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ResLife threatens cancel Big House Olympic games
By MARIEL MOREY News Writer
After a month of planning the Budweiser Big House Olympic Games, Brian Jochum had already ordered the kegs, the pizzas, and some T-shirts when he got a call from Student Affairs Thursday. The party tonight is on. There would have been beer bongs, keg races and cups in these Olympics. Teams representing each study abroad destination would have formed their own groups of 15 to 20 students and would have competed with kegs for a gold-painted log trophy.
Jochum, the main party planner and a senior arts and letters major, had e-mailed every student who studied abroad last semester and a senior arts and letters major, had e-mailed every student who studied abroad last year in hopes of getting support for this party. Some of those who received the e-mail were less than enthusiastic and informed Bill Kirk, vice president of Residence Life, about the party.

"Kirk said several concerned students had brought the party to his attention, because they saw that there was danger in it," said Jochum. "He called Jochum Thursday and advised him to cancel the party. If he didn't follow, there would be consequences in line with the policy."

"It wasn't a confrontational meeting," said Jochum. "Once they found out about it, they had an obligation (to end the party) so people wouldn't get sick.

"Big drinking parties cause big problems," said Kirk. "I'm concerned with student abuse of alcohol immoderately."

Now, Jochum sees why the Olympics was canceled. "(Kirk) probably had the altitude taken about that it was a competitive drinking game... It was to be a social party and I don't think this environment would have got ten out of hand," he said.

The preparations were already on the way, but Jochum called Thursday and reversed the orders. "I sent an e-mail out (Thursday) and said it was done. I'm giving everyone their money back," he said.

"I wanted to get kids abroad together in a social setting," said Jochum. Jurmaine Brown, a senior accounting major living off-campus agreed. "The point was to get all the different countries to come, drink and be merry," he said.

Budweiser would have supported this party, as it has done for the Saint Mary's Homecoming in the past. "I'm giving everyone their money back," he said.

But Jochum stresses that Budweiser was not sponsoring, but rather, "just giving us a banner."

"If they didn't use our product, they'd be using my competitors," said Dee. "(But) we're not selling the kids the beer. We implicate the distributors, so we sell to the liquor stores. Beyond that, it's out of my control."

Student Affairs seems, however, to take control when it comes to excessive drinking.

"I hope that those companies that have responsibility on proper use of their product (and) I hope that Budweiser would be promoting both legally responsible and moderate use," said Kirk.

SMC junior class T-shirt incites debate, controversy
By SARAH RYKOWSKI Saint Mary's News Editor
Claiming that the Board of Governance decision to prevent sale of the junior class T-shirt was censorship, members of the Class of 2002 organized an open forum Thursday to voice their opinions on BOG's decision-making process.
BOG voted Wednesday to absorb the cost of the T-shirt and prevent sales, believing that the message conveyed on the shirt was sexist and did not reflect the ideals of the institution. The T-shirt features an imitation of the painting "Il Fiacco," and depicts a little boy dressed in a Notre Dame shirt kissing a little girl with a Saint Mary's emblem on her chest. A girl dressed in a Notre Dame shirt is labeled with a Saint Mary's French cross and a boy and a girl each with an ND on their front of their outfits.

"We are here because we want to make sure that our whole junior class has a say and is able to voice any of their comments," Mandy Schomias, junior class secretary, said. "It's not about the shirt any more." Many of the juniors felt that BOG had wrongly taken control of the T-shirts.
"I think it's wrong to take other people's opportunities away," junior Mary Campione said. "There's lots of things that I don't support at this school. I liked

The controversial T-shirt (above), designed by the Saint Mary's Class of 2002 pictured a girl labeled with a Saint Mary's French cross and a boy and a girl each with an ND on the front of their outfits. Despite protests by some members of the junior class, BOG maintains that buying the T-shirts to prevent them from being sold was not censorship.

SMC 2002
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Despite approving the controversial junior class T-shirt, student activities director Georgeanna Rosenbush claims she always had reservations about the design.
"I was concerned about the implications of the T-shirt, and the stereotypes it represented," Georgeanna Rosenbush said. "It is my opinion that in lieu of what is going on [the improvement of relations between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame, the Class has been on the front page] the fact that the shirt can build on the stereotypes."

According to Rosenbush, when the junior class first brought the T-shirt to her office for approval, she voiced her concerns about proper copyright violations in the picture and the labels, as well as the design of the shirt and its message.
The junior board, however, said Rosenbush still approved the shirt.
"I know we did have the final go-ahead to print the shirt," Erin Weldon, junior board vice-president, said. "George left the copyright and implications up to us. To be fair to [BOG] everyone was a little leery of the T-shirt's message."

In order for a class to print a T-shirt, it must fill out a merchandising form to present more than one class from printing the same design

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ResLife Threats Cancel Big House Olympic Games
Finding who I am in Spanish

When I left for Spain this summer for my second study abroad experience in the country, I told myself I was going to be the Real American tourist. I already knew the culture, the people and the language. I wanted to blend in. I was finding myself. I can't pass myself off as Spanish any more easily than I could play for the Dallas Stars.

One of my first days in Madrid, I was shopping in a corner clothing boutique. I overheard the sales clerk, who obviously assumed I didn't speak English, say to her co-worker, "It makes me nervous when she's touching the clothes." I left the store, hurt and disappointed that the worker had not only pegged me as a foreigner, but that she thought I would rob the store or damage the clothes just because I wasn't Spanish.

I became even more determined to fit in. I avoided walking in English, carrying a map or wearing blatantly American clothes like jean shorts and tennis shoes. I bought clothes at the oh-so-popular fashion chain Zara, read Spanish books and magazines on the Metro and walked with a purpose. Still no luck.

One Friday afternoon, as I walked from the bus stop in Toledo to visit some Spanish friends, two guys repeatedly stopped and tried to offer me a ride. They claimed to be worried I didn't know where I was going or had a long way to walk, but I knew it was just because I was a foreigner. They weren't offering any Spaniards walking on the same street a lift.

When I returned home to my Spanish family, I complained in frustration to my "mom," Fatima, "You have blond hair (by Spanish standards), blue eyes and fair skin. You could have one or two and still be Spanish but not all three."

"But I'm Spanish and realize how much I didn't know Spanish and wasn't interested in learning," I said. I realized my language abilities were not enough to fit in.

The Spaniards I met were more than happy to help me improve my Spanish. I found my niche with a few Spanish friends, after joking that I was going to dye my hair black and get brown contact lenses, I gave in.

I always had a great time with them. I final­

University mandates drug tests for staffers

The Office of Human Resources implemented a pre­employment drug testing procedure for prospective University staffers that started July 1. "We have an oblig­ation to make sure we are protecting the students from adverse exposure. It is our duty to give students a positive and healthy environment," said Roger Mullins, associate­vice president for Human Resources.

University of Toledo

Officials to expel indebted students

University of Toledo officials told the Independent Collegian Wednesday they are laying down the law and putting an end to the purge question. Jack Armul, executive director of financial services, and Joe Brennan, executive director of public relations, said the final line of action for the 1,700 students who owe $200 or more of registered classes is going into effect. That final line of action for the 1,700 students who owe $200 or more of registered classes is going into effect. That final action: a purge. University bills sent this summer stated there was "no purge for fall" semester, meaning stu­dents with unpaid bills would not be dropped from classes. However, interim Bursar Bill Decatur told the IC Saturday that "a time will come when students will have to be dropped." That time, it seems, is now. In a letter mailed Wednesday to all students, the Bursar's Office tells them they have two options: to pay their balance or lose their classes.

University of Washington

University to return Native artifacts

Following a Department of Interior ruling this week, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers agreed to return the remains of 9,000-year-old Kennewick Man to Native Americans. The collection of more than 200 human bones, now in custody of the DOI, is being preserved in the Burke Museum of Natural and Cultural History at the University of Washington. "It is reasonable to determine that the Kennewick Man remains should be transferred to the Tribes that have jointly claimed him — tribes that have inhabited, hunted, and fished this area around the confluence of the Columbia and Snake Rivers for millennia," said Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbit in a statement released Monday. His statement shifted the controversy over who has the right to recover remains out of the hands of scientists working for the government and into those of the court. The skeleton, referred to as "The Ancient One" by Native Americans but as Kennewick Man by scientists, is one of the oldest ever to be found in North America.

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Fate of SafeRide remains undecided until fall break

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Students anticipating word on whether SafeRide will restart its operations on campus will have to wait at least another three weeks for an answer.

Student government representatives said on Thursday that no conclusive decision on the matter would come until after the University's mid-semester break.

"Shortly after fall break, we're planning to decide if SafeRide is something we want to keep," said Brooke Norton, student body vice president. This year's break runs Oct. 14 to 22.

Non-operational since last spring, SafeRide, in the past, acted as a taxi-type service for drunken or stranded University students in need of transportation back to campus from local weekend bars.

The Student Union-sponsored program was run free of charge to students.

Last semester, SafeRide was beset by problems with staffing drivers to work on the projects two nights of operation, Fridays and Saturdays, and getting them to work their assigned shifts.

SafeRide has not started at all this academic year.

SafeRide's role on campus is of concern to student governors, according to Jay Smith, chief-of-staff in the Office of the Student Body President.

Smith said they plan to look at what's preventing the project from running effectively and then make a decision as to its fate.

"We're right on schedule. This is around the time we had targeted to begin looking at it," Smith said.

Norton said that before a verdict is rendered, those involved in the decision-making process will consider students' patterns of use of SafeRide last semester. Those patterns will likely determine if the program is in enough demand to continue and if restarting it is a financially sound undertaking. Program information indicates that SafeRide operated four hours, from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m., each night it ran. Between 30 and 40 students utilized the service per night.

This year, funds totaling around $4,000 have already been set aside for the project's operating budget.

In the coming weeks, Smith said there are also plans to talk with former SafeRide workers.

Other student input may come in the form of focus groups.

"Our decision will depend a lot on what the students we talk to think," Norton said, who added that student government officials in conjunction with the Student Activities Office will make the definitive determination about SafeRide.

If they opt to continue the program, it would operate on a two-week trial basis beginning around mid-November. It would then be in full effect in January at the beginning of the spring semester.

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"You don't think you can take someone's opportunity away. "It is not why the actions were taken, but how the action was taken," said Kristen Wojtas, fundraising chair for junior board and one of the T-shirt designers.

But not all attendees were in support of the shirt. Many members of the junior class felt they had not been consulted and approved of the decision that BOG made. Others felt that the shirt was not representative of Saint Mary's. "I came here because it would create relations between me and others that would uphold my values," Sarah Hoshaw, a junior, said. "The shirt goes against the mission statement of the College."

Mary Kate Driscoll, treasurer of the junior class, agreed with Hoshaw. "Beyond this T-shirt we are Saint Mary's women," Driscoll said. "We need to protect the shirt was not representative of Saint Mary's."

"We defend ourselves as individuals," Koelsch said. "We need to protect our rights to step on anybody's toes."

"This is women getting mad at women and Notre Dame women," Koelsch said. "I don't believe in the rivalry between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame women. I've lived with it for four years. I don't think it's right.

"We're women who should work well together. I think that it is something we discuss. I hope we can find something to make the junior class happy and satisfy the student body," she said.

Koelsch emphasized that it was important at this point to look past blaming people for the shirt and realize the importance of the discourse happening. "Nobody here is to blame," Koelsch said. "It just happened. Whether or not the shirt is offensive depends on individual interpretation. The fact is that we are here having this discussion. Take this to your advantage and run with it."

"I wish communication like this had happened from the get-go," said junior Abeer Zayde.

"If you are wearing a shirt that says Saint Mary's, [and] someone reads it, it sends a certain message," said Molly Kahn, student trustee member of BOG. "It's not too much of anything, but for us to endorse it reflects negatively on us as an institution."

Members of the class board protested that they had gone through the appropriate approval process, getting the shirt approved by Student Activities.

"Because the shirt has been approved, they did not feel BOG's decision was appropriate." Kahn detailed the criteria for approval of class T-shirts, including the requirement that states that an approved T-shirt can contain anything about alcohol, drugs, or sex.

"That is an existing policy," Kahn said. "The approval was a mistake."

Georgeanna Rosenbush, advisor for the Board of Governance, said that the responsibility of printing the shirt rested in the junior class. While Rosenbush warned the Junior Board that they could not enforce the message of the shirt, she said at Wednesday's BOG meeting that she did not feel the shirt violated the merchandising criteria that must be met to sell class T-shirts. Rosenbush, also the director of Student Activities, was one of the administrators that approved the T-shirts for printing.

"[BOG] was the only time we could have stopped the sale of the shirt," Rosenbush said. "Very clearly the shirt is a risk because of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student relations. BOG has a responsibility to look out for the entire student body. I told you you need to be prepared for the reaction to the shirt. This is in your ball court."

Rosenbush said that the Board had no choice but to take the action they did. "That is the first time that BOG has had to nix a decision," Benner said. "We have a merchandising policy which states that nothing can be printed contrary to the mission statement." The shirt goes against the mission statement of the College."

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one of the six men who raised
the flag at Iwo Jima, perhaps
the most famous moment in
American military history.
Students enter city for service work

By KATIE RZEPKA
News Writer

The third annual Saint Mary's in the City service project takes place Saturday. Students will volunteer their time to benefit the South Bend YWCA.

"Since I started working at Saint Mary's, I have become more involved with those agencies that have real needs," said Kors. "Saint Mary's in the City is an exciting way of meeting such needs of the community."

The entire campus is invited to participate. "It really brings out the focus of the College," said Kors.

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By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

The week will consist of favorite activities from last year and new additions to the activities. A picnic on the green kicks off the festivities Monday, followed by a concert given by Saint Mary's women's choir. Special events Tuesday include Celebrate Your Major Day, the run/walk Oktoberfest, Founder's Day celebrations, SISTAR academic grant presentations and ghost stories in Le Mans tower room.

Thursday events feature a pep rally in Angela Athletic Facility, athlete recognition ceremonies, a crazycast Belle contest and student-encouraged attendance at the volleyball game. Seniors and juniors take on sophomores and freshmen in the "04ds vs. Evens" powder puff football game.

Friday concludes the week with a prayer service on the island, a co-sponsored Notre Dame and Saint Mary's pep rally before the Stanford game and the Notre Dame Relays, where the swim team will open their season.

"Each year, there's more and more pride at Saint Mary's," said junior Laura Stevens.

"If anything, it's great that Saint Mary's comes together, especially at this time, to show our love and enthusiasm for our school," said junior Katie McIntyre.

"It's the brink of her last Pride Week at Saint Mary's, Koelsch is confident that the tradition she helped initiate will continue."

The same core group of people have helped organize this year after year. I cannot wait for Pride Week to start. "It really shows how much pride we have in Saint Mary's. It's a tradition that will continue," she said.

The first agency to benefit from the service project is Saint Margaret's House, a drop-in center for poor, low-income women and children. Approximately 100 students joined the effort by painting the building's second floor. Last year, the SRDV worked at St. Joseph's Care West Center.

The number of volunteers rose to about 140. Students not only painted, but did window washing as well.

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ND fundraising exceeds $1.4 billion

Notre Dame has become the first Catholic university to raise more than $1 million in a fundraising campaign.

The University's "Generations" campaign exceeded the $1-billion mark in mid-September, with three- and-a-half months remaining until its Dec. 31 conclusion. The campaign, announced in May 1997, passed its goal of $767 million more than a year ago. As well as being the first Catholic university to top the billion-dollar mark, Notre Dame joins Princeton University as the only institutions without medical schools to reach this milestone, and Notre Dame also is the third smallest university, in terms of alumni base, to do it. Notre Dame is the 18th university overall, and 12th private, to exceed $1 billion.

"This accomplishment is a testament, first of all, to the alumni and friends of the University who are liberally endowed to Notre Dame's being a great Catholic university and unfailingly successful in their generous support of that mission," said William Sexton, vice president for University relations. "It also is a testament to our faculty, students, administration, and alumni whose achievements make Notre Dame a university that attracts strong support. And finally, it is a testament to the great skill, hard work and innovative thinking of our development organization, which made it happen.

Sexton has overseen both "Generations," which has raised more money than all of Notre Dame's previous campaigns combined, and the $463 million "Strategic Moment" campaign, which at its completion in December 1995 was the most successful campaign conducted until that time by a Catholic university.

"Already, 72 percent of Notre Dame's alumni, in addition to alumni, have contributed to the 'Generations' campaign," said Daniel Reagan, assistant vice president of University relations and executive director of development. "Notre Dame annually is among the top three to four universities in the nation in percentage of contributing alumni, and that participation is the key to our fundraising success."

While emphasizing that more than three months remain in the campaign, Reagan noted that its goal already has been exceeded by more than $233 million, or more than 30 percent. The campaign's aim is to increase student scholarship funds, increase the number of the University's endowed faculty positions, enhance the quality of University facilities, fund needed new facilities and improve and provide programs about 140,000 students in a variety of academic centers and institutes.

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Junior student competing to sell the same so we don't have classes and I still hear things," said Katy Robinson.

"We work so hard to maintain those ties with Notre Dame. Something so simple as this T-shirt could totally destroy those ties," Robinson said.

Katy Robinson, Junior Board president

Rosenbush said. "We do this first has squatter's rights."

"This is a small market," Rosenbush said. "We do this and there is no place for cens ur or lurid in the aftermath of 10 days of torrential rain that have killed about 1,000 people and marooned millions.

"We saw many bodies floating. Some people tied stones to the corpses to sink the bodies because there was no place to bury them," said Basanti Das, 35, who weaves saris by hand in Aisthala village, 45 miles north of Calcutta. "There is so much water all around, where is the place to cremate anyone?"

Ten days after unseasonable monsoon rains forced rivers to overflow across eastern India and western Bangladesh, people — joined by their goats and dogs — are still living on the roofs of their mud and brick houses to guard against thieves who row up in boats to loot abandoned homes.

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Weeks of flooding kill hundreds

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Preserving our journalistic freedom

I would like to address two topics today, but both regard journalistic integrity and the right to free press. First, I assume that you who have concerns about newspaper articles should write a letter to the editor so that any mistakes or misrepresentations can be corrected or recognized. I would like to request that anyone attacking a writer for her integrity please check his facts before he puts those attacks in print. Also, make certain that any statement attributed to the vice-president is attributed to the appropriate vice-president. I remember that Latin America quote from roughly 1990, issuing from the mouth of one of John Daroff (Quayle, I forget). That said, let us turn now to the same issue that is burning on my mind for the last couple of weeks. I would like to stand up and be counted as one member of the Notre Dame family who firmly believes that this University would be doing itself and its students a great disservice by assuming control of the Observer.

If you are wondering what qualifies me to speak for this paper, let me give you a very brief introduction. I joined The Observer staff in 1995 as a copy editor. By 1998, I had written dozens of articles, spent the better part of three years working from sunset to sunrise and spent the last months of my senior year organizing and overseeing the news pages.

I would like to use this space to dispel some misconceptions that I have heard bandied around about this newspaper. This newspaper’s independence is not something “granted” by University president Edward Malloy. It predates University president Edward Malloy. In fact, I don’t believe that this newspaper’s independence was “granted” by anyone. It just is. So, to begin with, who is Malloy to take that independent status away? Additionally, how is it possible that a newspaper can purport to serve Saint Mary’s College and fall under the jurisdiction of Notre Dame’s Student Affairs?

To answer your objection, no the University doesn’t fund this newspaper. Most of the operating revenues come from advertising. The amount that does come from tuition is voluntary subscription fees to one said this paper is free.

Secondly, this paper is not just a hobby for a couple of students. It is the training ground for many of the journalists to come from the University of Notre Dame. It is a source of information and debate for students, faculty and staff of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame. It is a way that alumni can connect with the campus and the school that they loved so well. It is an organization of journalists working hard to report the news as they receive it.

All people have bias. Every person has a prejudice that he carries with him in life. I said that in my last column. But I have to question people who characterize an organization made up of many different individuals, Catholic and Protestant, straight and gay, as having one bias for the entire lot. Of many, many long nights that I spent in the paper, never once in all of the editorial Board or News Department meetings, did anyone notice that an Observer was overseeing any argument. This newspaper puts together the best possible given varying viewpoints on all major coverage decisions. This newspaper does not need sensationalize its news or play up stories in order to create controversy. The circulation of this newspaper is perfectly well set. So the idea that we would create news is absurd in the first place. A statement that the majority of the student body is apathetic to the concerns of minority groups on campuses is the exact reason why the newspaper should be independent and should aggressively follow these types of issues. The purpose of a newspaper is to report, without fear of retribution, truths that can occur on a given day. Sometimes this requires reporters and editors to speak loudly for those who are not heard.

With the University looking over its shoulder, this newspaper would lose all objectivity as far as the administration is concerned and it would become a voice for that conservative majority who thinks that no other viewpoint should be heard but its own. We would lose a forum in which all people, regardless of religious affiliation, sexual orientation or attitude towards the administration could express their views.

And that could be one of the greatest mistakes this institution of higher learning could ever make. Matt Loughran is a ’97 Notre Dame graduate and is assistant editor at Roomme & Littlefield Publishing Group. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessariy those of The Observer.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning Coach Davie's worth to our team

As a student at this great University I as well as every other warm-blooded creature on this campus are die-hard Notre Dame football fans. Having been born and raised in Detroit, Michigan I am quite accustomed to the rancorous fans of the Wolverines and the Spartans. This is what makes the loss this past weekend to Michigan State simply unbearable for me.

I have been defending Bob Davie for the past three years to friends and family members alike. I have said repeatedly, "He is a Notre Dame man, just give him a chance, and he will turn things around." It has now come to the point where I cannot and will not defend Coach Davie anymore. Watching that heart-breaking loss from inside Spartan Stadium for me was the straw that finally broke the camel's back. I truly believe that Coach Dave is outclassed every Saturday by his counterpart on the opposing sideline.

The first thing that I do not understand is why Coach Davie insists on limiting the offense so much simply because we have an inexperienced quarterback at the helm. He got away with it against Purdue, but it came back to haunt him in this game against Michigan State. If memory serves, the Spartans had a true freshman quarterback that had as much playing experience as Godsey, yet the Spartans' game plan did not seem limited at all.

Cutting out so much of the offense because our signal caller is inexperienced shows me that Coach Davie has no confidence in his offense at all. You may say that Dave has a point, Godsey is inexperienced, but what was Coach's excuse against Nebraska? With our starting quarterback leading the team in the first halfgame with 67 seconds and two timeouts left at our own 30-yard line against the No. 1 team in the nation, Dave decided to sit on it and punt for overtime. This is inexcusable.

What message is Davie trying to send to his team? If he lacks confidence in his team with the starting quarterback in the game, what are the players supposed to think? The Notre Dame football offense has never been much better than this, and until Dave is relieved of his duties we will continue to flounder in mediocrity.

Secondly, Coach Davie has absolutely no idea how to manage the clock and turn the game around. On fourth down against the Spartans, the Irish had the ball at midfield. Le'Veco cut in as the quarterback and tried to draw the Spartans offside with a hard snap count. With the play clock winding down to two seconds and the Spartans unfooled, Le'Veco called a timeout. I have to believe that this is what Davie instructed his quarterback to do, but why? Why not take the five-yard delay of game penalty and punt? Yardage position at this point is also an issue. Instead, the Irish waste a timeout and then when they need one most, down by six with a minute and a half to go in it, Davie doesn't have any left. Did Davie think the officials would allow him to get two outs that he didn't use against Nebraska?

To me this is simply poor coaching. How can the head coach of a University that is one of the elite universities in the country not understand the nuances of clock management and the use of time outs? Again, this is simply inexcusable.

Thirdly, what ever happened to throwing to the tight end once in a while? In Jabari Holloway and Dan O'Leary the Irish have arguably two of the best tight ends in college football and between the two of them they have caught only six passes this season. An immobile, inexperienced quarterback on the tight end should become the quarterback's favorite target. Why not run a few tight end drags, or buttonhooks, or outs? These are high percentage pass plays, and force opposing defenses to back the tight end should become the quarterback's favorite target. Why not run a few tight end

Withholding shirt not a form of censorship

I'm writing in response to all those students who have argued that the high school football team's decision to wear the Notre Dame shirt is a form of censorship. The SMC student body decided to express themselves by wearing the Notre Dame shirt in order to express their support of Notre Dame in a bold and unabashed way. This shirt is not a form of censorship; it is a message of solidarity. The SMC student body is not trying to suppress any other message. They are simply exercising their right to express their support of Notre Dame.

Matt Hendrick
Senior
Off-Campus
September 26, 2000

Shirt serves to perpetuate stereotypes

As members of the Women's Studies Program, we are writing to express our outrage over the Junior Class Board T-shirt. This shirt perpetuates harmful gender stereotypes and reinforces gender roles about the women of Saint Mary's as well as the women and men of Notre Dame.

The purpose of "understanding the intellectual, social and cultural history of women, improving new and old theories of gender, and understanding the institutionalized effects of gender." All of these stimulate a revision in the student's understanding of herself and the reality of women's present lives developing self-awareness and knowledge of the interdependence of one's own life with others.

This means that we critically examine the role of gender in our lives and where we find that rule to be unacceptable, we endeavor to change it.

It is our hope that we all do this as members of a women's college community. It is also our hope that the Junior Class Board will reflect on its decision and learn from it.

Julia Malczynski
Women's Studies representative
Student Activities Council
Senior

Katie Foyster
Women's Studies member
Saint Mary's College
Junior

Off-Campus
September 27, 2000

The fact that we are here putting up a fight over a stupid T-shirt that in a few years will be laying on the bottom of a pile while our student paper, that has been here longer than we have, could be told what they can and can't write about, that is censorship. If we want to make a difference, fight for something that counts.

Janel Miller
Saint Mary's College
Junior

September 28, 2000

Does the Notre Dame community really have the wrong impression of our Saint Mary's neighbors? It doesn't appear that way, as evidenced by the sentiment made by their junior class's T-shirt. We heard you loud and clear. The damage is done, sell the shirt. In fact, we would like to see you wear them in the Notre Dame student section.

Molly Norton
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Off-Campus
How to succeed in b

Scene presents a few-pointers for where to shop and what
to wear... and of course they have suits. Bernardo's even has a tailor in the sto
business — with style

To wear in order to appear your best at a future job interview

fine.
- Ties should be a solid color or conservatively patterned. Go for silk or a silk-blend. If you’re going to spend money on a tie, make sure it’s of good quality. However, ties featuring Looney Tunes, Tobacco Sauce or South Park logos probably aren’t your best bet when meeting a potential boss.
- As for shoes, your Timberlands aren’t going to cut it. Polished slip-ons or laced dress shoes in brown or black are your best option here.
- Comb your hair. This is one time when throwing on a baseball cap isn’t a viable trade-off for spending a little quality time with a brush.
- Now that you’ve got everything you need for that just-off-Wall-Street look, make sure that everything matches. Your tie should complement your shirt, which in turn complements your suit or jacket. Check the mirror and then get a second opinion — no matter how good you think you look.

Women
- Okay, ladies, you have a bit more leeway clotheswise when it comes to interviewing: Whether you’re wearing a tailored suit, skirt and blouse or dress, an overall rule to keep in mind is this: think conservatively. What you wore to Heartland the night before most likely isn’t befitting for an interview.
- Dark colors are usually flattering and illustrate a professional appearance. Choose colors like navy, black, gray, beige or tan — colors that complement most skin tones. Black and navy work well with fair skin; those with olive tones look best in tans and gray.
- Skirts and dresses should touch the knee, at least. Don’t sport a mini-skirt. Ally McBeal can get away with it, but most of us can’t.
- Blouses should be kept simple — no plunging necklines or glitter. Solid colors work best and make sure that your blouse is a color that coordinates with the rest of your outfit.
- Wear panty hose. It looks just better.
- Purses aren’t necessary; but, if you feel the need to bring one, make sure that it’s small and matches your outfit.
- Close-toed shoes with a small heel work best. Choose dark colors, or, if possible, the color of your dress or suit. Your favorite shoes may be five-inch Steve Madden heels, and they may look fabulous, but save the spike heels for Friday night. No need to test into an interviewer’s office for fashion’s sake.
- As mentioned before, a briefcase isn’t necessary. However, bonus points if your resume folder matches your outfit.
- As for jewelry, less is definitely more. This is another occasion where glitter doesn’t apply.
- Jewelry should be kept to a minimum. A watch, bracelet and small earrings are enough. Small, thin necklaces are fine, as long as the length of the chain is suitable to the neckline of your blouse.
- Make sure your clothes fit. If it’s too tight, forget it — no exceptions. If it’s too big, either have it altered or find something else. It’s not only what you wear, but also how you wear it that matters.
- Make-up should be subtle. Less is definitely more. This is another occasion where glitter doesn’t apply.
- Hair should be out of your face and simply done. No need for a severe slicked back gel look, but make sure that your hair is neat and professional looking.

Finally, BE CONFIDENT. Even if you’re wearing a $1,000 suit and have a resume that will have your boss salivating, no employer looks favorably on someone whose overall demeanor is indifferent or nonchalant. If you’re confident in your appearance and go to your interview with the mind frame that — yes, I deserve this job — then you are set.

Remember, a firm handshake and a self-assured manner complete your overall appearance. Stand up straight, look your prospective employer in the eye and realize that you look great. You’re dressed like a champ and ready to take on whatever lies behind that office door.

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**Whirlwinds and Chaos clash in battle of titans**

By JEFF BALTUZAK, JOE LICANDRO and BRYON KONK
Sports Writers

If there were one game to attend this season, the clash of titans that is Welsh versus Gauvain Hall would be it. These unbeaten squads have blunted through their Blue League opponents on the shoulders of two very stingy defenses.

The Claws of Gauvain Hall sport a perfect 3-0 record and a perfect defense; they have not given up a single point all season. Relying on a swarming pass rush and airtight coverage, the Claws is looking to make the Whirlwinds their next victim.

“Our whole team needs to come together and improve both offensively and defensively to have a chance to win,” said Lyons coach Michael Barranda. “Unfortunately, freak injuries have set in, and Lisa Harcourt says that her young team is showing strides,” said Lyons coach Michael Barranda. “Unfortunately, freak injuries have set in, and Lisa Harcourt says that her young team is showing strides,” said Lyons coach Michael Barranda.

The Whirlwinds would be better described as the Mercy Rule Whirlwinds. Three of their four wins have ended early, and their defense has given up only six points all year. “We have an all around strong defense, and we emphasize teamwork,” captain Maria Feilmeyer said.

On Sunday, Welsh will be missing the services of their defensive coaching staff as well as senior defensive lineman Christina Quinn. But Feilmeyer expects another strong game. “We’ll step up and play our defense,” she said. “We have a lot of enthusiasm.”

Feilmeyer could not point to any single thing to explain the Whirlwinds’ success this year. “Our team is well balanced, and we have so many standouts,” she said. She did, however, recognize the strong play of freshman center of Mary Murphy and senior receiver Vanessa Richon.

“Center is an important position in women’s interhall, and Mary’s really stepped up,” Feilmeyer said. Marzoccio said Cavanaugh did not plan to make any special changes to their game plan for Sunday. “We’ll make them adjust to us,” she said.

Lewis vs. Lyons

Lewis vs. Lyons will be youth versus experience on the field at noon Sunday at McGlinn fields as the Chicks of Lewis Hall take on the Lions of Lyons Hall. The young Lyons squad will have to deal with the loss of several important players to Sunday due to injuries and prior commitments, forcing many key players to perform on both sides of the ball.

“The first three games have been a great learning experience for this young team, with the youth making strides,” said Lyons coach Michael Barranda. “Unfortunately, freak injuries have set in, and Lisa Thomas and Nobby Trevino will play both sides of the field, along with a handful of other players.”

Barranda faces the challenge of bringing together a broken team via simplicity. “We have simplified both our offense and defense for our young team,” he said. “Nevertheless, the girls know that they can turn some heads.”

Lewis captain Katherine Harcourt also feels that now is the time for her young, but relatively healthy, team to step up. “I feel that our team is on the brink of playing to its capabilities,” Harcourt said. “Our last game against PE, the difference was that PE had a big play and we didn’t so we’re really looking for the big plays on Sunday.”

“We’ve had some great offensive drives and we have a strong defense, we just need to convert inside the red zone.”
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Banshees focus on key game against Shamrocks

By LAUREN CONTI, CHRIS FREDERICK AND JOHN BACKSIK
Sports Writers

The Breen-Phillips Banshees are focused on the moment. The moment, for now, is Sunday's game against the Shamrocks.

"We're just trying to win games as we go," said Banshee quarterback Katie McFarland. "The playoffs are a definite goal, but we still have a couple tough games left in the regular season. For right now, we're just focused on McGinn.

Sunday's game could be viewed as the deciding battle in the war for a playoff berth within the Women's Gold League. Currently, the Shamrocks are 0-2-1, and the Banshees are 1-1-1. With only two regular-season games remaining after this one, a win for either team could go a long way towards securing a spot in the playoffs.

"We definitely think we have a shot at the playoffs," McGinn captain Jamie Glasser said. "We've improved exponentially in every game we've played, and with this game on Sunday, if we can win it, we think we can get to 2-1-2 and make the playoffs.

Breen-Phillips has a shot, as well. The Banshees plan on shaking things up a bit on Sunday in hopes of gaining the competitive edge.

"We decided after this last game to switch the offense up a little bit," head BP coach Corey Timlin said. "I think the defense we've been playing worked better last year.

"We were playing tight, and it just wasn't working," he continued. "This year, we are less experienced, but also a lot faster.'"

Breen-Phillips looked pretty strong against Farley on Tuesday," Glasser said. "So that's an indicator for us that it's going to be a pretty tough game.

"But the defense has a couple of weak spots I think we can capitalize on," she added. "And hopefully come out with the win.

Breen-Phillips player Jennifer Walbucks had a similar attitude.

"We'll expect them to be tough, but that's our attitude about every game," she said. "We think our record is comparable to ours. We're not afraid.

The game will take place at 5 p.m. on McGinn Field.

Farley vs. Off-Campus

With the interhall football season already more than halfway finished, it is time for teams to begin considering playoff implications in their games.

One important game is the battle this Sunday between Off-Campus and Farley Hall at 4 p.m. on McGinn Field. Both teams have struggled out of the starting gate, and a loss Sunday may be the fatal blow that knocks them out of the playoffs. With the top four teams in each division advancing, Off-Campus and Farley will be scrapping to stay alive in the standings.

Off-Campus (1-0-2) will rely once again on their stingy defense which has allowed only six points in their three games this season. They are led by defensive backs Erin Price and Anna Benjamin, who come off a solid game in which each had an interception to prevent a touchdown and preserve the scoreless tie.

"Our offense struggled against Rafin," Off-Campus captain Marila Keane said. "If we want to win, we will need to put some points on the board.

Their quarterback, Jamie Stouffer, returns to action Sunday after suffering a leg injury Tuesday that sidelined her for the second half.

Farley (1-3) desperately needs a win and has a shot at the playoffs. Team captain Rebecca Glatz sees the need for much improved execution on both sides of the ball.

"On offense, we need to complete more passes, and on defense, we need to tackle better," she said.

The game will look for a big day from quarterback Jenny Geraci and wide receivers Beth McKay and Lindsey Kosinski if they are to overcome Off-Campus's stingy defense and have a chance at making the playoffs.

Pasquerilla West vs. Walsh

McGinn field will be rocking this Sunday when two of the top teams in the Women's Gold Division square off. The Purple Weasels of PW (2-0-1) take on a team of Wild Women from Walsh (2-0-2), as each team looks to give the other its first loss of the season.

Sophomore quarterback Lauren Walsh will lead the Wild Women on offense. A young, but talented offensive line consisting of freshmen Sarah Cunningham and Colleen Garnon and sophomore Jen Schmidt will protect Walsh.

Jennifer Lynch provides a spark to the defense in the backfield for the Wild Women. Lynch scored the game-tying touchdown in Walsh's 6-6 tie with McGinn on Friday night.

Captain Melissa Reiling leads the Walsh defense, along with seniors Rebecca Craig and Angela Polsinelli on the defensive line.

Walsh coach Steve Dillenburger is looking forward to Sunday's game.

"We know PW will be a tough opponent," Dillenburger said. "We need to improve on Tuesday's performance, but we're not going to try anything new.

The Purple Weasels have had their share of close games this season, and this contest won't be any easier. Leading the way for PW are co-captain Amanda Allen at wide receiver and freshman quarterback Leslie Schmidt.

Playing offense and defense for PW, Allen scored a crucial extra point and made a game-saving interception in last Sunday's 7-6 win over McGinn.

The Purple Weasels defense will be led by co-captain Kelly Dries at middle-linebacker. The PW secondary will be controlled by junior Erin Schulte and sophomore Jill Houghton at cornerbacks.

"I like to compare our defense to that of the '85 Bears," PW coach Tony Baldea said. "Kelly Dries reads the offense like Mike Singletary and pulls flags like Otis Wilson."
needed to step up her racing. "Big East cross country last year was the race where I fell for the first time that I could be good," Kuenster said.

Connolly added, "Over the last two years, we’ve seen the biggest improvements. She had a little bit of success and now she’s more confident, and she’s taken her running to another level. She doesn’t put limitations on herself. She just goes out and competes.”

The Wheaton, Ill., native remembered running marathons as hard for a freshman. Now she’s one of the team’s fastest runners.

"I use her as an example all the time of how much you can improve." Connolly said. "Our freshman class, I think all those kids ran faster than Chirissy coming out of high school. Now this is a kid who they’re looking up to.

Now in her final year of competition, Kuenster hopes to give them a little bit more to strive for. ‘She’s aiming to break the 18-minute mark in cross country and help the Irish return to nationals.”

"If we’re ever going to qualify for nationals, it’s going to be tough, but I think she’s still realizing it,” Connolly said. “Individually, I would just like to get faster and make sure I’m doing my part to put me in position to help the team.”

As she works to keep her own training on the right path, she’s showing her teammates that hard work pays off.

"If it isn’t broken, why fix it?" Bayliss said. "We’ve had tough losses, but we’ve also had successes and that’s the key to our team’s incredible season. If you win one, go out and win two, if you win two, you win three. If you win three, you win four. That’s the way we look at it.”

Women’s Tennis

Top Midwest teams travel to Eck Classic

By STEVE KEPPEL

Senior Kim Guy is also excited about the tournament and the chance to play against some of the top teams.

"Hopefully we will put out as good a showing as last week,” Guy said. "Northwestern and Iowa are bringing all their players and they are fully loaded.”

With three singles wins and a final’s appearance in a major tournament, the Irish women appeared to be almost flawless last weekend. Louderback believes there is always something to work on.

One major concern from last week was the play of the Irish doubles teams. Occasionally, doubles partners Michelle Dasso and Becky Varum lost in the second round and Katie Cunha and Kim Guy lost in the semi-finals at the Maryland Invitational. While mostly concentrating on singles in pre-season practice the team worked a lot on doubles play this week in an effort to improve their performance.

"Hopefully our doubles will play better, we struggled a bit last week," Louderback said. "We definitely could work on doubles,” said Kim Guy. "We feel that we have a strong doubles team and hopefully we can team ourselves this weekend.”

The Eck Classic will mark the first time the Irish play at home this season and a bit of a new step in the learning process for the talented freshmen. The freshmen had only one loss between them last week and they are still off the jitters of their first tournament and coming out strong early in this one.
Volleyball
Surging Belles take on Alma College
By CECILIA OLECK Sports Writer
Flying high after grabbing their first two victories of the season, the Belles volleyball team hopes to capitalize on their success. Facing off against MIAA opponent Alma College on Sunday, the Belles hope to add another victory to the win column.

But that won't be easy with an opponent they've already lost to twice. Facing Alma on the Belles' home court last Sunday, the Belles dropped the match to Alma in straight sets. Their recent success however, has made the Belles a different team, players said.

"We're just looking to play strong and achieve a victory," coach Julie Schroeder-Birk said. "Although Alma is now in second place in the MIAA, her team is ready to play them. I expect my volleyball players to set challenging goals for themselves and train and play at the level necessary to achieve those goals," she said.

Men's Golf
Irish tee off at Invitational
By MATT CASSADY Sports Writer
Notre Dame golf comes into full swing this week as the Irish prepare for the Northern Invitational which tees off Saturday in Champaign, Ill.

The team started its season Sept. 8 with a fourth place finish at Wisconsin's Badger Invitational in Madison, Wisc. Junior Steve Ratay finished tied for the lead in the tournament, shooting a three round total of 212. Sophomore Brandon Lunke finished 23rd with a score of 222, freshman Peter Rivas 38th with a score of 225, and senior Adam Anderson finished 73rd with a score of 240.

Irish coach George Thomas looks for Ratay to continue his leadership on and off the course for the remainder of the season.

"Ratay has held his own and then some, and I expect more of the same," Thomas said.

The Irish could get a lift from Ferlic, it will be Ratay who leads them into battle. His scoring average of 73.73 in the fall of 1999 was more than six and a half strokes lower than that of his freshman year. This, he said, is a credit to experience.

"The improved scoring average came from working on improving all areas of my game," he said. "And getting used to college golf really helped me get better."

According to Thomas, the entire team will need to get better to fare well this weekend. The competition will be from the Big Ten and MAC conferences, so it will be a very competitive field," he said. "But the kids have been working hard and making some improvements, so I'll see how it turns out."
Irish open Big East season at home this weekend

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball will open Big East play at home this weekend, hosting Villanova today and Georgetown on Sunday.

The Irish, who are 9-4, are coming off of four weekend tournaments in the past month, including three held at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame garnered two titles in the tournament series, including the Shamrock Invitational and the Lady Seminole Volleyball Classic.

"I think we have confidence going into these games, especially since we've played good teams already. I mean, we've played No.1 Nebraska already and they're the best out there," senior co-captain Denise Boylan said. Senior co-captain Christi Girton was recently named co-Big East Player of the Week for her impressive performance in last weekend's game against No. 23 Loyola Marymount and the Golden Dome Invitational in which the No. 24 Irish faced Wyoming and No. 1 Colorado State. Girton racked up 49 kills and 34 digs with a career-high of 23 kills in the win over Loyola Marymount.

Notre Dame earned wins over Loyola Marymount (15-9, 16-14, 15-17, 16-14) and Wyoming (15-1, 15-5, 15-8), but fell to Colorado State (7-15, 7-15, 14-16).

Junior Kristy Kreher leads Notre Dame with 172 kills this season, including 32 kills in the Loyola Marymount match to earn the record for most kills in a four-game match. The Irish are more focused on this, their team play, than on the other team.

"It depends on how we play more than how the other team is doing. If we can play our game then it will all be fine," Boylan said.

Georgetown is one of the top teams in the conference and it will be good to play them, Boyland said. "Especially after we've already played some of the top teams in the nation."

The Irish will be out for revenge against Georgetown at Sunday's 2 p.m. face-off. Of its 10 past matches, the Hoyas have won just one in a Big East tournament upset last year (15-11, 15-10, 15-8).

Rookie of the Week honors last weekend, Hoyas' freshman Jennifer Ward is a threat as she leads Villanova in matches, the Hoyas have won just one in a Big East tournament.

Kiran Gill leads Georgetown this year with 175 kills while the Hoyas' freshman Jennifer Ward is on a streak, earning Big East Rookie of the Week honors last week.

"I think we are going to do extremely well and that we'll be 2-0 by the end of the weekend," said Boylan.

After four weekend tournaments, the Irish are 9-4 including two tournament titles.
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Michigan players celebrate during their 38-7 victory over Rice on Sept. 9. Michigan takes on Big Ten rival Wisconsin this weekend.

Michigan, Wisconsin face off after upsets

At the beginning of the season, this contest looked to be the de facto Big Ten Championship game. Then both teams faltered, suffering upset losses to UCLA and Northwestern. Now, the Wisconsin-Michigan clash will most likely determine who will face the resurgent Ohio State Buckeyes for a trip to the Rose Bowl.

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Other Top Games

Kansas State at Virginia: The Cavaliers continue their tour of the top 25 in search of their first win. All three previous losses were decided by four points or less. They have had a week off to regroup and prepare for their Big 12 opener.

Coach Bill Snyder’s performance at Kansas State has been nothing short of extraordinary. Once perennial doormats of the Big 8, the Wildcats now annually contend for a BCS bowl bid. Possibly the apex of the resurgence was the thrilling 45-15 loss to the Huskers in the 1998 Big 12 Championship and the humiliating 45-15 loss to the Buckeyes for a trip to the Rose Bowl.

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Kansas State at Virginia: The Volunteers hope to continue the healing process from their controversial loss to Florida. Quarterback Casey Clausen was impressive in his college debut last week against Louisiana-Monroe, but the Volunteers will give the Volunteers a better fight.

Former Michigan State coach Nick Saban was hired to right the ship in Baton Rouge. Fortunately, ousted Coach Gerry DiNardo left the cupboard well stocked with young talent. The Tigers fans want success now, and will only give Saban two seasons to rebuild the program. This team is years away from contending, but can realistically expect to improve on last week’s game.
Waldrum is hopeful that his team have rejuvenated the Irish. Glenn Crooks is in the fact that the Scarlet Knights needed breath of fresh air. "What scares me about Rutgers is that we really don't know what kind of team they have," Waldrum said. "Last year they were very average but this time we're unsure of what to expect from them."

Waldrum's concerns stem from the fact that the Scarlet Knights have a new coach, and a new style of play. Glenn Crooks is in the midst of his first year on the bench and Waldrum believes he will stray from the defensive style played by the Knights last year. "They were a team that laid back," he said. "But I think the new coach brings a new attitude, the Belles to gel and prove their talents," co-captain Alissa Brasseur said. "We have a strong team," front and sweeper Alissa Brasseur said. "We have a strong team," co-captain Heather Math said. "We have improved a lot. I think the game against Calvin has prepared us."

The Britons are in the back of their minds. "I am only concerned with how they plan to win against Albion than the Brits undefeated record," said Kappahan. "I only concerned with putting the ball in the net," goalkeeper Tia Kappahan said. "I want to come home with a win."

"This game will help us prove to ourselves that we can come together as a team under pressure," Muth added. "If we are going to win on Saturday we will have to win as a team with everyone contributing."

The tobaccobyss have their work cut out for them. Facing off against the only unbeaten women's soccer team in the MIAA, the Belles will come up against the Albion College Britons, currently 3-0-0, this season. "They are a really strong team," co-captain Heather Math said. "We have to win on Saturday we will have to win as a team with everyone contributing." Team support and unity are important to this team. "We have our own individual strengths," forward and sweeper Alissa Brasseur said. "We are also strong as a team."

The Belles will need every ounce of this strength to overcome Albion. "We are really excited to play," midfielder Lynn Taylor said. "I do not feel worried or pressured in any way."

Besides emphasizing a positive attitude, the Belles have been focusing on offensive playing in practice to prepare for Saturday. "We have a strong defense," said Kappahan. "We will have to put more emphasis on that for a win."

While the team got off to a tough start, notching several losses at the onset of the season, a turnaround is possible. "We have our own individual strengths," forward and sweeper Alissa Brasseur said. "We are also strong as a team."

"We have had a rough start," said Taylor. "Now we are beginning to come together."

The Belles play Saturday at noon at Albion College.
WRESTLING

Henson one victory away from freestyle gold

Associated Press

SYDNEY

Warm up the bubble bath; wipe off the rubber duck. Sammie Henson is one victory away from the gold-medal match in Olympic freestyle wrestling.

Henson, a former world champion who specializes in come-from-behind victories and then always enjoys a good bubble bath afterward, pulled off another comeback Friday (Thursday night, EDT) to reach the semifinals at 119 pounds.

All four Americans wrestling in Friday's first session were winners. Brandon Slay, who upset Olympic champion and four-time world champion Bouwassa Saitiev of Russia on Thursday, reached the semifinals at 167 1/2 pounds.

Lincoln McLain at 152 pounds and heavyweight Kerry McCoy won the final matches in their pools.

Henson fell behind 4-0 then rallied with a succession of speed and strength moves to repeatedly take Oleksandr Zakharuk of Ukraine to the mat for an 8-4 victory.

Henson, a two-time former NCAA champion who still wears Clemson gear to the mat over top of his singlet, has won three matches by a combined score of 28-5.

"Eliminate and dominate, that's the idea," said Henson, who said his goal before the Olympics was to get the gold medal and win each match by 6 or 7 points.

Henson flirted with his own elimination against Zakharuk, a three-time Olympic world placer, by falling behind 4-0, the equivalent of a basketball team trailing 20-0.

"When you're ahead 4-0, you expect to win," Henson said. "I made a mistake and I overcame it. Something like this used to be the downfall of Sammie Henson. I'd get mad and frustrated. But what used to be a deficiency is now a strength. I kept my head and started doing what I can do.

Henson, who now lives in Norman, Okla., came from behind in the final minute of overtime to win the match. He had my bubble bath," Henson said. "I've always got to have my bubble bath.

Henson's semifinal match against Sergey Demchenko of Belarus was later Friday.

"He's another tough match, winning on referee's decision over Gennadi Laliyev of Kazakstan after the two tied 2-2. Slay had off his offense in the final minute of overtime, aware he was ahead on passivites, stalling and technicalulings, and to guard against making a mistake that would cost him a point and the match.
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Irish take on South Quad fans, Panthers

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To some Notre Dame students walking along South Quad this afternoon, it may appear as though the Irish men’s soccer team has chosen to move their practices to the grassy area in front of South Dining Hall. Actually, this is just a promotion designed to bring more fans out to Alumni Field for tonight’s 7:30 game against No. 14 Pittsburgh.

As a promotion to attract fans to tonight’s game, a goal will be set up in the middle of South Quad where students will get a chance to take a shot on goalkeepers Greg Taill and Cole Straub from 12:30 to 1:30 today. Other players will be there, and schedules and raffle tickets will be passed out. The winning raffle numbers will be announced at tonight’s game— redeemable for T-shirts, sweat tops and other soccer paraphernalia.

“Basically it’s a promotion because we want to get more fans out cheering us on,” said Straub. “It helps the team a lot because we want to get more fans out today.”

The Pirates, like the Irish, are ranked No.1 in the national polls. Waldrum has not been happy with the way his team has played. Last weekend, after completing a stretch that saw them play four ranked teams in a matter of eight days, the Irish took their newly acquired number one ranking on the road to Morgantown, West Virginia. They nearly left in disgrace as the Mountaineers took the match into extra time before falling 2-1. Notre Dame returned home to take on the Pittsburgh Panthers Sunday and looked ragged at times in beating a team of far lesser skill by only a 1-0 count.

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Irish forward Erich Braun moves the ball versus Cleveland State last season. Braun is looking for his season’s first goal.

By KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

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No. 1 Irish await Pirate’s challenge

By KEVIN BERCHOU
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Notre Dame women’s soccer head coach Randy Waldrum would argue that winning is not the only thing. Through the season, the seton Hall Pirates have had a f e r e d through an inconsistent year, they represent the Notre Dame’s toughest competition in the Mid- Atlantic division of the Big East Conference when they visit Alumni Field tonight at 5:30.

Though the Irish have won late- ly, they are 9-4 on the season and ranked No.1 unanimously in all of the national polls. Waldrum has not been happy with the way his team has played. Last weekend, after completing a stretch that saw them play four ranked teams in a matter of eight days, the Irish took their newly acquired number one ranking on the road to Morgantown, West Virginia. They nearly left in disgrace as the Mountaineers took the match into extra time before falling 2-1. Notre Dame returned home to take on the Pittsburgh Panthers Sunday and looked ragged at times in beating a team of far lesser skill by only a 1-0 count.

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Kuenster proves to be leader

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Early in her Notre Dame career, cross country and track runner Chrissy Kuenster was not a radio addition to the junior varsity squad. Head coach Tim Connelly had not recruited Kuenster out of high school, so any contribution she made to the Irish came as a bonus.

“I didn’t really recruit her,” Connelly said. “She wanted to come and run and wanted to run, and I definitely encouraged her, but I didn’t recruit her.”

Somewhere along the way, the Irish began to count on Kuenster to race varsity, score and act as a team leader. Her passion for running paid off in the form of faster times and consistent workouts, as the senior has dropped nearly two minutes off her cross country time from freshman year. Kuenster finished her first meet in 1997, the Valparaiso Invitational, in 20 minutes, 17.93 seconds, a time eclipsed by her 18:23 finish in last week’s National Catholic Invitational. That time was good for fifth place overall.

“I’ve done the workouts as hard as I could, and in consistently as I could do them,” Kuenster said. “I love to run, so I’ve enjoyed them. I like being able to help the team.”

A year-round training schedule helped Kuenster slash her times, as did her tutelage under older and faster runners like All-American Alison Klemmner, who graduated in May.

“She’s got an incredible work ethic. She just trains and trains and trains,” Connelly said. “Plus she got in with some of the older kids, and that helped her. Alison Klemmner and her are really close. Alison kind of took her under her wing, I think training. Me and her made that really helped her.”

A year of success helped foster further accomplishments for Kuenster. A 33rd place finish at last year’s Big East Cross Country Championships in a time of 18:47 gave her confidence.

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