed in the air attack.

The claim, if true, would make it the deadliest single strike in the campaign by U.S. and British warplanes.

On Saturday, a Pentagon official acknowledged that a 2,000-pound satellite-guided bomb missed a helicopter at Kabul airport and slammed into a civilian area.

As many as 15 men, women and village elders were killed, according to witnesses and Taliban officials.

The Pentagon has been carrying out the operation to root out weapons storage areas, the cap said.

Meanwhile, the Taliban sought again to negotiate an end to the bombing, saying they would give him free range to third parties if the White House was involved in the Sept. 11 attacks on America.

President Bush immediately rejected the offer.

"There's nothing to negotiate. They're harboring a terrorist. They need to turn him over," George Bush said.

The United States has been trying to gather more information from the Taliban in order to root out the terrorist network for his Al-Qaeda network.

Relaxing a ban that kept foreign reporters out of areas of Afghanistan that it controls, the Taliban took 15 journalists to the village Sunday to see fresh graves scattered about. Villagers said more bodies were buried in the mountains, carried there by residents as they fled after the bombs and it was not possible to independently confirm the number dead.

The Air Force alone flew some 400 sorties in the first week of the operation, including those for refueling, humanitarian food drops and bombing raids, officials said. Navy pilots carried out hundreds more sorties.

The Pentagon also said Sunday that a humanitarian food drop Saturday was nearly doubled to make up for operations canceled Thursday night for an unplanned reason. Some 69,000 packets of food were dropped for hungry Afghans, many of whom had fled their homes to avoid the bombings.

Bush launched the attacks Oct. 7 after the Taliban militiamen repeatedly rejected demands to hand over Bin Laden, chief suspect in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in which some 6,000 people are believed to have died.

The talks began Saturday under pressure from Bush and American officials, who have tried to negotiate with the Taliban in order to avoid the bombings.

"We did not obtain a concrete result that will permit the signature of an initial agreement," Einarson told reporters Sunday before leaving Haiti. OAS officials have traveled to Haiti at least 15 times to try to resolve the standoff between the Lavalas Family Party and the 15-party Convergence opposition alliance.

On Saturday, Lavalas and Convergence tentatively agreed to hold parliamentary elections for the X3-seat lower house and two-thirds of the 27-seat upper house in November 2002. But Aristide's party refused to shorten the terms of mayors, aldermen and local assembly members.

For the new elections, the party insisted the incumbents be allowed to stay in office until results are official.

Lavalas spokesman Sen. Yvon Neptune said the terms are "nonnegotiable." The opposition refused those conditions.

"We cannot accept the unacceptable," said opposition legal adviser Gervy Ferary. "Last year's so-called elections were an electoral coup d'état." Aristide's party won 80 percent of local and legislative seats in the May 2000 elections.
**NIGERIA**

**Muslim mob ignites violent protest**

**Associated Press**

**KANO**

Fires smoldered in burned cars and ruined buildings in the northern city of Kano on Sunday, a day after Muslim-Christian clashes left at least 13 people dead and religious tensions high. The fighting Saturday was apparently ignited by clashes between police and an armed mob Friday following a protest by Muslims against the U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan.

Hundreds of soldiers patrolled Kano, located 500 miles north of the commercial capital Lagos, restoring an uneasy calm Sunday. Burning tires and garbage lined a main road in Kano and firefighters battled to put out fires in several buildings.

Witnesses said three churches and a mosque were partially burned Saturday, but government officials said only one church and one mosque were damaged.

Police said they had confirmed 13 deaths in Saturday's violence, including five rioters shot by police. There were unconfirmed reports of hundreds dead but by Sunday no bodies were visible on the streets. Hospitals refused to admit journalists and gave no casualty figures. Kano's state government, anxious to play down the violence, dismissed the reports.

"To say hundreds is an exaggeration," said government spokesman Ibrahim Gwagwarva.

Some Muslims vowed more protests against the U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan.

"As long as George Bush continues to drop bombs on Afghanistan, then we Muslims in Nigeria will protest," said Bilyaminu Muhammad, a 38-year-old who had frightenedly dismantled his roadside barbecue chicken stand Friday in anticipation of violence.

Yet most residents expressed dismay at the fighting, saying they feared relations between Christian and Muslims in the largest city in northern Nigeria had been seriously damaged.

"I just pray for the fighting to stop," said Tony Sojay, an employee at St. George's Anglican Church who saw a mob stab a man to death outside his church.

Government officials and some residents blamed the fighting on thugs, not religious tensions.

They said people began looting stores and homes immediately after Friday's anti-U.S. protests. Police made more than 100 arrests.

"It is an unemployed youths, both Muslim and Christian, who are causing all the trouble," said Abdul Kadir, a university student.

But witnesses told of groups of Christian and Muslim rioters yelling religious slogans as they attacked and chased bystanders believed to be of another faith. Some Muslim rioters carried posters of Osama bin Laden, the prime suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

On Sunday, bin Laden posters could still be seen pinned up on walls and buildings around the city. Some taxi's also bore stickers of bin Laden's face.

Government officials often deny the religious basis of fighting to avoid further violence in Nigeria, which is divided between a largely Muslim north and Christian south.

The violence is just the latest in a cycle of bloodletting since a dozen northern states, including Kano, began introducing Islamic law, or Shariah, last year. Islamic courts in these states have ordered the hands of thieves amputated and several women and girls have been publicly flogged for alleged sexual indiscretions.

**INDIA**

**Prime Minister calls for end to terrorism**

**Associated Press**

AGRA

Calling terrorism an enemy of humanity, India's Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee called Sunday for a global campaign to "finish off the scourge."

"Everyone accepts that terrorism is the enemy of humanity. We have to finish off terrorism by attacking not just its symbols but also its roots," Vajpayee told a crowd of nearly 50,000 members of his Bharatiya Janata Party's youth wing in Agra, home of the Taj Mahal.

He noted that India had found scant sympathy internationally for its decade-old fight against Islamic terrorists in Jammu-Kashmir, India's only predominantly Muslim state.

"But since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 on New York and Washington, the world has taken notice of the immense danger posed by terrorist groups," Vajpayee said.

India and neighbor Pakistan have fought two of its three wars over the Himalayan region of Kashmir, and more than a dozen militant Muslim groups are fighting India for a separate Jammu-Kashmir state or its merger with Pakistan.

Earlier this month, 40 people were killed in a suicide bombing outside the state legislature in Srinagar, the region's capital.

A Pakistan-based terrorist group, Jaish-e-Mohammed claimed — then denied — responsibility for the bombing.

In a telephone call to Vajpayee last week, Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf condemned the terrorist attack in Srinagar and the killing of innocent civilians.

"No one should accept that killing of people in Jammu-Kashmir is terrorism," Vajpayee said.

India accuses Pakistan of training, arming and financing the militant groups. Pakistan denies the charge, describing the militants as freedom fighters whom Islamabad supports morally and diplomatically.

Vajpayee said his government is determined not to let the killing end the community in the aftermath of U.S.-led airstrikes on Afghanistan.

"Some people are trying to foment trouble in India taking advantage of events in Afghanistan," he said. "We have to fight the propaganda war. We have to acknowledge that terrorism has no religion."
OutreachND deserves recognition

Notre Dame will never be a family so long as injustice divides us. Many injustices tear at the fabric of our community, but one of the most hurtful is the University’s discrimination against gays, lesbians and bisexuals.

At our University, gay, lesbian and bisexual students operate on the fringes of acceptance. In good times, they are welcomed by the Standlings Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, Campus Activities, student government and their fellow students. However, they also face discrimination, harassment and must live knowing that their own activities could be censored at any time. This is because despite more than 20 years of unofficial existence, the University still refuses to recognize the student-run gay, lesbian and bisexual group, OutreachND and refuses to include sexual orientation in our non-discrimination clause.

Even if you have been here several years, you should be just as outraged as I was when I was urged to wear white to the football game and the sea of the student body supposed to show its unified support for a student-run club.

The fact that OutreachND has existed for over 20 years shows the truth that Notre Dame is far from providing adequate support for gay, lesbian and bisexual students. In fact, many of its gay, lesbian and bisexual programs rely upon OutreachND members to organize events, though the University refuses to share the credit.

Thirdly, I suspect that the primary unstated reason for not recognizing OutreachND is that the decision would be unpopular with conservative donors. In this case, the University is again mistaken, as it loses more donations in the end than current approve. Campus gay rights activism will continue to make national news stories, embarrassing the University, until OutreachND is recognized.

On campus, students and faculty are overwhelmingly in support of recognition. The campus gay rights movements in the springs of 1995 and 1997, and 1998/1999 were particularly strong. For most of our community, it is obvious that discriminating is wrong and we show no sign of changing our minds. If the administration wants to act to be an activist, it must stop fighting the Notre Dame family, it does not have to spend millions of dollars on a new initiative or tread into an uncharted territory. It simply needs to take a small step and join more than 20 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States by recognizing a student-run gay, lesbian and bisexual group.

Unfortunately, for reasons that continue to baffle most students, the University will not take this action until it is conformed to the policies of the student body, demanding justice. If you disagree with the administration’s decision, now is the time to come out and say so.

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Game attire should unite us

For many years, the students and alumni of the student section, presents a unified block of support in the northwest corner of Notre Dame Stadium. I had the opportunity to observe the student section during the Michigan State game and the sea of navy blue was truly an impressive sight. We pay for The Shirt as a sign of support for our team, and we wear it proudly to assure the team that we stand behind them.

I am dismayed, therefore, with e-mails and voicemails I have received in recent weeks urging me to wear a different color to the game in support of a given cause. At Michigan State, I was asked to wear blue for Notre Dame solidarity, yellows for the cause of peace and red for the student money collection effort.

This week, I was urged to wear white to promote the elimination of rape. I wholeheartedly support all of these causes, but how do I choose one over the others? More importantly, how is the student body supposed to show its unified support for a single cause if multiple options are presented?

What are we, the “Primary Colors Student Section?”

A nationally televised football game is a great place to make a public statement, and I applaud the organizers of these mobilization efforts for trying to capture a large audience. However, in advocating separate agendas we reduce the effectiveness of all of them and end up saying nothing. I suggest that those who wish to gain student support devise a more creative method of showing unity — perhaps ribbons, a chant at half-time, painted faces or colored hair — and leave The Shirt alone. At the football games, we unite as a student body behind our team. Let’s make sure that the world (and our opponent) knows that.

Brendan P. Harris
Novus Hall
Oct. 19, 2001

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Who controls the past, controls the future. Who controls the present, controls the past." — George Orwell
Understanding the stained-glass, wafer wonders

Note Dame is a Catholic institution. There’s a crucifix in every classroom, weekly Mass in every residence hall, there’s even a portrait of the Last Supper hanging in Huang Hall. You can’t even swing your arms without hitting someone wearing a cross. Letters CSS, following the newsletter lines, seem to believe me, I’ve tried and I have the assault charges to prove it.

Most students here are Catholic but some are not. Before coming to Notre Dame, I had more experience with the latter than with the former. In fact, I didn’t have much experience with believers of any sort in high school. I encountered many atheists, along with the trendiest of all the religious perspectives, the agnostics. Not only do I not believe most people don’t believe in God, but some of them don’t even like football. When not sipping coffee or attending poetry slams, these people participate in their next favorite hobby — hating Catholicism.

Well, like most of the people in this school, I am Catholic. My fellow Catholics already know that our religion is where it’s at but I would like to take a few moments to speak to the rest of you. I think most problems people have with Catholicism stems from misunderstanding and ignorance. I think many people have some common misconceptions about the stained-glass wafer wonders. After reading this column you’ll understand that 85 percent of the Notre Dame student body is not just Catholic, they’re Catholic.

Yam. O.K. First off, for some reason people think Catholics worship statues. Not true. Catholics worship one thing and one thing only: Notre Dame football. Every Saturday afternoon during football season the fighting Irish honor God by beating their opponent senseless (or trying to) in full view of our Savior. Touchdowns are the equivalent of religious figures such as Jesus, Mary, Joseph and Knute Rockne, but these are merely symbols of what we are praying for, not the actual deity.

Next complaint. Many people think the Catholic Church is too strict and rigid. Let’s get one thing straight. We’re the Church of the newborn, baby, and woman. We have a way to get down with our repressed selves. From now on only 98 percent of all our desires will be repressed and the constant feeling of guilt that plagues our souls with every miniscule sin will be relieved every fall Saturday afternoon from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Think Catholics shy away from contact with other religions? Think again! We are no more. We will now go wild with sudden outbursts of hugging and affirmation (before parietals of course). These acts of warm, human compassion will no doubt allow Notre Dame football to be accompanied by the gall of not having produced children (if done on Saturday). Between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., times may vary due to holy day bowling games (they, maybe sometimes do), Touchdowns in the Name of Life, in the Name of God. Why does it not occur to them that they are killing mothers, wives, aunts, daddies and brothers who may be the sole provider for an entire family or for their aging parents?

Recently, especially it seems so simple for the average American Christian to point the finger at Muslims, calling their religion tainted, corrupted or even just plain all wrong. Are we choosing to forget the crusade, the selling of indulgences and some of the real reasons for traditions in the Catholic Church? Jesus was a plain man with straightforward messages. I feel like I often receive complicated mixed messages in this higher education environment, and even in the humbleness of my small-town priest, just last week before the beginning of Right to Life week, I was at home with my parents for Christmas. The priest began talking about abortion with his story about a bumper sticker that said, “Choose Life. Your parents did.” I found it interesting, that in the face of what should be a national cohesion, a time of inner compassion and strength, we could talk about issues that further divide people and manage to act as if the world isn’t changing around us. Yes, we all may not be directly affected, and no, I don’t advocate violence toward those who don’t share our fear and morbidity.

On another note, I found it even more interesting that the priest seemed to think he could talk about the abortion issue as if he could ever on God’s green earth fully experience it and all its implications and consequences.

Why is it then whenever people talk about the abomin­ation of abortion, they never counter it with a “Well, I know I have two tests this week, but maybe we should go volunteer our time at the local women’s shelter,” or “Let’s donate this month’s paycheck to Birthright!” Rather than lamenting about what is done and gone, let us pour our energy into supporting those women who have chosen life, that need help, that need time, that need money. There is no progress in idle talk. Put yourself in the place of a young Saint Mary’s College woman, attempting to let go of her past, attempting to come to grips with decisions she has made or was forced to make by parents or advised to make by her doctor. Perhaps she was a rape victim, and on her way to class this is what stares her in the face, as if it wasn’t already on her mind every second. This is her home, too. She should be able to feel at home, feel safe and feel worthy.

The business world is a changing world. Perhaps Right to Life week should’ve been celebrated in a different context. Perhaps the focus should have been on the heroism and undying hope of the New York volunteer workers determined to uncover and sustain the American right to life and freedom.

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Nannies, nobility and new languages in 30 days

Sylvie speaks French, Italian, Vietnamese and English fluently, which isn't too shabby considering she was born and raised in Alberta. Diana and Julia burst into Russian for conversations that are too difficult for anyone else to understand, and they have spent the second half of their childhood in Egypt. Depending on which side of the family he's talking to, Carlos's rapid-fire cell phone conversations alternate between Spanish and Portuguese. And I often have to forgive Ting's confusion with my American slang since she only learned English and is being torn from her family in three years.

In our program of 60 students (all of whom spend their days speaking French), we have native speakers of Polish and Romanian, Chinese and Japanese. Born into multi-lingual families, many of these kids have had the advantage of learning several different mother tongues. Since many of them also have parents in the Foreign Service, they've been exposed to English at an early age.

And people like him are someone's brother, someone's son, another's daughter. So, my trying to do something for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana is really thanks to the people around who helped him or tried to help him in the course of his life."

Matthew Benedict
Reading and Food Drive Organizer

By C. Spencer Beggs
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When the tragic events Sept. 11 occurred, relief efforts around the country mounted a massive campaign to help those in need in New York and Washington. Unfortunately, in the rush to get food, blood and medical assistance to the victims of the attacks and their families, area charitable organizations and food banks found that their resources were dangerously low. When Professor Matthew Benedict, assistant to the chair of the department of English, saw a news story that the Northern Indiana Food Bank was way below its capacity in resources, he decided to do something.

"I thought, it's time to do something to help the community here in South Bend," Benedict said. Benedict decided to organize a literary event on campus to benefit the food bank. He and visiting professor Mike Smith, assistant director of creating writing in the department of English, will hold a joint reading of some of their works at the Food Drive.

The event will be a way of thanking people who have helped him or tried to help him in the course of his life. Benedict's book, "Olympic Moments," is one of Benedict's newest works. It has three stories that will be published in the next few months in two reviews and an online journal, his first entry into digital publishing. Previously, Benedict has published his writing in the Illinois Journal, The Blyne, Sgraffito and Potpourri.
lishing," Benedict said.

Smith, who will read some of his original poetry, was invited by Benedict to share the spotlight. Smith will read seven poems both published and unpublished including: "Anagramic Ode to Emily Dickinson," which is an anagram in three of Emily Dickinson poems, No. 241, No. 441 and No. 475, rearranged to form a new poem. No letters are left out and none have been added left out none add. "Anagramic Ode to Emily Dickinson" was featured in the literary magazine Samizdat and The Possibility of Language, an anthology of work by people who have a connection to Notre Dame.

Smith has been writing poetry for eight years since he was a senior at the University of North Carolina Greensborough. He received his master's degree from Hollins College and describes his style as eclectic. "I'm sort of all over the place. About one out of nine of my poems is in some sort of recognizable form," Smith said.

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the game," Brown said. "When it got to a point when I realized that Janie was going to end up in the front row, I immediately thought, 'What are we going to do? Who's going to go where and what are we going to do to get out of the rally.'"

As pleased as Brown was with her team's poise under pressure against aScarlet Knights team that came into the Joyce Center as the only other undefeated team in Big East play, she was disappoint ed in the defensive breakdown at the end of the game.

"We talked before this match about how we need to be able to close a match and a game out," Brown said. "It was disappointing that we didn't do that in the way it should have been done."

Big East Preseason player of the year Kristy Kreher led the Irish with 17 kills and five blocks. Kreher committed only two hitting errors to finish with a .377 hitting percentage on the day.

"She's getting really good swings," Brown said.

Fletcher was consistent for the Irish before her hair-match heroics. The sophomore finished with 14 kills and posted a .478 hitting percentage. She added three blocks.

"She's been very consistent in practice, very consistent in hitting and her blocking," Brown said. "Early in the season, she wasn't blocking as well but now I think she's in a good rhythm and doing a real ly good job.

Notre Dame took a commanding 10-3 lead to open the first game of the match.

Solid hitting and blocking by Kreher and Fletcher helped the Irish build that lead to 20-10. Rutgers closed the game to 26-20, but could pull no closer as Aldrete served an ace to give the Irish the game.

In game two, the teams played back and forth early. The score was knotted at 11 until a Kreher kill put the Irish up by one. Then, with Aldrete serving, the Irish reeled off four consecutive points to go up 16-11.

Rutgers came back within three points at 21-18 on a streak started by a long Rutgers serve and a Jessica Kinder serving ace, the Irish posted a three and a four-point run and sealed the game on a Fletcher kill.

Kinder, who had played sparingly before this weekend, totaled three service aces in the first match in which she saw significant playing time this season.

"We're just trying to find a way to balance it so that we can use Jessica's serve and defense a little bit more," Brown said. "She responded very, very well both against Villanova and Rutgers."
Dutchmen ice Irish with 7-4 weekend win

By MATT ORENCUK
Sports Writer

Just when things were looking up for the members of the Irish hockey team, they found themselves back at the bottom. Euphoria struck when Notre Dame forced a 2-2 tie against Union College in the third period. But it didn't last long as Notre Dame gave up three goals late in the third to give Union the victory.

The third period saw a close game turn into a goal-scoring festival as the Irish and the Dutchmen combined for seven goals.

Globke started the scoring when he received a nice pass that split two Union defenders. Globke had a clear shot at the goal, which he converted from behind the net but still managed to fake out Union's goalie Brandon Snee. The Dutchmen took the lead side for the Irish goal. Union quickly answered to even the game at 3. A Globke short-handed goal tied the game at 4 at the 9:44 mark.

From that point it was all Union. A defensive breakdown on the penalty kill gave for the opportunity to put the Dutchmen ahead. His goal at the 10:20 mark of the third put Union ahead 5-4. The Dutchmen would add two goals late to round out the scoring.

Notre Dame played the first period Friday night in the same spirit as the third period of Thursday's game. In that game the Irish started slow, but turned up the offensive pressure in the third period against the Dutchmen. In Friday's game, the Irish out-shot the Dutchmen 10-4 in the first period with their third goal coming at 11:41.

Irish junior Jake Wiegand was sitting in the right corner of the Union zone when he centered a pass out in front of the Irish goal. Tom Galvin was able to deflect the pass past Union goalie Brandon Snee to be the first Irish score of the night.

In the second period the Red's whistle came out. The teams combined for nine penalties, including a five-minute major by Notre Dame.

"One again key people took penalties for us," Poulin said.

Union tied the game at one five minutes into the period when Fordy Federek whipped a wrist shot past Snee. Poulin said the Irish scored after penalty kill.

"We are going to have to battle through the adversity," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "Union College is a very hard working team that simply outplayed us."

Poulin Irish head coach

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By junior Terri Taibi, sophomores Sports Writers

"Poulin Irish head coach"

ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish hope to breeze to top 5 finish

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's golf team battled 30-mile-per-hour winds as they practiced for the tournament at Alvamar Golf Club in Lawrence, Kansas last Sunday.

Today, with another windy day expected, the Irish will take on the weather as well as some imposing competition at the Marylinn Smith Sunflower Invitational, hosted by the University of Kansas.

After their last place finish in one of the most competitive fields they will see all year at last week's Shoot-out at the Legends tournament the Irish are hoping for a higher place after three rounds of play at the par 72, 5,800-yard 18-hole Alvamar Golf Course.

"We can do a top five finish this week," said Irish head coach Debbie King, who believes the golfers are fairly confident.

"Despite the wind" we had a good practice round Sunday," King said. "The wind was really blowing — I mean howling. That's going to make it tough Monday!"

Senior Kristin McMurtie, junior Terri Taibi, sophomores Rebeccis Rogers and Shannon Byrne, and freshman Karen Lotta will represent Notre Dame in Lawrence. McMurtie led the Irish last week, and Taibi and Rogers replace junior Lauren Fuchs and freshman Jeanne Murphy.

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Although the field will not be as competitive as last week, the Irish still expect a challenge, with Oklahoma, Iowa State, Kansas State, and Kansas competing.

The course itself though may be easier than previous courses the Irish have tackled.

"This course is a lot shorter than we've been playing all other tournaments," Lotta said. "If we putt well, our team can score really well.

With their season about to wind up, the Irish would really like to finish in the top five in Lawrence.

"We shot 309 last week, and we posted a score that was competitive with other teams when the field was really strong," McMurtie said. "We have a few changes in the line-up this week, but I think everyone's ready to play and everyone is hitting! The ball real solid right now. And I definitely think we can get low scores, especially since our season is winding down."

"Thanks to King, though, what was supposed to be their last tournament until February will now be the second to last. "I called around some coaches and got the team into another tournament," King said.

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"Everyone's a little excited now because it's not the end of our season, we still have one more tournament," McMurtie said. "Everyone wants a chance to play a little better both for themselves and for the team, "especially girls that are in the line-up for the first time this fall, they are definitely excited to get a chance to prove themselves."

With a forecast of 16 mile-per-hour winds and showers for today, chances are the Irish will hit additional opponents.

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Belles get stuck in the mud

By KATRINA KALASKY
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The bad weather that has plagued the Belles off season hit with a vengeance on Saturday and left Saint Mary's stuck in the mud.

The Hornets of Kalamazoo dominated with an 8-0 victory, as the unpleasant weather on Saturday played a major role in the Belles' loss.

Freshman goalkeeper Martha Hottenstein described the field conditions as "a murky mess of mud."

"It was a frustrating game," said junior Lynn Taylor. "The field was full of mud and it was pouring rain. Our keeper was ankle deep in mud and water for the whole game. Kalamazoo is a good team, but the final score did not reflect how we played Saturday afternoon."

Muddy weather wasn't the only explanation. The experienced Kalamazoo team was just too much for the inexperienced Belles to handle.

"We didn't come into to game mentally prepared," said Hottenstein. Kalamazoo's leading scorer, senior Lydia Raborn, scored three out of the eight goals for Kalamazoo.

The loss gives Saint Mary's an overall record of 5-8 for the season.

This is not the first time this season the Belles fell short to the Hornets - They lost earlier in the year, 9-1. Kalamazoo is a good team, but the Belles only have four more games left this season before the playoffs. The next game is at home on Wednesday against fourth ranked Olivet College. This is the first match up the Belles and the Comets this year. The first game was indefinitely postponed. "We're excited to finally play Olivet," Taylor said. "They're probably our biggest rivals in the conference."

Wednesday will be the last chance to catch the Belles at home before fall break. The game kicks off at 3 p.m.

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All it takes is one big play to break the game wide-open and secure a victory. In Thursday night’s 6-0 defeat of Lyons, Breen Phillips got just such a play from defender Kelly Landers. On the first play of the game, Landers intercepted Lyons quarterback Sara Jenkins’ pass, and returned it for a touchdown, giving BP a 6-0 lead that would hold for the rest of the game.

While Landers’ play may have made the difference in the game, the Babes’ defense was a dominant force, with defenders Molly Cummings and Tessa Sainz each contributing another interception. “Our defense really stepped it up and controlled the ball in this game with the three interceptions,” said BP coach Corey Timlin.

In the second half, Lyons could not put together a drive of any substantial length. “We expected a tough game from them tonight, especially with the rain,” said Lyons coach Jerry McFarland. “We knew that they had an athletic quarterback, so we set up the defense to key off of her and they did an excellent job.”

Quarterback Katie Farland and the BP offense found it difficult to get into the endzone. The Babes offense was held scoreless, and forced to punt the ball frequently. “For the playoffs, we need to brush up on a couple of things, including scoring,” said BP captain Jenny Wahoske. “We’ve been all about knocking on the door, but not getting it.”

As BP improved to 3-1-1 on the year, Lyons saw any hopes of a playoff berth slip through its hands, falling to 2-4. “We had to win tonight to get in (the playoffs),” Fasoldt said. “But we had a good season. We started off (0-2), and a lot of people wrote us off. The girls were great, coming back and winning the next two games.”

Badin 12, Pasquerilla East 0

In yet another rainy weather match-up, the Badin Bullfrogs moved a step closer to the playoffs and defeated the Pyros of Pasquerilla East. “It was a really big game because we knew we had to win or tie to get in (to the playoffs),” said Badin coach Brett Gansen.

The Bullfrogs (2-1) started the game in full force with an eight-play scoring drive on their first possession. Badin quarterback Erin Zurchary completed a pass in the endzone on the sixth play of the drive, but it was brought back after an illegal blocking call.

Two plays later, a Badin runner broke the plane of the goal line on a reverse to put six points on the board.

When PE quarterback Lindsay Terifay was intercepted deep in her own territory on the next drive, it set up another Badin touchdown, this one on a short pass from Zurchary.

“That play was a turning point in the game because it gave (Badin) great field position, plus a lot of momentum after the first touchdown,” said PE coach Josh Eckert.

The Pyros put together several strong drives, but could not seem to get the little things to go their way. Late in the first half on fourth down, Terifay threw an expertly placed pass to receiver Kathryn Lent in the endzone, who caught the ball as she fell out of bounds. The referee ruled that Lent’s foot was already out of bounds when she caught the pass.

PE drove again early in the second half, with Terifay passing and running the ball with equal effectiveness. The Pyros were stopped on fourth down again, however, when Terifay scrambled to the goal line and was forced out of bounds without breaking the plane of the goal line.

“Our offense struggled in the red zone today due to the absence of JPEI offensive coordinator ‘Grandpa’ Jack Palma,” said PE coach Jim Donnelly. Just as PE was unable to make the big plays offensively, they could not match Badin’s defensive output. Badin’s secondary touchdown was set up by an interception. Late in the second half, Bullfrog defender Jen Craig intercepted Terifay to stop a potential PE scoring drive.

“The defense played really solidly tonight,” said Gansen. “This is a team that has allowed only three touchdowns in six games.”

PE moved to 2-3 on the year, making its game on Sunday crucial to keep its playoff hopes alive.

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WOMEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL GOLD LEAGUE

BP defense halts Lyons

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Irish offense explodes with 7 goals

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

What a difference a week of practice can make. The problem for the Notre Dame women’s soccer team this season has not been creating scoring chances, but simply finishing them by finding the back of the net.

But that changed Friday when the Irish erupted to a 7-0 victory against the St. John’s Red Storm at Alumni Field.

For the past week, Notre Dame women’s soccer coach Handy Waldrum wanted his team to be more aggressive offensively by starting to take more shots on goal. Seven different Irish players scored while the Irish tandem of goalies Liz Wagner and Lauren Kent did not have to stop a single St. John’s shot all game. Irish sophomore forward Amanda Guertin was named offensive player of the game after scoring a goal and registering two assists.

Senior midfielder Mia Sarkerian and sophomore forward Amy Warner also added goals in the first half giving the Irish a 3-0 lead heading into half time.

Irish dominance continued in the second half with three more goals by midfielders Randi Scheller, Ashley Drier and Kim Carpenter. Guertin added the finishing touches in the Irish victory with a goal of her own with only two minutes remaining in the game.

The seven goals for the Irish were the most goals they have scored all season. Not only did the Irish step it up offensively, they also controlled the field defensively. Defenders Vanessa Pruinsky, Monica Gonzales and Candace Chapman began to eliminate the mental breakdowns that have plagued the Irish all season by communicating better with one another, allowing no shots on goal.

The win bodes well for the Irish, but Friday’s contest brought bad tidings as well. Star freshman midfielder Mary Boland left the game against St. John’s after breaking her ankle on a collision with a St. John’s defender. Boland will be out at least four weeks and could be out for the remainder of the season.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Irish defense records shutout

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Judging from the scorers for Notre Dame in its match on Sunday, it seemed like history was repeating itself.

Just like in Thursday's match against West Virginia, Devon Prescod struck first for the Irish and Erich Braun added a nail in the Hokies' coffin, as the Irish defeated Virginia Tech 2-0.

The win marked the third consecutive victory for the Irish, whose record improved to 4-2 in the Big East and 6-4 overall.

With the victory, the Irish move ahead of Big East foes Syracuse and Georgetown, which both lost their weekend games. The Irish are now right in the middle of the race for a spot in postseason tournament.

The Irish broke the scoreless tie with 10 minutes remaining in the first half, as Prescod took a lead pass from midfielder Filippo Chillemi and chipped a shot past Virginia Tech goalie Colin Kibler to give the Irish a one-goal advantage into halftime.

The goal was the third in two games for Prescod, who had only one goal in his collegiate career prior to the West Virginia game.

Hokies had several shots deflected off the post. However, none of them managed to cross the goal line.

Late in the match, it appeared as though the single goal by Prescod would stand up. With just two seconds remaining in the match, however, Braun received a nice pass from Prescod and knocked in the finishing touch.

Braun leads the Irish in scoring, with eight goals on the season.

Irish freshman goalie Chris Sawyer racked up his second straight shutout, saving four shots.

Once again, the Irish defense held its opponent scoreless, marking the third shutout for Notre Dame.

In its six victories, the Irish defense has allowed only four goals while scoring 19 times. In its four losses, the defense has given up 11 goals.

Both the Irish and the Hokies recorded 11 shots on goal for the game.

Next up for the Irish is in-state rival and nationally-ranked Indiana on Wednesday at 7 p.m. In their 20-game series with the Hoosiers, the Irish have only taken one victory, a 4-3 overtime win in South Bend on Sept. 13, 1987 and a tie the following year in Bloomington.

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Horoscope

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ND CROSS COUNTRY

Unexpected raises expectations

\* Irish finish in second place after Shay, Conway drop out of race

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

It was the unexpected that showed what could be expected from the Irish for the rest of the season. Expect stepping up, expect responding to pressure, and expect some serious depth.

In Saturday's Pre-National Meet at the Furman cross country course in Greenville, S.C., the No. 5 Irish took second place behind No. 1 Colorado despite losing two top runners to illness.

All-American seniors Ryan Shay and Pat Conway, who had not been feeling well since last weekend's Notre Dame Invitational, both started the race, but became so ill that neither was able to finish.

"After about three and a half miles, I just started to hyperventilate," Shay said. "Conway started coughing violently prior to the meet," said head coach Joe Piane.

With Shay and Conway out of the race, that meant all five remaining runners would count in the scoring for the Irish. Senior Luke Watson lead the Irish with a fourth-place finish at in 24:17 while senior Marc Strazewski finished second for the Irish, taking 12th overall in 24:23, and sophomore Todd Mobley finished 14th in 24:46.

Senior Sean Zanderon and sophomore Mario Bried responded to the pressure of losing top runners, stepping up to finish 51st and 91st, respectively, fighting for places that put the Irish 12 points away from third place Air Force.

"The pace dropped during the second mile and strung out," Watson said. "It wasn't until the fourth mile [I knew] Pat and Ryan were most likely going to drop out, and we needed every place we could get." Notre Dame scored 172 points, behind first-place Colorado's 62 point team.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish sweep to bring home 2 Big East wins

\* 5-foot-3 Aldrete leads Irish to win

By NOAH AMSTADER
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With the help of a 5-foot-3 middle blocker, the Notre Dame women's volleyball team stopped a late game three rally to sweep Rutgers Sunday afternoon (30-22, 30-23, 33-31).

The match marked the second Big East win of the weekend for the Irish (12-3, 7-0 in the Big East) after they topped the Wildcats of Villanova on Friday evening.

With the Irish up 28-24 in game three, Irish head coach Debbie Brown used up her final substitution to put in 5-foot-3 junior Janie Aldrete to serve. Mary Kirakou recorded a kill on that point for the Scarlet Knights.

After a Kim Fletcher kill gave the Irish a 29-25 lead and game point, the Scarlet Knights reeled off five consecutive points to reach game point themselves with a 30-29 lead.

A kill by Fletcher and an ace serve from Marcie Bombard put the Irish up 31-30 before another Kirakou kill tied the game at 31. Then Fletcher took over.

Fletcher scored a kill to give the Irish a 32-31 lead. Then, with Aldrete stationed at the middle blocker position, Fletcher served an ace to give Notre Dame a hard fought 33-31 victory.

You figure with the score what it was, we definitely should have been able to score points and side out to finish
By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

If Justin Smith's fourth-quarter interception seemed familiar, it should have. Four years ago in the same stadium, then-Notre Dame senior Ty Goode, playing because starter Allen Rossum suffered a concussion on the third play of the game, intercepted a Marv Muller pass in the endzone to seal the 21-14 victory over West Virginia.

In the fourth quarter Saturday with the Mountaineers driving for the go-ahead score, the fifth-year senior Smith, playing in nickel and dime defenses because of injuries to safeties Jerome Sapp and Ron Israel, picked off West Virginia's Brad Lewis and returned the ball to the Notre Dame 45-yard line, sealing Notre Dame's 34-24 win.

"I thought the ball looked like the sun. It was like a shiny day — I forgot all about the rain," Smith said. "You work so hard for five years. I'm just glad I had the opportunity to make it." On the next play, Tony Fisher broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage and raced 55 yards for the touchdown to put the game all but out of reach.

"That was huge." Irish linebacker Tyree Harrison said. "It put the nail in the coffin. We knew it was time to put that game away." On the sloppy field in rainy conditions, passing proved nearly impossible for the two teams. Lewis finished 9-for-23 for 91 yards and the interception. Irish quarterback Carlyle Holiday was 7-for-14 for only 70 yards.

"The conditions were helpful because we're a good running team," Holiday said. "We pass the ball, but not that much, so we were able to do what we do best — run the ball. It not only helped us but the defense. Their quar­terback had a little trouble throwing the ball in the second half."

With the passing games neutralized by the rain, the difference between the two teams was the way the quarterback's used their legs, not their arms. Holiday led the Irish in rushing with 130 yards on 19 carries.

In the end the Irish ground game proved too much for the Mountaineers. Notre Dame rushed for 345 yards as Fisher contributed 119 yards on 22 carries with a pair of touchdowns and Julius Jones gained 92 yards on 22 attempts with two touchdowns of his own.

"We know we have to go out there and establish a strong running game," Fisher said. "That's Notre Dame football — running the ball. We've been able to run the ball the last couple of weeks and we're going to try to continue from here on out.

The Irish got on the board early in the game. After Holiday took an option keeper 27 yards, Jones ran off the left side for a 19-yard touchdown. The score came 1:15 into the game and was the quickest touchdown for the Irish since Allen Rossum returned an interception for a touchdown 18 seconds into a game against Hawaii in 1997.

"It wasn't particularly fancy but we came out of the chute well," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "We had the big touchdown run by Julius which I thought really helped our confidence." West Virginia matched the score on its next possession after just four plays when running back Avon Cobourne broke through the line, slipped a tackle attempt from Israel and rared 60 yards for the score.

With the score tied in the second quarter, Notre Dame put together a 12-play drive capped off with a 1-yard touchdown run by Jones to pull ahead 17-10. The Irish didn't throw a pass during the drive, but converted a pair of fourth down plays.

West Virginia tied the game at 17 on its first possession of the second half with a 12-yard touchdown pass from Lewis to A.J. Nastasi.

After a Notre Dame punt on its next possession, West Virginia took the lead on another touchdown pass from Lewis, this time to wide receiver Taur Johnson.

"In the second half, we came out and laid an egg," Rogers said. "We had six dead plays in a row."

Just as it appeared the Mountaineers had taken the momentum, Holiday broke free for 36 yards on another option keeper. At first, it appeared Holiday had gone all the way in for the score, but officials ruled him out of bounds at the 25. On the ensuing play, Fisher finished off the drive with the touchdown run to tie the score.

The Irish took the lead on Nicholas Setta's 42-yard field goal, his second on the day, and then put the game out of reach at 34-24 with Fisher's 55-yard touchdown run with 7:30 left to play.

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Rushing past West Virginia

Irish rely on dominant running attack to beat Mountaineers 34-24

Notre Dame junior tailback Julius Jones battles the mud and a West Virginia defender as he charges up the middle during Notre Dame's 34-24 win over West Virginia Saturday afternoon. With the win, the Irish improve to 2-3 on the season.
A heavy rainstorm like Saturday's can wash a quarterback right out of a game. But while Mountaineer quarterback Brad Lewis struggled, Notre Dame's Carlyle Holiday thrived.

Neither quarterback had stellar passing numbers. Lewis was 9-23 for just 91 yards. Holiday's numbers weren't much better. He was only 7-14 for 70 yards. But in the monsoon-like conditions, Holiday's legs made him the most important player on the Irish offense while Lewis was rendered ineffective.

"[The rain] was very helpful because we're a good running team," Holiday said. "We pass the ball but not that much so we were able to utilize what we do best. Their quarterback had a little trouble throwing the football."

If this game was played again on a dry field in bright sunshine, the results may have been very different. If the Mountaineers' spread offense could have preyed on the depleted Irish secondary, Notre Dame might be 1-4 right now.

But in the cold muck, Holiday's ability to move the ball with his feet as well as his arm gave the Irish an obvious advantage. He rushed for 130 yards on the day including 27 and 36-yard runs that set up two Irish touchdowns.

He averaged almost seven yards a carry. And here is the most incredible part about Holiday's MVP performance: he is not only a freshman eligibility-wise.

Notre Dame fans can look forward to four more years of Holiday presents like the one he handed out Saturday. As a freshman he is already the most important weapon on offense and he can only get better.

"He is the best guy in our offense right now, and as he progresses through his career, he is going to get better and better," Rogers said. "I think you can see how he is developing and what kind of guy he can be. There were several times during the course of the game where he didn't let it go. That's all going to come as he progresses and gets smarter." Perhaps the greatest concern with a freshman quarterback at the helm isn't whether or not he can run or pass but if he can lead. According to fifth-year senior and starting tackle Kurt Vollers, Holiday has no problems in the leadership department.

"He was a cool dude in there," Vollers said. "He was controlling that huddle." The most intriguing part of Holiday's performance Saturday wasn't how good it was. But how looking back in two or three years, it might appear only average. With more time to develop as a quarterback and learn to read defenses, Holiday's passing numbers could skyrocket.

With a dry ball and a year or experience, Holiday could become just as deadly with his arm as he is with his legs.

"It's building and it's gonna keep building," he said about his confidence. "It's just gonna keep building." Holiday's reality will keep building toward that incredible potential.

And the mud still won't be able to slow him down.

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**Irish offense grinds out best ground performance**

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The Irish ran away with the game, literally.

During Saturday's win against West Virginia, Notre Dame posted eight season-high rushing marks, totaling 342 yards and returning to the heart of Irish football.

"We just knew we have to go out there and establish a strong running game because that's what Notre Dame football, being able to run the ball," senior tailback Tony Fisher said.

Fisher rushed for 119 yards, joining quarterback Carlyle Holiday in topping the 100-yard rushing mark — the first time two Irish players have topped 100 yards in the same game this season.

Against West Virginia, Notre Dame ran the ball on 92 percent of their offensive plays, in their first three games this season they had a combined total of 269 rushing yards.

After a sluggish start to the season, the Irish rushing game finally took off.

"Our offensive team is coming together every week," Fisher said. ". . . We've been able to run the ball the last couple of weeks and we're going to try to continue that from here on out."

Wet conditions put a damper on Notre Dame's passing game, forcing the run. The intensive rushing game culminated in a 15-play, 55-yard scoring drive in the second quarter that was kept entirely on the ground.

"To be quite honest, if our offense doesn't control the ball the way they controlled it today, if our offense doesn't have those long, time-consuming drives I'm sure we can win the football game," Irish head coach Bob Davie said.

But the offense did do that.

During the drive, tailback Julian Jones carried nine times for 32 yards. Fisher took the handoff three times for seven yards, and Holiday kept three times for 16 yards, eating up seven minutes, 13 seconds.

"The long drive takes a lot out of us, it fatigues us a bit, but we feel good when it happens," Holiday said. "We're controlling the clock of the whole game and that's a big positive."

The first-half running game was unstoppable. The Irish kept possession of the ball for nearly 19 minutes, and made 46 running plays.

"That was telling me we were possessing the ball," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "One of those drives was a 15-play deal. We were kind of two, three yards and then all of the sudden we get a 15."

The Irish can find reasons for their success in more than just their running backs. The offensive line and solid play by Holiday coupled with the good work of the Irish running backs solidified the Irish effort.

"It was the offensive line," Fisher said. "The offensive line had a great day and I give them all the credit for our performance."

With the help of the offensive line, the Irish averaged a season high five yards per rush, four rushing touchdowns and 23 first downs.

"The offensive line was coming off the ball fast, they were hungry today," Holiday said. "They love running the ball and they came out (Saturday) and proved they could run the ball."

Holiday was the leading rusher for the Irish, finishing the game with 130 rushing yards. The most rushing yards an Irish quarterback has had since Tony Rice in 1989.

Holiday also has the season-high rushing yards for any Irish player this season.

"He's a sharp guy and he is going to be able to pick up things and as he progresses through his career he is going to get better and better," Rogers said.

With both Fisher and Holiday rushing for more than 100 yards, and the offensive line opening holes, the option worked.

That's the way our offense is running right now," Fisher said. "We're the option. You know, the quarterback is keeping the ball. If Carlyle hands it, it's a carry for us, if not it's a carry for him."

The Irish are finally running the kind of game Notre Dame is expected to run.

"We knew they were going to run it, everyone in the stadium knew they were going to run it, the staff knew they were going to run it, our defense knew they were going to run it," Mountaineers head coach Rich Rodriguez said.

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**AP poll scoring summary & stats**

**Notre Dame tailback Julian Jones jukes his way through the line of scrimmage during Notre Dame's 34-24 win. Jones scored two touchdowns and rushed 23 times for 52 yards.**

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**ESPN/USA Today poll**

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**other leading vote getters: Illinois 105, Michigan State 69, Texas A&M 71, Stanford 70, Mississippi State 30, Ohio State 29, NOTRE DAME 29**
Mountaineers Become Muddled

Even the sloppy weather conditions didn’t slow Notre Dame’s rushing game. The Irish rushed for 345 yards — the most since last year. Carlyle Holiday and Tony Fisher became the first Notre Dame duo to rush for over 100 yards in a game since 1999. And Notre Dame’s 34 points were the most they had scored so far this season.