Saint Mary's earns top ranking for fourth time

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

For the fourth year in a row, the College was ranked first out of 136 institutions in the Midwest Regional Liberal Arts Schools category. Saint Mary's has landed in the top ten of the U.S. News and World Report survey during each of the eleven years that the study has been conducted.

"This ranking is another affirmation of the quality of this institution and a tribute to the dedication and commitment of the many people who comprise the Saint Mary's family," wrote College president Marilou Eldred in a memo directed to the Saint Mary's community.

"I am very proud to attend an institution which has achieved such academic honors," said Nikki Miles, student body president. "I felt that this is cause for me to further respect and admire this college and the women that comprise it." 

By MICHELLE KRUPE
Associate News Editor

Having completed construction on the new dorms, the bulldozers and cement trucks on West Quad turned to renovating South Dining Hall.

Workers are implementing "Phase One" of the reconstruction: demolishing SDH's former loading dock. The project is scheduled for completion in August 1998.

The $11 million undertaking will add service and seating capacity to accommodate the 1,000 students who've moved near SDH in the last two years. Three phases of the project are currently underway, moving Food Services out of the building's basement to accommodate the renovation, closing the Oak Room and demolishing the south-side loading dock, according to Doug Marsh, project manager at Facilities Engineering.

"We are presently in the midst of the second phases of work, but right now it will be no different to eat in South than it was last year," Marsh said.

That will change very soon, though, according to Dave Prenkowski, director of Food Services. After fall break, food serving units in the dining rooms will contain martines prepared and heated in North Dining Hall and the new Food Services Support Facility.

Prenkowski said, "The dining rooms will be open throughout the whole construction project, but in late October, portions of the SDH kitchen will be closed, except those for grilling and frying, and all food will be cooked in North and shipped to South."

"Next spring, we will only see SDH/ page 4

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

Every young girl dreams of the perfect wedding and a life happily ever after. For Susie Laatz, a 1995 graduate of Saint Mary's College, only part of that dream came true this past July 5 when she walked down the aisle in L. E. M a n s Hall's Holy Spirit Chapel to exchange vows with Sean Mangan, a 1995 Notre Dame graduate.

Surrounded by family and friends, the 24-year-old blond-haired, blue-eyed beauty, described as the quintessential Saint Mary's woman, pledged to love, honor and cherish her husband for life. After their reception at the Mishawaka Athletic Club, the newlyweds checked into the Benger Mansion for a one-night stay. On the stairs to the honeymoon suite, the fairy tale turned tragic.

With no warning, Susanne Kahl Mangan fatally collapsed into her husband's arms. The coroner carried her to the bottom of the stairs where her cousin, a surgeon, attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Susie was pronounced dead at St. Joseph Community Hospital, just 12 hours after her wedding.

St. Joseph County coroner Charles Hurley attributed Mangan's death to cardiomyopathy, a condition which can be caused either by a thickening of the walls of the heart or

A hot commodity...

Preparing for their last football season before joining the alumni lottery, seniors camped out for their student football tickets. Hundreds were already in line early yesterday afternoon.
Russia downplays problems of space station

who has heaped to the Min's defense during its recent trials with both
and a proposed budget increase.

The widespread reports — all based on NASA information — char-
erized the latest trouble with the

NASA said both the main and backup oxygen-generating systems were not working, and that without

correcting the Russian crew might have to abandon the

Russian ground controllers branded

"utter nonsense," saying a mysterious "technical glitch" had been blown out of proportion.

The two systems were both a bit obsolete,

but never failed simultaneously.

Clinton plans to improve education

WASHINGTON

Large numbers of Americans want national standardized tests to measure how well children do in school, according to a poll released Tuesday. The tests would be used to hold schools and teachers accountable.

President Bill Clinton said the tests would improve students' performance in the long run and prepare our kids for the challenges of the 21st century.

Our administration is so worried about "success" that looks really good at Arthur Andersen?

We are obsessed with convincing applicants that our graduates are successful, and also those looking for financial success. For example, the Development Department, which is wholly non-academic, is the largest adminis-
terative body on campus. (We may not know how to translate Greek, but we sure have some pride in the Administration.)

Quite plainly, the purpose of getting a uni-

versity education is to learn how to think, and
to become a better person as a whole, stronger in both intellect and character. Education was

never meant to give your own hungry wal-

nut.

Besides, it is not those who have studied business in the real world who are well-read and articulate who make the best businesspeople.

You have been duped if someone told you that you came here to make it in the "real

world," whatever that is. I believe convinced that you ARE in the real world, right now.

You will see that you will never again have the chance to study what you enjoy, becuase you will have already chosen while still in

college to shackle yourself to the eternal and monotonous job you will have until the day you die.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Making a mess of success

Everybody seems obsessed with success nowadays. "I've got to finish high school, I have to get a degree, I need to get a good job."

The University of Notre Dame has chosen to facilitate this obsession for success by expand-

ning the College of Business Administration. COBA is a veritable success factory, one could say.

At my work-study job in the office of Career and Placement, I see business students landing THE job offer several a week.

I have many friends who are business majors, and I hope that they will all forgive me, but I find something very shallow in all of this "success" business. (not to mention business

student in general). But undergraduate business students are only the victims of the痴迷 which COBA and the administrative and faculty of COBA have allowed to take hold.

Thomas Morten said a few words about success which I think our administration which would claim a great deal of fault from. "If you have learned only how to make money, you have never learned how to think."

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dential difference between Father Brett and the diocese. They are worlds apart," Drohan said.

Priest negligent in molestation case

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

A federal jury awarded $750,000 Monday to a man who said he was molested by a Roman Catholic priest when he was a teen-ager in the 1960s and that his diocesan
case review was the Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocese breached its duty to Frank Martinek, 50, of Milwaukee and failed to investigate whether there were other victims. The Rev. Laurence Brett did not attend the seven-day trial. He was dropped as a defendant in the lawsuit after both sides said they were unable to locate him. The jury awarded Martinelli

compensatory damages but said he had failed to prove that the diocese negligently inflicted emotional distress. U.S. District Judge Janet Bond Arterton did not set a date to decide the punitive award, which could go in legal fees and other related costs. Martinelli smiled and shook his lawyer's hand after the clock announced the verdict. "Justice has been delivered. We knew that there had been a cover-up. This was never a case just about me," Martinek said. "I felt betrayed and my career was disappointed but still hoped the judge would set aside the verdict, spokesman Thomas Drohan said. "There was a substantial difference between Father Brett and the diocese. They are worlds apart," Drohan said.

Railroad to be investigated for safety

The country's largest railroad — Union Pacific — will undergo a nationwide safety review following a series of train wrecks that killed 12 people.

Federal Railroad Administration said Tuesday. More than 60 inspectors will talk to crew members and the railroad's more than 900 dispatchers in 10 cities for 10 days. It is the biggest railroad safety review ever, the agency said. "We are not going to stop the trains. We are going to see the operating practices going on with the train crews," agency spokesman Dave Bolger said. "Are they working an inordinate amount of time because of the merger with Southern Pacific?" Bolger said. "Are eight people doing the work of 12?"

The Federal Railroad Administration conducted a weeklong inspection in June found 80 percent of dis-
patcher orders contained at least one error. "These were basic communication errors, such as giving and confirming the wrong signal," Bolger said. "They were not only violat-
ing federal rules, but their own Union Pacific rules," Bolger said. "It was not the kind of violation that was a potential hazard.

Union Pacific spokesman John Bromley defended the railroad's training and said most of the dispatch errors cited were minor. "We have been working to correct problems that arise on dispatchers and deny no problems were related to last year's purchase of Southern Pacific Railroad.
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ND '97 alumna dies in car wreck

By HEATHER MACKENZIE
Assistant News Editor

Shortly after the festivities of the Notre Dame graduation ceremonies, tragedy struck.

On July 13, Stacy Smith, who had celebrated her commencement just two months earlier, died in a car accident.

Smith’s car overturned, killing her instantly. Her boyfriend, riding in the passenger seat, was hospitalized.

No further details were available.

Smith was a four-year resident of Knott Hall and involved in many aspects of Notre Dame life, such as dorm functions, ROTC, and campus ministry.

A biology major with the intent of being a veterinarian, Smith had also obtained her first post-graduate full-time job.

Sister Kathy Haas, Smith’s rector in Knott, reflected on Smith's time at Notre Dame:

"She was such a positive presence in the dorm. Her life was just beginning," Haas said. Smith’s funeral was held in her hometown of Stoughton, Mass. Several Notre Dame students and faculty attended, including Father Dick Warner of Campus Ministry.

Haas sent a letter to the former residents of Knott, informing them of the tragedy, and asking for their thoughts and prayers.

When I spoke with Mrs. Smith, I expressed the hope that the family would know that they are always welcome to visit us if they journey to ND," Haas said. "She stated that they hope to do so, perhaps this fall.

Mrs. Smith shared that there are many blessings to remember—and the Notre Dame family is a key part of that."

The family has plans to set up a memorial in the chapel of McGlinn Hall, where Knott residents now live.

One of my last memories of Stacy was embracing her in the halls of Knott right after graduation," remembered Megan Ferstenfeld, a friend of Smith’s. "I’ll always remember her like that."

Smith’s family asks that any donations students or faculty wish to send be given to the Animal Behavior Lab in Calving Life-Sciences.

Alumnae honored with award

The Notre Dame Alumni Association marked the University’s 25th year of coeducation by honoring six prominent alumnae with the 1997 Notre Dame Women’s Award of Achievement.

The College of Arts and Letters was represented by Barbara Frey, a 1978 graduate and former executive director of Minnesota Advocates, a prominent international human rights organization with more than 1,200 members and 15 programs.

The College of Science was represented by Lt. Col. Karen Daneu, a 1977 graduate who received her commission as a second lieutenant from the Air Force ROTC at Notre Dame. She has commanded the 350th Air Refueling Squadron at McConnell Air Force Base in Kansas.

The College of Engineering was represented by Celeste Voiz Ford, a 1978 graduate. An aerospace engineer with a master’s degree from Stanford University, she founded Stellar Solutions, a company providing technical support to defense satellite programs.

The College of Business Administration was represented by Lynette Boggs McDonald, a 1985 graduate recently appointed director of marketing and community relations for the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

The Law School was represented by U.S. District Court Judge Ann Claire Williams of the Northern District of Illinois. Graduated from the Law School in 1975, she became both the first African-American and the youngest judge appointed to the bench in Chicago. She has been a member of the Notre Dame’s board of trustees since 1998.

The Graduate School was represented by Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B., who received a master’s degree in theology from the University in 1968. She is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Pa.

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ACTIVITIES NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.
JOYCE ACC FIELD HOUSE (GATE 3)

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The following organizations are scheduled to appear:

ACADEMIC
- Accounting Club
- Alpha Epsilon Delta
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astro.
- American Institute of Architecture Students
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Anthropology Club
- Arts Collective
- Biology Club
- Computer Applications Honor Society
- Council on International Business Development
- Entrepreneur Club
- Finance Club
- Hispanic Business Student Assoc.
- Investment Club
- Joint Engineering Council
- League of Black Business Students
- MAES/SHPE
- Marketing Club
- Math Club
- Medieval Club
- Memorial Hospital Medical Explorers
- Minority Pre-Medical Society
- Mild Entertainment
- Mock Trial Association
- Model United Nations
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Pre-Dental Society
- Pre-Law Society
- Pre-Professional Society
- Pre-Vet Club
- Psychology Club
- Science-Business Club
- Society of Automotive Engineers
- Society of Women Engineers
- Tau Beta Pi
- Toastmasters International

ATHLETIC
- Aikido Club
- Bocce Club
- Bowling Club
- Boxing Club
- Climbing Club
- Cycling Club
- Equestrian Club
- Gymnastics Club
- Irish Outdoors Club
- Judo Club
- Martial Arts Institute
- Men's Volleyball Team
- Men's Water Polo
- RecSports
- Rowing Club
- Sailing Club
- Ski Team
- Sports Promotion
- Synchronized Swimming Club
- Tae Kwon Do
- Tai Chi/Kung Fu Club
- Ultimate Club
- Women's Water Polo
- World of Tai Kwon Do Federation
- Wrestling Club

ETHNIC
- African American Student Alliance
- African Students' Association
- Arab American Club
- Asian American Association
- Asian International Society
- Black Cultural Arts Festival
- Coro Primavera De Nuestra Senora
- Filipino American Student Organization
- German Club
- Hawaii Club
- India Association at Notre Dame
- International Student Organization
- Italian Club
- Korean Club
- La Alianza
- Muslim Students' Association
- NAACP
- Native American Student Association, ND
- Nuestra Voz
- Spanish Club
- Vietnamese Student Association

MEDIA
- Dome
- Juggler Magazine
- Observer, The
- Scholastic Magazine
- WSNF-FM
- WYFM

MISCELLANEOUS
- Class of '98
- Class of '99
- Classes of '00
- Flip Side
- Humor Artists
- Student Activities Office
- Student Union
- Student Union Board
- Troop Notre Dame
- Bagpipe Band
- Chorale
- College Choir
- Collegiate Choir
- Choir
- Guitar Players Association
- Handbell Choir
- Liturgical Choir
- Shamansgirs
- Voices of Faith Gospel Choir
- Wind Ensemble
- Women's Liturgical Choir

SERVICE
- AIDS Awareness/Students with AIDS Training
- AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assistance
- Alliance for Catholic Education
- American Cancer Society
- American Red Cross
- Amnesty International
- Best Buddies
- Bible Club
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters of ND/SMC
- Big Brothers/Big Sister of St. Joe Co.
- Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination
- Catholic League
- Center for Basic Learning Skills
- Center for the Homeless
- CSC Information
- CSC Neighborhood Roots Program
- CSC Seminars Information Table
- CSC Summer Service Projects
- CSC Urban Plunge table
- Chiesa Home, Inc.
- Children's Dispensary
- Circle K International
- Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics
- Community Resource Center
- Council for Fun and Learning
- Fire Home
- First Aid Services Team
- Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hanesi Head Start
- Holy Cross Vocation
- Homeless Shelter Children's Group
- Hospice Chapter, ND
- Hospice of St. Joseph Co., Inc.
- HUGS
- Junior Achievement Club
- Juvenile Justice Center
- Knights of Columbus
- La Casa de Amistad
- Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana
- Life Treatment Center
- Logan Center
- Logan Center (Council for the Retarded)
- Manastial
- Mental Health Assoc. of St. Joseph County
- Michiana Blues Society
- Neighborhood Study Help Program
- Northeast Neighborhood Council, Inc.
- Operation Rainbow
- Rainbow (Catholic Charities)
- Real Services
- Recylin' Irish
- reins of Life
- Right to Life, ND/BMC
- Sacred Heart Parish
- SADD
- Sex Offense Services
- Silver Wings
- South Bend Boys and Girls Club
- South Bend Comm. Schools/Adult Education
- South Bend Heritage Foundation
- St. Joseph's Chapel St. Health Center
- Student Tutorial Ed. Program (STEP)
- Students for Environmental Action
- Students for Responsible Business
- Super Stibs
- University Young Life
- Volunteers For Youth
- Women's Resource Center
- World Hunger Coalition

SPECIAL INTEREST
- Air Force ROTC
- Ballroom Dance Club
- Baslica of the Sacred Heart
- Campus Fellowship
- Campus Minstry
- Children of Mary
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Computer Club, ND
- Farley Hall Players
- Hospitality Program and Undergrad. School
- Irish Accent
- Irish Marauder Drill Team
- Japan Club
- Juggling Club
- Knights of the Immaculate Conception
- Le Cercle Francais
- NASCCU
- Pan-African Cultural Center
- Physical Therapy Club
- Ranger Challenge
- Salon of Friendship
- Saint Cabel Club
- St. Edward's Hall Players
- Student Alumni Relations Grp. (SARG)
- Student Players
- Students for Diversity
- Student Union Board
- Students Supporting Diversity
- Terra Club
Students:
Don’t miss these important meetings planned by the Student Activities Office to help your club, organization or hall council:

**Food Service Training:**
*If you plan to run a football concession stand or have food at an event, at least one representative of your organization must be present at one of these training sessions*
- Thursday, 8/28 at 5:00 p.m., Montgomery Theatre
- Thursday, 9/4 at 5:30 p.m., Foster Room
- Wednesday, 9/10 at 5:00 p.m., Montgomery Theatre

**Social and SYR Chair Training**
Monday, 9/8 at 6:00 p.m., Montgomery Theatre

**Vendor Fair**
*Meet vendors who have products for your concession stands or fund raisers as well as the latest in imprinted items*
Monday, 9/8 at 7 - 10 p.m., Ballroom

**Clubs and Organizations Meetings**
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- Thursday, 9/11 at 4:00 p.m. (Ethnic clubs)
- Thur., 9/11 at 6:00 p.m. (Academic clubs)
- Monday, 9/15 at 4:00 p.m. (Athletic clubs)
- Monday, 9/15 at 6:00 p.m (Social Service clubs)
These meetings will be held in the Montgomery Theatre

For information about any of these meetings or for assistance with your club, organization or hall council, contact the Student Activities Office at 631-7309 or stop by our office at 315 LaFortune Student Center.
FDA: Some apple juice may harm kids, elderly

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

As the fall apple season starts, the Food and Drug Administration asked makers of unpasteurized apple juice and cider Tuesday to warn customers that the drinks could contain bacteria dangerous to children, the elderly and people with weak immune systems.

Only a small share of the nation's apple juice is not heat-treated to kill potentially deadly bacteria such as E. coli.

The FDA's call for voluntary warning labels comes after an E. coli outbreak in unpasteurized apple juice a year ago killed a child and sickened 66 other people.

The FDA said its request was just a first step, taken because it didn't have time to complete strong federal rules governing all unpasteurized juices before fall harvests.

Later this fall, the FDA said, it will propose forcing makers of all untreated juices to take new safety steps.

Critics questioned whether the interim call for voluntary warning labels came too late - apple season already is starting now in northern states.

"This is not a little Montezuma's revenge or flu-like bout with diarrhea," warned Lise Girard of the advocacy group Safe Tables Our Priority. Her daughter was hospitalized for a week and required two blood transfusions last year after drinking unpasteurized apple juice in California.

But small cider producers say the FDA's plans could put them out of business. If they're not forced to pasteurize, the equipment alone could cost about $40,000.

"I wasn't even aware of E. coli being in cider," said Rick Kimes, owner of Kimes Cider Mill in Benderline, Penn.

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BOSNIA

Challenge splits Serb army

By MISHA SAVIC
Associated Press Writer

Banja Luka, Bosnia

Just like the police and the media, the Bosnian Serb army split Tuesday over the president's challenge to indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic, deepening the political divide between the two halves of Serb territory.

Half of the senior generals met with President Biljana Plavsic at her headquarters in northwest Bosnia. The rest stayed away.

The Bosnian Serb military chief of staff, Gen. Pero Colic, told Associated Press Television that he did not attend the meeting at Plavsic's headquarters on Defense Ministry orders.

"We respect the official institutions, the assembly, the government and the ministry, and the decision of the ministry is for us not to attend this meeting," he said in Sarajevo. His list did not include the presidency.

"Our republic will soon be history if we don't preserve unity of our national forces," Momcilo Krajisnik, the Serb member of Bosnia's three-man presidency, told the pro-Karadzic assembly.

In a later interview, Krajisnik charged that Western powers were using Plavsic against the Serbs. Splitting the army, he said, was the "final task" in a project aimed at destroying the Serbs' republic, he said.

The split in the military followed equally sharp divisions in the police, the media, and among public officials.

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So, Are You Sure ‘Doctor’ isn’t Your First Name?

I have always avoided the Notre Dame Health Services. It is not because I have a fear of doctors or because the sight of blood makes me quiver (even though it does). Actually, I have avoided the Health Services because I am dubious as to whether or not they’ve got real doctors there.

Margaret Shaheen

My theory is that when the dining hall closes, the food service workers grab a bagel (or a single piece of fruit) and trek over to Health Services for job number two. Admittedly, I could be mistaken, but I do have a factual foundation for this theory. However, I have heard rumors that prospective emergency room nurses and not actual medical degrees they are children of alumni, who, as a rule, are too busy to speculate without knowing all the facts. So, in a quest for the truth, I took a heroic trip into the Notre Dame Health Services building. Actually, the trip became necessary when I discovered a small hunk of something (much like an Aloid) lodged in my throat.

As I was sitting in the Health Services waiting room looking at photos of hooked trout in Outdoorsman magazine, I started to get a bit anxious. I could feel butterflies storming in my stomach as the pages of Outdoorsman stuck to my hands. However, my fears were immediately put to rest when the nurse approached me, donning a grey tee-shirt with “Notre Dame Nurse” scrawled in big, green and blue, plaid, block letters. Clearly, this woman was a professional. I followed the nurse into an examining room which was a cross between something you might find in Dr. Zhivago and a 1940s convent. When the Notre Dame poster child finished looking in my mouth she said, “Honem, maybe we should let the doctor take a look at that throat.” Himm, I wun-
dered, do you have those there?

The nurse stationed me on the examining table in the doctor’s office and told me that the doctor would be “just a minute.” Of course, “just a minute” is code for fifteen minutes, but I did not mind the wait. It gave me ample time to do a quick background check on the doctor. His credentials were framed nicely on the wall. Let’s see, “Notre Dame Health Services... Notre Dame Health Services.” Well, it seems he was trained in the back room of the Notre Dame Health Services. My eyes drifted to his bookshelf where I found — not Gray’s Anatomy — but rather, a book about Dr. Zhivago and a 1940s convent. When I started to stand up, having had quite a continuous cycle of probing and gagging, I was quite sure the doctor had decided it might be a good idea to take a look at my throat, so he whipped out a fancy flashlight and told me to say “ahhh.” Rest assured; I was not on my deathbed. No surgery was required. In fact, all that was really needed was a tongue depressor and an extra long Q-tip to get at that debris caught in the back of my throat.

Debora"

“Yess, the doctor informed me, “you have a bit of debris caught in the back of your throat. It will most likely dis-lodge itself.” Yes, but why should we have allowed the debris to dislodge itself when this Notre Dame enthusiast was packing a tongue depressor and an extra long Q-tip? The doctor aimed the extra long Q-tip and fired; he fiercely probed at my tonsil and I fiercely gagged. After a

continuous cycle of probing and gagging, I was quite sure the doctor had removed the debris and my mouth with one in one, little package, but unfortunately, the debris was a stubborn little fellow and refused to yield to the doc-
tor’s probing. I continued to gag; my eyes were watering and for the life of me, I couldn’t figure out why the doctor didn’t just leave me and my debris alone and let us dislodge in our own good time!

Realizing he was defeated, the doctor finally put down his Q-tip in frustration. I started to stand up, having had quite enough of the Notre Dame Health Services for one lifetime, but the doctor told me to sit back down. You see, this man was not just a doctor, not just a writer, but the jack of all trades was also an artist. I sat back down and the doctor clicked his ballpoint pen a few times, before he began drawing a detailed diagram of my throat on the butcher paper covering the exam table.

Doonesbury

Garry Trudeau

Quote of the Day

"Tillness of any kind is
Hardly a thing to be
encouraged in others.
Health is the primary duty of life."

—Oscar Wilde

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Summer lovin’... what a blast

By ANDREA JORDAN
Assistant Accent Editor

D o these conversations sound familiar? "How was your summer? My summer was good. And yours? Oh, mine was good too." Or "What did you do this summer?" "I went skiing in the Rockies, to urinating..."

Wednesday, August 27, 1997

"What was the highlight of your summer?"

"Went to Ireland and became a Celtic flower dancer."

Chris Bailey
Sophomore, Siegfried

"I worked in sub-zero conditions at a dairy factory."

"My car broke down and I had to ride with a toothless truck driver for an hour."

"I was in a 190-mile bike race for the American Lung Association."

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Nicole Harris
Senior, Pangborn

Margaret Cholis
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David Powers
Freshman, Dillon
Frosh face plenty of pressure early on

On a sun-laden field in early August they come together as one for the first time. They come from all over the United States and are stars in their own right. Now they attend the top universities across the nation. From the University of Maine to the University of Miami, from San Diego and from East Carolina University of Minnesota to Miami University, they all enter the crucible in the sports they play. From Mestis Erickson (soccer) to Shannon Baskett (tennis), from Traci Minor (football) to Sharif Karie (track), they are the most highly recruited (football) to Sharif Karie (track), they are the most highly recruited from class juniors two years ago, they are the few, the proud, the recruits. (track), they are the most highly recruited (football) to Sharif Karie (track), they are the most highly recruited from class juniors two years ago, they are the few, the proud, the recruits.

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Knowing that only a few would receive offers from all the players that they were interested in watching. At UCLA, for example, the coaches bombard their recruits with letters for months—every letter is an open invitation. Next comes the visiting phase. These highly-sought-after prizes must choose the five schools that they will visit. The NCAA regulations. The all-star seniors walk around the campus, talk to their future coaches and teammates, and examine the situation that they are presented. After this is all said and done, the recruiting process may look like a cattle auction rather than a courtship in which the recruiters bring them a championship, but the one that actually make an impact on the final decision. The recruiters are not committed until they sign a National Letter of Intent. The first day of the school's athletic center to new recruiters and a short bio on them. For the coaches, this is their Christmas Day.

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New parliament brings uncertainty to ‘Fun ‘N’ Gun’

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Aside from his $2 million contract, this must feel like Steve Spurrier’s first game as head coach of Florida.

Not only is he curious about how his vaunted Fun ‘N’ Gun offense will perform with a quarterback making his first start, but the second-ranked Gators finally play a season-opener against a team capable of beating them.

**OAKLAND, Calif.** - For four innings, the Yankees’ offense was flat. By the end of the game, it had flattened Oakland.

"I was a little worried early on when we hit into three double plays. I was saying, ‘Oh, oh, I don’t like the looks of this thing.’," Yankees manager Joe Torre said.

By the time the afternoon was over, New York had totaled up its most hits in 11 years. Tino Martinez hit his 41st homer as the Yankees rapped out 22 hits.

"I think it becomes a domino effect," Spurrier said. "They’re a good team that’s baseball. Everyone came out and we kind of fed off that.

"Doug has not played much, he’s had a lot of practice time," he said. "We’re going to wait and see how it goes, but I think he’s ready to play very well."

The last time a Florida quarterback made his first start in the season-opener was in 1991, when junior Terry Dean led the Gators to a 44-6 victory over Arkansas State.

Sunday’s game will be the fifth consecutive year the Gators have opened against Arkansas State and San Jose State in 1991, New Mexico State in 1994, Southernmost Louisiana in 1995.

A year ago, Southern Mississippi won at Georgia in the first game and then took Alabama into the fourth quarter before losing, 20-10.

"They’ve got a history of coming into an SEC ballpark and going away with a victory," Spurrier said. "From what we were told, they have prepared all summer. They’ve got the countdown to play the Gators."

The Golden Eagles (8-3 last year) have played a top-5 team in each of the last four seasons. And if that’s not enough, the Southern Miss defense has had a difficult time against the Gators.

"They’ve got a history of opening up with a good team and you need big league pitching to beat them," Spurrier said. "It’s a tough game up here.""Oquist did a great job early but then got into a jam," Howe said. "Our defense was the worst of the season. It’s no fun taking your lumps like we did today.

Oakland limited the Yankees to a run by turning three double plays in the first four innings, but New York broke through in the fifth, when Girardi had his first hit.

"I feel good clear up until the fifth," Pettitte said of the long innings.

"Mike Oquist had a rough day. He doesn’t have his changeup up and it just broke loose from there. Every team goes through a game during the season that gets away. It just got ugly in a hurry," Torre said.

Oakland helped keep the fifth inning alive with throwing errors by catcher George Williams and shortstop Rafael Bournigal. The A’s made three errors overall but they led to just two unearned runs.

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NEW KENT, Va.

Iverson pleads no contest to charge

By LARRY O'DELL
Associated Press Writer

NEW KENT, Va. — NBA Rookie of the Year Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers pleaded no contest Tuesday to carrying a concealed weapon and was placed on three years' probation.

A marijuana possession charge was dropped in a plea agreement.

Under the agreement Iverson reached with prosecutors, he must also undergo monthly drug testing for two years and may not own a gun during that time.

The 22-year-old Iverson, who gained national attention as a Virginia high school star who did not trouble with the law, was a passenger in a car that was stopped early Aug. 2 for speeding on Interstate 64 near Richmond. The car, a Mercedes-Benz owned by Iverson, was going 93 mph in a 65 mph zone.

The state trooper who stopped the car smelled marijuana. A search of the car revealed a 45-caliber pistol, belonging to Iverson and two marijuana cigarettes — one under Iverson's seat, another in the back seat.

Iverson was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of firearms with a controlled substance.

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FOOTBALL

Preseason coming to a close

Squad meets press, prepares for stadium debut

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

The countdown is getting lower and the intensity is picking up as the Notre Dame football team is preparing for its first game of the 1997 season.

When the Irish take the field on Sept. 6 to face Georgia Tech, it will be more than just the inaugural game in the renovated stadium. The showdown against the Yellow Jackets will be the debut of a new team from top to bottom. While there will exist some familiar faces in the Irish lineup, the system and the attitude will be something unknown but eagerly anticipated by Irish fans.

Ish head coach Bob Davie has basically kept preseason practices closed to media, alumni, and many others who, in the past, would have been allowed a sneak peek at the team. But there have been a few opportunities for insight into the progress and preparation of the team.

In addition to the traditional media day held when the upper-classmen arrive for pre-season camp, Davie gave local fans an opportunity to get to know the new Irish team last Saturday by inviting them out to Krause Stadium to meet the players. The Irish "fan fest" was held appropriately on the first weekend that all new Notre Dame freshmen arrived on campus, giving them and their parents the first taste of Notre Dame football tradition.

However, Davie was quick to emphasize the importance of giving the local fans, who might not always be lucky enough to see a game but are equally as dedicated, a first-hand chance to know the team. "Notre Dame has fans all across the country," Davie said to the over 1,000 fans who attended the fan fest. "But it's you people here at home who are the backbone." In addition to the autograph session with the players Saturday morning, the Irish held their first preseason scrimmage in the newly renovated stadium on Saturday night. Although, like the rest of the preseason practices, the scrimmage was closed to the media, Davie commented on the team's performance.

It is no surprise that the offense will be looked at as the strong point of the Irish team. But like any football aficionado knows, offense might score touchdowns, but defense wins games.

Much of the concern surrounding the Irish defense lies in the fact that many players have sustained preseason injuries and strains. While none of the injuries are considered serious, they have hindered the defense's ability to develop a much-needed rhythm going into the first game.

"Defensively, we have not had the continuity that we would like," Davie commented. Still, the offense has continued to impress the coaching staff, especially the emergence of talented freshmen like running back Tony Driver and wide receiver Joey Gerberall. While upper-classmen like junior tailback Autry Denson and senior receiver Malcolm Johnson are still seen as the probable starters for the first Georgia Tech game, freshmen like Driver and Gerberall have surely pushed the veterans to earn that right, and will most likely see their share of playing time.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this article.

New look Irish hope pieces are in place for season

Tar Heels to visit Alumni Stadium for fall showdown

Now that school is in session and camping out for football tickets is in full swing, it is time to recognize that there is more to Notre Dame athletics than football.

Granted, this team's venue hasn't recently been refurbished, nor does it hold 80,000 fans. It does, however, house one of the top programs in the nation. Alumni Field is home to the second-ranked women's soccer team. Despite this fact, the squad rarely gets a sellout crowd.

Fans are needed at this sort of function as well, not just at football games. The Irish take on several ranked opponents this season. In fact, this year the battle of the top two teams in the nation, barring any unforeseen losses, will take place here at Notre Dame. On Sept. 19, Notre Dame will do battle with the University of North Carolina in the Adidas Lady Footlocker Classic. This match-up promises to be intense—one that you will not want to miss.

Last year's tournament was held at Duke and the fans turned out in droves. In the end, the Irish held the secret weapon. That weapon was Jenny Streiffer. The quiet freshman's two goal performance led the team to a 2-1 victory over the Tar Heels in overtime.

At the NCAA tournament last year, soccer fans came by the thousands to get a glimpse of the rematch. The Irish were thirsty to repeat as national champions while the Tar Heels were looking to capture their 13th title in 15 years. The 8,800 fans got their money's worth in the double title in 15 years. The 8,800 fans got their money's worth in the double.

North Carolina prevailed in the second extra frame thanks to an unusual bounce which eluded the goalkeeper Jen Renolla. The game left a sour taste in the team's mouth.

This season the team is stacked with talent and ready to play. In their first exhibition match, the team showed they had what it takes. The Irish showed no mercy as they trounced the Missouri Tigers, 11-0.

With the addition of freshmen Anne Makinen, Monica Gonzalez, and Mootis Eriksson, the team has basically kept preseason practices closed to media, alumni, and many others who, in the past, would have been allowed a sneak peek at the team. But there have been a few opportunities for insight into the progress and preparation of the team. In addition to the traditional media day held when the upper-classmen arrive for pre-season camp, Davie gave local fans an opportunity to get to know the new Irish team last Saturday by inviting them out to Krause Stadium to meet the players. The Irish "fan fest" was held appropriately on the first weekend that all new Notre Dame freshmen arrived on campus, giving them and their parents the first taste of Notre Dame football tradition.

However, Davie was quick to emphasize the importance of giving the local fans, who might not always be lucky enough to see a game but are equally as dedicated, a first-hand chance to know the team. "Notre Dame has fans all across the country," Davie said to the over 1,000 fans who attended the fan fest. "But it's you people here at home who are the backbone." In addition to the autograph session with the players Saturday morning, the Irish held their first preseason scrimmage in the newly renovated stadium on Saturday night. Although, like the rest of the preseason practices, the scrimmage was closed to the media, Davie commented on the team's performance.

It is no surprise that the offense will be looked at as the strong point of the Irish team. But like any football aficionado knows, offense might score touchdowns, but defense wins games.

Much of the concern surrounding the Irish defense lies in the fact that many players have sustained preseason injuries and strains. While none of the injuries are considered serious, they have hindered the defense's ability to develop a much-needed rhythm going into the first game.

"Defensively, we have not had the continuity that we would like," Davie commented. Still, the offense has continued to impress the coaching staff, especially the emergence of talented freshmen like running back Tony Driver and wide receiver Joey Gerberall. While upper-classmen like junior tailback Autry Denson and senior receiver Malcolm Johnson are still seen as the probable starters for the first Georgia Tech game, freshmen like Driver and Gerberall have surely pushed the veterans to earn that right, and will most likely see their share of playing time.

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