Campus communities examine sexuality

ND Speak Out! rally addresses gender issues

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Students, faculty and staff gathered on Fieldhouse Mall Monday as part of a sexuality and gender rally that supporters said was designed to foster a "safe space" at Notre Dame.

The "Speak Out! Sexuality and Gender at Notre Dame" forum was the "first of its kind" at the University, senior Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) member and organizer Curtis Leighton said.

"I knew we wanted to address the state of gender relations on campus and the needs of gay, lesbian, bisexual and questioning (GLBTQ) students," Leighton said. "These issues need to be addressed in a public setting... They are not simple issues that pertain to a minority of Notre Dame's students."

Junior Chris Vierig, a gay student who was present at the forum, emphasized the significance of having an open forum like this at Notre Dame.

"These events are important to raise awareness and tell people it's something important for people to think about in their everyday lives and that it's a real issue that our community needs to work on together," Vierig said.

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Above, students rally at ND. At right, SMC panel members share personal stories.

SMC panel discusses College's atmosphere

By KELLY MEEHAN
Notre Dame

The Saint Mary's Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) — a club officially recognized last spring by the College, unlike the still-striving AllianceND group at Notre Dame that held its first major public event Monday night to commemorate National Coming Out Day.

The two Saint Mary's students and two College faculty members who led the panel discussion held at Dalloway's Clubhouse told stories of progress while emphasizing the need to promote campus-wide acceptance of alternative lifestyles.

Panelist and College math professor Mary Porter recalled how the College has progressed in the past 10 years.

"Society and Saint Mary's have both moved forward, but we are still behind," Porter said.

Porter, a tenured professor who was not always "out" while teaching at Saint Mary's, is now open about her sexual preferences.

"I would advise an incoming gay student to be confident in whom they are," Porter said.

Lead-ND granted official Lead Agency designation

By LISA SCHULTZ
New Writer

Notre Dame's Lead-ND program has earned the position of Michiana's official Lead Agency, a designation from Youth Service America (YSA) given to only 50 U.S. Lead Agencies.

"It's a recognition of people who understand this is just one part of a larger effort to develop leadership among youth," Leighton said.

As a Lead Agency, Lead-ND will be responsible for convening planning coalitions, making a call for projects among youth organizations in the community and organizing opening ceremonies for Michiana's NYSD, Outreach Director and Lead-ND co-founder Meg Towle said. "Having over 750 youths involved in NYSD in South Bend last April was a major credential for Lead-ND in YSA's certification process. Lead-ND served as the unofficial Lead Agency for NYSD 2005, the first major conservation of the event in the Michiana area, sophomore Outreach Coordinator Mike Laskey said in a statement.

"We were inspired by how responsive people were, so we applied for official position (of being a Lead Agency)," said Towle, who previously worked with the Missouri Lead Agency. "We are the only student organization to ever be identified as a Lead Agency."

NYSD is in line with Lead-ND's mission of youth being active in their community, but that day of service does not ultimately define the group's work.

"Our program vision is to empower youth in proving they can be active citizens and have a hand in issues they're concerned with," Towle said.

She said the vision was a result of research that indicated a lack of after-school opportunities in urban school districts, especially in leadership development. A Volunteer Corps was sent into Jefferson Intermediate Center last spring to engage 35 youths in after-school programming that included interactive leadership simulations, group sessions and off-site fieldtrips focused on applied learning, the Lead-ND Web site said.

Program participants are what Lead-ND terms "non traditional" leaders. Towle said students are typically recognized by the school principal or vice principal as "kids that have really strong potential to be leaders."

Lead-ND has expanded their leadership development program to three South Bend Intermediate Centers: Navarre, Brown and Jefferson. There are nearly one hundred seventh and eighth graders currently involved.

This year's Volunteer Corps consists of 18 Notre Dame students, six per site, who Towle said were selected through an application process last spring and early fall. There are representatives from all classes, and the Corps is half female, half male.

Another ten Notre Dame students comprise a programming and outreach team directed by Towle and junior Steve Cartwright, a co-founder and program director. Lead-ND's new curriculum, which Towle said was designed by Cartwright, is broken into three main units, each emphasizing a collection of leadership concepts, social action methods and additional cultural connections.

By KAREN LANGLEY
New Writer

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"When people receive a summons, they know they can call Leito and Trippi," said Residential Life Associate Director Lori Maurer.

"He's the first point of contact... He can explain the process of the university, help them understand what they need to do to resolve the issue," Leito said. "He doesn't necessarily fix the issue, he helps people understand the process."
Anyone who felt like I was deprived knew that there was a result of my middle-class upbringing, as I have never had to go without shelter, clothing or food. However, my idea of middle-class normalcy was squashed after my arrival at Saint Mary’s. 

Did you know that a trailer park? I can name seven people who could not afford to live as comfortably as I had. I have never felt deprived as a result of my middle-class upbringing, as I have never had to go without shelter, clothing or food. However, my idea of middle-class normalcy was squashed after my arrival at Saint Mary’s. 

I understood that Portage was not the worst town, but it certainly was not the best. I understood that being from a middle-cla...
Over $100,000 raised at Relay

A team walks together around the sidewalk at Stepan Center for the annual Relay for Life, which took place from Friday afternoon to Saturday morning.

By MAURENE MULLEN
News Writer

Notre Dame's third annual Relay for Life was held this past weekend at Sneden Center. The 16-hour event that began Friday night at 6 p.m. and continued until 10 a.m. Saturday morning honored cancer survivors, paid tribute to those lost to the disease, and raised funds to benefit research. The American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame sponsored the event, which Relay co-chair Kay Swora said drew an estimated 1,500 to 1,600 participants and 68 teams. Swora and co-chair Dee Dee Sterling said this year's event was a success.

"As of the morning of the Relay, we had raised over $100,000, without expenses subtracted," Swora said. Among those present was University President Father John Jenkins, who spoke at Friday's opening ceremony.

Student Cole Barker and anthropology department chair James McKeown, honorary chair of the event, also spoke about their own experiences as cancer survivors.

"I really liked the ceremony and speakers," said Punghors sophomore Danielle Shah. "It was very touching."

The fundraising efforts of Stanford and Fairley Halls ranked as the top two among dorm teams, the Notre Dame Relay for Life Web site said. The five Ilbys of the Stanford team, which raised an estimated $2,700, said they were grateful for the support from family and friends. Freshman and Fairley team captain Jennifer Melillo said she walked out of necessity.

"It was an awesome night for a good cause, but the turnout was a little disappointing," Melillo said. "Given that the University has 30,000 students, it could have been bigger."

Melillo said the team of 25 Farley girls raised a total of $2,160 in online donations and close to $100 in cash or checks.

Welsh Family sophomore Kate Corcoran praised event coordinators for the atmosphere they created.

"There was music playing on loudspeakers, pumpkins to paint, smores to make at a campfire," Corcoran said. "The atmosphere was very cool, with a red carpet leading up to Sneden and luminaries lining the walking path that people had decorated in memory of those affected by cancer."

While Corcoran was there to support the "fabulous cause," she met one student who walked out of necessity.

"I talked to someone who said he was going to be there all night long, in a frantic attempt to get his Reel Life hour quota filled before Fall Break," Corcoran said.

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SMC hosts Oktoberfest breast cancer fundraiser

By KATHLEEN QUINLAN
News Writer

The Oktoberfest run and walk, a breast cancer research fundraiser hosted by Saint Mary's, drew over 200 participants Monday afternoon. Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students, as well as faculty and members of the South Bend community, either walked three kilometers or ran five kilometers on Saint Mary's campus.

One noticeable group was the Student Nurses Association. Sporting creative shirts, the 27 nursing students raised $137.

"As nurses, we deal with patients with cancer, and we want to do whatever we can to make things better," senior member Meredith Casey said.

Many Saint Mary's athletic teams participated in the run, including the basketball, softball and soccer teams.

"It's easy to raise money for a good cause," first year softball player Calli Davison said.

Committee member Aileen Miller was excited about the turnout.

"The music and the atmosphere make people want to just come and check it out," Miller said.

Since the first race eight years ago, Oktoberfest has been successful, especially in the last five years. In 2004, the event raised $3,000, doubling the previous year's total.

Lead organizer and varsity softball coach Erin Sullivan contributes to the success of the planning committee.

"The students on the committee have given countless hours to promote the event all over South Bend and gather prizes to be raffled off after the race," Sullivan said.

Miller said the planning committee was hard at work, even up until the actual race day, meeting two hours before the event began.

A large portion of the planning process was getting the word out, Miller said.

"We sent letters out to churches," Miller said. "We made flyers to hang up around campus. We went door-to-door in my dorm to encourage people to sign up with me or later. We put up table tents on the tables in the dining hall. I made a giant sign to hang in Angela (Athletic Facility)."

But the publicity did not end there.

"We've advertised for it on 97.3 (a local radio station), local news stations, ND's campus, EJCSC and the local churches," Sullivan said.

Sullivan credited local breast cancer survivor Kim Zobrosky for helping with the advertising.

"Kim is our inspiration at every meeting, and when the students see what an amazing person she is and what she has overcome, I think it motivates them to help make this our best Oktoberfest ever," Sullivan said.

The top 20 runners and walkers each received a free T-shirt. However, prizes were not only bestowed on the winners.

After the race, a raffle was conducted to raise even more money for the charity. Prizes from Mann's, sandals from Ritters, hotel rooms, bowling passes, Starbucks coffee and a Swarovski crystal ornament from Gucci's Jewelry were all raffled off.

Each participant was asked to donate at least $5 to the charity. All money raised will then be given to the research foundation, as well as to breast cancer survivor organizations.

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"I have been so fortunate to find the support of so many wonderful people in campus ministry," she said. "If anyone feels that acceptance is lacking on this campus, they should go there and meet some of these people." The panelists agreed the college atmosphere is not the only place they struggle to find acceptance. They said they face the daily challenges of finding acceptance within their own families.

Sandaahl said she is not embarrassed by the fact that she is bisexual, but has opted to not tell her parents about it. "My sexuality is just an aspect of who I am, but not a defining characteristic," Sandahl said. "There are certain things I don't tell my parents because I choose not to hurt them. It does bother me that it would hurt them so much, but I know if I ever choose to be on a serious level with a woman I would tell them... I would assume my dad has enough love for me that it would just be a little hurdle he would have to jump over." Porter said she found that support from her parents was something that came with time. After telling them about her sexual preferences in college, "she made it a topic of the open discussion. This frequent discourse helped them reach a better understanding of her sexuality," she said.

Bederman said the process of officially "coming out" produces unnecessary pressure. "Why do I have to announce it?" Bederman asked. "I try to just let people get to know me and have it come out as part of a conversation."

Nielson said she also finds it difficult to tell others about her sexuality and is very cautious about who she tells. "I hate when people say 'that's scary' and I hate it when I receive hate mail," Nielsen said. "I am glad to be who I am, I am happy and not ashamed." Sandahl said discrimination at Saint Mary's was unacceptable.

"Saint Mary's does not mandate Catholic teachings," Nielson said. "We deserve to be treated like everyone, and people should be aware of us and more socially conscious." Nielson said she would like to see homophobia discussed from an accepting Catholic perspective during freshman orientation.

Panel members said they felt many members of the College support their mission, but their ultimate goal is to further educate all students and faculty about their lifestyles and increase the number of homosexual students at Saint Mary's as a part of the push to increase campus diversity.

We need to plan more events and discussions," said." I am glad to see SAGA on our campus celebrating National Coming Out Day, but this is only one day of celebration. Why not celebrate 365 more?"

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. Soldier killed in bombing KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — A U.S. soldier was killed and two others wounded Monday in an attack by Taliban in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

Local News

Police beating under investigation

NEW ORLEANS — A retired elementary teacher, who was repeatedly punched in the head by a police officer in an incident caught on video, said Monday he was not drunk, put up no resistance and was baffled by what happened.

Pakistan

South Asia suffers from earthquake

Pakistan experiences its worst-ever earthquake and now seeks international aid

Associated Press

MUZAFFARABAD — For two days, the young tailor lay trapped in ever-closer slabs and wood beams, dead bodies flanking him, in what was once his story building. On Monday, British rescuers pulled the thinly, wide-eyed man into the sunlight.

"I didn't eat in three days, but I'm not hungry," said the 30-year-old man, who identified himself only as Tariq. He begged food for water.

The eight frantic seconds used a body-detecting dog, drills, chain saws and crowbars to extricate Tariq from the ruins 54 hours after Pakistan's worst-ever earthquake. He suffered a leg injury and was too scared to leave a door.

Tariq's rescue from the rubble was one of many reported in the mountainous area of Pakistan, India and Afghanistan. Two girls were pulled from a collapsed school in Balakot, and a woman and child were pulled from an apartment building in Islamabad — notes of hope amid a massive humanitarian crisis.

International aid started pouring in Monday. Airlifts loaded with supplies came from the United States, Britain, Japan, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. Relief aid started pouring in from China.

Pakistan is one of war closest allies in the world on terror and we want to help them in this time of crisis," military spokeswoman Spc. Marina Evans said in Islamabad.

Washington pledged up to $50 million in relief and reconstruction aid, U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said.

"We have under way the beginning of a very major relief effort," he said.

Desperate Pakistanis hunkered down last week and some looted food stores because aid still had not reached remote areas of mountainous Kashmir, where Saturday's magnitude-7.6 earthquake flattened villages, cut off power and water, and killed tens of thousands. Officials predict the death toll, now estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000, will climb because of exposure and disease.

With just six weeks away, the United Nations has 2.5 million people near the Pakistan-India border need shelter.

Injured people were airlifted from remote areas, and Pakistan's army distributed rice to starving survivors.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf said his government was doing its best to respond. He had appealed for international help, particularly cargo helicopters to reach remote areas cut off by landslides.

"We are doing whatever is humanly possible," Musharraf said. "There should not be any blame game. We are trying to reach all those areas where people need our help."

Pakistan said it would accept aid from long-time rival India, which promised tents, food, medicine and other aid.

Red Cross nations have fought two wars over Kashmir, which both claim as theirs. Pakistan suffered the worst of the damage and casualties, and India reported 865 deaths in its portion of the Himalayan province.

Severe flooding affects Eastern U.S.

Associated Press

ALSTEAD, N.H. — Residents assessed the damage wrought by the weekend's heavy rains in the Northeast, but the swollen rivers barely had a chance to recede Monday when more rain was forecast.

At least 10 people died in the heavy flooding. Many people were trapped in their homes halfway of water from January to mid-March.

The following weeks, he does not want a repeat of 1998.

Many lawmakers went into that January saying it could be the most productive yet short session in history. But they went home two weeks early with many saying it was a bust.

"I've seen pictures of earthquakes that don't look as bad as this road," the town's police chief, Linda Flanders, said Tuesday.

Gov. John Lynch returned from a business trip to Europe on Sunday to take charge of relief efforts in New Hampshire. He declared a state of emergency and called in 500 National Guard Reservists.

The National Weather Service warned that dams could fail or overflow if more rain falls in the next several days.

"At the moment, we are satisfied that they're all in good shape," New Hampshire emergency management Director Bruce Cheney said of the dams. "Our concern is that additional water may change that."
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ed. The application email that was sent to the student body generated interest, and the program received 85 applications. 27 applicants were granted interviews that will occur this week.

"There's been a lot of enthusiasm for it," said Joe Weis, the Office of Residential Life, Trippi said. Students who are interested in Peer Advocacy services should e-mail the Judicial Council.

"One thing we hope this helps out is off-campus students," Leito said. "Lots of people on campus have a resource in their rector or an RA. Off-campus students don't always have anyone to go to or be reluctant to go back to their rector for support."

In other COR news:

Junior Lindsay Hero spoke to the council about the Notre Dame Gulu Walk and Uganda CAN, the international group started at Notre Dame that organizes the Gulu Walk. The Gulu Walk, which will take place in cities around the world on Oct. 22 and 23, is intended to show solidarity for the children who are kidnapped to fight in the war in Uganda and to draw attention to the cause.

"Notre Dame is being recognized by news networks nationally and internationally as a center of discussion about Uganda," Hero said.

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Looking for an Opportunity to Make a Difference?
CIA's Directorate of Intelligence will be interviewing candidates for Analyst Positions.

Representatives from CIA's analytical arm, the Directorate of Intelligence, will be interviewing for analyst positions in Chicago during the week of November 14th. Analysts work on the forefront of protecting national security, quickly assessing how rapidly changing international developments will impact US interests at home and abroad. They use information from classified and unclassified sources from around the world to develop and provide the reliable intelligence that is essential for US policymakers to make informed decisions. The DI is hiring for the following positions:

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- Counterintelligence
- Collection Analyst
- Cyber Operations
- Counterterrorism Analyst
- Military Analyst
- Threat Analyst

Candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree with a minimum GPA of 3.0. Language skills, previous foreign area residence or travel, and relevant work experience are pluses. Candidates must successfully complete a medical examination, polygraph interview, and an extensive background investigation. All positions require US citizenship and relocation to the Washington, DC area.

The CIA is America's premier intelligence agency, and we are committed to building and maintaining a work force as diverse as the nation we serve.

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Board of Governance
Members grant financial request

Board of Governance representatives hear a proposal for the purchase of t-shirts for an upcoming Big Sir-Little Sir event involving members of the freshman and sophomore classes.

By Allison Rider
New Writer

Members of the Sophomore Board came to the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Monday night with financial requests to purchase t-shirts for the second annual upcoming Big Sir-Little Sir event.

"We are trying to make the event even more successful than last year," sophomore Christine Darche said. "Big Sir-Little Sir is about unifying two classes and supporting Saint Mary's spirit... it's going to be very fun!"

The Sophomore Board requested and received an allowance of $700 to purchase t-shirts for the Nov. 30 event. Sophomore Board members expect 230 students to attend. The first 100 girls to arrive will receive the t-shirt.

Of the 280 participants, 200 are freshmen and 80 are sophomores, numbers the board members called a great improvement since the program is only in its second year. Jaclyn Zins, a 2004 Saint Mary's alumna, attended the meeting to recruit for Teach for America, a program in which college graduates teach in urban areas to "close the achievement gap between lower and upper income classes," Zins said.

In other BOG news:

Student body president Kelly Mitros had a special announcement. "Congratulations to Board members Meghan Cahill, Amanda Shropshire and Annie Davis for their recent campus activity successes, including the 'Sundae's on Sunday,' the Freshman Bonfire, and 'Fall Day,' all of which took place in the last week," she said.

Mitros said she received positive feedback from the events.

Shropshire, the Student Diversity Board (SDB) president, told Board members that SDB would work on getting "Diversity Matters" bracelets similar to the ones spotted at Notre Dame.

Residence Hall Association commissioner Jackie Wright said the Saint Mary's tannexes will be re-opened for one night on Oct. 27 for the "Haunted Tunnels."

The event will take place from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets will be sold in advance for $2 or can be purchased at the door for $3.

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**IN BRIEF**

Lincoln National acquiring Jefferson-Pilot

**Associated Press**

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. has been negotiating with the United Auto Workers Union about a strategy that would lower its risk of disrupted supply if there is labor strife at Delphi plants, despite the automaker's recent bankruptcy filing and lowered outlooks at Northrop Grumman Corp. and Xilinx Inc. The Standard & Poor's credit rating on GM's debt was lowered a notch to "junk" status Monday, from BB to BB-, a move that could make reorganization a lot more difficult.

"GM's apparent decision to fight Delphi may signal a new hard line labor strategy at the company," said John Casessa, a Merrill Lynch analyst. "The company — purposefully or inadvertently — has put the union on notice."

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Associated Press

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**Though General Motors has been negotiating with the United Auto Workers to reform health care costs, the proceedings may be halted by the Delphi Corp. recent file for bankruptcy.**

**Stocks decline, causing investor anxiety**

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"However, this is the time when you get profit warnings instead of earnings surprises," said John Forelli, portfolio manager at Independence Investments LLC. "Once the reports start flying in next week, you typicall get a lot of positive reinforcement from earnings."

But the market received some good news after the close, when aluminum producer Alcoa Inc. posted a profit that beat analysts' forecasts despite pressure from soaring energy costs and lower aluminum prices.

Wall Street had some early support from a $7.5 billion acquisition in the insurance sector and a upgrade at International Business Machines Corp., but the major indexes slipped into negative territory after such losings more than 2 percent last week.

Many traders took the Columbus Day holiday off. At the close of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average lost 53.55, or 0.52 percent, to 10,238.76, its lowest close since mid-May.

Broader stock indicators also fell. The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 9.57, or 0.72 percent, to 1,187.33, while the Nasdaq composite index sank 11.43, or 0.52 percent, to 2,172.92.

The U.S. government bond market was closed Monday for the Columbus Day holiday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading, and gold prices edged higher.
The University of Notre Dame is a beautiful place to be, but it is nonetheless enclosed in an artificial world that does not need to be explained, as much ink has already been split upon this subject. It is important to note that while we do live in a bubble, so does the vast majority of the modern world. In a world of stresses, pressures and general nonsense, it is imperative to escape for some roosty, organic fun. There is a great necessity for people to get back to basics and enjoy pleasures that are as simple and real as they are sublime. Enter Americana music, and especially Bluegrass.

Realizing this unquenchable lust for Bluegrass, four dear friends and I made the trip to the Second Annual American Folk Festival in Nashville, Tenn. Armed with two handles of whiskey and a carton of cigarettes, we roared down to Tennessee at 5:45 a.m. Saturday morning blaring Bob Dylan’s “Nashville Skyline” album, unaware of exactly how capable the experience would indeed be.

Bluegrass is particularly well suited for one looking to get back in touch with the simpler things of life, and ultimately the things that really matter. An eclectic amalgamation of country, blue, Irish and Scottish folk and even jazz, Bluegrass allows performers to produce a sound that can stretch across the ranges of human emotions going from crushing depression to frenzied ecstasy. Few can help from dancing and stomping along when a bluegrass band transcends into a raging flurry of banjo notes picked at a pace quicker than thought. At the same time, Bluegrass is able to produce slow songs of sorrow and heartbreak. The human experience is made up of experiences both good and bad. While it is important to celebrate the better points of life and not dwell upon the negative aspects of our existence, it is crucial to recognize that both exist and to give each their respective dues. As an unfailing optimist, this was a great revelation to me. I realized that I was hearing the entire course of the human life wrapped up and packaged into one astonishing festival. It dawned upon me how beautiful this existence is, even the negative aspects have a certain tragic beauty that can be appreciated for what they are when given their due.

The festival atmosphere itself, even aside from the music, was most conducive for returning to the essentials. There was a great communal aspect that was so far removed from the profit driven nature of the world in which we live. The festival, was most certainly not vast enough for the large number of performers to make much of a profit, if any, many of the bands even got paid at all. Love of the music brought so many of the great bluegrass artists to Nashville. The arts and crafts tents were also removed from the complication of the profit motive. The artists were small-scale local artists selling the wares for generally modest prices that they obviously made out of love for what their chosen craft. It was refreshing to see the genuineness of their attitude, and it reminded me to there is so much more to life than the size of one’s bank account.

The communal nature of the festival was best embodied by the people who attended. There was a great sense of being a part of something greater than the self that truly liberated one. This is a feeling that is precious and often hard to encounter in a culture that places so much emphasis on the self and its wants and desires. The greatest sense of joy came from the camaraderie that I did share with my four fellow road trippers. As great as any experience is, it is truly the people that one shares it with that makes the moment most great. These are moments that truly establish the bonds among people who are enraptured in a timeless state where nothing matters but the now and the bond of friendship with those who experience it. Bonds and moments like these make life truly worth living. They are the good times that we celebrate in Bluegrass, and indeed help us get over the sad times that we recognize in the same genre. Nothing could be more real and sincere in a world and society that too often rewards those who are ruthless, insincere and double-faced.

The American Folk Festival epitomized an organic spirit where things were not forced. A true love of a genre that is not the most commercially profitable brought together a great number of fans, craftsmen, and bands. As opposed to commerciality, there was a vibe of simple relaxation where worries and cares had no place. People could truly be at peace with themselves and see beauty stripped of the artificial.

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When you write a column like mine, there comes a time when you’re really just not sure what to say anymore. It’s all white space on the page. I read that one can’t really write a book on several different subjects — turn political, write bad jokes or complain incessantly. That said, I have chosen to write like a teenage girl about the one thing that every college student can understand — Wal-Mall. For one of my classes, I had to go to Wal-Mall and write a short essay on my experience in the store. The discuss that fact that Wal-Mall itself makes me upset. I hate Wal-Mall. It’s my least favorite shopping practice, not even for driving small businesses under me. I hate Wal-Mall because it is the center for idiocy in every small town. A place where people will buy things not for necessity, but because they are “in sale.” But I want to pass my class, so off to Wal-Mall with a short list and my complete patience quotient for the week.

It’s raining when I get there, so I pull out an umbrella and brush my hair. My nose is runny and my eyes are red — sections — industries, a bucket and food. I attack them in this first set of the aisles are on the far side of the store in a section that rivals Houston for traffic supremacy. This is partly because there are people going in all directions in each aisle. This conflicts with my idea of driving, we should stick to one side of the aisle whenever possible if I’m right, but I’m not going to dissuade against our left hand traffic. There is something far worse than the non-directional driving — the “shoppers.” There can be whole families of the cart in the middle of the aisle and proceed to walk around in gulch items without moving their carts. Incomprehensible and inconvenient, I don’t want to spend more time in an unwarranted place. If it were up to me, there would be a larger seat in the cart, large enough for a college student, and my brother would rush through the store while I run through the store at Mach 1. This is one of the practices, not even for driving small businesses under me. I hate Wal-Mall because it is the center for idiocy in every small town. A place where people will buy things not for necessity, but because they are “in sale.” But I want to pass my class, so off to Wal-Mall with a short list and my complete patience quotient for the week.

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Don’t fear tracking technology

You walk up to the cash register with a package of hot dogs, the cashier scans it, and a screen pops up on the computer: “Ask the customer if he would like potato chips?” So the cashier does, and you leave the store with hot dogs and potato chips and walk home.

Upon entering the door, your home computer asks if you’d like to order a pizza in three hours. You say “yes” as you take your garbage out. As soon as your garbage leaves the door, your computer reminds you that you have an hour left of milk and would like to know if you want more ordered.

Something like sound out of the Jetsons? Well, not. The scenario can be made possible by an increasingly popular technology called Radio Frequency Identification. According to RFJJournal.com, RFID is a technology that uses radio waves to automatically identify people or objects.

Companies ranging from Sysco to INTEL, in Chevron use RFID for tracking purposes — all of which make lives much easier for those companies. Consumers have yet to hear much from RFID for one important reason: money. Today, passive RFID tags commonly cost 25 to 50 cents each, estimated Raj Veeramani, a professor of engi­ neering and business at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who works with RFID. Bar codes, on the other hand, cost a fraction of a cent. Obviously, this makes RFID for con­ sumers unfriendly.

Aron Nogee, principle analyst at In­ Stat Group, stated, “Over the past few years, tag prices have been dropping by as much as 50 percent a year. The general consensus is that tag prices will have to drop to 5 cents or less for companies to see a return on invest­ ment.” That’s not as far away as some would think. Once RFID is in place for consumer use, it will be used for everything from tracking shopping habits to reminding you to buy potato chips with lunch, buying a pizza every eight weeks at the same restaurant, and sacking up your entire inventory, including letting you know you’re out of milk.

With all this potential, it seems there’s a bright future for the RFID industry. However, as with all bright futures, there comes a dark cloud. The privacy group Electronic Frontier Foundation, is against RFID. In a new book titled, “Spychips: How Major Corporations and Government Plan to Track Your Every Move with RFID,” Katherine Albrecht and Liz McIntire claim compa­ nies will use the technology to “track and control people, consumers and businesses using RFID tags planted in clothing and food.”

Albrecht, director of the consumer privacy group Casplain, is at the forefront of the attack on RFID. She has been in numerous articles and made countless radio and television appearances warning of the dangers of the technology.

Albrecht worries retail companies can combine the data from RFID tags with customer’s information, turning RFID into a tracking beacon. She also suspects the government will want access to the retailers’ RFID databases.

Historically, if you see “Spychips” on the bookshelves or hear Albrecht speaking, don’t be frightened. The downfall of RFID’s privacy is not of concern to the同等的 gains derived from this new technology.

Many people have expressed how exciting it is to look for­ ward to reminders I forgot the toilet paper. However, the technology is not all about reminding you to know precisely which supplies you need, simply by taking out the garbage.

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Kevin Smith's film delivers wit on romance

By MARY SQUILLACE

We all know how the story usually goes. Boy meets girl, or girl meets boy. Their relationship falls into jeopardy through trials and tribulations of some shape or form. Then, yadda, yadda, right at the end, probably with some Van Morrison’s “Brown Eyed Girl,” playing in the background, the two finally find a way to overcome and live happily ever after.

This standard is safe, but frankly boring after hundreds of retellings of the same fairy-tale contemporary romances. “Chasing Amy” (1997) on the other hand, is anything but safe or boring with its portrayal of romance. Instead, not even a simple boy-meets-girl label can be applied to this film. Where typical romantic comedies rely on convention and paradigmatic plotlines, Kevin Smith’s “Malibu’s Most Popular” (Dogma) film interweaves compelling questions about sexuality with a romantic plight that defies the ordinary.

In this less-than-simplistic romance, comic book artist Holden (Ben Affleck) falls for Alyssa (Joey Lauren Adams), who he soon learns is a lesbian. Aside from the obvious complications in getting their relationship off the ground, the one guarantee on which Holden’s approval of Holden’s best friend, Banky (Jason Lee), Alyssa’s past, as well as Holden’s present insecurities play a rift between the couple. Consequently, the hurdles within Holden and Alyssa’s relationship drive a constant stream of salient dialogue between the two, driving attention to a wide range of issues regarding sex and sexuality.

Smith skillfully delicacy and broaches difficult topics with boldness that he delivers with enough wit and personality to prevent his film from becoming didactic or one sided in the opinions it expresses. He provides the questions, but lets his viewers come up with all of the answers.

All of this considered, the film is still punctuated with Smith’s idiosyncrasies as a filmmaker, including his irreverent and raunchy sense of humor. However, “Chasing Amy” surpasses Smith’s other films, such as “Malibu’s Most Popular” and “Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back” in the way that the comedy lends itself to making points that hold up as more than mere punchlines.

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"Arrested Development," a critical darling that spent its first two years as a show one step away from cancellation, has made it to its third season. While its precarious renewal status still remains, the quality of the show has not diminished. Continually proving itself as one of the funniest and best-written shows on television, the show's third season looks to potentially be one of its best.

The show follows the adventures of the Bluth family, a self-indulgent, wealthy family whose fortunes take a downward turn after their company is busted for questionable accounting practices. Michael (Jason Bateman) is the only responsible family member who not only must pick up the shattered pieces of the business, but also has to hold together the eccentric family who make up his family. These include his spoiled sister Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), his rival brother George (David Cross), George's hideous wife, Lucille (Jessica Walter), and their imprisoned father George Sr. (Jeffrey Tambor), all while raising his long-lost love from childhood, George Michael (Michael Cera).

The show's third season looks to be highly entertaining. If its first three episodes are any indication, The first episode of the season, "The Cabin Show," finds Michael Bluth back in charge of the Bluth company. Things seem to be going smoothly, which is usually just a set-up for more insane events on "Arrested Development." He gets news that the company's stock has been upgraded from "Sell! Sell! Sell!" to "Don't Buy" by financial advisor Jim Cramer. He attempts to take his son to the family cabin and somehow ends up in Reno. Nev. George Michael and Marcby, who met season's end in a prison, are released from prison. Michael looks to continue this trend of celebrity cameos play huge role in sitcom

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the game against Alumni this year. Both teams have important games coming up this weekend, with Stanford, with two wins, in on the brink of a playoff berth.

"It was a great game today," McNicholas said, "and hopefully, we'll come back and win again.

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The win clinches the final play-off spot in the Blue League for Young. The same situation applies for Morrissey, who was able to get through to Justin Betz, who also caught the 2-point conversion, tying the game.

Through quick thinking, as Mark Bennett scored on a 65-yard punt return. Kotzen followed up the second scoring play by returning Juggs took on Dan Romaca’s successful PAT.

But Carroll’s Kyle Kowacki scored another touchdown, leaving Knott with just over three minutes to try and take the lead. Bennett intercepted the ball on the 20-yard line, sealing the Carroll victory at 20-15.

Siegfried, St Ed’s
Ten was the stat of the game, as Siegfried shut out St Ed’s 10-0 and held their opponents to negative yards of total offense.

The St. Ed’s offense was completely suffocated by Siegfried defense. The Rams defense recorded three sacks and seven negative plays on the field.

In the third quarter, a blocked first down punt was a huge moment in the game for the Rams. They ran into a three and out on the St. Ed’s 1-yard line, with the ball on the 30 with 4:30 left. The Rams ran it and took the first down.

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sides of the ball to bring that same intensity and skill to special teams can only help the team.
"I think it is significant to have guys who turn into special teams performers," Wein said. "Guys that you can count on, like starters on offense and defense. Guys that are going to know what to do and can play with a high level of knowledge and toughness."

Although the Trojans are on pace to break a number of offensive college football records, head- ing into Saturday's showdown, they have struggled on special teams. The Irish hold a distinct advantage in a majority of special teams categories, including both kickoff and punt coverage. Through five games, the Trojans have allowed an average of 17 yards per punt return and 26.6 yards per kickoff. The Irish, on the other hand, have been solid in coverage this season, yielding only 5.4 yards per punt return and 19.5 yards per kickoff return.

Notre Dame also has been more effective returning kicks than Southern Cal. With safety Tommy Zbikowski handling the punt return duties, the Irish have picked up 95 punt return yards on seven returns (13.6 yards per return), while Bash has had trouble bringing his explosiveness in the backfield to the return game, gaining only 40 yards on seven returns.

On kickoffs, three different Notre Dame players -- receiver David Grimes, running back Justin Hoskins and defensive back Brandon Harris -- have seen action, with Grimes' 84 return yards and 31.0 yards per return leading the Irish. While Bash has once again struggled to make an impact returning kicks -- he's posted just a 17.5 yard average on night returns -- running back Desmond Barre has been particularly effective, returning 163 yards on only four returns (40.8 yards per return).

Should the Irish continue their comparative dominance in both returns and coverage Saturday, special teams play could be a factor in an Irish upset.

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ST. LOUIS — Mike Martz is out indefinitely as coach of the St. Louis Rams with a bacterial infection of the heart.

Martz was told by a specialist Monday that his heart valve had weakened since last week.

"I think he was concerned he was letting down a lot of people, but also had concern about the gravity of the situation," Shaw said.

The antibiotics that Martz began taking on Friday didn't seem to help. Shaw said, but he didn't know if any additional procedures would be necessary. Severe cases of endocarditis can require open-heart surgery.

Associated Press

Philippines' GM Ed Wade fired after team misses playoffs

PHILADELPHIA — Ed Wade turned the Philadelphia Phillies into a winner. He couldn't make them a champion.

Wade was fired as general manager Monday after failing to get the Phillies into the playoffs during eight years on the job.

Philadelphia went 88-74 this season and finished one game behind N.L. wild-card winner Houston. It was the Phillies' third consecutive winning season and fourth in five years, but they missed the playoffs for the 12th straight year and 21st time in 22 seasons.

"The expectation is that you need to make the playoffs, and we didn't live up to those expectations," Wade said. "I've seen it happen in other places, but this is pretty bad." 

In Brief

Astros fan catches two home run balls in game

HOUSTON — Shaun Deen made two big catches from his spot in the stands during the record-setting, 18-inning Game 4 between the Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros.

He caught both Lance Berkman's grand slam and Chris Burke's series-winning homer Sunday, which gave Houston a 7-6 victory and ended the longest postseason game in baseball history.

"I never caught one in a game before," said Deen, 25, of Porter. "Berkman's eighth-inning homer was toward Deen, who was sitting in the second row of the boxes above the left-field wall at Minute Maid Park.

The second catch, which came about three hours later, was a little bit harder to make. He said the ball "came more toward my father-in-law, and he just leaned over and I reached down and caught it."

Ricky Williams returns to Miami's potent backfield

MIAMI, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins made a substantial offensive upgrade Monday, adding a certified yoga instructor and student of holistic medicine notorious for his shyness and mercurial behavior.

Yes, Ricky Williams is back. Returning from a four-week suspension that followed a one-year retirement, Williams took part in the team's brief walkthrough session.

He'll rejoin practice Wednesday and likely play Sunday at Tampa Bay — his first game since December 2003.

The Dolphins (2-2) won't burden Williams with the heavy workload that helped send him to Australia and India for an extended vacation.

Instead, he'll share time with Ronnie Brown, the No. 2 overall pick in the April draft.

At times they'll line up in the backfield together.
Belles prepare for final home match

Saint Mary's will play host to Adrian at the Angela Athletic Center

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

What a difference a week makes — or so the Saint Mary's volleyball team hopes.

The Belles (19-12, 3-6) take to the Angela Athletic Center floor tonight to face Adrian College, a team to which they lost last Wednesday in three one-sided games.

The game marks the Saint Mary's final home match of the regular season. Tonight's match will be followed by six MIAA road contests to conclude the year.

Despite the 30-15, 30-21, 30-18 loss last week, Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek feels confident entering tonight's contest.

"They are a very good team, but they are beatable," Schroeder-Biek said. "We saw some things last week we think we can take advantage of."

Schroeder-Biek said that Adrian's blocking was lax last times. She also thought that the Belles could win some easy points if they made the Bulldogs move and shift their defense more.

Adrian's strength is a powerful attack game led by two-time MIAA player of the week Lindsay Bender. While the Belles were able to hold the outside hitter to a .256 hitting percentage in last week's meeting, other Bulldogs stepped up. Adrian had five players tally hitting percentages over .500, as they recorded 66 kills to the Belles 29.

Schroeder-Biek thought that her team played adequate defense, despite the numbers. She felt her offense, though, was sluggish at times. She attributed the lackluster performance to a lack of intensity.

"We didn't all compete last week. It wasn't everybody, but some of the girls looked intimated out there," she said.

The Belles should be confident entering tonight's match, coming off a 1-1 weekend that saw the team play with heart and desire. The Belles rebounded from a tough five-game loss to Albion with a convincing four-game win over Albion, avenging an earlier loss to the Comets.

Schroeder-Biek thought that mimicking this weekend's focus and intensity would bring the Belles success tonight.

"We need to compete like we did out there on Saturday. Each individual needs to bring a sound mental game," she said.

Adrian (14-4, 6-3) enters the game in fourth place in the MIAA, two places ahead of the Belles. They split two matches this weekend, losing to second-place Alma before sweeping Tri-State.

Saint Mary's will be honoring its two seniors tonight in their final home game.

Talia Matury-Vacaro will finish her second year with the team. The middle hitter played her freshman year, but study abroad and injury prevented her from playing the past two seasons. She rejoined the team this year and has proved a valuable asset for the Belles off the bench this season.

Shelly Bender will finish her fourth season with the Belles. She has shown a great deal of improvement over four years and has anchored the Saint Mary's defense all year at the starting middle hitter position. She leads the Belles with 19 blocks in conference play this season.

Schroeder-Biek acknowledged that Senior Night has provided an added motivation for her team.

"We have two great seniors. Playing the last home game is something special for them, and their teammates recognize that. They want to play well for the seniors."

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Women's Interhall — Gold League

Teams vie for playoff spots as season nears end

WELSH FAMILY TIES PW; McGlinn shuts out BP; Pangborn beats PE

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Sports Writers

Welsh Family quarterback Melissa Sunis ran in the one-point extra point attempt to tie the score at 13 late in the second half to give both Pasquerilla West (2-1-1) and Welsh Family (2-1-1) one point in a game that could have major playoff implications.

The extra point came after a handoff from Sunis to Whirlwind running back Maggie Forester, who ran the ball for the second Welsh Family touchdown of the game.

Pasquerilla West took the lead in the second half after quarter- back Cara Davies ran the ball into the end zone for six points, leaving the score at 13-6 after the failed one-point attempt.

Davies also led the Weasels to an early lead in the game, scoring on a pass from Davies to wide receiver Maureen Springs in the first half and converting the one-point attempt.

As time was running out in the first half, Kelly Bushnell caught a pass from Sands to put Welsh Family on the board, but a failed two-point attempt left the Whirlwinds down 7-6 at halftime.

“We played really well on defense,” said Welsh Family freshman Kristy Szczepaniec. “Our defense just couldn’t seem to make those turnovers count for scores.”

The one point from the tie gives Pasquerilla West a one-point lead in fourth place over rival Pasquerilla East, enough to put them in the playoffs.

McGlinn 7, Breen-Phillips 0

A week after the defense Sunday on West Quad field, as Gold League-leader McGlinn attempted to hold off Challengers Breen-Phillips.

A few penalties on Breen-Phillips helped the Shamrocks of McGlinn advance the ball early into Brees’ territory, and quarterback Becky Brown would later convert to give the Shamrocks a lead that their defense would hold for the rest of the game.

Although the McGlinn defense recorded their fourth shutout of the year, the defense of Breen-Phillips also looked especially strong after the lopsided win.

“We made some key adjustments on defense,” said Brees’ captain Shannon Swanigan. “The defense stepped up, but we just couldn’t capitalize on our opportunities.”

McGlinn’s Sally Head had a punt return for a touchdown that was called back on a flagging interference call.

Becky Brown also had a solid performance, running well and keeping the Breen-Phillips offense off their toes.

McGlinn has an almost-certain path to the playoffs, with a win on Friday, McGlinn will finish up their season against the Phoxes.

“I think we’re just playing our best football, running the ball well and stopping the opposition on defense well,” said McGlinn’s head coach Kim McGlinn. “We’ve made some improvements we’ve made.”

Swanigan said.

Pangborn 13, Pasquerilla East 0

The Pangborn Phonies, judging from their performance against Pasquerilla West Sunday afternoon at Hegman Field, are holding firm to the form that leads right into the stadium. On the first drive of the game, the Phonies halfback Tridi Cunnett took the ball into the endzone, putting the Phonies up 7-0.

Later in the first half, a pass from quarterback Katie Mooney found its way into the hands of junior receiver Bryan Johnson to put Pangborn up 13-0.

Despite the season-long consistency, captain and linebacker Katie Murray still found room for improvement.

“We needed more intensity in the second half,” Murray said. “That’s two games in a row that we’ve played a lackluster second half.”

That can’t happen in the playoffs.

The Phonies and their 4-1 record are assured of a playoff berth. Last year, the Phonies lost a heartbeat decision to Cavanaugh in the semifinal round, just one touchdown away from a berth in the Finals.

“My freshman year, we lost every game by the mercy rule,” she said. “Then sophomore year we won our first game ... and then last year against Cavanaugh, we were so close.”

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Squads gear up for Tuesday night showdowns

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Sports Writers

In a game that could decide postseason destinies, the showdown between the Pasquerilla West Weasels and the McGlinn Shamrocks Tuesday night at Fieldi Fields at 8 p.m. is guaranteed to be a good one.

Coming off a tie with Welsh Family, Pasquerilla West is looking to make a late season change into the playoffs past rival Pasquerilla East.

The Weasels took Monday as a routing day in between back-to-back games with two undefeated West Quad juggernauts, Welsh Family and McGlinn, to get their Gold League's only undefeated team.

Their McGlinn's being undeated is motivation enough for this game,” Davies said. “We have been looking forward to this game.”

McGlinn is coming off another win, a 13-6 victory against Breen-Phillips on Sunday. The win, coupled with the Welsh Family tie, cemented McGlinn's place at the top of the standings in the Gold League and guarantees the Shamrocks a spot in the playoffs this year.

The Shamrocks are playing to match Cavanaugh's best record in interhall, while in the Weasels are hoping to extend their season to the playoffs.

Farley vs. Welsh Family

Like the interhall football season, there are bound to be games loaded with playoff implications.

Farley's matchup between Farley and Welsh Family is no different.

With a win, Farley will finish with a 3-3 record and secure a spot in the Gold League bracket. With Welsh Family, a record of 2-1-1 will need to win this game and their next against McGlinn to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Farley is coming off of a big win against Pasquerilla East in which senior quarterback Katie Popk threw for 200 yards in a blowout.

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The finest are expecting another big game from Popk, as well as her standout receivers Shane Durrin and Annie Parnell and running backs Kim Crehan and Jenna Breen.

“Shane has a mule big plays, including two picks by Megan Hurri last year,” Popk said.

“We’ve got some momentum going, and McGlinn’s defense has been a bound,” Farrell said. “We’ve got a chance to win this game, it’s just a matter of executing.”

Welsh Family’s season has been the opposite of Farley’s, with two wins to start, and their last two games ending in a loss and a tie.

“We practiced well on Friday, and we really played well in the second half of our last game against [Pangborn],” said junior wide receiver Wendy Somas Rodriguez.

The Whirlwinds will rely on senior quarterback Melissa Sunis and their receivers, especially Kelly Ithuzhe, as well as a defense that has shut out three teams to have a different player step up whenever it’s needed.

Breen-Phillips vs. Pangborn

At Rheele West Field tonight, the West Half Phoxes will finish up their season against the Pangborn Phonies.

“I think we’re just playing our best football, running the ball well and stopping the opposition on defense well,” said McGlinn’s head coach Kim McGlinn. “We’ve made some improvements we’ve made.”

Swanigan said.

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will ever give up. I'm pretty confident that this is a tough team."

The season has been up and down for the Irish, who have had 10 games this season decided by one goal. Notre Dame has won six of those matches, but the close games have taken their toll. However, losses like Connecticut could have serious postseason repercussions.

"Obviously I'm not discouraged because the team played very well," Clark said. "Obviously you're disappointed at not winning, certainly not discouraged. You're always disappointed when you don't win, especially when you feel you play well."

The single goal scored Saturday was the first goal of the season against Ben Crouse. In all, nine different players have scored goals for the Irish this year, with midfielders and defenders often getting involved in the action deep in their opponents' territory.

Some of their confidence can come from goalkeeper Chris Calabia's strong play. The first-year starter has posted five shutouts on the season, compared to Spencer and Lohman's two.

The Irish are 7-4-1-0-3.1-3 Big East, and the Spartans are 4-3-4 overall (11-1-1 Big Ten). Michigan State won a 2-0 win over Ohio State and are led by explosive forward Ryan McMenamin, a preseason All-American.

"They're a strong team, they're a big team," Clark said.

But the final six games of the season will be important for the Irish, who are the most important of their preseason goals: making the NCAA Tournament.

"That's the first hallmark of a good season is to make the tournament so I'd say that's our major goal at the moment," Clark said. "I think this team definitely has the ability of a tournament team."

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**Golf**

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stood up to the challenge well. But we're not making the run that all good teams go on when they win these kinds of tournaments.

No. 5 Duke won the event with a 10-under 154, besting second-place Coastal Carolina by one stroke.

"We're not making the run that all good teams go on when they win those kinds of tournaments."

Jim Kubinski

Irish coach

We're just a couple of mistakes here and there away from taking that next step to where we want this program to be," Kubinski said to UND.com.

While Baldwin and Gustafson finished in the top 10, Ibsan struggled on the final day and had to make up for it in the second two rounds. Ibsan finished No. 37 overall after shooting a five-over 221 (71-74).

Sophomore Greg Rodgers shot a 224 (77-74-73), and senior Eric Deusen finished with a 230 (77-77-76).

So far this season, Notre Dame has a 292.2 stroke average, the second best average in the last 40 years for the Irish.

Notre Dame will travel to La Quinta, Calif. on Oct. 17-18 to play in The Prestige on the Greg Norman Course at PGA West.

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by Thom Arnold and Mike Argirion

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Spartans host inconsistent Irish

After 2-1 loss, team hopes to rebound

By KATE GALEs
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After a rocky season, the Irish have six games remaining to make their case for the NCAA Tournament. That stretch begins today as the Irish face off against Michigan State at 3 p.m. in East Lansing, Mich.

After a heart-pumping 2-1 loss to Connecticut on Sept. 27 when the Irish controlled play but couldn’t cement the win, there were still positives to come from the play.

"I think we showed a lot of character on Saturday," head coach Bobby Clark said. "We've done it in other games, but I thought Saturday we were very strong. I don’t think this team..."

The Irish are looking to rebound from a tough loss to Michigan State. Midfielder Matt Besler carries the ball in a 1-0 win against Bradley on Sept. 28. The Irish face Michigan State today.

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MEN'S GOLF

Seniors pair up to lead team on links

Gustafson, Baldwin help Notre Dame to a sixth-place finish

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
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Cole Isham has been carrying much of the weight for the Irish all season, but this weekend at the Coca-Cola Duke Classic, a different pair of Notre Dame golfers led the team to a sixth-place finish.

Senior Mark Baldwin led the Irish with a three-day 210 (70-72-68), and senior Scott Gustafson finished just one stroke behind Baldwin, with 211 strokes (70-69-72). Baldwin’s final-day 68 tied the Notre Dame 24-hole record en route to a sixth-place overall finish.

It was Baldwin’s sixth career top-10 finish in his collegiate career. Gustafson finished in eighth place at five-under for the tournament.

Notre Dame’s 1-over 865 (291-296-278) was the lowest three-round score of the season and the school’s third lowest score for a tournament.

The sixth place finish was impressive considering the field that competed in Durham, N.C. The teams Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said prior would be tough played well.

“This wasn’t our best performance, but I’d call it slightly above average,” Kubinski told UND.com. “This was the third tournament in a row where we faced a really strong field and we..."