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Committee forms to re-examine student rights

By DEREK BETCHE

A new student committee formed to address student rights in du Lac met last night for the first time and established an early goal of identifying existing rights on campus. "This committee is developing a long-term strategy for creating a comprehensive student bill of rights," committee co-chair and founder Brendan Kelly said. Academic rights, access to records and other privileges, residential rights and disciplinary rights will all fall under this committee's examination.

Kelly, a Dillon senior, emphasized that this effort to address all student rights will differ from previous efforts which focused only on disciplinary rights. This year's du Lac — which mentions rights in its preamble — is the first in recent years to specifically refer to student privileges. Committee co-chair Jen Dodovido noted last night's meeting that "inherent rights remain in the current du Lac, but the document's language has evolved over time and altogether stopped using the word 'rights.'" Du Lac previously contained 14 formally identified rights for students in disciplinary proceedings, she said. This number was pared down to five in 1988 before a listing of rights was eliminated in 1993. Dodovido explained.

Members of the new student rights committee agreed to work towards clarifying these existing, inherent rights. Kelly noted the committee may also recommend expanding the list. "We may ask for things we don't have now, clarify the things we've got," Kelly said.

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By LAURA PETELLE

Carrying signs reading "End parietals!" and blasting loud music, a small number of students rallied on Fieldhouse Mall yesterday afternoon to protest University visitation policies.

"It's about time that we demand the University account for the respect we deserve," said Cavanaugh junior Erin Blins. "Everyone on this campus is an adult. The administration demands we act like adults, but they don't treat us like adults."

"We need an explanation of parietals," said off-campus senior Rob Vogt. "(The administration) said it has nothing to do with the opposite sex but with quieting down the dorms. Then quiet hours would do the same thing. Parietals jeopardizes gender relations."

The chilly afternoon air kept many students from staying long, but the protesters drew a sizable if fluid crowd, ranging from 20 to 40 students at a time.

"Oh yeah, we're cold," said Kough junior Adrian Cueiier, who had been outside for almost two hours. "But it's a good policy."

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The department of Information Technology at Saint Mary's has been extremely active in the past few months in implementing new technology, instructing the community on the use of the new computer programs, and proposing additional improvements and programs to better serve the College.

Saint Mary's students, accustomed to the presence of men in the campus' 'underground tunnels, have necessarily adjusted to this scenario over the past few weeks when the first steps to implementing a college-wide computer network began.

The work in the tunnels, part of the first stage in the plan to technologically update Saint Mary's College, began on Nov. 1. "Phase one," as Dan Mandell, director of Information Technology, calls it, involves the networking of the administration, faculty and staff.

Mandell stated that the tentative goal for the completion of phase one is approximately Feb. 1, four months from the start date.

Mandell estimates that the second phase, which will involve the implementation of modern outlets in the residence halls, will begin as soon as possible. He was quick to add that a timetable for phase two has not yet been established but assured that information regarding the process will be passed on when it becomes available. In addition to his role as supervisor of the physical adjustments made to the College's technological availability, Mandell is also involved in the development of measures to help the Saint Mary's community learn to cope with the new additions.

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Outside the Dome

Police use pepper spray, force Michigan State fans

ANN ABBOR, Mich.

Although thousands of sports fans will remember Saturday as one of the finest days in Michigan football history, some also will remember the amount of force police used for students rushed the field.

Police released pepper spray into the crowd, tackled students to the ground and escorted others off the turf after euphoric fans rushed onto the field for a post-game celebration.

"I saw the cops kicking the legs right out from under my feet," said junior Jeff Thompson.

Three (officers) would jump on them. One cop, right in front of me, grabbed some kid right by the collar by his shirt. He pinned him up against the wall and sprayed mace in his eyes. When kids were rushing the field, the cops were spraying indiscriminately.

Hundreds of students gradually trickled out of the field before thousands got past police barriers and vaulted over the seven-foot-wall and rushing down stadium stairs.

A spokesperson Elizabeth Hall said about 8,000-10,000 students, but said she did not know of any related serious injuries.

Hall said two officers suffered minor injuries, one from assault and the other from being hit with a whiskey bottle.

During the game, 120 people were ejected from the stadium for various offenses, Hall said.

First-year student Caroline Gregory, whose friend was tackled as he rushed onto the field, said police used pepper spray to intimidate the crowd to avoid a dangerous full-scale rush.

"You can understand that they didn't want anyone to get injured," Gregory said. "I definitely do not agree with the macing. It scared the students to not rush the field too quickly, but there was no reason to inflict pain on them."

"I heard the police's use of pepper spray was acceptable and that "there are guidelines for when pepper spray is used." She did not elaborate on the guidelines.

One first-year student said he was left screaming on the ground after officers sprayed pepper spray in his face. "First, it was the most excruciating pain I've ever felt in my life," said the student.

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UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Police charge running back with assault

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

Virginia football player Antwoin Womack was arrested by Charlottesville Police Thursday for assault and battery of a female University student (see this month).

According to a police report, Womack, a first-year College student, allegedly struck fellow first-year College student Stephanie J. G. during a 9:30 p.m. party in the Phi Gamma Delta (FiJi) fraternity house. Police sources said Womack's perfect-one-weekend assignment prompted by a complaint submitted by Leach after the incident.

According to the police report, Leach sustained no serious physical injury from the alleged assault. Womack was released from custody on Thursday through a $1,000 personal recognizance bond and is scheduled to appear at the General District Court for a Dec. 12 hearing. The misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of 12 months in jail and/or a $2,500 fine.

University Athletic Director Terry Holland said officials have not yet decided how the incident will affect Womack's playing time. "Normal there have been penalties, but I don't see how we could try to determine that at this stage," Holland said.

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PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Students live as homeless for one night

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

Sometimes, the strongest lessons are learned by walking in someone else's shoes. Collegians Helping Aid Rescue Mission (CHARM) held a sleep-out Friday night in front of the Wesley Student Center, 256 E. College Ave., to raise awareness about homelessness in Centre County. "I think so many things in life have to be experienced to be understood, so here I am," said Pam Keal, sophomore geography major. "It was not a mandatory thing to do, but I showed up out of solidarity to support the sleep-out. Keal had seen fliers about this event and felt drawn to it, she said. "I really have a heart for the homeless and this was something that just spoke to my soul," Keal said. When CHARMS met at 8 p.m., it had just started raining and the temperature hovered around 40 degrees.

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WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Professor files lawsuit against police

PULLMAN, Wash.

Assignment workshps for a WSU journalism class quickly resulted in a freedom of information lawsuit against local police. Journalist Jeff Thompson of the Pullman Daily News filed the lawsuit last Friday in Whitman County Superior Court after Pullman Police refused to release daily report information to his Journalism 305 reporting students.

"By withholding access to routine police data, Pullman police are violating the state's public records law," said Thompson. "We can't have a public democracy with secrecy in our criminal justice system.

Demers, 25 students were assigned to gather facts and information from Pullman police records to cover a basic crime story. Detailed reports of that case were missing, what happened and the names of victims and offenders were to be obtained from the incident log. "This was a routine assignment to write a crime story and looking at the police log just didn't provide enough information," said Sandra Wilson, a senior journalism student. "I asked if I could see the incident report or get further information, but I was told to fill out a request form that would take five days to process.

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Dean suspends frat for racial threats

BURLINGTON, Vt.

A Vermont fraternity faces possible expulsion from the University of Vermont after an alleged hazing incident last week. President Barry Swanson, Vice President for Student Affairs Dean Bant announced on Friday that the local Alpha Fraternity has been placed under suspension for allegedly sending their pledges on a scavenger hunt in which they were asked to insult a student of color. Bant said that if the students continued the overnight hunt by a pledge and was asked to come meet the pledge at a campus location. The victim said of a group of students met them there, she had a golf club and one had a camera. He said their intent was to hold the club up so it would look in the picture like they were threatening a "colored person."

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**Holy Cross adds three trustees**

Special to The Observer

**Holy Cross College** has announced the appointment of three new members to its board of trustees: Michael Kiley, James Kennedy, and Digger Phelps.

**Michael Kiley** is a partner in the law firm of Michael & Certain in Marion, Ind. The firm specializes in corporate, administrative and probate law.

Kiley’s wide range of legal experience includes past roles as Grant County public defender and municipal judge in Murton, Ind. He has served on the board of managers of the Indiana State Bar Association, the board of directors and executive committee of the Indiana Bar Foundation, and as president of the Kent County Bar Association.

Kiley has been a member of Holy Cross’ Natural Resources Commission for 19 years and has held the office of chairman with the new technology situations, include:

- Developing a model for an effective and ongoing task force to provide continued leadership in the effective use of institutional resources for the enhancement of teaching and learning environment.
- Developing institutional resources to support the innovative curriculum development and pedagogical uses of technology.
- Founding a collaborative leadership team to recommend appropriate instructional hardware and software to support.
- Identifying and training for providing the employment of additional technologically skilled students capable of serving as student teaching assistants, student interns, or even student volunteers.

In the framework of programming possibilities, COLT foresees technology workshops, residence hall social events, and brown bag lunches as channels through which to accommodate students.

Eventually, they hope to see a curriculum addition which will require students to take a computer class in order to graduate.

"I think it's stupid not to have a requirements，“ Patzner said. "Anywhere you go, you need these skills to be competitive in this environment."

"I think it will be slow at first, but eventually we’ll see an explosion," said Mitchell."
Collegiate sports are often lucrative ventures, with basketball programs bringing in about $1.6 million each. The NCAA holds as its objective to maintain intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the educational program and the athlete as an integral part of the student body.

This is a noble proposition, but in practice, the primary purpose of college sports is not to educate the athlete but to cultivate profits and publicity.

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Platonic love exists between all people

Mary Beth Ellis

Women and men can't be friends

Ben Voigt

Men and women cannot be friends due to the forces of sexual attraction. Admittedly, my initial idea of this notion was adapted from the movie, "When Harry met Sally," in which Billy Crystal gives a skeleton of my current theory. I have since taken Crystal's thoughts and drafted a more logical experience based on philosophy.

Without any further introduction, I'd like to present my theory based on informed observation. Friendship is defined by the New Expanded Webster's Dictionary as "intimacy rest- on equal ground, women or men of the same-gendered context and besides, boys were grouped.

No seriously, columnist's views were changed via: A lobotomy.

No, seriously, columnist's views were changed via: Coming into actual college contact with men by singing and learning and praying and writing at men and laughing with them, all, amazingly, without becoming interested with what the Center for Disease Control refers to as "cooties."

Reason why: Men and women aren't friends: They fear each other.

Probable reason why: Men and women fear each other. Men and women communicate differently. Women, for example, tend to display concern about affection through eye contact and attentive posture, whereas men may declare the same sentiment by scratch- ing themselves.

Example: A man and woman have just seen a film consisting of equal parts guns/ car chases/ general gore and character development/symbolism/actual plot. They have the following conversation:

MAN: That was a good movie.

WOMAN: Yes. What the participants in the conversation actually meant by what they said.

WOMAN: I identified with this film not only because the action was compelling, but it portrayed the man's struggle against incongruous paradigm shifts in society. I found the movie's characters portraying the universality of patriarchal cultures.

MAN: That was a good movie.

WOMAN: Who wants to deal with all this? Better to stick to gender, some say, and know what the hell everybody's talking about.

Columnist thinks above sentiment is stupid because: Conversations in which you don't know what the hell everybody's talking about can be the most productive of all. How else do you think Congress gets bills passed?

WOMAN: What the columnist thinks about friendship within the context of a romantic relationship. A successful relationship on the basis of successful romantic relationships would you lie to, abuse, or take advantage of a friend?

Type of above question: Rhetorical.

Reason: To quote scripture: "A romantic relationship not grounded in friendship is just crap."

Now, heterosexual woman can be friends with other heterosexual women and men with other men, because there exists no sexual attraction. So a close friendship among two same sex people can ensue, due to the equilibrium of intimacy that becomes the foundation of the kinship.

You may be asking yourself, "What about Jenny and Dick, who claim they are best friends, who have been dating for three years, and probably will get married?" Well, Jenny and Dick probably at least are best friends. When two opposite-sex people are equally sexually attract- ed, then the opposing forces of attraction cancel one another, and true intimacy can be developed. On the other hand, a man and a woman that are not sexually attracted could in the above situation become friends, due to the complete absence of sexual attraction, but they will never meet, as nothing is pulling them together in the first place.

You ask, "What about John and John who were 'friends' for a year, but then started dat- ing, and they are still dating after two years?"

They were both attracted to each other from the beginning, but other things clouded this realization, until something caused one or both of their feelings to shine through. Many times these feelings are buried deep within our unconscious so we are unaware they exist, until something causes the specific feeling to manifest itself into the emotion of attraction.

Now, having laid out the basic groundwork of my theory, I have found this issue to be highly volatile among the women and men of Notre Dame with whom I have shared my initial thoughts on this subject. Understandably, if one considers himself or herself to have a few, if not a majority, of opposite-sex 'friends,' then this theory turns everything upside down. In women, more than men, I have noticed their immediate disgust and surprise at pondering the notion that the guy they considered a 'friend' is actually attracted to them in a "more than a friend" manner, and the guy they would like to be more than a friend considers them just another good buddy. Mixed into this mess is the mysterious, intangible force of attraction to the opposite sex, which can be as overt as a drunken proclamation of love, or as covert as a subconscious thought or feeling that cannot be deciphered by the other.

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How often do you think people wash their hands after using the restroom?

"I don't think anyone ever does. Their parents must not have taught them proper hygiene."

Ayana Fakhir
Sophomore, McGlinn

"Half the time, and people assume they're clean most of the time."

Wendy Gebert
Sophomore, Cavanaugh

"Three out of four, but sometimes you just don't have time!"

Frank McDonald
Sophomore, Morrissey

"Obviously, it's not too many when we have to post signs to remind them."

Shana Jackson
Sophomore, LeMans

"Five percent and that is because I'm optimistic."

Monica Cermaine
Junior, LeMans

They say that cleanliness is next to Godliness, so one would think that at a prominent Catholic university like Notre Dame, good hygiene would be at the top of the list among students.

After four years as a student, I beg to differ. For many of you readers, today's topic might appear to be rather gross, but this article is very factual and needs to be written. The topic today is the virtual non-existence of good hygiene among the student body, especially when it comes to using the restroom. Bluntly speaking, the majority of students at Notre Dame do not wash their hands after they use the restroom. In an informal observation, only one student out of 17 in a certain dorm bathroom was witnessed to have washed after using the restroom in the past week.

An informal survey of some Notre Dame students correlated this finding, revealing that frighteningly small numbers of Notre Dame students are practicing the simplest acts of good hygiene. Obviously, the majority of the students do not feel that washing one's hands after using the restroom is important or necessary. They are gravely mistaken.

Everyone will admit that using the bathroom is not a clean act. One uses the bathroom to excrete those things that we have consumed and our body neither needs nor wants. These excrements are filled with bacteria and other nasty things. The bacteria and germs that thrive in these excrements can and will make you sick. Assuming that everyone wipes when they use the restroom, everyday we come in close (very close) proximity to the germs and bacteria that live in our excrements.

This is not a pretty thought. The odds that you have not made contact with any of these bacteria cannot be very high. Women are concerned, there exists no nastiness greater than not washing ones hands during this certain week out of the month. How would one know if the toilet paper accidentally slipped, or if your hand brushed some bacteria? It is impossible to know. Notre Dame students might be smart, but bacteria have been around much longer than us, so why do some of us think we can out maneuver them?

Just because your hand does not sting or feel wet does not mean that you have not gotten anything on it. Yet for some odd reason, the majority of students do not appear to be concerned about this. Each day they walk right past the sinks after using the restroom. What do they think that sinks are put in the restroom for? I have never seen a restroom without a sink. This is not a phenomenon unique to Notre Dame, but most students seem to think that sinks are somehow foreign elements in the restroom setting. This may come as a surprise to some of you, but the sinks are not meant to be decoration. Their purpose is so that people may cleanse themselves after doing their dirty little deed. Those of you who are perpetrators of these crimes of uncleanness may think, "Who cares if I do not wash my hands — I am the dirty one who will have to suffer for it." This is a selfish and untrue statement. The bad hygiene practiced in the restrooms is not isolated to the restroom, but affects hundreds of others each day. As you read the following case study, keep in mind that the hand one wipes with is the hand that one does everything else with.

Imagine the case of Jen. Jen uses the bathroom and unknowingly gets some fecal bacteria on her hand when wiping herself. She passes by the sinks without a glance; most likely she has never acknowledged their existence. She then touches the door handle with her contaminated hand. Beth, who was in the restroom at the same time, does wash her hands, yet she has to touch the same door that was just contaminated. She opens the door, and now she has washed in vain, as she is contaminated by someone else's fecal bacteria. (Now if that is not a grotesque thought, I do not know what is.) We now have two contaminated individuals on the loose, not to mention all the other people who will use the restroom and touch that door handle for the rest of the day.

Back to Jen. After Jen leaves the restroom she walks to her boyfriend's dorm and calls him for dinner from the campus phone using, of course, the contaminated hand. Now everyone who uses that phone will be exposed to her bacteria, Jen merits a dancing hall.

As Matt grabs her a nasty little particles that entertains us as she swipes the card, the other students who gets worse.

Jen then enters the dining hall. Jen reaches for the

infusing the entire crowd.

On her way out of the dining hall, Jen doesn't think about what happened. She gets in her car and drives away. She doesn't realize how close she was to infecting the entire dining hall and campus. Jen reached her brother's dorm and saw that her roommate, who does not practice good hygiene, is eating with her. Jen does not have the heart to tell her roommate.
I she is harboring. Now Matt is contaminated as well, up with Matt and they hold hands as they walk to the
he is exposing herself to Jen's residue, along with all those cards she swipes. Bear with me, because it only
ning hall, where the potential to contaminate is inhibited by her gerry hand. She then dures the fork that is intended for getting the delaunts and grabs a couple slices of turkey. She continues to spread her evil bacteria throughout the hall.

On the way out of the dining hall, Jen reaches her hand into the cereal container to grab a handful of Apple Jacks for an all too common occurrence that is disgusting within itself.

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No Picking Allowed

By ANDREA JORDAN
Assistant Accent Editor

"I see you and I have always seen you." Yes you, the one over there rolling your index finger and thumb together. I know what you just did because it is so apparently obvious. Through my constant observation, I have noticed that there is a method to the whole matter.

First, people feel that there is something in their nose. Second, they look around slyly, as a fox about to catch their prey. Third, realizing no one is paying much attention, they then set off on a hunting expedition into their noses, traveling through the tunnels and passageways and diving into the depths of their nostril. From the exploration, if one is lucky, they find at least one prize. We all know what that prize is.

Here is the part where myself or others come in personally. Out of my peripheral vision I notice the rolling and rubbing together of the diggs. I automatically know without further inspection what the nostril explorer has done. I try not to look, but I can't help it sometimes because my curiosity gets the best of me.

The next stage of the method is what to do with the prize. Hmm? Three options: throw, Bing or eat. Yes, I honestly say I have seen all three options performed before. Some people like to wipe the prize on the nearest thing to their hands of it. The objects to become contaminated could be: clothes, desk, doors, friends, or whatever.

The second option is flinging, this could be pretty disgusting. Unknowing classmates, peers, professors, teachers, roommates or friends could be the next victim. One minute they are sitting or standing with a smile, the next minute they have contracted the gift given to them without their knowledge. A gift not given out of love, but disgust.

The third option amazes me. A mature adult will take the prize and devour it like steak and potatoes. Question: Are people so hungry that they just cannot wait to put food to their bodies to curb their appetite? Or is the little green prize better tasting and filling than, perhaps, a light snack of fruit.

Here is a personal story that must be shared to validate the truthfulness of my scenario. As a sophomore, I took a Core class. In most Core classes, in order to facilitate a better discussion, the class forms a circle. Well, my class was no different. While in this formation is it not inevitable to be able to view everyone? Without fail, everyone in class this one guy would conduct a hunt in his nasal area, find a prize, and eat it. It was a ritual with him, a ritual that to this day I cannot understand. We amount of classes by it.

Noite Dame has brought me to an understanding of this ritual and I do not believe any will. Simply put, people are reading this not in disbelief of these little explorations conducted in the nasal area, but with a contempt for the writer. A contempt for noticing these acts, then writing about them. Many readers are thinking "Why doesn't she mind her own business?" or "She is disgusting me by writing about it". This makes me wonder if I am doing the right thing. Do I not also affect the perpetrators of these acts? Still not persuaded? Then read further and consider carefully what is written.

Let us contemplate what having a little green monster on our very fingers means. Forgive me not knowing the technical terms, but I am not science-oriented in any way. The little monster or prize (we will call it a prize from now on) is doing some things that help fight germs and bacteria in our noses, but for those of you who do not know what nose picking means, I assure you that nose picking is not such a cute habit or something to be practiced. If you are picking nose after using the real care.

If you do not sit there and become somewhat upset? Knowing that many people are like myself, I myself to look at my keyboard and wonder whose hands have touched it before and what they had on them. Little, alley, mostly monsters are now microscopic particles sleeping on the very keys I am touching. They are waiting to be picked up and carried to their next destination on the fingers or clothes of someone else. And this is none of your concern?

Or is the perpetrator decides to fling the prize, do you want to be the accidental target? I think not. Or perhaps you enjoy eating nasal particles from your classmates as a trophy or gift of some sorts. Maybe I was mistaken. But I am not. I do not want to be the victim of the picker. This picker becomes my business when I become the victim. If I become the victim and I discover the unwanted present, I become Irate. When I am Irate, I am unhappy. I don't like to be unhappy because it is not good for my emotional well-being.

Now, the above two scenarios require physical contact with the little monster. The third and last scenario doesn't, but it is equally as detrimental. For example, let's say you are in the dining hall and as you approach the fries you see the infamous nose picker at work. Picking, rolling, eating. What do you think? A I wonder if those fries are fresh? B. Will it take this person much longer in line? C. How disgusting is this person to pick up their food and then eat it? D. How disgusting is this person to pick to pick their nose with their fingers, then eat it? E. How disgusting is this person to pick their nose with their fingers, then eat it?

For those of you who also think C, don’t you start to feel a little uneasy in the stomach? Perhaps do you lose the taste for french fries or maybe even food? You are not alone because I assure you that others have also had this experience. Even if the picker/edater conducted this somewhere outside of a dining area, the effect is still the same: uneasiness in the stomach or just utter disgust.

Now, my stories have made anybody think that nose picking is not such a cute habit or maybe it is a tad bit disgusting, then perhaps there is no hope for me. As for perpetrators of the picking, try not to be too offended by my comments. I was only articulating the opinion of myself and a few others. If you’re looking for advice, then I have two solutions for you: Continue your habit, but try and be cognizant of others around you and the possible offense they may take to what you are doing. Or get some Kleenex.
The Irish receive nine letters of intent for class of 2002

The Notre Dame baseball team has signed nine high school seniors to national letters of intent, head coach Paul Mainieri announced today. The signees include righthanded pitchers Matt Buchmeier, Drew Dufr and Jason Rodda, catchers J.P. Drevine and Paul O’Toole, infielders Andy Bushey and Ed Golom, outfielder Steve Stanley and infielder Matt Strickroth.

"This was an important recruiting class because we had to replace the five seniors who will be graduating next May, in addition to losing two of last year’s All-Comonwealth high school all-stars," said fourth-year Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "You also always rely the possibility of losing some of your juniors to the pro draft, so the fact that we were able to sign a class of this quality and quantity is very significant."

Buchmeier is known for a fastball that can touch 90 miles per hour and his ability to consistently throw strikes. The 6'-4”, 170-pound righthander spent the summer of 1997 as a member of the Indiana Hills state all-star team and earned a spot on the all-tournament team at the 1997 National Amateur Baseball Federation World Series.

Bushey, known for his natural left-handed swing and ability to hit to all fields, played summer league ball with current Irish freshman infielder Ben Cooke on the Youngstown Astro Falcons. He hit .444 while leading the Astro Falcons to a 45-7 record in the summer of ’97.

The 5'-11", 195-pound Drevine is expected to contend behind the plate due to his strong all-around ability, ability to hit both from both sides of the plate and leadership skills. A former Norwood Blues team member of current Irish freshman leftfielder Alex Porezel, Drevine most recently hit .459 on the Hershey high school summer league and .329 with the Rollins Meadows Royals semi-pro team. Duff is noted for his competitive nature, a tough carovball and a fastball that has touched 91 miles per hour. A four-year starting shortstop at Severie County High School, the 5'-11", 160-pound Dufr posed a 2.80 ERA, 26 strikeouts and just four walks in 25 innings last season.

Golom attracted the Irish coaches due to his sperrgy style, versatility and aggressiveness at the plate. The 5-foot-9, 160-pound righthander participated in the Team One Showcase. He was named all-conference and honorable mention all-area at Providence Catholic High School after batting .420.

O’Toole’s versatility, hitting approach and strong throwing arm could help him make significant contributions for the Irish in ’98. His 1997 summer highlights included leading the Mainstreet Muffins to the Connie Mack state championship and earning a spot in the Team One Showcase. The 5'-11", 160-pound Rodda is known for his ability to consistently throw four pitches for strikes, as evidenced by his combined 38-1 career record in high school and summer-league play.

Stanley, another Team One participant, should bring excellent open arm strength and athleticism to the Irish program as a prospect with a potential to be a sophomore at Worthington Christian High School, Stanley led the Columbus area with a .395 batting average and 41-of- 44 stolen bases on route to becoming the only sophomore to be named first team all-state. The 6-foot-5, 225-pound Strickroth could prove to be the surprise member of the signing class. A talented two-sport athlete who selected Notre Dame over several college scholarship offers, Strickroth could add power to the Irish lineup. As a junior at Santa Margarita High School, he hit .396 with 11 home runs and 28 RBIs in 88 at-bats, hitting .329 with five home runs and 23 RBIs as a sophomore.

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**Men's Cross Country**

Rexing leads Irish in nationals

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Senior all-American Jason Rexing led the Notre Dame men's cross country team to a 12th place finish at the NCAA cross country championships in the final cross country meet of his college career.

Notre Dame ran to its sixth straight top-15 finish yesterday. The Irish scored 309 points in the meet. Stanford and Arkansas battled it out for first place, and defending champion Stanford made it two in a row, winning 51 to 56. Colorado and Michigan ran for third and fourth places, with 108 and 116 points, respectively.

Rexing placed 40th overall in the 10,000 meter race with a time of 30:34. This was his second straight year as the top finisher for the Irish. Last year, he placed third out of five teams at the NCAA championships, but the team still could not finish in the top 10. Notre Dame was one of 22 Division I teams that qualified to run in yesterday's championship.

They were held at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. The Irish were ranked ninth last week.

This meet capped off a successful season for the Irish, which won its first-ever Big East championship, the Scarlet/Gray Invitational, and the adidas/Notre Dame Invitational this season. It also concluded the cross country careers of Rexing, Conway, and Griffith.

**Women's Swimming**

Irish swim to third place finish

By LAURA PETELLE

The Big East defending champion women's swimming finished third out of five teams at the Minnesota Invitational this weekend, landing a score of 765. Minnesota won the meet with 1,174 points. Wisconsin, with a score of 770, barely edged out Notre Dame for a second place finish.

"It was a solid day," said coach Joe Piane. "We would have liked to finish four places higher, but we had some kids run well so that is exciting. Ryan Maxwell and Ryan Shay ran particularly well for us."

Going into the meet, Notre Dame was hoping to finish somewhere between fifth and 10th place. Prior to the meet Piane said, "If we can reproduce what we've done every time out, we can be in the top 10."

However, each runner on the team improved his time from the Great Lakes Region meet to the Nationals, but the team still could not finish in the top 10.

Notre Dame was one of 22 Division I teams that qualified to run in yesterday's championship.

These classes are actually all open to all students.

A mistake was made in the DART book. Returning Students will be on hand to answer questions.

Happy 21st Dan Francisco!

Now that you are finally legal, how are you going to explain to the bouncers that your name isn't Jeremy? Good Luck!

Love, Chreesuh
**Champs**
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paiges to points.

"I'm extremely proud," said Lewis lineman Sarah Robleg. "All around was really good. P.E.'s been to the championship game now; we're going to do it again."

To start the game, P.E. had possession but four downs later was still five yards short. Deciding not to punt, Plummer passed to Sarah, but the play was blocked by tackle Kolti Donohue and the Chickens took over on downs.

Lewis's possession started out strong with two consecutive passes, but on third down, Pyro corner Donata Parrillo intercepted the pass. The Pyros then started their longest drive of the game, making possible by excellent receiving on the part of tight end Molly Boett and fullback Melissa Gorman. On first down, Plummer threw for a gain of 12, then to Gorman for a first down. Two plays later, Plummer ran a 12-yard pass for a first down.

Deep in Chicken territory, the Pyros appeared to be on fire, but this defense held them tightly, only allowing Plummer a gain of three yards on first down and five yards on an option run second down. Brinkler made a big play for the Chickens, covering Gorman on third down and breaking up Plummer's pass. Plummer then slipped on fourth down to bring up the Lewis offense once more.

**Keenan**
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It was a remarkable game as a result. Keenan had been able to throw the ball successfully all season, but with the swirling winds inside the stadium, it was risky for the Knights to air it out.

"We weren't able to run the deep fade route as often as we'd like," said Doughty. "But we settled down in the second half and got back up the field."

However, it was the fade route that provided the Knights' only points. In the second quarter, Sorin was in a punting situation, facing a fourth down in its own territory. The snap from Jon Walsh sailed over the head of punter Dave Russo. Russo recovered the ball but was tackled deep in their own end.

Keenan took over on the Sorin 35-yard line. After picking up a first down, freshman quarterback Craig Vonvertloh was flushed out of the pocket by the Sorin defense. He scrambled 20 yards to the end zone for what appeared to be the game-winning touchdown.

However, the play was called back on an illegal motion penalty. Vonvertloh went up top and connected with junior wide receiver Dung Min for a 25-yard touchdown completion.

Although it was early in the game, Keenan opted to go for two.

"We didn't want to take a chance with the wind, and we have been going for two all season," commented Hartman.

Vonvertloh ran a play action pass and after scrambling a bit, found Klop on the backfield, for a successful conversion.

The Knights took an 8-0 lead at the half and never looked back.

"We were confident once we got some points on the board," said Hartman.

After all, the Knights had every reason to be confident. Keenan had dictated its opponents' play all season, stopping opponents on both offense and defense. The smothering defense was led by senior linebacker Joe Klop and sophomore Nick Costanzo. "Our defense has been the backbone of the team," added freshman running back and linebacker Nick Costanzo. "We didn't allow a lot of points and held the offense to one.

"Our only goal was to win," said Klop. "We played great, as commented Costanzo. "He had that key interception and a few big tackles.""

Klop and the rest of the Keenan backfield played solid, but the Sorin defense was tough. However, the Knights, as they have done all season, got the job done when they needed to.

Klop had some of his biggest runs late in the game, which extended the Knights' lead to a comfortable 17-0 midway through the third quarter. Keenan went on to win, 51-0.

"We had been working toward this since day one," commented Hartman. "We achieved our goals on time. We got better each practice, went undefeated and uncrowned, and got to play in the championship game."
**Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1. Hair end
2. Apple
3. Famous
4. Fragrance
5. Cap
6. Tomato
7. Inside, in vein
8. Lie
9. Chance
10. Sister in “Sisters”
11. Signal in a courtroom
12. 49 Down, in poetry
13. First name in exploration
14. ½
15. Commie

**DOWN**

1. Men staying on one lap
2. Indiana Jones
3. 1968 #1 hit
4. Time of the month
5. Coupon of “Wild Thing”

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

1. Imagine
2. Wells (renowned London theater)
3. Like most
4. Beverages
5. Beginning
6. Jerusalem
7. 1971 #1 hit
8. Begin
9. Showy flowers
10. Was, in Latin

**CROSSWORDS**

**Dilbert**

**Mother Goose & Grimm**

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**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**

**She sniffs me... she sniffs me not... she sniffs me, she...**

**Installing an ISDN Line. First we need to make sure your phone line is connected to our network.**

**Crossword**

**I'll VANK the Wire While You Listen for a "GIMP" sound at the Central Office.**

**I HEARD SOMETHING**

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**Menu**

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Irish look to return to winning ways tonight

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

"The best way to judge a team's character is to see how it bounces back from defeat," said Keenan's coach D.J. Keenan.

The Keenan Knights defeated Sorin 0-8 on Friday night, March 23, to advance to the final of the AEC '97 championships.

The Knights, who were ranked sixth in the conference, were trailing 0-1 at halftime but scored 7 goals in the second half to win the game.

"We didn't play well in the first half," Keenan's coach D.J. Keenan said. "But in the second half, we were able to control the game and put pressure on Sorin's defense."

Keenan's defense was led by junior goalie Philip Price, who made 15 saves in the game.

"Philip Price had a great game," Keenan's coach D.J. Keenan said. "He made some big saves that kept Sorin from scoring."

The Knights will face the winner of the other semifinal game between Salesian and Fordham tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Lewis topped by P.E. in finals

By ALISON WELTMER
Sports Writer

The Lewis Farmers defeated the P.E. Iris 50-45 in the final of the AEC '97 championships on Saturday night.

The Farmers, who were ranked third in the conference, were leading 30-25 at halftime but scored 20 points in the third quarter to pull away from the Iris.

"We were able to control the game in the second half," Lewis' coach John MacLeod said. "We were able to get the ball into the hands of our scorers and they were able to make some big shots."}

The Farmers were led by senior guard Martin Ingelsby, who scored 20 points in the game.

"Martin Ingelsby had a great game," Lewis' coach John MacLeod said. "He was able to get to the basket and make some big shots."
With expectations and pressures at his back

Ron Powlus has survived five years in one of the highest pressure positions in college football. The Irish Insider examines his take on the job.

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Safety Benny Guitelaux leads the Irish with five interceptions.

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IRISH ON THE OFFENSIVE...

Hawaii is 3-8. The wins have come against powerhouse schools such as California State Northridge and Fresno State. Hawaii is in the WAC and has a WAC defense so if the Irish are hoping to continue their win streak and travel to a bowl, it appears they'll have to do it in their own hands. After knocking off two top 25 teams in consecutive weeks, Notre Dame has the momentum and is more likely to be slowed by jet lag or a surfing accident than it is by the tenacious Rainbow defense.

Last season Hawaii finished 14th out of the 16 WAC teams in scoring defense and 14th in rushing defense. The defense has improved this year only surrendering 26 points a game compared to last year's 36, but it still gives up more than four and a half yards per play.

Over the last two games the Notre Dame rushing attack has returned, averaging 4.6 yards per carry against LSU and West Virginia. The ground attack should continue in Aloha land as its top two tacklers are safeties Chris Schinnick and Eddie Kaneski.

In Saturday's win over the Mountainaineers, tailback Autry Denson accumulated 144 yards, but the running attack was not as consistent as Coach Bob Davie would have liked. "They [West Virginia] were able to have some negative plays against us," Davie said. "I think our guys need to block better more consistently. So, we've got to get more consistent running the football.

With the re-emergence of the rushing attack, the passing game has flourished as the Irish are not passing out of necessity on this team anymore. Freshman tight end Jabari Allenallow is coming off two touchdowns in which he came up with big plays in critical situations for the Irish.

The Rainbow Warriors are in the midst of stormy weather with only two players returning over 3-8 and are looking to break free from the clouds in this weekend's game against the Irish. Currently, the team rests at the bottom of the Western Athletic Conference, ranking up only a single win in the conference.

The team's three wins came against the likes of Minnesota, Cal State Northridge, and Fresno State.

The team is under the tutelage of third-year head coach Fred vonAppen. Last year, the team finished with a record of 2-10. Heading into the season, the Rainbow Warriors entered with confidence about securing a winning season, the first since 1993.

Hawaii is coming off a tough overtime loss against Northeast Louisiana last Saturday. The Rainbow Warriors headed into the locker room with a 10 point lead at half but managed to let the lead slip away in overtime.

Hawaii's running back situation this season is a bit questionable with two players sharing a majority of the time. Sophomore Josh Skinner has seen a majority of the carries because of setting quarterback Tim Carey's should be. Carey should be able to share similar stats. Skinner has three touchdowns for the season while chasing up on interceptions. Carey also has a measly two touchdowns with two interceptions. The ineffective passing attack has forced the team to rely heavily on a running attack.

Freshman Charles Tharp finds himself at the tailback slot for the Rainbow Warriors. The true senior wide receiver Malcolm Johnson is coming off probably the best game by an Irish receiver this year as he caught six passes for 125 yards and a touchdown.

However, the corps of receivers continually is plagued by several drops and incompletion attempts that led to first downs in the West Virginia game.

Another area of improvement in the Notre Dame offense has been the play on third downs. Earlier in the season, it appeared that the Irish couldn't buy a critical third down conversion. But in recent games Ron Powlus has been able to spot the open man in critical situations to sustain drives. "I think we can throw the football at pretty high right level now," Davie said. "We had six and seven big completions that led to first downs in the West Virginia game."

That trend could continue on the islands as opponents have converted 41 percent of third down plays.

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Cornerback Ivory Covington has stepped up his play over the last few weeks and is a chief reason for the defense's improvement.

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Quarterbacks

Quarterbacks Dan Robinson and Josh Skimmer have combined to throw just five touchdown passes and a whopping 21 interceptions. With Powdus at the top of his game, this a no brainer.

Running Backs

Freshman Charles Tharp has been a rare bright spot for the Rainbows this year. However, Denson is rock solid for the Irish.

Receivers

It's hard to judge the Rainbow unit without a quarterback to throw to it. With Johnson, Brown and Nelson, the Irish have a clear-cut advantage here.

Offensive Line

Hawaii has been anemic offensively, averaging 15.3 points per game. Meanwhile, the Irish line continues to improve after a slow start and should control the line of scrimmage.

Defensive Line

Sam Collins, the leading tackler up front for the Rainbows, has just 28 tackles on the year. The rest of the line can't hold a candle to Dansby, Williams and Bennett.

Linebackers

Rosevold, Chapman, and Cobb-Adams are considered "below average" at best. The group lacks size and speed. With Minor and Howard all over the place, Hawaii will struggle to move the ball.

Secondary

Clearly the strength of the Rainbow defense, safeties Chris Chinnick and Eddie Kaneski have nearly 150 tackles between them. However, the Irish continue to get better.

Special Teams

Like the Irish, the Rainbows are solid at punter in Chad Shrout. Both teams have struggled covering kicks. However, they don't have an answer for the electrifying Rossum.

Coaching

Believe it or not, Davie will face a coach with less experience and fewer victories than him. The Irish general continues to learn and improve.

Overall

Hawaii has simply awful. The Irish could get more out of a scrimmage with St. Joseph's high school. This one should be over by halftime.

—Mike Day
Facing the Pressure
What it has taken to overcome four years of adversity

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Trying to live up to the expectations set for him is a losing battle for Ron Powlus.

Coming into Notre Dame, the Berwick, Pa., native was labeled as the "Messiah," deemed the savior of Notre Dame football, and basically assumed to have a national championship in one pocket and the Heisman trophy in the other.

His first letdown came when he broke the collarbone only hours after a team meeting in which Lou Holtz announced that the true freshman had heaved out senior Kevin McGough for the job of starting quarterback for the first game of the '93 season. He had an opportunity to come back and prove his immortality, but rebroke the same bone during a non-contact part of practice on Oct. 17 of that same season. Already, a situation that was out of his hands had caused disappointment for those who expected him to go into Notre Dame as a freshman and deliver a national championship on a silver platter.

But he came back the next year, and as a sophomore tied an Irish record by throwing four touchdown passes in his first collegiate game against Northwestern at Soldier Field in Chicago. Powlus amassed 1,729 yards passing and 19 touchdowns in his first season with the Irish, ranked 20th nationally in passing efficiency, third among sophomores behind Florida's Danny Wuerffel and Bowling Green's Ryan Henry. The Powlus-Derrick Mayes connection dazzled fans throughout the season and finally, Ron Powlus began to fulfill the immense role created for him when he came to the Irish.

However, the first season he led the Irish was a 6-5-1 season, and after being voted out of a national championship the year before, Irish fans quickly found their scapegoat for the 94' season.

Still, Powlus continued to fight.

Hebrews 11:1, abandoned his home and career, and the Irish national championship hopes were dashed after their first loss to unraveled Purdue. A 1-4 start caused many fair-weather fans to turn on the Irish, and Powlus has received the brunt of the adversity. Powlus was booted at the end of the losses to Michigan State, USC, and Boston College all in his own stadium. In fact, the situation got so bad in the Boston College game that his dad and uncle had to leave the stadium and go somewhere they could watch the game in peace. Many have called for Powlus to be replaced by junior Jarious Jackson, and Jackson has come into the last four games and made some big plays.

Still, Powlus, seasoned by criticism and adversity, learned to shake off the boos and go on with the season. Although he does not deny that the criticism, especially within his own stadium, bothered him, if not for the last four years he taught Powlus anything, it has been to put his emotions aside and stay focused on football. Regardless of how bad the situation for Powlus, he did not hide from reporters or shy away from the next opportunity to go out and face the Notre Dame community. Powlus was even bold enough to draw on his homecoming last week's 21-14 win over West Virginia, saying it was one of the first players to go out and salute the student section, with his helmet in one hand and the game ball in the other.

"There's been a lot happen over the last four years," Powlus said. "It's a lot of cheers. A lot of boos, a lot of wins and losses, injuries and touchdowns, and a lot of people have had to sit on the bench and forget the cheer, and I'll never forget the boos. But it's a time people remember on that and to show some appreciation for the supporters who have stuck by me all this time.

Dave compliments his senior quarterback for getting through the adversity that he has faced this year and coming out on top like he has with the recovery the team has made.

"It was unfair at the time [for him to be boohed]," Dave said. "People were giving him a lot of advice. He got a lot of advice from me. I'm sure he got a lot of advice from his wife and his parents, but at some point it came down to him, and he did it. I think he was given credit because he had to dig down and do it himself, and he's done a lot of phenomenal things this year."

Overall, no one can deny that Powlus has done exactly what Holtz wanted him to do. He's been nearly every passing record that exists at Notre Dame, and his name now stands in front of the names like Stevie Beurlin, Joe Montana, Joe Theismann, and Rick Mirer. Although he has not won a national championship and is not even in the running for the Heisman, he has no regrets about coming to Notre Dame or returning for a fifth year.

"I've never regretted my decision to come here. I still don't," Powlus said. "I'm thrilled with what Notre Dame has had to offer me, and what I could do with Notre Dame. I've enjoyed my four years. As far as the fifth year, I would certainly do it again because you just grow as a person in tough times. You get to show some character and build yourself up. I've continued to get better as a quarterback and I feel better, and I have no regrets coming back for a fifth year."

Powlus has possibly two games left (pending a bowl bid) left in his Notre Dame career, and that means two more chances to show his resilience, tenacity, and to hear the sound of his supporters one last time. He will be eligible for the NFL Draft, but he is undecided if he will make that decision.

"I know if I was an NFL coach, based on the way Ron Powlus has responded this year, I would be even more convinced that he has a fine future in the NFL," Dave said. "Because he's a competitor and was able to bounce back from a pretty sensitive situation and take control.

For Powlus, the last five years have not been perfect. He has faced much adversity, both on a personal and a universal level, but it seems like even he realized that he could never fulfill the expectations created for him. No matter how good he has been, people always seem to want more out of Ron Powlus. But I will remember Notre Dame and the fans and everything that has happened to me, and how people remember me, that's certainly not up to me."
In the Spotlight
Defending Rainbow tailback Charles Tharp

One of the few bright spots for the 3-8 Rainbow this year has been the play of freshman running back Charles Tharp. Entering Hawaii amid high expectations, Tharp has exceeded them all in his first 11 games. With 682 yards rushing and a team-leading 37 receptions, the 18-year-old has emerged as a leading candidate for WAC newcomer of the year.

Having faced Amos Zereoue and Kevin Faulk the past two weeks, the Irish are familiar with top-flight running backs. Look for them to make some adjustments after giving up 234 yards last week to Zereoue.

Career record: 5-5
At Notre Dame: 6-5
Against Hawaii: 0-0

Melvin Damby has stayed healthy all season.

Brad Williams and Corey Bennett have been solid.

1st season at Notre Dame

Career record: 5-18
At Hawaii: 5-18
Against Notre Dame: 0-0

1st season at Hawaii

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5 20 Jadwiga Dziewart SPLIT END 5-8 154 FR
6 21 Jamie Spencer FB 5-10 204 JR
7 18 Chris Gamiar OLB 5-11 207 FR
8 17 Brian Morley OL 6-2 320 JR
9 16 Johnathon Herbert RB 5-11 185 FR
10 15 Jerimi Bourland WR 5-11 174 FR
11 14 Robbie Robinson DB 5-9 166 SR
12 14 Eric Hannum KS 6-2 170 SO
13 13 Anthony Smith DB 6-1 183 SO
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21 7 Echo Charles WR 5-10 193 SO
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Seniors provide spark for improbable turnaround

It's common. It's cliché. It's even a little scary.

To attribute success to the efforts of a college athletic team to the leadership of its seniors is often just lip service to the players who have paid their dues and will soon arrive at their final moments on the field of play.

For the 1997 Notre Dame football team though, nothing could be further from the truth. The fourth- and fifth-year players have been an essential part of one of the most improbable turnarounds in college football history.

Now some may say that the Irish lost early on because the level of competition was higher and there is certainly some merit to that claim. After all, look at where our favorite team from Ann Arbor is heading now.

But that is really my point. After a crushing defeat as the hands of Purdue and a flat-out stomping by Michigan State, a big loss at Michigan would have been surprisingly understandable by Notre Dame standards. And what happened?

Ron Powlus stepped up and completed 20 passes on 27 attempts, including a perfectly placed touchdown pass to Bobby Brown to open the scoring. Malcolm Johnson hauled in seven of Powlus' 20 completions, converting them into 106 yards of vertical offense. All of this came against one of the best secondaries in the nation. In fact, Notre Dame has been the only team to give Charles Woodson any serious problems all year.

There, the adversity, the losing streak, and the mental strain of the middle game of the three-game road stretch was too much for the entire Irish team when it arrived in Stanford. But the team continued to persevere, led by its seniors.

The contest at Pittsburgh did not only present Notre Dame with a shot at come-from-behind. It challenged the Irish with the possibility of a loss that would be the icing on the cake for critics of the Blue and Gold everywhere. It may have meant that the skill the team was experiencing would not be reversed.

Senior cornerback Allen Rossum would have none of it. He grabbed the opening kickoff and sped downfield 93 yards for a touchdown which took the Panthers out of the game before it had even gotten under way.

There was plenty of action throughout the remainder of the game, but the captain's kick return made it all seem like a formality. Those are the kind of plays that a team needs from its veterans in order to succeed.

Again, the Irish were hit with a disappointing setback, getting nipped by rival Southern California for the second consecutive season.

Instead of letting the team get down on itself, the seniors rose to the occasion once again against Boston College. Powlus, Johnson, and Rossum all made big plays, while getting help from classmates Ken Barry (41 yards on five carries), Melvin Dansby (seven tackles; Eagles rushed for only 83 yards on 32 carries), and Scott Cengia, who despite missing his first PAT attempt of the game (and the season), went on to hit four extra points and two field goals.

We all know how the story has gone from there.

Rossum averted a Titanic disaster with his hustle against Navy. Powlus avoided mistakes and thereby accentuated those made by Herb Tyler in Baton Rouge, and his拦阻 against the Mountaineers to scale the mystique of Notre Dame.

These seniors led the way into Death Valley and left its inhabitants high and dry before returning to the House that Rockne Built, and defending it (in their final appearance there) like it was always meant to be defended.

Notre Dame now hops on a plane for the middle of the Pacific Ocean, carrying a four-game winning streak and the ability to determine their own post-season fate. What's more, the Irish seniors have helped re-establish a program that many observers had assumed was on its death bed, while restoring hope to the hearts of Irish faithful whose faith had begun to waver.

If the departing members of the 1997 Fighting Irish football team are to "go out in style," as senior center Rick Kaczynski (who is scheduled to start his 34th consecutive game for Notre Dame on Saturday) declared after beating West Virginia, they must do what they have done all along. They must dig deep inside themselves and reach for just a little more heart, a little more grit, and a little more pride.

If they are able to do so, and the rest of the team responds in kind by beating Hawaii and advancing to a bowl game, then these outgoing players will be remembered for much more than their win-less percentage over the last four or five years. They will go down in Blue and Gold history as the class that refused to let Notre Dame football fade into the mediocrity and who set the tone for the next generation of Irish champions.
Spartans search for possible bowl bid

Pac-10, ACC rivals battle for state pride

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No. 4 Penn State at Michigan State

Their Rose Bowl hopes dashed, and their thoughts of a possible title all but crushed by the Wolverines, the Nittany Lions will attempt to earn a bid to an alliance bowl by tak­
ing on the intra-state rivals of their 1997 nemesis. The Spartans, who have fallen from grace in many respects, hope to salvage their season and a shot at a bowl by play­
ing the role of spoiler when they host Penn State on Saturday.

Michigan State defeated Illinois last Saturday to end a four-game losing streak which began back on Oct. 18 when upset-minded Northwestern ambushed the undefeated Spartans.

From that point, until last weekend, the schedule was not kind, as Nick Saban’s team received visits from national championship favorite Michigan and power­ful Ohio State before travelling to West Lafayette, Ind., where only this week’s opponents have prevailed in 1997.

Paterno and company must not let their guard down as they travel to East Lansing. The Spartans, who have not won at home since Oct. 4, are aching for a home victory to close out the season. The Lions should be headed for a showdown with a top 10 team on New Year’s Day.

No. 14 Georgia at Arizona State

Its only loss of the season came at the hands of the Huskies in Seattle, so a win here would give the Sun Devils a fitting sequel to its 1996 run for the Roses. Arizona State was eliminated from contention for a second consecutive Rose Bowl berth when Washington State did what the Sun Devils could not and beat Washington on the road. The Cougars will repre­sent the Pac-10 instead of Arizona State, despite the fact that Washington State suf­fered its only loss at the hands of the Devils.

The Wildcats are also look­ing to make their year by beating its in-state enemies. State embarrassed Arizona in 1996 on their way to an unde­feated regular season, so keeping the Sun Devils out of an alliance Bowl would be the perfect revenge for the Wildcats.

This Saturday, Georgia Tech, led by quarterback Joe Hamilton (above), hopes to avenge last year’s loss to state rival Georgia.
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