Lecture debates teaching creationism, evolution in school

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant News Editor

The clash between creationists and evolutionists that has existed since Charles Darwin’s days continued Thursday night at Robert Pennock’s lecture.

His lecture, entitled “Should Evolution be Taught in the Public Schools? What Dorothy Lawrence did when the Creationist Whirlwind Hit Kansas,” tackled the issues of where and when evolution should be taught.

“The way creationists would like this to work is as a dual model,” Pennock explained. He was referring to the debate on whether creationism should be part of evolution in science courses.

Pennock first explained his belief that evolutionary theory is the only theory with solid evidence to back it up. He also said introducing creationism in the classroom would open the door for countless other theories on the development of life.

“If it would lead to a chaotic education system, not a workable one,” Pennock said.

Pennock’s lecture was centered on discussion of the landmark case in Kansas during the summer of 1999 when the Kansas State School Board voted to use creationist-revised science standards which, Pennock stated, essentially removed evolution from the curriculum.

Pennock explained that the school board brought in light a debate and a faulty set of arguments that have been around since the theory of evolution arose. Creationists, he said, have looked for holes in the theory of evolution since its inception.

They have not, however, presented scientific evidence in support of evolution, he explained. “They really do see this as good and evil,” Pennock said. “They see it as a battle between the good side of the Force and the bad side.”

He emphasized how this system of beliefs opposes the scientific community’s philosophy.

“This is quite contrary to the scientific point of view which bases conclusions on the evidence,” Pennock said.

In addition to addressing the attacks on evolution by creationists, Pennock spoke to why evolutionary theory is not, fundamentally, in opposition to religion, and Catholicism in particular.

“Both Pope John Paul II and Pope Pius XII made statements that said there was no conflict,” he said. “It is, in my experience, students who come from Catholic schools who know evolution the best.”

He explained that, just because

As recently as last spring, SafeRide was hampered by issues with hiring drivers and adequately staffing them for weekend shifts. Last fall, SafeRide’s role at the University came into question. The Student Senate formed an ad hoc committee to investigate the program’s effectiveness as a campus service. “The (current University) seniors were the last class to really see it working effectively,” said O’Donoghue, who also is skeptical of any large student demand for the program.

Dave Powers believes there is a need for the program which he oversees as coordinator in last year. SafeRide functioned with 10 drivers last semester, according to Powers. The program ran on Friday and Saturday nights, generally between the hours of 11 p.m. and 3 a.m. and provided transportation from areas near campus and in downtown South Bend. About 30 to 40 students

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Accustomed to victory**

Watching Thursday night football last night, I laughed when I saw North Carolina State fans charge the field and tear down the goal posts after their Wolfpack's victory against Georgia Tech. That's right. They tore down the goal posts because they beat Georgia Tech. Unranked, 2-2 Georgia Tech.

It was obvious to me that NC State fans had no idea how to celebrate a victory. They beat a mediocre, middle-of-the-pack ACC team, you don't tear down the goal posts. They should have been more brat in their team's accomplishments but you act like you expected your team to win. But NC State fans can be教育者一点有见地，他们确实有共同的荣誉，因为他们都爱爱尔兰。爱尔兰留学时的粉丝手册。

**The Observer**'s football section and hold up their helmets. They had a bit of Irish fan etiquette.

When you chant "overrated," you stand the errors of their ways but unfortunately years ago. My friends and I tried to start up a football team worth watching. We had a bit of Irish fan etiquette.

**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

**JMU students win athletic discrimination case**

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**Local Weather**

**Pittsburgh**

The weather forecast for today is mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 70°F. It is expected to be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.

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**University of Utah**

Football player assaults student

SALT LAKE CITY

Sean Patrick O'Keefe, a walk-on member of the University of Utah football team, was charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault Wednesday for his alleged involvement in a weekend altercation. O'Keefe, a freshman defensive end from Sandy, Utah, allegedly hit 17-year-old Nathan Pherson over the head with a baseball bat at a party early Sunday morning, causing Pherson to be sent to University Hospital with life-threatening head injuries. The incident occurred at approximately 1 a.m. Allegedly, O'Keefe hit Pherson so hard that the bat broke. Pherson was originally treated in the hospital's Intensive Care Unit, but has since been moved from the ICU and upgraded to fair condition. According to hospital spokesperson John Dwan, Pherson remains hospitalized with skull fractures and internal bleeding. One doctor said he "could not believe that Pherson was still alive," given the seriousness of his injuries.
O’Kane’s estate bestows University with $88,232 gift

By JARED JODREY

Notre Dame recently received a donation of $88,232 from the charity of late University alumnus Francis O’Kane.

O’Kane, a former corporate lawyer, drugstore owner and World War II veteran, died at age 89 in 1997. Following the death of his wife, Mary, last May, Renaissance, Inc., a social capital company with a mission to “increase the quantity and quality of philanthropy in this country,” delivered his bequest, totaling $353,000.

O’Kane had established a charitable remainder trust in 1995, to the four institutions that had profound effects on his life. In addition to Notre Dame, donations went to the other two schools he attended, the Fordham Preparatory School in New York, and Harvard Law School, as well as the Calvary Hospital, in New York, where his mother was a patient prior to her death. All of the donations were of equal amounts.

After graduating from Harvard Law School, O’Kane worked for several years as a corporate lawyer until the outbreak of World War II in which he served six years on the European front, eventually being stationed on the French and German border.

Upon returning to the United States after the war, he proceeded to take over the family business, a drugstore in the Bronx. He married his wife in 1946 and they both died. The remainder of what they didn’t use was to be donated to designated charities.

Cary Solida of Renaissance, Inc., believed that the funds allotted to Notre Dame were “unencumbered” and were sent to the development office for their use in whatever area they deemed fit.

Renaissance, Inc. administers over 5,000 charitable trusts and each year directs an average of $25 million to charities.

Accounting department maintains high ranking

By NATASHA GRANT

The accounting department is again ranked No. 6 and No. 11 for undergraduates and graduates respectively in a survey by the Public Accounting Report. The results are based on a poll of faculty at accredited accounting programs.

The department was able to keep its high ranking by “maintaining a quality curriculum which is a continuous challenge,” according to Thomas Schafer, department chair of accounting.

“Making sure that the faculty has enough time for curricular development keeps us at the cutting edge of a rapidly changing field,” Schafer said. Schafer also said the student body is a great reflection of the department’s success. “A lot of credit goes to how successful our students are when they leave Notre Dame,” he said.

Students with a Notre Dame degree in accounting have even better chances at finding jobs suitable to their fields. The students’ curriculums lead “directly into services such as tax, assurance services, financial representation and managerial accounting,” said Schafer.

He said that the high rankings helps to attract recruiters and recruits alike. The ranking “helps attract top students” for both graduate and undergraduate programs as well as the big businesses looking to recruit students right out of college.

Just recently, a fifth year was added to the accounting department.

“I am pleased with Notre Dame’s placement in the rankings,” said Paquita Friday, professor at the university. “However, I believe that once the five-year program is more established, it will be ranked higher.”

The additional year is optional. “Since the majority of students in the five-year program have Notre Dame degrees, the coursework is different,” Friday said. “I think that students decide whether to stay based on their state’s requirement for the CPA exam.”

“It depends on what you want to do,” said Natalie Morgan, a prospective accounting major. “If you want to get your CPA to work with the public, you stay for the fifth year. If you want to work for private corporations, you stay for four years.”

She said that the No. 6 and the No. 11 rankings were well deserved and called them “a very fair assessment.”

“The University employs great professors who are willing to go the extra mile to make sure that students understand the accounting process,” Morgan added. “They also help students to be successful in their endeavors.”

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Darwinism that was used to justify Nazi Germany. Pennock explained that it was not a direct result of evolutionary theory, but a twisting of the scientific theory to justify an evil cause. "People took fitter to mean better and to mean good, and continued it to mean morally good," Pennock explained. "There is nothing in evolutionary theory that requires that kind of conclusion. It is people imposing their prior prejudices on a theory.

Pennock is an associate professor at Lyman Briggs School at Michigan State and was named a national distinguished lecturer for 2000-2002 by the Sigma Xi Society. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology and philosophy from Earlham College and earned his Ph.D. in history and the philosophy of science from the University of Pittsburgh. Pennock will also be speaking on Friday at noon on "The Ethical Challenges of Emerging Biotechnologies" in Stapleton lounge.

Rodriguez celebrates Las Posadas at SMC


By KATIE MILLER News Writer

Small children dressed as Mary and Joseph led the way while pilgrims followed behind: Spanish dancers took the stage at Le Mains Hall Thursday evening, illustrating the Mexican festival of Las Posadas.

"I applaud Saint Mary's for relating to our culture. It is important for us to understand ourselves, who we are and where we come from." Las Posadas is the re-enactment of the re-enactment of the pilgrimage to the inn, the third lecture in the series Jubilee Time: Chicana 2000.

Mexican dancing and a re-enactment of the Nativity gave way to a special event. The third lecture in the series was "Las Posadas — A Festival of Dance," Rodriguez said. "It is so large, we have done a great deal ahead of time and is a time for family and learning.

"Mexican families always plan when they will have their parties and whose will be the largest," she said. "I am an active way of teaching children about the Nativity."

Rodriguez brought visitors to re-enact the pilgrimage to the inn.

"I'm very proud of my culture," Rodriguez said. "It is so beautiful. Such emotions are expressed."

Mendelson gift allows for new sports center

Special to The Observer

Joseph Mendelson of Santa Barbara Calif., has established a $2.5 million endowment for Notre Dame's Center for Sport, Character & Culture.

A longtime advisor to the University, Mendelson is the parent of two Notre Dame graduates, Patrick Mendelson, Class of 1984, and Rachel Mendelson Rice, a 1987 alumna.

Mendelson was a charter member and served as a chair of the advisory council for Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life from 1980 to 1996. He also served on the advisory council for the Museo di Art from 1986 in 1989 and from 1991 to 2000.

"Joe Mendelson has been extraordinarily generous to Notre Dame with his time, wise counsel and resources," said University President Father Edward Malloy, "His commitment to enfolding our Center for Sport, Character & Culture ensures that this new scholarly enterprise will continue to provide insightful understanding of how sport can make positive contributions to the moral fabric of our society.

Mendelson's interest in the Center for Sport, Character & Culture stems in part form his work as a coach of high school track and cross country teams, including a state champion, in California.

The Mendelson Center for Sport, Character & Culture, as it will be known, was established in 1999 to promote sport as a means for developing and expressing various facets of human excellence, especially moral virtue, and to offer a social critique of practices that undermine the potential of sport to build character.

The center is directed by the wife and husband team of Brenda Light Bredemeier and David Light Shields, two of the nation's leading experts on the relationship between athletics participation and character development. In addition to their own research, Bredemeier and Shields organize seminars and conferences, offer courses and workshops and stimulate discourse and consensus-building concerning sports goals and practices.

"We salute Joe Mendelson for his generous gift to endow our center," Bredemeier said. "His support, both personal and financial, will help us continue our efforts to link character development through sport and extend our effort to develop programs that will maximize the positive role sport can play in participant development."

Mendelson's new commitment is a component of the University's Generations capital campaign, the first fund-raising effort in the history of Catholic higher education.

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received rides each night.

"It served as a way for kids to get back if they were stranded off campus," Powers said. "It's a great service that we'd like to see continue."

Powers said that although SafeRide is presently non-operational, funds have still been set aside for the program this year. He said that if the office of the Student Body opts to discontinu

SafeRide, the funds would be directed elsewhere.

"That money would be put into other worthwhile endeavors. But we'll have to make a decision about SafeRide's future first," he said.
PERU

Armed forces support Fujimori

Associated Press

LIMA

Afters days of silence that stilled four-week-old fighting, the powerful armed forces sided publicly Thursday with President Alberto Fujimori in a political crisis over his dismantling of Peru's much-feared national spy agency.

The declaration of military support, the first since Fujimori announced his move against the agency Saturday, appeared aimed at easing public worries in a country with a long history of military coups.

It also appeared to quiet speculations over who really controlled Peru, the president or his national intelligence chief, who is embroiled in a bribery scandal that is forcing Fujimori to cut short his presidency.

But military experts cautioned that the chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, remains powerful, with no support in the armed forces, and is working behind the scenes to stifle prosecution in the corruption scandal.

A videotape distributed last week, which showed Montesinos apparently bribing an opposition congressman, sparked the political crisis that is ending Fujimori's decade-long grip on power.

Fujimori is holding a joint meeting of Congress.

Tuesta said Fujimori was intent on tightly controlling the transition and could not be counted out for a comeback.

"I don't think Fujimori is the kind of person who will just go off and write his memoirs or give international conferences," said Tuesta.

Military experts cast doubt on whether Fujimori was in control of the military, despite the communiqué professing support.

"The president is mistaken if he thinks by communicating that the National Intelligence Service is being deactivated his adviser will be out of a job," said retired army Gen. Daniel Mora, a government critic.

There were unconfirmed reports Thursday that Montesinos had moved his command post from the air base into the "Pentagon," headquarters of the army. The army is the most powerful branch of the armed forces and Montesinos has hand-picked the generals who fill its key command positions.

"Montesinos has decided who enters and leaves the army command," said political scientist Fernando Rosspigliosi. "He manages the apparatus through blackmail, espionage, extortion. They may eventually get him out, but for now I don't think Fujimori is in charge of the situation.

Rosspigliosi said the military communique appeared to be a move to ease public worries over the crisis.

"They've done this several times before. The communiqué is for public consumption" and is intended to make it appear Fujimori is in charge, Rosspigliosi said.

IRAQ

First solid-fuel missile test-fired

Associated Press

TEHRAN

Iran has successfully test-fired its first solid-fuel missile, which the government said was part of a program for launching satellites, the state news agency said Thursday.

Defense Minister Vice Adm. Ali Shamkhani said the missile, the Shahab-3D, would be used for non-military purposes, the Islamic Republic News Agency said.

Shamkhani was quoted saying the missile was built by the national aerospace authority as part of a program for building rockets to launch satellites. He insisted Iran did not produce offensive weapons, the agency added. He did not give the rocket's range or other details.

In Washington, however, a senior Clinton administration official said that while Iran did conduct a test, it was not successful. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, gave no details.

Earlier, a U.S. intelligence official, Robert D. Walpole, cast doubt on the success of the launch during testimony to a Senate subcommittee hearing.

"They say it's successful. We're analyzing the data from the launch and we tell you more ... but be careful when you get public announcements like this." said Walpole, of the National Intelligence Council, a group of officials from major U.S. intelligence organizations that advises the director of the CIA.
Bush hits hot spots to sway female votes

Associated Press

NEW YORK

For the second time this week, George W. Bush will settle into a TV talk show’s guest chair. It’s time on “Live With Regis,” in pursuit of female vote seekers who lean toward Democratic presidential rival Al Gore.

The Republican presidential nominee’s appearance with Regis Philbin on Thursday follows his visit Tuesday — with talk show host Oprah Winfrey, a long-hour chat that advisers rated a “home run” for its focus on Bush as a father and husband. Some polls showed him running even again with Gore after eliminating some of the Democrat’s recent advances.

Polls have shown female voters with a preference have given Gore his strongest lead in most of the key states. Gallup released Thursday showed the vice president ahead by 17 points.

The latest poll from the Pew Research Center showed Gore leading among women on all the issues they consider most important — Social Security and Medicare to health care and education. Gore also has an advantage in protecting and strengthening families, 44-37, according to the survey.

But Bush believes his message will resonate with women. More so about his proposal to hold schools accountable for the education of their students and the dedication to his family. Helping out, wife Laura was appearing Tuesday on ABC’s “Good Morning America.”

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Follow the Road to True Fortune
by Amy Seamon

I went for a walk this past weekend. My mom, dad, and some friends came down from Grand Rapids, Michigan for the football festivities and were anxious to tour campus. We met at my house, took a left out the front door, saw the golden dome and as cliché as it may sound, I started heading home.

We headed down Notre Dame Avenue pointing out all of the beautiful landscaping and seeing taxis cart students away for a nice quarter meal with friends. Our first stop was the bookstore where for the first time since I can remember my dad did not buy a single thing for my mom or me, but we did get to see the “real Rudy.” We then stopped for a bite at Reckers and I could not help but recall some of my late night trips for a smoothie with my girls from McGlinn. I took them to see my new office. Then we headed to the grotto. I walked past my favorite bench by the lakes, noted many couples taking romantic walks, and then walked down the road that simply led me to follow the light. I cannot tell you how many times I have walked this road before.

I graduated from Notre Dame just four short months ago. I find myself in a very familiar place without the hassle of classes and homework. Like many Seniors, in the final months before graduation I panicked about my future and realized that, if I could do college all over again, I would probably have been a Biology major and not English. But life has a funny way of working itself out and I have been blessed with an internship at Campus Ministry. I am working with some of the best people on this campus.

My mom, Mrs. DiLorenzo and I went to light our candles as my dad and Mr. D. stood watch. I walked ahead of the girls, found my “usual spot,” lit a candle for an unexpected intention, and then I wept. I cried like a little girl. Suddenly, I realized exactly where I was, who was with me, and why I was there. My worries and personal stresses from the past weeks exploded and I felt myself growing weaker. My full calendar, challenges with relationships, and transition from student to staff became, in that moment, too much for me to handle. Who would have thought that my mom would be there to make it all better? A routine trip to the grotto became a rediscovery of family, God, and myself.

And it’s not just our paths we should be concerned with. We are called to be a light for one another and help each other find the path that leads us closer to God.

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There are so many times in our daily routines when we take for granted the path we are following. Whether it is the path we follow to the grotto for a prayer around finals time or the quad we walk down to get to work or class, no two days can or ever will be exactly the same.

Many students within the Notre Dame community have expressed the need for a place where they can gather and share their faith journey while reading and reflecting upon scripture. Campus Ministry listened and created Emmaus. By joining a faith-sharing group, you join a community that promises to be more than just another “club” on the résumé or appointment in your date book. Forming an Emmaus group can mean gathering new and old friends to share what is most important in our lives. I pray that your hearts might burn with the same fire as the Lord walks with you and explains the scriptures to you as you continue your faith journey.

A life of faith shared in community demands commitment. Emmaus is an opportunity to mature in faith and build an intimate and trusting environment that will allow you to address some of life’s most important questions with people who are there to support you and grow spiritually in a communal setting. I pose this challenge to you: commit yourself to an Emmaus group for a semester. Campus Ministry can form a group for you. Or ask people in your hall section to form a group. Maybe some friends in a choir or an athletic team would like to pray outside of weekly rehearsal or practice. RA’s could form a group and take this time to talk about the struggles and rewards of each week. Emmaus is for everyone and anyone.

Follow the road to true fortune. Make your Emmaus group a place to come home to, a road you can keep traveling on to continue your journey of faith and nurture lifelong friendships with one another. Take the time to build a community of faith venturing down a new and exciting path and I promise your journey will be blessed.

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**ENGLAND**

**Attackers blast headquarters, cause limited damage**

Associated Press

LONDON

Unknown attackers fired a "small missile" at the headquar-
ters of Britain’s M16 intelligence agency in central London late Wednesday, causing an explo-
sion on the eighth floor, police said.

The blast caused limited dam-
age and no injuries to the 10-
story structure at the heart of
Britain’s intelligence abroad.

Witnesses reported hearing two explosions, large enough to send up a plume of white smoke and to rattle buildings across a railway. The blast brought fire-
fighters, police and ambulances to the site on the south bank of the River Thames, and police closed the area around the head-
quart ers.

Police Deputy Assistant
Commissioner Alan Fry, in charge of the Anti-Terrorist
Branch, said that at 9:45 p.m.
"an object was fired at Vauxhall
Cross, which is the headquarters
of the Secret Intelligence Service."

"To examination of the exter-
or of the building showed that
some form of small missile has
hit the exterior at about the
eighth floor," he told a news con-
ference.

Asked if the object was like a
mortar shell, he said he doubted
it was that powerful. "In all
probability I would doubt it is a
mortar — I would have expected
more substantial damage," he
said.

Fry said it was too early to say
if Irish republican groups might
be involved. Clearly we have to
keep in mind the capabilities of
disident Irish groups, but at this
stage we will not be ruling out
any group who might see the
secret intelligence service as a
target," Fry said.

The blast caused minimal
damage and the work of the
intelligence service was not dis-
rup ted, he said, adding that no
claim of responsibility for the
attack has been made.

Foreign Secretary Robin Cook,
whose department is responsible
for M16, said there were no
injuries.

The 10-story, cream and green
modern-style structure was fea-
tured in the James Bond movie,"The World is not Enough," and in one scene was shown being blown up by a terrorist bomb.

Police immediately closed off
roads leading to the area, locat-
ed between Vauxhall and Lambeth bridges over the River
Thames. Officers in yellow slick-
ers cordoned off the building,
harming even police cars from
passing the bar-
riers. The
London Fire
Brigade had two
fire engines and
crews at the
scene.

"We just heard
two God-
almy bangs, a loud one first, and then another one," said
T he r e s a
Harding, 68, who lives nearby.

"We honestly
thought it was
fireworks."

One witness,
Andrew Preece,
told BBC News
24 he was dri-
v ing home when
he saw a flash of
light coming from
the top of the M16 building.
"I looked as if
it was internal
from the center
of the building
but the flash of
light was from
the top of the
building," he
said. It was fol-
lowed by a loud
bang and the
ground seemed
to shake and my car was shak-
ing."

Earlier this year, the Foreign
Office said it was tightening
security procedures after report-
ed lapses.

In May, a laptop computer that contained missing training information for one of Britain’s
spy agencies was mishandled and recovered by police two weeks later. News reports suggested that an M16 agent left the laptop in a taxi after spending a night
drinking at a bar near the
agency’s headquarters.

M16, formed in 1921, is
responsible for foreign intel-
ligence. It is thought to cooperate
closely with the domestic securi-
ty service MI5 in keeping track
of Irish terror groups.

The high-tech spy headquar-
ters bristles with security fea-
tures. Much of the complex is
below street level to protect the
most sensitive areas from terror-
ist attacks.

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- The call of the Gospel: building the Christian community

During the civil war in El Salvador, many citizens were forced to flee the country as refugees. Upon returning to their home-
land, they were faced with the challenge of rebuilding the com-
unities that had been destroyed by the violence of the war.

John Giuliano, 14-year resident of El Salvador, has played a
key role in the rebuilding of the repatriated community of
Guarjila. Through his youth organization, Los Tamarindo,
he continues to work to heal the scars left by the terror of war
and to build the Christian community. Guarjila is a site for the
CSC’s International Summer Service-Learning Program.

- This event is co-sponsored by the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, the Theology Department, and the Catholic Social Traditions Department.
At last Friday's pep rally, head coach Bob Davey thanked the student body for their support at the Nebraska game and said he didn't see a single red shirt in the student section. He acknowledged that the student body are always the most emotional and most vocal supporters of the Irish football team. However, this weekend in a critical road game for the Irish against the Spartans of Michigan State, the student body will be virtually silent. The intensity and volume generated by the 10,000 students at home games will be significantly reduced. Only 19% of students received tickets for the Student Board lottery ticket. Only 19% of students could win tickets because the University allotted only 200 of the 5,000 Notre Dame tickets for student use. The University has set aside 1,500 tickets for internal University use and 3,300 tickets for alumni. Considering the large number of University officials and alumni that sold tickets to Nebraska fans, it's especially disheartening to see these names groups receive priority over students.

When the Irish need strong support from their fans in a tough road game, they need student support. They need to hear more than 19% of their classmates screaming in the stands.

Unlike games played in Orlando or Los Angeles, games in East Lansing are reasonable day trips from South Bend. If the University would allot more of its away tickets, especially for nearby games, the students could support their team in the stands and not from their couches.
Unravelling the mystery of ND ROTC

Just across Juniper Road, on the outskirts of campus, there is a building. In front of that building there are flags flying high and a sign that says "The Warrior Lounge." Almost anyone would think that this is a place where students go to socialize or study. But upon closer inspection, you would realize that this is a place where students go to learn about the realities of war.

Almost every student has had at least one ROTC class at Notre Dame. The Warrior Lounge is where many students go to learn about the ROTC program, which is a part of the University of Notre Dame. The Warrior Lounge is the center of the ROTC program at Notre Dame, and it is where students can learn about the different aspects of the program.

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If you are interested in learning more about the ROTC program, you should visit the Warrior Lounge. It is a great place to learn about the different aspects of the program, and it is a great place to meet other students who are interested in the ROTC program.

Jim Arkedis
September 21, 2000

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Questioning the Observer's Independent Stance

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By KATIE MALMQUIST
Senior Writer

This weekend, the first away game of the football season will mark the opening of another kind of season on the Notre Dame campus: SYR Season... no, wait, that’s “All Hall Dance” Season. Formerly known as the SYR, the “All Hall Dance” is as much a tradition at Notre Dame as pep rallies and the Alma Mater. It constitutes such an integral part of dorm life that most freshmen find themselves anticipating their first dance before they even step foot on campus. The name itself is a throwback to the depths of Notre Dame history, the letters standing for “Screw Your Roommate” and denote a time when roommates got to choose each other’s dates - a situation which proved advantageous if you had a good roommate, but had the potential to get ugly, in more ways than one.

Today, the process of finding a date has evolved and most students fend for themselves. The recent change in name, abandoning the familiar title of SYR in favor of “All Hall Dance,” reflects the death of this tradition. Those on campus, however, that would like to see this tradition reborn.

“If would be a good idea if the SYR theme was really how it used to be...[because] it would be a cool way to meet someone,” said Morrissy, Manor sophomore George Saib. But not to worry, the All Hall Dance can provide many of the same opportunities. Take, for example, John Bauters, a junior from Keenan Hall, who can boast attendance at 29 dances thus far in his college career.

“My freshman year, the girl I had asked found out she had to leave town... it was totally random but I had a really great time,” said Bauters. The upperclassmen in his hall made a game out of finding me a date.”

Taking turns calling girls off of Bauters’ T-shirt from the Graffiti Dance, the guys ended up buying dinner for the first one who found him a date. “I had a really great time, and actually became very good friends,” Bauters said of the girl he attended the dance with. “We are still close today.”

I’ve noticed that dates are just random are the best ones for me,” said off-campus senior Jackie Schmidt. “When there are no expectations it’s so much easier to just let go and have a good time.”

Of course, this good time depends on many things, and your date is often the number one factor.

So what exactly makes a good date? “Someone who is not looking for a relationship!” said Ann Oleiniczak, a sophomore in McGlinch. “[I] definitely want someone who can dance, people who just want to cut loose. That’s what it’s all about,” said Bauters.

While some students feel that alcohol can enliven the party, many students say they don’t need the beverage to spice up their experience. “[The dance] does not have to involve alcohol,” said Angie Guhara, a sophomore in Lewis Hall. “As long as my date can have fun without it, it’s not a problem for me.”

For most people, the biggest challenge is the actual hunt for the date. While some popular methods include leafing through the dog book, finding someone outside of dining hall an hour before the dance and the ever-effective request for your roommate’s date to bring a friend, many students find ways that are, well, more creative.

“One, this fifth-year senior came up to me in the stir-stuff line at the dining hall,” said Schmidt. “The next thing I knew he had found my number... it was totally random but I had a good time.” This time of year, one can feel particular empathy for the freshmen who still don’t know a lot of people on campus. What do they expect? “I heard [All Hall Dance] was pretty bad... but I’m kind of looking forward to it,” said Dillon freshman Alan Ward.

Walsh freshman Cat Ruiz, on the other hand, heard “that they were a lot of fun. It’s just that it’s so early in the year, and you don’t know anyone so it’s kind of weird.”

All the freshmen really need to do, though, is pay attention to their fellow upperclassmen who have some great advice on asking their first date.

“Be persistent,” said Brian Ostek, a sophomore in Alumni Hall who admitted to asking six different people before finding someone for his first dance freshman year. “There are 8,000 other people on this campus who want to go to an All Hall Dance.”

“Just ask someone you know you’ll have fun with,” said O’Neill senior David Tyer. He says freshmen should “use the dance as an ice breaker if there’s someone you are interested in.”

Elizabeth Caballero, a sophomore in Walsh Hall, echoed the same. “You’ll never have the guts to ask that crush again; that’s the beauty of the first dance of freshman year.”

“Remember that it’s not a big deal... it’s not a matter of life and death,” said Schmidt. “It’s five hours with a person and as long as you keep a casual and open attitude you’re guaranteed to have a good time.”

And that is the goal, after all, right? Once the mad scramble for dates subsides, and each Doner finds him or herself paired off for the night, the search for the appropriate SYR gift begins. The mall fills with guys reluctantly purchasing various forms of Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC paraphernalia, and the bookstore becomes a shot glass facto...”

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8. Pez dispensers
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6. Twister

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Male dorms' dance dates

- **O’Neill** Friday, September 22nd
- **Singh-Fried** Friday, September 22nd
- **Zahn** Friday, September 22nd
- **Morrissey** - Saturday, September 29th
- **Alumni** Friday, September 29th
- **Pilcher** - Friday, September 29th
- **Keough** Saturday, September 30th
- **Knott** Saturday, September 30th
- **Sorin** Saturday, September 30th
- **St. Edwards** Friday, October 6
- **Stanford** Friday, October 27
- **Dillon** Saturday, December 2

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5. Dining Hall Items
4. Live Animals
3. Dead Animals (Steak dinner)
2. Stuffed Animals
1. Anything wrapped in The Observer
The game between Welsh and Lyons on Sunday at 2:00 will be a game of polar opposites. Welsh, a team composed of experienced veterans, is coming off a 29-6 thrashing of Pasquariella East. The predominately inexperienced Lyons team is reeling over their 26-0 loss to Cavanaugh.

"We've been practicing really hard and we've put a lot of work into it," said Lyons wide receiver Katie Schlosser. "We're looking forward to the challenge."

Although Lyons certainly has the work cut out for them, Coach Lisa Thomas believes that the first game was a great learning experience especially for the freshmen.

"Although we had a disappointing turnout in our first game, we expect to play better this week," Thomas said.

The odds are stacked against Lyons knowing off last year's champion and this year's preeminent favorite Welsh, the game on Sunday could provide the biggest upset of the season.

Lewis vs. Pasquariella East

For the Pyro offense, it could turn around Sunday at his office. After facing the stifling pass rush of Welsh Family last Thursday Pasquariella East faces a confident Lewis Clark defense. The game could square off at noon Sunday on the McGlinn fields to what might be a bruising defensive brawl for the books.

On the crushing Lewis defense led by linebacker Becky Ward, Coach Blake Kirkman says the Rams are "counting on her to be everywhere."

Kirkman added that Ward is a supervisor on a squad full of talent.

"The defensive line is solid. We have good players in the secondary too," Kirkman said.

Schlosser explained that the Rams are tinkering with their offensive strategy for their game against the Pyros.

"We passed too much last game," she noted. "We've brought in some new plays so we won't be so predictable.""The tough PE defense is seeking to improve against Lewis after giving up several big plays against Welsh. Defensive line man Brita McCullough said that practice this week was spent working on the defense and communicating better about what the offense is doing. McCullough explained that the team has responded well despite their loss.

"It's a place to start. We can build on it," she said.

On offense, the Pyros face the challenge of another strong defensive line and linebackers corps. But center Kristin King insisted PE will be ready for the challenge.

"We're studying their defense and making changes. We'll mix it up."

Pangborn vs. Howard

Pangborn and Howard combined for a total of zero points scored in their first games. Although Howard boomed back to score 16 points Thursday, both teams are looking to improve their offenses this weekend. They meet Sunday on the McGlinn fields for bragging rights over the grassy paradise known as South Quad.

With a base of freshman, Pangborn's offense is inexperienced and will need to rely on a veteran defense.

Captain defensive Erin Piroutek said that the Phoxes need "to stick to the fundamentals." She continued on to explain that her team will play "twice as tough" against the Pyros.

"The Pangborn defense is centered around its dynamic linebacker duo, Annie Sutera and Libby Cunningham. Piroutek said they will insert more blitzes into the defensive scheme on Sunday. The defense will also rely on the services of superstar "Crazy" Becky Weisberger. Captain Jeanne Treleven said Howard will be potent on offense against Pangborn. She commented that strong-armed quarterback Jill Veselik gives the Ducks big play capability.

Trefeln explained that the team will continue to "work on the offensive line and try new things on offense."

Emily Borg anchors the Duck Defense. Her strong corner back play has proved invaluable on Howard.

"The squad maintains tight coverage, but we need to work on the defensive line," Trefeln said.
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Dasso advances to round two**

The Observer

Notre Dame senior women's tennis All-American Michelle Dasso advanced to the second round of singles and doubles at the T. Rowe Price National Intercollegiate Clay Court Championships.

The Championships were opening leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association grand slam at the Suburban Club of Baltimore County in Pikesville, Md.

Dasso advanced to the second tennis All-American Michelle opening leg of the Suburban Club of Baltimore Championships.

The fifth-seeded 18th-ranked Dasso rallied to defeat Pepperdine qualifier Charlotte Vernaz 1-6, 7-5, 6-0 in her first match of the season. The eighth-ranked Irish doubles team of Dasso and junior Becky Varnum advanced to Friday's second round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Pacific's Christiane Barthel and Diane D'Audrey. Dasso and Varnum next will meet VCU's 17th-ranked Martina Nedelkova and Andrea Ondriva. Three-set winners over North Carolina's 30th-ranked Marlene Mojla and Erin Neibling Dasso will play Wake Forest's 31st-ranked Janet Bergman in the second round on Friday.

**MEN'S TENNIS**

Notre Dame tennis serves up victory

Special to the Observer

The Irish men's tennis team served victory as it hosted the Tom Fallon Invitational to open its season on Thursday.

Notre Dame won 12 of 13 matches against William & Mary at the Courtney Tennis Center. Irish junior Aaron Talario defeated William & Mary's 90th-ranked Trevor Spracklin 7-5, 6-2 in singles and later teamed with junior Javier Taborga for a win in doubles.

The ninth-ranked Taborga and Talario team edged Spracklin and Geoffrey Russell 9-8 in a seesaw match. The Irish juniors led 7-4 before the Tribe rallied to tie the set at 7-7 and then led 6-4 in the tiebreaker. Taborga and Talario came back in the tiebreaker in win six of the last eight points to start the season with a victory.

Taborga and junior Casey Smith also posted straight-set singles wins, while freshmen Lila Haddock-Morales and Matt Scott had successful debuts. Haddock-Morales defeated Patrick Brown 6-4, 6-3, while Scott beat Geoffrey Russell 6-3, 6-4.

Other singles winners for the Irish were junior Andrew Laflin and sophomores Brian Farrell, Bryan Acken and Chancey Martin.

Haddock-Morales and Smith won 8-5 in doubles over Brian Lubin and Jody Strik. Senior Ashok Raju and Scott teamed up for an 8-7 win in doubles, while William & Mary's Charles Briggs and Ryan Arko beat junior James Malham and sophomore Jake Cram 8-3 in doubles.

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of the Irish goals in Tuesday’s 2-1 home win against Cleveland State.

Sunday’s game against Connecticut pits the Irish against the highest-ranked team on their regular season schedule. The Huskies tied Rutgers for first in the Big East last year before advancing to the final four in the NCAA tournament.

This season’s Huskie team is currently 4-1, winning four straight after losing to No. 11 Wake Forest in the season-opening game. Connecticut takes on Big East rival Pittsburgh on Friday before heading to South Bend. Connecticut is lead by the leading scorer in the Big East in Cosaw Cuellar, who has put the ball in the net five times this season already. Darin Lewis has scored four times while taking only nine shots so far this season. In goal, Bryheem Hancock has allowed only four goals this season en route to recording three shutouts.

The Irish know that there is little margin for error against the talented Huskies. “They’re a really talented, experienced team,” said Pridmore. “As long as we make sure our defense is strong, we can create some shots.”

While the Irish have dominated on defense throughout the season, defensive breakdowns and penalties have led to opponent goals. Against Cleveland State, Irish defender Andres Forzini was called for tripping, a penalty which led to the Vikings’ only score off of the free kick. Pridmore stresses that there will no room for such mistakes against the Huskies.

“It’s going to be one of those games where we have to play our best for 90 minutes.”

Dustin Pridmore
senior tri-captain

“IT’S GOING TO BE ONE OF THOSE GAMES WHERE WE HAVE TO PLAY OUR BEST FOR 90 MINUTES.”

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Freshman midfielder Justin Detter moves the ball upfield during Tuesday’s 2-1 win over Cleveland State.

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Waldrum said. "We'll have to be enough to cause a problem, a hostile environment. We'll have to keep our focus."

The Mountaineers' schedule is not nearly as formidable as that of Notre Dame, but they nonetheless racked up an impressive 7-1 mark to date. "That's a big concern, good nontheless rack ed up an disciplined defensive soccer. The Mountaineers stay very organized in their own half of the field, making it difficult for opponents to find quality chances around the goal. "They play a frustrating style," Waldrum said. "They can be very difficult to break down."

After being tested on the road, Waldrum is hopeful his team can rise another exam, this time at home, as the Pittsburgh Panthers come to town for a Sunday afternoon battle. The Panthers have struggled late, and stand just 3-5 on the season. In a game the Irish expert to win handily, Waldrum hopes to rest some of his stars while providing the younger players a chance to play.

Players such as senior co-captain Anne Makinen, who has played an instrumental role in what has been a symphonic season, is due for a rest, as is goalkeeper Liz Wagner. "Hosting key players is something we hope to do," Waldrum said. "We're a little banged up, so this would be nice.

What Waldrum doesn't want is for his players to look past the boxy Panthers. Despite its lesser than impressive record, Pittsburgh poses a threat to Notre Dame. After being dominant all season, the Panthers erupted for seven goals in a shutout victory over the Sun Devils of ASU.

"I hope having a lot of people turn out to cheer for us will give us a little extra push," he said. "A little extra adrenaline would help us. "I feel the team should be able to do well this week," freshman Jessica Millares added. "We have done some different workouts this week, and we are running better as the season progresses."

The MIAA competition will be tough, however. The Calvin College women's cross country team is ranked second nationally in Division III competition and they will be out to keep that ranking. "I expect Calvin and Hope to be dominant," Barstis said. "The success of their programs means a lot of runners want to compete for them."

Although the Belles don't expect to finish in the top four teams, they think the competition between the next four teams will be challenging. "The next four positions are a toss up," Barstis said. "Adrian, Albion, Olivet and Saint Mary's could finish in any order."

Saint Mary's is ready for the competition. "We are going to have competition, but I think we are ready for it," Goss said. The meet kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday.
Irish runners host Catholic Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish cross country squads defend their home turf today as they host the National Catholic Invitational in the first of just two home meets.

Notre Dame will be the team to beat, seeing as neither the men or women's squad has lost since 1994. Despite its string of five consecutive titles, a first-place finish is by no means a sure thing for Notre Dame, particularly on the women's side.

"Loyola (Chicago), they're really good," women's cross country coach Tim Connelly said. "They've got a pretty veteran team. Most of their top kids are juniors and seniors. We're going to have to run really, really well to beat them."

An added challenge in aiming for No. 1 will be the absence of sophomore star Jennifer Handley, who likely will not run due to a foot problem.

"She's got a sore foot," Connelly said. "She's really improved a lot, but I don't want to set her back at all."

With Handley on the sidelines, the varsity lineup will likely consist of freshmen Megan Johnson and Rachel Endress, sophomores Muffy Schmidt and Jennifer Fibuch, juniors Hilary Burn and Anne McGrath and senior Chrissy Kuenster.

"We definitely want to win," Fibuch said. "I definitely think that we have the ability to do it. We just have to focus, and I think we have to want to run fast to win and just know we've been training hard enough to win. I don't think it's just going to come."

Loyola is the main competition for the title, but about 30 teams will fill out the field. Dayton, Detroit, St. John's and Lewis all feature several strong athletes.

On the men's side, Notre Dame looks likely to run away with the victory.

"We've dominated this meet the past few years," junior Luke Watson said. "I think we look strong enough that we shouldn't have any real problems at this level of meet."

Watson placed second in the meet a year ago. Marc Striowski, Sean Zanderson, Pat Conway, John Keane, David Alger and Kevin Brown will likely join him in the varsity race.

"We're still looking for some guys to step up," Watson said. "Our team is composed of a lot of guys who are freshmen or who haven't raced cross country in their career. What's going on tomorrow is we're just looking to get them some experience."

After Notre Dame, Loyola and Lewis should be the top contenders.

Since the National Catholic Invitational began 20 years ago, the Notre Dame men have captured 12 team championships. Since women's competition began 16 years ago, the Irish have taken home seven titles.

The junior varsity races begin at 3:30 p.m. today on Burke Memorial Golf Course, followed by the varsity competition.

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Rabid Bats seek redemption in rematch against Wave

By JOHNNY LEITNER, KATIE DEMENT, AND COLIN BOTLAN

Sports Writers

Defensive tradition takes center stage this Sunday afternoon, when the Fisher Hall Wave collides with the Rabid Bats of Zahm. Both teams, fresh off stellar performances by their defenses, intend on unleashing a ferocious attack against the opposition.

In the past three seasons, the matches between these two powerhouse houses have all been decided by seven points or less. Last season, Fisher triumphed over Zahm 7-0 on the strength of a special team's touchdown, Zahm Hall, anticpated a productive attack against the opposition.

"Fisher is always well prepared and plays good defense. We expect a defensive battle." - Brian Zant, Zahm Captain

The game plan is to hit hard, then hit harder, then hit even harder," Karolis said. "Defensively, the O's are well prepared and plays good defense. We expect a defensive battle.

"Fisher is always well prepared and plays good defense." - Brian Zant, Zahm Captain

Zahm's defense held St. Ed's offense to a field goal to the game in which they surrendered only a field goal to the defense.

"We played good defense but did not give our offense enough opportunities," Fisher Hall's defense said.

Fisher players know that Zahm is coming off of a resounding victory, a game in which they exceeded their point total for the entire 1999 season.

They expect a close game against the Rabid Bats, though, and are confident in their prospects.

"We expect to improve upon our offensive execution from last week," Fisher, shut out by Knott, looks to use their power game against Zahm, while the Rabid Bats are aiming for improved efficiency from their dynamic running and passing combination.

Carroll vs. Knott

Now on the interhall scene, Carroll Hall plays last year's champion Knott in a face off that is sure to challenge both teams. Team captains are sure to go out there and see what happens," Carroll team captain Geoff Polk said.

Carroll's 19-0 loss against Siegfried Senior last Sunday is not going to bring this rookie team down, according to Polk. Freshman quarterback Mike Demontz has the potential to prove his skills this game after throwing an interception against Siegfried.

Being back on the circuit gives the Vermin a chance to prove their fresh enthusiasm and drive intensity to move the ball.

"If we're going to stick with our offensive line, anchored by Luke Burke.

The offensive scheme this year should be relatively straightforward, according to Carroll Hall's offense.

"We're going to stick with our bread and butter, which has been downfield passing and running up the middle," be said.

Defensively, the Otters are helped by the versatility of Antione Tobias, who doubles as a receiver and a solid cover corner.

And though Sorin would like to explode out of the gate, the Otters are certainly not underestimating their first opponent.

"We're not looking past St. Ed's," said Crowe. "Anything can happen in interhall football and we know that."
by Matthew Cassidy, James Veraldi and Todd Nieft

Sports

Purple Weasels take on Shamrocks in enemy territory

By John Bacsko, Lauren Conti and Chris Federico

Sports

Keenan takes on Dillon in early season showdown

By Keenan Captain Ilerb Giorgio, is its quarterback Billy Ellsworth of Stanford. Parker still feels there is enough to win, "Ellsworth said. "It is better this week," he said.

If the defense is going to be laying the licks on people it will have to step up again, and give the offense a chance to make the big plays," Alumni captain Mitch Karmen said.

The McGlinn Shamrocks hope to be laying the licks out of our offense is that Jenny has thrown off everyone else's blocking, she said.

"I think part of the strength of our defense, well, there are six defensive backs together since freshman year. While quarterback Katie Wahoske. "We lost a handful of great players this season," said Glatz.

"I think the game Tuesday really proved to everything that the defense can lead up to. However, both have suffered from offensive struggles. In their three combined games, the two teams have managed only 18 total points. The Buffalos opened up the season with a scoreless tie to Pasquerilla West in which neither team could accomplish anything offensively. While quarterback Katie McFarland had a successful offensive touchdown pass; however, she also threw four interceptions.

"We're definitely playing the role of the underdog this year," said P.B. captain Jenny Wahoske. "We lost a handful of returning players to Off-campus, so it's a rebuilding year." The Banshee captain admits that their young team is somewhat inexperienced, but she sees improvement with each practice. "I know we will do better," she said. "We've just got to beat the odds."
Johnson, Greene, Jones sprint past opponents

Sydney, Sept. 22 (AP) -- Michael Johnson had the fastest qualifying time in the 400 meters Thursday to advance to the second round in Sydney.

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Swimming

Inge de Bruijn sets Olympic record in 50-meter freestyle

San Diego, Sept. 21 (AP) -- Dara Torres finished second in the 50-meter freestyle Thursday.

Track and Field

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Sydney, Sept. 22 (AP) -- Michael Johnson had the fastest qualifying time in the 400 meters Thursday to advance to the second round in Sydney.
Women's Soccer

Belles look to score for victory

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Spokeswriter

The game plan is the same: they want to win. They won last year, but after Manchester they know that is no guarantee.

When the Belles face Adrian on Saturday, they have two things on their minds. First, to score; and, second, to come back to Saint Mary’s the victor.

“I am ready to go out there and win since the loss Wednesday (against Manchester) was so disappointing,” freshman Stephanie Artnak said. “I think we can take Adrian by surprise because we have a lot of heart and we’re finally going to put it all together.”

The Bulldogs, who will host Saturday’s match, enter the game with more than a little to prove after league losses to Hope and Olivet. They also have a score to settle after last year’s defeat at the hands of the Belles in the final minute of double overtime.

In that game, current Belles co-captain Heather Muth, then a freshman, ended a seemingly endless game with a last-minute shot which snuck past Bulldogs netminder Sarah Moulik, also a freshman. Moulik finished the season with an Adrian record-setting 1.97 GAA.

“I’m just ready to do it again, if necessary,” Muth said. “Hopefully we’ll beat them in regulation this year.”

Last year’s victory over the Bulldogs marks the only loss Adrian suffered in a total of six overtimes. The Bulldogs finished the 1999 season with a 7-9-2 record. This season they are 3-5 overall and 0-2 in the MIAA.

Saint Mary’s will face tough competition in returning Adrian players. Adrian senior Kelly Neumann is a three-time All-MIAA Honorable Mention, and has three goals thus far this season. Sophomore Jenny Perrin led the Bulldogs last year with 15 points, and leads again this year with three goals and one assist. Moulik has a 1.57 GAA average just into the 2000 season.

The Bulldogs are coached by Rick Gutierrez.
Crossword

ACROSS
34 Stop along the Trans-Siberian Railroad
37 Traveling 18 American chicken variety
42 Soap scent
46 Guinea pig
47 Put one's name on
49 Hawaiian harvest
50 Cane
55 Hebrew for "day"
56 Flying Circus performer
57 Comic
60 Sister
61 Cell disassociation
62 Muffled sound
64 Balances
66 Studiumger
68 Like some mountains
70 African danger

DOWN
1 Places for heroes
2 Like 25-Down
3 The Far Country, an Old West novel
4 You may be down on one
5 Eliminate one's shadow?
6 Wick connection
7...Nova
8 Math makes up half of it. Abbrev. 9...record
10 Short and sweet?
11 Criticize in no uncertain terms
12 Chicken breaths may come with it...12
13 "As You Like It" Hero
14 One might do it after being slammed
15 African dangers
16 One acting on impulse?
17 Joined together
18 "Wedway!"
22 Manager
25 Fixed performer
35 Cartoonist
36 Kearne
38 Fighting
39 Stained
40 Word after two, three or four
41 Cut into
43 Lets go
44 Awakening
48 Take off
49 Breezing through
50 Prepare to be shot
51 No bruiser
52 They have heads and threads
53 Hairdresser
54 Definitive
55 Actor Omar
56 A hoot
57 Definite
58 Actor Omar
59 Breezing through
60 Prepare to be shot
61 No bruiser
62 They have heads and threads
64 Balances
66 Studiumger
68 Like some mountains
70 African danger

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1. Stripes among co-workers?
2. Overthrow, e.g.
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VOLLEYBALL
Weekend games begin with victory

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame volleyball got a head start on this weekend’s Golden Dome Invitational with a close victory (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14) against No. 22 Loyola Marymount Thursday.

“Every game was very tight. It was a very evenly played match,” Irish head coach Debbie Brown said. “If you look at the rankings, they’re No. 24, we’re No. 24, it is pretty close.”

After falling in game one, Loyola came back to dominate game two action. But they fell short of taking the game.

The Lions struggled to take the lead in the beginning of the game, but were able to grasp it before the Irish scored six straight points for the win. Loyola Marymount took charge early in game three, allowing Notre Dame to score one before taking the lead. The Irish were not going to end the game there, however, and put up a fight.

With a 1-4-11 score Notre Dame came back with four points to take the lead before the Lions scored three to claim the victory.

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“I think that we’re more balanced than they are so when it comes down to it there were some times when we had an advantage because we knew exactly what they were going to do,” Brown said. “They were a lot more predictable.”

Notre Dame’s struggle for dominance continued in game four as the Lions matched the Irish point for point. Notre Dame ended the match by gaining control at the end as it scored the last two for the 16-14 win.

The Irish believe the win will go far in boosting team confidence.

“I think (the win) gives us confidence for a lot,” Brown said. “Having a top 25 team is important and also just being in a tough situation and having to battle back and forth for points and coming out on top is huge.”

“I’m excited about the win,” she added. “It gives us confidence for a lot.”

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Women’s Soccer
Undefeated squad travels to West Virginia

By KEVIN BERCHEU
Sports Writer

It’s been said that with success comes a great burden. If that is indeed the case, then the Notre Dame women’s soccer team will have the weight of the world on its shoulders when it travels to West Virginia tonight for a key Big East conference showdown.

The undefeated Fighting Irish have enjoyed tremendous prosperity of late, and are ranked No. 1 in the new polls released earlier in the week. Head coach Randy Waldrum says playing with such a mantle could be a problem.

“To an extent it’s a burden,” Waldrum said. “If we let it get to us, it could be a detriment.”

Waldrum’s strategy thus far has been to skirt the issue. He has yet to discuss the ranking with his team.

“We’re aware of where we are,” said Waldrum. “It’s something we’ll eventually have to cover as a group.”

While the Irish may not like to discuss their ranking, their counterparts at West Virginia are all too eager to do so.

A sold-out crowd is suspected when the 7-1 Mountaineers entertain the Irish tonight with first place in the Mid-Atlantic division on the line.

Emotions have traditionally run high between the two schools, as West Virginia has been trying to knock off national power Notre Dame for years. The No. 1 ranking currently held by the Irish only serves as motivation for the Mountaineers.

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Men’s Soccer
ND hosts UConn, Seton Hall

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

After overcoming early-season offensive jitters, the Irish men’s soccer team (3-2-1, 1-1-1 in the Big East) has reverted to a game-winning streak into this weekend’s games against conference rivals Seton Hall and Connecticut.

The Irish take on the Pirates of Seton Hall tonight at 7:30 before traveling to Boston College in its last game, becauseoustripping the Eagles 17-7.

“That’s the game of soccer,” said Apple. “The beauty of our sport is that you can be an inferior team, get a lucky shot or a penalty kick, play good defense, and win.

The Pirates will be led on offense by forward Greg Strohman and senior midfield-er Brian Cuddy, who have six and seven points on the season, respectively.

The Irish look to match the Pirates with a revamped offense that has outscored opponents 2-1 in the last two games.

With the return of sophomore forward Erin Braun — last year’s Big East Rookie of the Year — Apple has been able to move freshman Justin Detter back to his natural position in the midfield. In addition, senior tri-captains Steve Maiu and Dustin Pridemore have traded back positions, with Pridemore moving to marking back and Maiu playing stopper-back.

Pridemore responded to the changes quickly, scoring his first goal of the season in Notre Dame’s 3-0 shutout of Syracuse Sept. 16.

In addition, freshman Chad Riley has emerged as a scoring threat, scoring a goal at Syracuse before aiding in both
Irish must become road warriors to win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Current Notre Dame seniors have seen almost everything from the Irish football team.

The next year it enjoyed the season-opening victory over defending national champion Michigan.

As juniors, the team moved closer to the 50-yard line only to see the Irish drop the last four games of the season. Already this year, the seniors have seen the Irish take the top-ranked 'Huskers down to the final seconds.

However, throughout their three years under the Golden Dome, Irish seniors have yet to witness a Notre Dame victory over Highway 31 neighbor Michigan State. The Irish have fallen 23-7, 45-23 and 23-13 each of the last three seasons.

"We'd like to think we are an improved football team," said head coach Bob Davie. "But until we go win a game on the road, I don't know that we can say that."

Taking down the Spartans will not be an easy task for Davie's team. Michigan State has won its last six games dating back to last season, led by a tough defense and the strong play of tailback T.J. Duckett.

The Irish have succeeded this season behind a strong defense and an overwhelming special teams squad. After returning two kicks for touchdowns to take Nebraska into overtime, Notre Dame took advantage of three field goals and a blocked punt against Purdue.

Junior cornerback Shane Walton intercepted Heisman Trophy-candidate Drew Brees' pass and returned it for a touchdown. "I think those things not only inspire the fans," said Davie, "but they inspire the players as well."

Sophomore Gary Godsey, playing in place of injured captain Grant Irons, returned it for a touchdown. Defensive backs Tony Weaver (98) dives for a tackle in Notre Dame's 23-21 win over Purdue last weekend.

But until we go win a game last weekend. The Irish take their game on the road Saturday against the Spartans.

Deferred end Tony Weaver (98) dives for a tackle in Notre Dame's 23-21 win over Purdue last weekend. The Irish take their game on the road Saturday against the Spartans.

Taking down the Spartans will be an important task for Irish seniors as well.

Sophomore Julius Jones, the team's strength is a win in the Nebraska game, compiling 227 all-purpose yards. On defense, sophomore Ryan Roberts is making his second career start in place of injured Grant Irons. Linebackers Rocky Boiman and Anthony Denman each have two sacks, while Denman leads the team with 29 tackles.

Defensive backs Tony Driver, Brock Williams, Ron Israel, and Walton have been successful in limiting two top-ranked passing teams in Purdue and Nebraska.

Davie described the opening minutes of the 1998 loss, the last time the Irish entered Spartan Stadium. "When you have a punt blocked late in the game, when you throw interceptions for touchdowns, when you give up big plays on defense, it doesn't matter if you're playing in your backyard if you are playing like that," said Davie.

The next step in proving this team's strength is a win in Michigan State's backyard Saturday.
Boiman blends fiery play with will to improve

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The sight of linebacker Rocky Boiman sends shivers down opposing players' spines, with his devilish fire-red hair, glare that shoots bolts and imposing physique. The fierce competitor intimidates foes from the moment he marches onto the football field.

A different image arises in the mind of 11-year-old Lindsey Boiman, Rocky's sister. "That's just on the football field," Lindsey said. "He loves football and just takes it really seriously. He's not exactly the kind that would come and beat my boys like some brothers would.

Rocky Boiman might as well have a split personality, for all the similarities between his personalities on and off the field.

"On the field, he's nasty - he goes after you," said Steve Rasso, Boiman's coach at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. "Off the field, he's soft-spoken, looks like a bookoo type of guy. He's really a gentleman, but when he buckles that chinstrap, you'd better watch out."

Staring down the opposition

Once he suits up in his Notre Dame uniform, Boiman displays no qualms about tackling an opposing player with all the force he has. "When I'm on the field, I think I'm in a different kind of mental state," Boiman said. "I'm just so focused on what we have to do. I just go out and try to make the ball carrier knock somebody down, do whatever it takes. I take it life-or-death on this gridiron."

The team's third-leading tackler, Boiman teases opposing offensive lines with his speed and power. In the first three games of 2000, he's already registered 24 tackles, including two sacks.

"Rocky's very special, too," I just tell myself I want to dump it out, dump everything I have out into the aggressive defense, Boiman said. "You might have to hold other players from other teams,"

Boiman bears an even heavier burden than most athletes do. But the demands that accompany a Notre Dame football scholarship haven't lowered Boiman's opinions of the school. In fact, they may have raised them.

"I can't really say in one thing or another, but Notre Dame's special," Boiman said. "I don't care what anybody says, but we could lose the rest of our games this season and next year after that, and we would still be Notre Dame. Notre Dame is college football as far as I'm concerned."

After a surprisingly strong 2-1 start against three top-25 teams, Notre Dame is putting wins on the board.

"I think thesky's the limit. As far as I'm concerned, this is the best defense and has the potential to be the best defense since I've been here. I think the intensity and the desire that we play with was unmatched in the other years."

The passion and desire Boiman senses on this year's Irish are putting wins on the Irish record, which, coming on the heels of a 5-7 season, are as welcome as sunshine on a winter day in South Bend.

"Last year, it was hard, but I think in the long term, that was a good thing for us," Boiman said. "Sometimes Coach Davie talks about how you've got to feel bad before you can feel good. I think we kind of saw that bad side and that dark side. We worked through that, and now things are really starting to pay off for us."

Boiman's hard work and positive attitude are certainly paying dividends for both he and his teammates as they continue to exceed all preseason expectations. Right now, they're holding target practice each day with the bulls' eye being the National Championship.

"The team's potential is tremendous," Boiman said. "I think the sky's the limit. Week in and week out, it's going to take an unbelievable effort from both sides of the field."

Birthdate: January 24, 1980
Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio
Dorm: Knotts
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Dimensions: 6-foot-4, 240 lbs
Rating: basketball personal with Rocky Boiman

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Oct. 14 Navy
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Oct. 28 AIR FORCE
Nov. 11 BOSTON COLLEGE
Nov. 18 at Rutgers
Nov. 25 at USC

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IN POSITION: offensive line

The play of Notre Dame's offensive line became much more significant with the loss of Arnav Battle. Quarterback Gary Godsey needs the best protection possible to give him maximum time to get off his passes, and this is up to the offensive line. The Irish have improved on the offensive line since last year, when they were a very young group. The extra year of experience is paying off for guards Mike Gandy and Jim Jones and tackles Jordan Black and Kurt Volkers, who are joined by center Jeff Faine. So far the line has allowed Notre Dame's quarterbacks to be sacked six times, two fewer than its opponents. The Irish have also committed far fewer turnovers than in '99.

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Michigan State

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Nov. 11 PURDUE
Nov. 18 at Penn State

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By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

Notre Dame's defense has passed its first three tests of the season with confidence-inspiring performances inside the comfort of Notre Dame Stadium.

But when the No. 16 Irish take to the road to meet the No. 20 Spartans of Michigan State Saturday, two words will determine whether the defense can stop the momentum the Spartans traditionally have on their home turf: T.J. Duckett.

Despite Notre Dame's out-ranking of Michigan State by four spots, the 2-0 Spartans have a running arsenal few teams can top. Led by the sophomore Duckett, whom Notre Dame recruited as a tight end two years ago, the Spartans can be deadly when the ball is in his hands.

"You have got to stop him before he gets started," Irish head coach Bob Davie said. "When he gets heading north and south, just takes it on a straight line, he is a heck of a player. He is real patient and then when he finds the gap, he just hits it. So you have got to really be patient and be disciplined on defense and not allow seams to occur in your defense."

Though Michigan State's quarterback situation is up in the air, the Spartan offense is grounded in Duckett. The tailback touched the ball in 34 of 70 offensive plays and scored the Spartans' only touchdown last weekend in Michigan State's 13-10 win against Missouri. In Michigan State's season opener against Marshall, he started the year off on the right foot with 219 rushing yards on 26 carries.

As a freshman, the second-team high school All-American rushed for 606 yards on the season and scored 10 of the 12 Spartans' rushing touchdowns.

"You look at Michigan State — on offense they are big," Davie said. "Their fullbacks are big. They have two tight ends that I think are really good, [Chris Baker and Ivory McCoy]. Both the receivers played a lot last year. We know how talented they were at receiver last year. [Lavaille Richardson and Herb Haygood] both played a lot of football, talented guys.

Smoker has completed 16 of 24 passes for 138 yards with only one interception in his two outings.

While at press time Van Dyke's status for Saturday's game is uncertain, one thing is for sure: The Spartans are bent on making sure the 2-1 Irish even up their record with a loss on their first road trip of the season.
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### Around the Nation

**Game of the Week**

Two South Carolina defenders take down the Georgia Bulldogs' Randy McMichael (No. 86) in the Gamecocks' 21-10 win over the Bulldogs on Sept. 9.

**Holtz looks to extend streak over Bulldogs**

By PEYTON BERG

Sporst Writer

Lou Holtz has accomplished the impossible: he has effectively brainwashed his South Carolina Gamecocks into actually believing that they can win football games.

Their Sept. 9 win over then 10th-ranked Georgia stands as this season's biggest upset. Given the Gamecocks' admitted lack of prime time talent, there is no question that Holtz's fledgling leadership and motivational skills are still intact.

The Mississippi State Bulldogs are two years removed from a SEC Western Division Championship. The 2000 edition seems ready to challenge again, but needs some lucky breaks along the way. The Bulldogs usually win with a stingy defense, but this year the focus switches across the line of scrimmage.

The offensive line returns three starters from last year, including behemoth 340-pound aptly named offensive tackle "Pork Chop" Womack. This mass of humanity projects quarterback Wayne Maddox and paves the way for a talented stable of running backs.

Holtz has matured from a skittish freshman into a capable, experienced leader. His athleticism has bailed out the Bulldogs already this year.

Alabama suffered a non-conference loss at UCLA, so this game is pivotal in the SEC West. The winner will not only hand the loser its first loss of the season, but also gain serious momentum going into October. Given that Florida and Alabama await these two teams next week, momentum is critical.

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### Other Top Games

**Clemson at Virginia**

Coach Tommy Bowden took over a Clemson program that had hit rock bottom.

Many college football experts predicted a slow rebuilding process that would extend into this season. Coach Bowden answered by leading the Tigers to a 6-5 regular season, including a heartbreaking 17-14 loss to father Bobby and the Florida State Seminoles.

Tiger quarterback Woodrow Dantzler threw for 2,713 yards a year ago, and expects to pass more this season.

The Virginia Cavaliers are still smarting from the loss of All-American running back Thomas Jones, older brother of rising Notre Dame star Julius. The strength of this team lies in its linebackers.

Danny Green, Yubbenial Isabelle, and Byron Thweatt anchor a unit that may remain a year away from ACC contention, especially with road trips to both Florida State and Virginia Tech on the schedule.

**Miami (Fla.) at West Virginia**

The Big East schedule kicks off for both the Hurricanes and the Mountaineers this Saturday.

The winner of this game probably will emerge as the main challenger to defending 1999 Big East champ Virginia Tech and quarterback Michael Vick.

Many publications had Miami returning to greatness and contending for the National Championship. Unfortunately, the train to the Orange Bowl quickly derailed at the hands of the Washington Huskies earlier this season. While BCS plans are on hold for another year, the Gators and the Hokies should settle the Big East when they lock horns in Blacksburg on Oct. 12.

Morgantown, WV is a dangerous college football road game for any team. Like Nebraska, not much else is worth watching in West Virginia during the fall besides Mountaineer football.

Sophomore Avon Cobourne was the leading rusher in the Big East last year as a freshman. After this bright spot, too many holes remain on this young roster.

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We know him as the SI guy. In April, this campus is home to a Notre Dame alumnus and the sporting nation were all abuzz about the Sports Illustrated article questioning whether Irish football was dead. The headline of the 11-page spread read: "Irish Stew: How strong academics requirements, a suicidal schedule and an unproven coach have taken the fight out of Notre Dame." The piece devoted over 800 words at the beginning to a high school running back from Michigan and his father, who explained his son's January 1999 meeting with Dan Saracino, the assistant provost for enrollment.

"Saracino assumed that my son wasn't intelligent enough to get through his school," the father said in the article. "He told me, 'We don't have basketball at Notre Dame.'" We know the rest: that the player had not taken pre-calculus, that Saracino denied the basket-weaving reference and that there were other recruits who believed Notre Dame's admissions policies hindered the Irish's on-field success.

In newspapers, classrooms, bars and around the water cooler at work, the anti-Notre Dame sentiment, always strong, grew larger.

But, for now, the most pertinent words of that article were: "Notre Dame didn't formally reject T.J., because he never formally applied." On Saturday, T.J. Duckett will mean more to Irish fans than a prime example of why their beloved team has not been a serious title contender since 1993. As Michigan State's starting running back, arguably the nation's best, Duckett poses a much stiffer challenge. "I've played against almost all of the best running backs," Coach Bob Davie said this week. "Bo Jackson, Herschel Walker, George Rogers, Eric Dickerson. Duckett is a unique combination of that kind of size and that kind of sprinter's ability."

Strong words for a sophomore with 177 career carries. Yet, the aforementioned size (6-foot-2 and 252 pounds), speed (4.45 seconds in the 40 and 10.9 in the 100), strength (bench pressing 505 pounds) and instincts pose a dangerous threat to any defense.

Duckett should know: He was an All-American linebacker at Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo, recording 102 tackles and nine sacks as a senior. And when he wasn't wreaking havoc in the opposing team's backfield, Duckett was part of Loy Norrix's option attack as a quarterback.

Duckett teamed alongside running back Little John Flowers, his current Spartan, in the high school version reminiscent of Nebraska's mid-1990s duo of Tommie Frazier and Lawrence Phillips. When it came time to decide on college, coaches saw Duckett as a future Lawrence. Not Phillips but similar. Except for Davie.

The Irish compared Duckett to former star Jerome Bettis and knew the quarterback could excel a few more feet behind center. "What we see now is what we envisioned him being," Davie said. "That's why we were in the hunt to recruit him." Duckett's version of the infamous recruitment, circa Sept. 19, 2000, offers an opposing view.

"At the time, linebacker was what I really wanted to play," Duckett said. "Even though, I wanted to play tailback too. But Notre Dame wasn't going to give me the opportunity to play linebacker at all. And Michigan State would let me play both and by my senior year I could decide what position I wanted to stay at."

He began last year alternating between running back and linebacker before switching to offense-full-time in the second half of the season. Duckett gained 666 yards and scored 10 touchdowns for the 10-2 Spartans but by the Citrus Bowl his weight increased to 275 pounds.

In the off-season, Duckett dieted and ran to help get back to his current playing weight. "I feel that if I have any questions, I can ask her," Duckett said. "Even though I didn't get a response, I know she would say back to me, 'I'm dedicating this year to her.'"

Thus far, Mrs. Barham must be pleased with her son's performance. He has gained 350 yards and scored two touchdowns in two games for No. 23 Michigan State. And, if he continues his pace, Duckett may pass a familiar name on Spartans all-time rushing lists. His brother, Tico's 1,394 yards in 1990 are fifth-best in school history and his 4,212 career yards are the second-highest total for a Michigan State runner.

"He can end up being one of the great backs," Davie said of T.J. "He has got a lot of ability." Duckett's no longer the SI guy. At least for this weekend.
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