Main student labs undergo complete upgrade

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to improve technological resources available to students, the Saint Mary's Computer Services Department boasts a major upgrade in its main student computer labs located in LeMans Hall.

Following the upgrades which were completed this week, every computer in the Macintosh lab is currently a Power Macintosh, while the PC lab is now fully comprised of Pentium computers, according to Dan Mandell, assistant director for User Services.

In the plan, all the buildings on campus would be connected to a campus-wide computer network system. "Our goal is to have every faculty office, administration office, class, room and student lab connected on Ethernet," said Mandell.

While the plan includes having connections in the residence halls through computer Networking/ page 4

SMC technology to expand

Staff vacancy puts network plans on hold

By MAUREEN HURLEY
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While upgrades in the student computer labs in LeMans Hall are visible signs of the movement toward increased technology at Saint Mary's College, the Computer Services Department is currently preparing for a major expansion of its network system behind the scenes.

But the plan is in a holding pattern while the College works on finding a new computer services director.

Following the Board of Trustees' approval of a long-range plan for information technology, the College plans are currently in the works to network the entire College campus, according to Dan Mandell, assistant director for User Services.

End of an era for the Oak Room...

New dorms to bring dining change

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN
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With the addition of O'Neill and Keough halls on the south side of campus, more students than ever will be using the South Dining Hall.

In anticipation of these crowds, the University has announced plans to renovate the South Dining Hall.

Plans call for a large food service area in the center of the dining hall. In addition, renovations should include retail and patio areas added to the south side of the building. However, the dining rooms themselves will remain basically unchanged, according to David Prentkowksi, the director of Food Services.

The changes to the food service area center around the current Oak Room. Building will change the Oak Room into a service area much like the ones that currently exist in the dining halls. Also, architects plan to bring the current facilities into the room and create a large, combined food service area.

"The area will be based on a 'marketplace concept,' that was developed by a Swiss company. It includes many different serving areas that are each self-contained, but exist in one large area," said Prentkowski.

Under the current plan, students would enter the serving area, be able to choose from an expanded menu, then have their choice of dining rooms to sit in. Also, the dining rooms would have expanded seating areas with the addition of the area vacated by the current food service facilities.

Architects plan to offset the loss of the Oak Room with a new retail area on the south side of the building. The new area will have a stage, television, reading and lounge areas, computer hookups and possibly even computer terminals for students to work on.

In addition to this area, planners hope to build an outdoor patio area with eating space and entertainment space. "Because the new dorms have been built, there is a need to create more of a feel of a quad on the south side of the dining hall," said Prentkowski. "The loading dock would be an ideal forum for national leaders to converse about topics that affect us all," Miller said yesterday.

"The student body should hear firsthand what the candidates have to say." 

The letters, which also were addressed to the candidates' running mates, extend a 44-year-old tradition of inviting presidential candidates during election years. It is a tradition that was established by former University president Father Theodore Hesburgh in his first year as the head of the University.

Clinton may decline the invitation for several reasons, perhaps because he received a lukewarm reception when he visited the campus in 1992 and because he has already visited this region of the United States during this year's campaign. The president is due to return to his home state, New York, for the Labor Day weekend.
Russian plane crashes in Arctic Circle, 141 presumed dead

OSLO, Norway

A Russian passenger plane carrying coal miners crashed on an island near the Arctic Circle today, straying from its flight path on a mission to arrive safely.

The Tu-154 from Moscow was heading toward the Longyearbyen airport on Spitsbergen, the main island in the Svalbard archipelago. The island’s acting governor, Rune B. Hansen, said the plane crashed six miles from the base.

A Norwegian news agency NTB said air traffic controllers lost contact with the plane around 10:15 a.m.

Norwegian officials said they believed the passengers were Russian miners headed for a Russian coal mine on one of the Norwegian islands.

Twelve of the 141 people aboard were airline crew.

The plane, according to NTB, had been chartered from the Russian carrier Yakutia Airlines, making this crash just the latest in a series of deadly accidents that have plagued Russian airlines in recent years.

The aging Tu-154 — the type of aircraft that carried the miners — is among the planes most prone to trouble.

It appeared that the plane flew into the region in the hopes of reaching the island, traveling toward the airport, according to a Norwegian air traffic controller.

The first rescue team to reach the crash site found no signs of survivors, NTB said. The government’s office said more rescue workers were on the way.

The weather at the crash site was cloudy, with visibility of about 4 miles, with whiteouts and temperatures of about -40 degrees Fahrenheit, according to the governor’s office.

It appears likely that all of them were killed," the spokesman said.

The former Soviet air fleet has been plagued by chronic safety problems since the 1991 collapse of the country and the breakup of the former state airline Aeroflot into some 400 companies.

France expels 88 illegal immigrants

PARIS

France has deported 88 more African immigrants ignoring Spain’s efforts to repatriate the largest population of illegal immigrants in the EU. The deportations were part of the French government’s campaign to reduce the number of illegal immigrants in France.

Farrakhan accepts human rights award

TRIPOLI, Libya

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan accepted the annual lottery of a Libyan human rights conference Thursday, where he is expected to receive the $250,000 prize sponsored under U.S. government sanctions. The Libyan news agency JANA said Farrakhan was in Tripoli to accept the Gadhafi Human Rights Award, named for Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi.

The T.V. news reported Farrakhan was expected to receive the award on Monday. Gaddafi is in London for a three-day visit to attend the United Nations General Assembly, where he is scheduled to address the U.N.

The award is the most prestigious prize awarded in the Middle East.

Peace walkers cross England, Ireland

BELFAST

With a symbolic splash of paint on a wall separating Catholics and Protestants in west Belfast, campaigners completed a 650-mile walk promoting peace across Britain and Ireland. Yet in a reminder that violence remains a mainstay in Northern Ireland, pro-Irish groups warned the leader of a large group had served time in a prison for a drug-related crime.

The peace marchers, who had crossed the province or been killed. The trip attracted walkers from both parts of Ireland, England, Wales, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Japan and the United States.

The leader of the group, who said he served two years for a drug-related crime, said that all-male group had served time in French prisons before being expelled. "I was supposed to leave prison today, but in place of finding my 4-year-old child and my Algerian wife who has French nationality I found myself sent to Tunisia," the head of the group said.

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Lloyd’s survival plan gets approval

LONDON

With more than 90 percent of the money-losing investors at Lloyd’s of London agreeing to its survival plan by Wednesday afternoon, a source predicted the famed insurance market now has the financing to stay solvent. "It’ll fly," the source said, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. To make the plan approval, Lloyd’s needed the support of at least three-quarters of the investors and the support of as many as 22 of the 220 illegal immigrants.

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Reggae-style welcome

Gottlieb could face credit fraud charges

By LIZ FORAN
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Criminal charges are being considered against former Notre Dame basketball stand-out Doug Gottlieb, according to St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Barnes. Gottlieb, Barnes told the South Bend Tribune that Gottlieb could face charges of theft, credit card fraud or conversion after his office received reports from Notre Dame Security that Gottlieb was a suspect in cases of credit card fraud involving three students.

"I expect to make a decision by the first of the week," Barnes said of whether charges would be filed. Gottlieb departed Notre Dame for a community college closer to his home in Orange, Calif. over the summer, citing reasons that he wanted to be closer to home.

Gottlieb had lived in Dillon Hall with the three students who are claiming they were defrauded. Pat Johnson of Glen, Joe Hand of Monroe, Conn., and Scott Thomas of Hamburg, N.J. cited unauthorized charges totalling about $1000 made on their credit cards.

Only two cases are currently being considered in the determination regarding whether charges will be pressed against Gottlieb. Barnes told the Tribune. The cases being considered total under $500. This means that Hand, who had about $500 charged to his account alone, is not being considered in the investigation. Hand was unaware of the details of the investigation.

"Last time I talked to (Notre Dame Security), I told them I wanted to press charges," he said.

Bush Johnson and Thomas claim that Gottlieb was captured on Spiece store video while making the alleged transactions with their respective credit cards. Hand said an employee of a jewelry store was able to identify Gottlieb through a series of line-up photos which included Hand.

John MacLeod, head coach of the men's basketball team, admitted to the Tribune that Gottlieb's decision to leave was impacted at least partially by the allegations against him.

"I'm not trying to avoid the issue," MacLeod said. "This (the allegations) was connected to (the transfer) to a degree. Other than that, I don't think it's appropriate to make any comment on the allegations.

MacLeod refused to make any comment to The Observer.

The Gottlieb family refused to make any comment when reached by telephone. "Any comments are being made through the lawyer now," an unidentified family member said. He said he did not know the name of the lawyer, and that no other family member was available at the time.

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clusters, the feasibility of connecting every dorm room on Ethernet has not yet been determined due to installation costs, according to Mandell.
The plan was first endorsed by a team of computer consultant in the spring, and
then was approved by the trustees. The next steps will involve hiring a network design staff member, and then checking out costs from vendors before beginning to hook up the system, according to Mandell.
However, the loss of Computer Services Director John Cook last semester has set back the plans, as the College does not want to begin the major networking without a director in place.

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will be confined to the southwest corner, and the back will be greatly improved by the construction of the patio. Along with the large-scale physical changes to the dining hall, all of the operating systems are to be updated, including electricity and heating.
In order to avoid causing further congestion, the renovations, which are planned to begin in the spring of 1997, will be mainly carried out over the summer months.
The project is, however, still in the planning stages. In the next few weeks the plans will be submitted to the University. If they are approved, the next step would be to find contractors and set construction dates. When the Oak Room will definitely be eliminated before the summer, administrators plan on using the faculty dining room as a retail food outlet in its place until the new one is completed.

"We believe that these renovations will enhance the menu, speed of service and freshness of food at the South Dining Hall," Prenkowsi said.

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The computers that were formerly housed in the two labs will be distributed throughout the College, primarily in the Writing Center and in faculty administrative offices, according to the Computer Services Office.

According to the Computer Services Office, candidates are in the process of being interviewed, with the goal of filling the vacancy as soon as possible to get plans for the technology overhaul in motion.

Due to the staff vacancy, no definite timetable has been set regarding plans. "We hope to get a new director in place as soon as possible so we can get as much done in this coming year as possible," Mandell said.

Mandell said that the feasibility of consolidations will enhance the teams and set construction dates.

The plan was first endorsed in the spring of 1997, and will begin in the spring of 1998, according to Mandell. A new director will be on the job as soon as possible, he said.

Sanctuary candidates have visited the campus in almost all following election years.


Ronald Reagan spoke at Saint Mary's College in 1980 and Mondale returned to Notre Dame as a presidential candidate during the spring primary season of 1984.

Then-Vice President George Bush spoke at the University a week before Election Day 1988, and then-Governor Clinton spoke in September 1992.

Moreau opens with cultural art
Special to The Observer

Two exhibits opening tonight will kick off the season for the Moreau Art Galleries at Saint Mary's College.

"Luminous Landscapes: Photographs by Teresa B. Croukhi" will be displayed in the Hammon Gallery, while the Little Theatre Gallery will showcase "Upon the Arrival of My Family A La Lludia de Mit Familia: Sculpture Installation by Elizabeth".

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Clinton accepts party presidential nomination

By JOHN KING
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

President Clinton made a determined case for a second term Thursday in a climactic convention address that took credit for blocking Republican budget cuts and promised an array of new help for poor and middle-class families.

"Hope is back in America," Clinton declared in accepting the Democratic presidential nomination for the second time and making his nationally televised case for four more years. "Tonight, let us resolve to build a bridge to the 21st Century, to meet our challenges, protect our basic values and prepare our people for the future."

Clinton said the economy had soared back to life on his watch, creating 10 million new jobs even as the federal government payroll shrank. In a second term, he pledged modest tax cuts targeted to middle-income families and to balance the budget "in a way that preserves Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment."

Speech focuses on bridge to next century

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO

Now it really begins: the last battle of the World War II generation against the vanguard of the baby boomers. President Clinton stresses his youth, energy and social programs. Bob Dole promises experience, trustworthiness and tax cuts. Energized by a convention of rare Democratic unity, Clinton marches into the last nine weeks of the campaign with a sizeable lead but no sure thing. There is neither the air of certainty that surrounded Ronald Reagan at convention time nor the cloud of gloom that hung over George Bush at each man's second term.

The Clinton White House is cautiously confident. The polls are favorable, and peace and prosperity are on his side.

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"While I served  I sought to avoid the taint, but because I did not want to become the message. Now, I resign so I will not become the issue," he wrote.

His response to the report itself: "I will not subject my wife, family or friends to the sadistic vitriol of yellow journalism."

It was an enormous distraction for Clinton just as he was preparing his evening address to accept the Democratic Clinton saluted Republican Bob Dole for his war service and his 35 years in Congress, but scorned his rival's policies and proposals. The president said Dole's $548 billion tax cut plan would "weaken our bridge to the 21st century" by balloon ing the deficit or gutting vital programs.

"We should not bet the farm and we certainly shouldn't bet the country," Clinton, in his prepared remarks, said of the Dole plan. "We have an obligation to leave our children a legacy of opportunity, not debt."

The Democrats were heading home in an unfamiliar position: Heavily favored to win.
Chicago copes with convention crowds

By SARAH NORDGREN
Associated Press Writer

Some officers gabbed about the Bears. Others slipped chilled bottled water. Still others sat shoulder-to-shoulder at one of the 15 walk-through metal detectors outside the Democratic National Convention.

"I wish we had some sun screen," said Chicago police officer Thomas Dinsen, among 100 police lining the perimeter of a United Center protest that at the moment was four demonstrators strong.

Along the convention's main drag, around the designated protest pits, even inside a North Side warehouse where riot-preparedness forces passed the time playing cards, some 2,000 Chicago police officers had a lot in common this week: too much time, too little to do.

It was in stark contrast to the last time the Democrats came to town. Twenty-eight years ago there were violent clashes between protesters and police, and as many as 700 anti-war demonstrators were arrested.

This year? "If you consider any arrests that have any inkling of having to do with the convention, it's 10," police spokesman Patrick Camden said Wednesday.

"So far, there's not much to do," acknowledged Sgt. Dennis O'Connor as he chatted with a buddy near the convention hall.

"There's nobody protesting right now." Camden said the number of officers on duty was not overkill, just a healthy dose of caution.

"We're prepared for any contingency that may come up," he said.

With 13,500 officers citywide, police drew from the city's tactical, gang and special units for convention duty. All police who normally work beats or respond to crime calls remained at their usual assignments, Camden said.

Those who did draw the convention call weren't griping.

"It's getting shot at," shrugged one officer.

"They gave us water from Culligan and the protesters get Evian," Dinsen grumbled good naturedly as he leaned against a fence at the United Center protest pit.

At a crumbling warehouse hideaway in Lincoln Park, some 100 riot-preparedness officers, dressed in their regular blue uniforms, played cards or chatted. Several sat in abandoned car seats in a courtyard behind fences covered with black plastic.

"The secrecy is because they don't want anybody to see what these deplorable facilities are like," said a spokesman for the police union.

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Dole: Clinton lacks fresh ideas

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press Writer

In advance of President Clinton's arrival today at the Democratic convention, Republican Bob Dole said he expected Clinton to endorse Dole's call for tax cuts and suffer drug controls.

"If they agree with me on everything, why shouldn't I be the president?" Dole asked at a campaign appearance.

Of the Democrats' proceedings, Dole said: "Last night was liberal night... That was just to satisfy the liberals. Tonight they'll bash Republicans, and tomorrow night the president will sound for everybody. "If you're for it, I'm for it. If Bob Dole's for it, I'm for it... I don't have any commitment, I just want to be re-elected because I like it here."

Amid reports that Clinton would announce a tax-cuts package including a reduction in capital gains taxes on home sales, Dole said, "Well, welcome to the club. We've had it out there for weeks and weeks and weeks."

In a written statement directed at Clinton, Dole added: "Please let me know in your acceptance speech Thursday if you are willing to endorse my proposal to give homeowners much-needed tax relief. And please accept my best wishes on the occasion of your becoming your party's nominee."

Good tidings aside, Dole kept up his effort to dim Clinton's convention spotlight. Ahead of Clinton's arrival today, Dole ridiculed the event: "He's going to ride into town on a track. It's called the Status Quo Express."

Dole went to a small Christian school playground to upbraid Clinton for nationwide statistics indicating a doubling of adolescent drug use since he took office.

"I know when President Clinton speaks tomorrow, he's going to mention kids 55 times... he'll probably mention his war on drugs which he's going to start next year. It's too late, Mr. President."

Democrats, in turn, note that Dole voted in the Senate to cut future payments.

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By NIKI KAPSAKELIS
Associated Press Writer

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Lottery winner tries to shake off bad luck

By NIKI KAPSAKELIS
Associated Press Writer

For sale: One winning lottery ticket, slightly used. Price negotiable.

After eight years of learning and re-learning the proving that money can't buy happiness, Buddy Post hopes to auction off what's left of the $16.2 million jackpot he won in 1988 and free himself of the albatross of instant wealth.

"Money didn't change me. It changed people around me that I knew, that I thought cared a little bit about me. But they only cared about the money," said Post, 58, a former carnival worker and cook who lives in Off City, about 75 miles north of Pittsburgh.

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Palestine protests expansion

By HILARY APPELMAN
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM

In a massive display of anger, Palestinians slammed shut shops and businesses across the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem on Thursday to protest Israel's expansion of Jewish settlements and slow motion in peace talks.

Palestinians fear building more and larger Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza will destroy their last hope of someday establishing a state there.

Faisal Husseini, the top Palestinian official in Jerusalem, said the call to Friday prayers was meant to test Israel's claim that it ensures freedom of worship in Jerusalem. Under Israel's six-month closure of the West Bank and Gaza, most Palestinians have been barred from entering the disputed city.

Danny Naveh, secretary of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet, warned that "any deterioration to violence, any escalation, is likely to reduce our will to move the peace process forward."

The deterioration of the peace process since Netanyahu took office, as well as internal problems of corruption and human rights abuses, has eroded Arafat's support among Palestinians.

But Thursday morning's strike — the first open confrontation with the Israeli government — showed a people unified.

Life in Palestinian towns and villages came to a halt as merchants shut shops and banks and government offices closed. Shoulder-to-shoulder in front of shuttered stores, listening to radio and reading newspapers. In some places, Palestinian police enforcing compliance.

"It's our battle for Jerusalem and I think it is now or never," said Abed Massar Adin, a 45-year-old shopkeeper in Hebron, where more than 90 percent of shopkeepers observed the strike.

Palestinian legislator Hanan Ashrawi said the strike showed the world that Netanyahu was sabotaging chances for reconciliation while claiming he was committed to peace.

Remnant of Titanic freed from seabed

By ADNAN MALIK
Associated Press Writer

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland

After 84 years on the ocean floor, a 15-ton section of the bow of the Titanic was raised part way to the surface Thursday by salvagers using giant balloons filled with diesel fuel.

Following two unsuccessful attempts, an underwater crew finally freed the huge piece of the liner, and it was lifted more than two miles from the seabed by the flotation balloons. The balloons broke the surface around midday, but the debris itself remained suspended about 390 feet below, officials said by satellite phone.

About 1,700 people, including three Titanic survivors, watched the salvage operation from two cruise ships near the spot 420 miles southeast of Newfoundland where the Titanic sank. The wreckage is to be shipped to Boston Saturday and then exhibited by the organizers of the money-making expedition.

The cruise ship passengers paid up to $6,000 to watch. The Titanic hit an iceberg and went down on its maiden voyage from England to New York on April 14, 1912. More than 1,500 of the 2,200 people aboard the luxury liner died.

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Sustaining life in the ice age of the nineties

A curious event in England this past summer invites us to reflect on whether we are consistent in our devotion to human rights. It also illustrates a tendency of scientists and lawyers to make the Pope sound good.

On August 1st, British scientists opened glass tubes which had been stored in freezing nitrogen. The tubes contained 3,300 human embryos, each died within minutes. They had been conceived in the late 1980s, in which a woman who cannot conceive normally can have her ovum fertilized "in vitro" or implanted in a woman who cannot conceive normally.

The provision of the embryos is in lieu of a law which forbids it without consent of the parents. Bourn Hall, a clinic in another state to an inquirer who wants a child whose mother is Caucasian, blond body build, fair skin, brown eyes, brown hair straight, with 4 years of college, a Senator Programmer and with special interests in running and sports.

For $6,600 you can have three of those selected embryos implanted in your womb. The prices are similar for embryos sold for experimentation rather than "adoption." If federal funding for experiments on embryos is approved, the market will be strong. In 1994, a National Institutes of Health panel left the possibility of funding experiments on embryos, but it has been harvested from aborted girls, who already have, in any case, other eggs they will ever have—an abundant source of supply for researchers. The Panel also recommended federal funding for "the use of oocytes (female eggs) fertilized expressly for research." One historical counterpart is the slave auction block in the pre-Civil War South.

Against this subjection of the human being to technological utilitarianism, the Pope stands virtually alone. Last May, he asserted the "inviolable rights of the human being from his conception on behalf of all the embryos which are...Subjected to freezing...in many cases...in the ice age of the nineties. The pragmatic scientists and the positivists cannot help but make John Paul look good. All they can offer is a relativist and utilitarian "culture of death" which treats human beings as things, while the Pope invites us to build a "culture of life" through concern for all, even for the smallest among us.

Prof. Rice is on the Law School faculty. His columns appear every other Monday.

GARRY TRAUBE

"If you want a picture of the future, imagine a boot stamping on a human face—forever."

—George Orwell
**Back home again in Indiana**

By DAN CICHALSKI

**MOVIES**

"Dead Man Walking" is all at once one of the overall best movies of 1996 and a highly controversial, emotional film that sparks discussion and debate among those who view it. When it ran in theaters last semester, "Dead Man Walking" made such an impression that three separate priests incorporated it into their homilies over three weeks at Breen-Phillips Hall. And beginning last night, the Student Union Board is showing the Oscar-nominated flick as its semester-opening feature at Cushing Auditorium.

Susan Sarandon won the Oscar for Best Actress for playing the lead role of Sister Helen Prejean, who was honored at Notre Dame’s graduation ceremonies in May. Prejean puts herself into an uncomfortable position when she decides to become the spiritual advisor to a death row inmate, played by Sean Penn—who was also nominated for an Oscar for his role.

Director Tim Robbins, making his debut behind the camera, also received a nomination in the Best Director category. Not bad for a rookie.

As she becomes more involved with the convicts, sentenced to die for murdering a young couple on the backroads of Louisiana, Prejean must also deal with the wrath and hatred directed at her by the parents of the slain youths. Throughout the film, Sister Prejean wrestles with her own emotions as she tries to be "the face of love" for a murderer and rapist facing death while receiving harsh criticism and animosity from the victims’ families.

Following the intense, emotional ending, viewers are left looking inside themselves and questioning their own beliefs regarding capital punishment— a difficult topic to deal with, whether looking at it in light of religion or not. No matter what your position is on the death penalty, "Dead Man Walking" adequately depicts both sides, invoking at least some concern for he other viewpoint.

"Dead Man Walking" can be seen at Cushing for $2 tonight and tomorrow at 8 and 10 p.m.

While it is an experience to see a flick on the silver screen, seated in a dark theater surrounded by other moviegoers, gazing at a motion picture that consumes up to ninety percent of your field of view, Welcome Back Weekend 1996 provides a cinematic alternative that will not be possible in, oh, about two weeks when the weather turns frighteningly cold.

Saturday night at 8:30 and 10:00 p.m., "The Lion King" and "Seven" will be shown outdoors on North Quad for a movie experience not usually found in South Bend, or any other city for that matter. Both films have appeared on the Cushing screen in past years, and proved to be among the favorites of Domers, based on the crowds that attended those engagements.

This time, though, free popcorn and sodas are included.

"The Lion King" is among the best Disney cartoons ever and features the voices of (count them now) Matthew Broderick, Jonathan Taylor Thomas, Nathan Lane, Ernie Sabella, Jeremy Irons, Whoopi Goldberg, Cheech Marin, and Robert Guillaume, not to mention the musical contributions of Hans Zimmer and Elton John.

"Seven" stars Brad Pitt, an actor with some talent—a trace of which can be seen in the movie’s final scene in the desert. Starring with the anti-shampoo Pitt is Morgan Free

man who, like James Earl Jones or Marlon Brando, is worth seeing no matter what film he is in, especially if it is "The Shawshank Redemption."

"Seven" was a fairly popular movie when first released, and quickly became known as one of those films with an Ending You Just Have To See, with a secret as big as, but much better than that of, "The Crying Game." As a psycho-killer with easy too much time on his hands kills his victims by way of the Seven Deadly Sins (gluttony, greed/covetousness, lust, pride, wrath/anger, and envy), Pitt and Freeman try to track him down before he completes the cycle. They do, in a way.

The movie contains some rather, well, interesting scenes, you could say, which will be quite a spectacle spread out across the quad. Imagine a dead guy’s stomach, just removed from his body during the autopsy and stretched to four times its size from being forced to eat pasta (no, he was not a hostage at North Dining Hall), spread across four stories overlooking North Quad. Now that’s something to see.

**COMEDY**

Gerald R. Kelly has been heralded as "The Hottest Comedic Sensation to Hit the Scene in Years!" He began his career imitating everyone at a young age in front of small crowds made up of his family, friends, and then Navy supervisors.

Now he’s on the comedy club and college circuit to test his acting and singing talents in the future.

He’s appeared at the University of Maryland, Florida State, and the University of North Carolina as well as the Comic Connection in Boston and Monique’s Comedy Hour in Baltimore. Among the performers "Green Eyes" Kelly has opened for are comedians Bill Bellamy and Damon Wayans, rapper Notorious B.I.G., and singer Keith Sweat. He’s also been featured on HBO’s "Def Comedy Jam" and "Showtime at the Apollo."

In 1993, Kelly was named New Comic of the Year by the 2nd Annual Black Comedy Awards and is a contributing artist to the "Snaps" album and book.

J.B. Smoove has been described as "a non-stop machine of physical comedy." And that’s the best kind. His performance includes various perspectives of some of the intricacies of life such as growing up and getting an apartment.

Smoove’s resume includes "Def Comedy Jam" as well, in addition to the "Apollo Comedy Hour," "Showtime At the Apollo," and appearances on MTV and BET.

Tickets for Comedy Night at Washington Hall featuring Smoove and Kelly are $3 for students and $5 for non-students. The show starts at 8 p.m.
Associated Press

The Houston Oilers are improving in Tennessee. Expect to see them improve even better in Tennessee.

The Oilers’ drastic improvement—from 2-14 in 1994 to 7-9 in 1996—has been largely lost in the rhetoric over the move to Nashville and the season in Tennessee or one or two more years.

General manager Floyd Reese, Jr. seen the Oilers’ performance improve even though they play in one of the NFL’s most difficult divisions.

“I think they’re a pretty good team,” said Reese. “They play a tough schedule and they’ve gotten a lot of good talent in going back to Tennessee.”

Players say the controversy has made them stronger.

“This team seems more together, it’s more like a team,” tight end Frank Wycheck said. “It’s more like a family, even though there are new guys coming in, it seems they blend in. We know this year we can make some games.”

The Oilers will field a blend of youth and veterans this season as they continue to improve even after the team is in Nashville.

Quarterback Eddie George said, “Playing for the Oilers is something I’ve always dreamed about. I’ve always wanted to play for the Oilers.”

Wycheck is expected to join Chris Sanders, newcomer Willie Davis and Derek Russell as effective receivers, and veterans Sanders, newcomer Willie Davis and the Steedie’s anchor the offensive line.

Quarterback Craig Chandler, aiming for one of his best seasons — his 63.2 pass completion percentage was fifth best in the NFL. He’ll get plenty of competition from second-year quarterback Kevin Kinatora, who joined the Oilers.

Davis, who didn’t get enough playing time to suit him last season with Kansas City, expects better from the Oilers.

“I got a couple of young receivers out there who did a great job last year.”

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Defending champs begin road to repeating this weekend

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

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Forward Jenny Streiffer and her Irish teammates begin the 1996 season this weekend against Providence and Boston College in their quest to repeat as national champions.
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sive in the conference, despite injuries that seem to have been nagging them for over a year now.

Among the potential starters now on the injured list are freshman star Ryan Cox and junior Greg Velho. "Ie (Turner) could be one of the top three or four forwards in the country," as of now. Turner is recovering from pulled groin, but is not expected to be out of action for much longer.

Cox, while still unproven at the collegiate level, owns his high school's records for goals (62), assists (42), and points (166), and was one of 13 forwards to make the Parade All-American team. His ankle injury has limited his playing time in the pre-season.

Berticelli's team will come out Saturday in a 3-5-2 set, which allows for three defenders, five midfielders, two attackers and a goalkeeper. "It's the always dangerous Greg Velho who will get the start in the back," announced Berticelli. Cox and fellow freshman Alan Woods at left back, senior Peter Gandels at center back, and senior Brian Engesser at sweeper.

Across the middle for the Irish will be senior Tony Capasso on the right, sophomore Ben Bocklage or senior Chris Mathis on the left, and freshman Matt McNiel in the center, with sophomore Matt Johnson at defensive midfielder and sophomore Konstantin Koloskov at attacking midfielder.

Finally, juniors Bill Savaggio and Scott Wells should lead the offensive charge for coach Berticelli.

Berticelli's troops. When asked about the strategy of using the 3-5-2, Berticelli explained, "We want to get as many dangerous guys on the field as we can." He also mentioned that Cox and fellow freshman Andrew Aris could see time at forward tomorrow.

"Every one of the players seems to be confident, but down to earth when discussing the task that has been placed before them," said Cox. "We know that we can play with these teams," stated Gandels. "It's just a matter of being able to do it for 90 minutes.

We have to set immediate goals and bite off each challenge as it comes."

That said, Berticelli went on to speak of even bigger things. "The Final Four is always a goal," said the coach, "but to have a destination is not a destination."

"We need a map of how to get there (Richmond, VA)."

If the team can heal their present wounds and take one game at a time, they may just surprise everyone.

In Berticelli's eyes, all they need to do is "follow the map to Richmond." And Richmond, in any Irish eyes would mean redemption.

Senior midfielders Tony Capasso and Konstantin Koloskov form part of the backbone of an Irish soccer team that would like to improve upon its disappointing inaugural season in the Big East.

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Intangibles vital to Irish run at title

By JOE VILLINSKI
Associate Sports Editor

Besides possessing a solid defensive front, a talented backfield, and a protective offensive line, the Notre Dame football team also has something this year not measured on the depth chart.

Head coach Lou Holtz and other Irish players have commented on the type of commitment the team has made to each other. The entire squad has developed a tight-knit feeling heading into next week’s opener at Vanderbilt.

This feeling is just one of the intangibles that will be a factor in determining the season’s outcome.

While Notre Dame teams have been cohesive in the past, Holtz realizes he’s already got a special one on his hands.

“I think this is a very close football team,” Holtz said. “I think it’s about as close a football team as I’ve been around.”

“This closeness will make a difference this year,” wide receiver/tailback Autry Denson said.

“It’s not that it wasn’t that way last year, but this is a close knit bunch. You just have to kind of be around it. It’s kind of indescribable.”

The preseason camp at Culver also helped cement a bond. In being away for a week, the Irish could develop a system of support which will manifest itself in the upcoming games.

“You have to depend on each other to keep your spirits up,” Denson added. “You may get frustrated at times, but that’s when you turn to each other for support.”

“We had an excellent preseason camp at Culver,” Holtz said.

“I visited with the head of Culver and he complemented on how well-behaved our players were. It is a close knit team. They like the game and they like each other.”

Holtz served two purposes in developing a team comraderie. In addition to getting to know each other, the time away aided in creating a focus.

“During that week, there are a lot of things happening on campus,” Holtz said. “At Culver, it’s just total football. There’s nothing else. We spent 16 or 17 hours either practicing or in meetings.”

“It’s a good experience,” cornerback Ivory Covington said.

“It gives you those tight knit friendships and bonds that can’t be broken.”

A certain confidence also emanates from playing with your friends.

“Our confidence level is up,” Covington added.

“We rely on each other and whatever we do is a team effort.”

The Observer/Mike Ruma
Irish team members, like tailback/wide receiver Autry Denson (pictured), feel they have developed the confidence and comraderie that it takes to win the coveted national championship.
**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**BIATHLON** - RecSports will be sponsoring a Biathlon on Saturday, August 31 at 10:30 a.m. The Biathlon will consist of a 1/2 mile swim plus a two mile run. The event takes place at St. Joe Beach and you must register in advance at the RecSports office. There will be individual or team competition in both varsity and non-varsity divisions. There is no charge for this event. For more info call RecSports at 1-6100.

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**Big East**

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**Heritage Rivals.**

The Irish enter its second year as a member of the Big East conference as the unanimous first place pick and they are sending out an invitation for anyone to prove otherwise.

After they swept the conference last year 11-0 and lost only one senior who saw playing time, it is unlikely that any team will do so.

"I think that if we play well or even a little bit off, we should be able to beat any of the conference teams," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said.

Brown is quick to credit Pittsburgh's ability to shine on the Irish parade.

Pitt, who was voted second in the pre-season rankings, returns All-Big East first team midfielder Jenrice Driscoll and second team setter Stephanie Dufresne, who in their last season will aim to finally knock off the Irish team that has destroyed their hopes of advancement in the NCAA tournament the last two seasons.

"Pitt is going to be very good," Brown commented. "They should give us a good match."

"If they don't play well against them, the potential is there for a loss."

The fact that Pitt has played the Irish two years in a row now might give them a bit of advantage, but has done little for them so far. This raises the question of whether having played the Irish does in fact give them play familiar teams will benefit any of the conference teams.

Brown does not think so.

"I don't mean to sound arrogant, but the fact that they know what to expect doesn't really put them in a position to do anything about it."

Much of the Irish advantage comes from the support and recognition the Irish volleyball program, in general, receives.

"For many of our conference opponents, they should be to do in any of the conference teams," Irish head coach Debbie Brown said.

Brown added, "Most of them don't receive the full twelve scholarships like we do."

"So to expect them to be on the same level as us is unfair."

Still, the Irish must maintain that level of play in order to once again complete their reign as Big East Champions.

Connecticut sits at third place in the preseason voting with Georgetown, Villanova, and Syracuse rounding out the predicted top half.

Villanova could prove themselves as a conference dark horse as they return five starters from last year. Coaching change will be a major factor in the Wildcats performance this season.

Regardless, the Irish still rule the block and are not planning on giving up their reign any time soon.

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Coach Brown realizes the difficulty of the schedule but explains its importance. "This is the year we need to play if we want to make the next step."

Notre Dame, ranked in the top ten of both polls, returns nine of ten players from last year's roster including all six seniors returning for their last run. There are many new faces also give the Irish reason to feel confident about this year's success. With the abundant experience and added depth with a thirteen person roster, the Irish should be in the thick of the title hunt.

"One of the main differences from last year to this is that we have so much more depth," Brown assessed. "Last season was a fun year but having only ten players put a lot of stress on everybody. We had some players who weren't 100 percent and it was difficult to get a lot of work done as a team. Having more players will help us to be not fatigued as easily." An outstanding core of seniors return for their last run for a title. Captain Jenny Birkner is coming off a stellar spring season and four years ago.

Some of Birkner's other personal achievements include the second-best hitting percentage in McKenna history, a 30-44 .682 hitting average with 27 kills, 128 digs, 20 aces, 79 assists and 80 blocks in every year of her career. However, the right side hitter's leadership and consistency are what makes her so valuable to the team. "Jenny is doing a great job as a captain," praises Brown.

"He leads by example and she has great dedication and commitment to the team. She doesn't care about her own accolades. The team is first with Birkner. She is very focused and the team has a lot of respect for her dedication to volleyball. Birkner's mission is clear as crystal. We want to win the national championship. We made it to the final sixteen last year and I think we could have done better. Right now we are trying to stay very unified and we concentrate on playing together."

Birkner and her classmates; middle blocker Jennifer Briggs, opposite hitter Kristina Ervin and middle blocker Jennifer Foose were a special group of recruits in Brown's eyes four years ago.

"This year's seniors are the first group of recruits that I ever talked to about competing for a national championship," Brown continues. "There is something about senior year as it is their last chance, so they hold their younger teammates responsible for their individual duties."

Brown also acclaims their unity. "There is a good bond when the four of them are on the court at the same time. They realize that. We're here and we have a job to do so let's do it. And, now the ingredients are coming together to make their final season a very memorable one."

Some of those ingredients will be added by first year assistant coach Jim McLaughlin. One of the weak links in the Irish attack of the past was their blocking skills. McLaughlin spent seven years as a head coach for the University of Southern California's men's squad. The newcomer will help to remedy blocking problems with his keen knowledge of the game and being an expert on blocking techniques.

"We have spent a lot of time on blocking and refining our techniques and I think that will pay off really big," Brown predicted. "We are a good defensive team and we are a really above average passing team so we will be able to score points faster and more efficiently."

Birkner also explained how the team will be improved from last year's 27-7 mark. "We have the same players back from last year, and after playing an entire year together, we have better team chemistry."

One of the early season's concerns will be how three of those veteran players recover from spring surgeries. Briggs (knee), Foose (reconstructive ankle surgery) and junior outside hitter Angie Harris (torn or cruciate ligament injury) have all worked hard to stay in shape and be as close to top form as possible for the opener this weekend.

Brown assessed the situation. They have all done really well although there is not 100 percent quite yet. They have been able to push through their injuries and are in all position to play. There is still a way to go for their vertical jump, but their skills look very good."

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Head setter, Jaime Lee, will slide into the setter slot in May's absence while the versatile and all around skilled freshman Lauren Steitz will play setter in a backup role. "Lee is doing really well," said Brown. "She may midfil occasionally and things may not be quite as smooth as they were with Carey, but since our passing game is so good that makes the setter's job that much easier."

Birkner shares some of the same feelings about the situation. "May was obviously important. Jaime and Lauren are working really hard and we are just trying to control until she comes back."

Lee who played outside hitter and middle blocker earlier in her career describes the transition. "It will be a great challenge for me but I'm excited. This forces everybody to pull together. Each day the connections with the hitters are getting better and the team has been very supportive."

Lee will be setting all-American hopeful Angie Harris, who led the Big East in kills and aces.

Brown describes the six-foot-­ex­­forter's explosiveness, "When Angie's jump serve is on, she is very intimidating and helps score a lot of points. The sky's the limit to what Angie could do."

With Lee being shuffled to setter from outside hitter, Ervin will fill the void left by Lee. Ervin will be looked for not so much for her offensive prowess, but for her activity in other aspects of the game. "Heading into the season Kristina is our best backrow player," Brown mentioned. "She passes very well and has great defensive pursuit."

The right side hitter slot will be entrusted to the very capable hands of Jenny Birkner. Depth at the hitter positions will be six foot freshman Mandi Powell out of Menomonee, IN and freshman classmate Emily Schichtou from Blaine MN.

Schichtou has to recover from ACL injuries on both knees. In the all important position of middle blocker, coach McLaughlin will have five athletes to work with on the team's more aggressive blocking philosophy.

"All five middles will push each other and we won't be breaking down at that position, whereas last year our options were limited," Brown explained.

Debbie Brown has built the Notre Dame program to a perennial power. And with the added depth and a new assistant coach with a new style, the Notre Dame volleyball team is prepared to make the next step into legitimate title contention.
Irish set to reach pinnacle

By JOE CAVATO
Sports Writer

Over the past several years Notre Dame volleyball coach Debbie Brown has accomplished her goal of constructing a top program. But for the 1996 Irish she and her team have a new goal in mind: to win a national championship.

The squad will soon see what caliber team they are as their schedule contains many formidable opponents. The season opens with the Shamrock Classic against Central Florida, Toledo and a very good team from South Carolina who will compete for the SEC title.

"This is exactly how we want to start the season," Brown states. "They are not top ten teams, but it will allow us to get ready. It is a good opportunity to get experience under our belts and we can learn about what we can do."

Then the Irish begin their national schedule which includes such powers as top ten teams Washington State and Penn State. The squad will also host Stanford, who is always up for the title, and they will travel to Hawaii for a pair of matches against the Rainbow, who are ranked first or second in the different polls.

Big East pack led by Notre Dame

By BETSY BAKER
Sports Writer

At the beginning of last year, they were the new kids on the block. By the end of the season, they were the neighborhood bullies. This year, the Notre Dame volleyball team will be looking to inflict some more black eyes on its conference 'powerhouse'.

St. Johns looks to remain conference 'powerhouse'

By DYLAN BARMER
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The Big East Conference has provided somewhat of a dichotomy for the Notre Dame athletic program thus far - for some teams a blessing, and for others, closer to a curse. The conference, while not quite a curse, was less than kind to the Irish men's soccer team last season, dealing them a 4-7 record and shutting them out of postseason play. While much of the Irish's lack of success in the conference last season was due to injuries and inexperience, a good amount of the heartache must also be attributed to the sheer depth of the talent within the conference.

That level of talent remains this season, and it's up to the Irish to prove that they can indeed play with the big boys. "The Big East is a very tough conference," offered head coach Mike Bertielli. "We hadn't even seen a lot of the teams play, yet alone played against them, so it was a tough situation for us. I have confidence that we will be better prepared to meet the challenge this season, however.

Leading the challenge will be the mighty St. John's Red Storm, who last season captured a league-record fourth consecutive Big East Tournament title and finished the season with a 16-5-1 record. Soccer pundits and coaches alike are picking the Red Storm to repeat again this year.