Nader struggles for recognition

By NATE PHILLIPS

Many voters are disappointed in the presidential debates. Many voters, however, forget that there are several alternative party candidates who are also seeking the executive office.

Leading the race among these candidates is Green Party leader Ralph Nader. Nader seeks to establish a new type of presidency — one that listens to the people, and less to the political influences in Washington.

Recently, there have been a large number of controversies concerning the representation of Nader's campaign. It has not been allowed onto many ballots across the United States, and was refused participation in the presidential debates. Many voters are disappointed in the unfair treatment of Nader thus far in the election.

Nader presents a distinct threat to Gore's overall vote because he could possibly sway liberal voters away from Gore.

In the 1992 and 1996 elections, Ross Perot made a significant impact on the overall election. In the same way, voters for Nader could pull votes away from Gore.

"Nader's ability to get on a ballot is not that outstanding of an accomplishment. Perot set the bar for this eight years ago, and quite possibly cost Bush the election," said Al Tiffany, a Notre Dame government professor.

"Nader could pull liberal voters in favor of the environment and taking money out of politics away from Gore's camp.

"Nader being on the ballot will take away votes from Gore," said Notre Dame government professor Benjamin Radcliffe. "How many votes is still in up in the air, but nevertheless, Nader presents a distinct threat to Gore's campaign. Polls indicate he may capture 5 percent of the vote."

By MAUREEN SMITHE

Despite rumors and tentative plans, Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush will not be making an appearance at Notre Dame prior to the Nov. 7 elections.

"With the candidates involved in the campaigns, nothing is confirmed until it happens," said Dennis Moore, director of public relations. "They looked at their numbers in Pennsylvania and decided that they needed to be there."

Moore said the University learned about the change of plans only recently.

"We were attempting to finalize a date when they decided not to come," he said. "It's not an unusual happenstance. Bush and Democratic presidential nominee Al Gore received invitations to speak on campus from Edward Malloy, University president, after their respective conventions. Prominent alumni involved in the campaigns were alerted of the invitations in hopes of influencing the candidates. Although Gore has yet to confirm an appearance, Moore said a visit is still possible.

The University extended invitations to the nominees to inform the student body of their respective platforms.

"It gives us the opportunity for people in the campus community to actually see and hear the candidates in the flesh," Moore said.

The University has a history of inviting presidential candidates to campus, including Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Bill Clinton.

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By NATASHA GRANT

Celebrating its 50th year, the Program of Liberal Studies (PLS) plans to continue honing the program's success through the semester.

"We've had events running from [the] last academic year," says Michael Crowe, a Cavanaugh professor in PLS. Crowe and Nicholas Ayo, a CSC professor, are in charge of the year-long celebration.

The history of the major goes back to the 1950s, when Father Cavanaugh was president of the University.

"They were trying to bring the world back to its roots and Father Cavanaugh brought (PLS) here and presented a Catholic version. The program struggled in the beginning, but it eventually found steady ground," Ayo said.

The goal of the program is to create a curriculum that heavily relies on reading. "We've integrated course somewhat similar to Core, but a little more contemporary. PLS often reaches out to great books which is close to what they do in University seminars, except that seminar books are uniquely chosen by one professor while the great books are argued a mong many," said Ayo.

Crowe and Ayo are part of the major's continuing controversy.

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"People would like to have a common experience of being in the same class with the same people year to year. In these small-knit communities, students are known by name," Ayo said.

A fair number PLS majors enter law school after graduation because the major teaches them to defend, read and write quickly, while fostering the broad sense of humanity appealing to law schools.

In addition to the reading and discussion courses, PLS also offers courses in natural science, social science, theology, history and literature.

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"Over the years, it's been very successful. PLS attracts some of the brightest students genuinely interested in learning," Crowe said.

"PLS is time-consuming so students would have to want to read. They would anticipate good and bad. It's not for everyone, but those that stay are very happy," he said.
A stolen bike, a shattered ideal

I had a great weekend. My sister came for a visit; we watched the football game and booked a relaxing day afternoons at the gym. However, my peace of mind disintegrated late Sunday night on my way to the Grotto. Walking past the bike rack outside of my dorm, I noticed that my brand new bike was gone.

Heartbroken and shoulders slumped, I crossed the street to the Grotto, hoping that in some way my bike would turn up. Maybe one of my friends just borrowed it, I reassured myself. Maybe Notre Dame Security saw it unlock and brought it somewhere safe. Maybe I forgot that I had driven it anywhere. All sorts of rationalizations raced through my brain until I made it back to the bike rack.

Lying in the dirt, I found my cut lock lying near where my purple Mountain Bike was used to lock the bike to the rack. I recall it just didn’t happen. But, I now know that crime does happen on this campus. And why are the doors still unlocked, so why would anyone think about the person who cut the lock and carelessly throw it on the ground?

That person approached my bike with the planned intent to steal it. That person deliber­ately breached the lock and rode away with no remorse and no concern for the person whose day they were ruining. What did that person think that they were going to do? What does that person think about every time they sit on my purple bike?

I guess I never thought that things like this really happened on our campus. No one even locks their doors, so why would anyone go through the trouble of cutting a bike lock? How could I feel so violated from crime because it just doesn’t really happen. But, now I know that crime does happen on this campus, and things far worse than bike theft can happen. There hadn’t been a moment when I felt more violated, and for that I am grateful that it was just a stolen bike. But, my bike is gone and it isn’t coming back — I am really mad!

It had been years since I had a bike, and I really liked the one I had. My grandma gave it to me for my summer, and I was so excited to bring it to campus. It had the cutest Love Pack on the back of it, perfect for toting checks to the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union. My grandma even gave me a speedometer for it, and even though it never worked, it was fun to have.

To the person who stole my beloved bike, open up the Love Pack. In there you will find a map of Chicago area bike trails and a picture of my grandma.

Bob Davie, Notre Dame head coach addressing complaints made by the press on the weekend’s weather

"Do not walk the streets at 2 o’clock in the morning. You must be as well put a sign on your head that says, ‘I am a Notre Dame student. Beat me. Take my money.’”

Eldon Bradley, South Bend corporal

"I don’t think a lot of people know I’m on the team. I just go out there and do my job. I’m a pretty regular guy.”

Matt Lovecchio, Notre Dame quarterback

"We want to run it down their throats and crash them into the ground.”

Daxh Marrs, Fisher interhall football defensive linebacker

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Texas A&M University

Credit card scams target students

Many students have received this phone call from companies. A credit card company is updating its records and a credit card number is necessary for account status verification. This person of the phone scam artists use to rip people off, said Larry Lightboll, president of Texas A&M’s Bryan Better Business Bureau (BBB). "In most credit card scams, they call you up and tell you they are supposedly updating your records and they charge a small amount to check your account, and they ask you to verify who you are by giving them your credit card number," he said. "By doing that, they will have access to your credit card account, and they charge things on your account without your knowledge. This summer the BBB received a surge in consumer-reported telephone scams, reporting that telephone scammers have numerous ways of convincing victims to give them the information they want. Before becoming victim to scams, students can take preventative measures. Avoid giving personal information over the phone and listen to everything that is said.

Ohio State University

Program may undervalue teachers

For the past 10 years many college graduates may not have realized an opportunity that was available to them. Physics majors, engineering majors and English majors could have used their degrees to become teachers through Teach for America (TFA). TFA seeks to provide relief in rural and urban regions where teacher shortages exist. While TFA is responsible for recruiting, selecting and training its teachers, the hiring of teachers is handled within the districts that TFA serves. Corps members serve as full-time teachers. Patricia Enciso, Ohio State University assistant professor of education, has mixed feelings about the program.

"They [TFA teachers] can offer enthusiasm for a subject, because of the experiences they’ve had in their own education, however, successfully teaching children requires that they not only have an understanding of a particular subject, but also an understanding of how children learn,” Enciso said. However, according to statistics provided by TFA, oftentimes their teachers do prove to be very effective in the classroom.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers releases sweatshop report

By MYRA McGriff

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less, it probably will not be enough to make a shift in the overall outcome of the election.

In response to his inclusion on the Illinois ballot, Nader is hosting a rally in Chicago today. It is unclear whether other states will follow Illinois’ lead and allow Nader to be included on the ballot in November. It may be too early to make any accurate judgments as to how much Nader will affect the election, because it is not clear how many states will place Nader on their ballots. Nevertheless, Nader’s attempt to make a large impact on the upcoming election is unlikely. "Nader owns only about 5 percent of the overall popular vote," said Radcliffe. "Rationally, it seems that support will even fade a little bit as the election approaches."

Even though his chances on making a major impact on the overall election are low, the controversy over Nader’s campaign continues to exist, and will remain until it is seen how many states place him on their ballots.

Last week, the fiasco concerning the lack of representation of Nader’s campaign reached a new level. Not only was he neglected participation in the Oct. 3rd debate at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, but he was refused admittance by police power to enter issued by the debate commission themselves." Nader said, as reported by the Associated Press.

Nader was also prohibited to participate in a planned interview with Fox News, whose trailer was located on the site of the debate. "This is the beginning of the end of the Commission on Presidential Debates," Nader said.

In response to his exclusion from the debate, Nader released a statement to the chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) demanding an apology for the actions of the commission. He also released a proposed settlement, which states that the CPD would not only allow him to enter all future debates, but also donate $25,000 to the nonprofit Applesseed Center for Electoral Reform at Harvard Law School. Although his request may seem extreme, Nader promised to pursue redemption in the legal system if his requests are not met by today.

The public response to Nader’s exemption from the debates seems to indicate that the CPD was at fault for not allowing his participation. "Although Nader’s chances at becoming president are far-fetched, his views are representative of enough of the American people, that he should be able to express them in a debate forum," said Notre Dame sophomore Adam Harrison.

Whether or not the CPD was at fault, however, remains ambiguous. "The Commission of Presidential Debates has set a certain standard for those allowed into a debate," Tillery said. "Whether or not that standard has changed midstream, I’m not sure, but it seems as though Nader warranted enough support to be invited."

Recently, however, Nader’s luck has taken a turn for the better. The Illinois State board of Elections is scheduled to put Nader on the November ballot at a meeting on Wednesday.

This decision conflicts with the views of the Democratic Party of Illinois, who requested that Nader be held off of the ballot. "It is easy to say that a large number of liberal voters will vote for Nader," Radcliffe said. "When push comes to shove, it will be interesting to see whether or not the third party will make a significant impact as the election approaches."

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Vatican reconsiders Wilde: An influential Jesuit publication has rehabilitated Oscar Wilde, the Irish writer once jailed for homosexual acts, praising him for his humanity and a deathless conversion to Roman Catholicism. The article marking the centenary of Wilde's death came in La Cautela Catolica, a quarterly whose articles are often endorsed by the Vatican, which condemns homosexuality.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

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NAACP rates hotels' promise progress

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"We are a nation that has grown up, that has matured, that has experienced much suffering as a minority throughout the world. Anyone who hurts a minority that lives among us, hurts the very core of our society," he said.

"This ugly cycle must end, it will leave scars that are not simple but it is within our power together to overcome them."

The night before, hundreds of Arabs and Jews had attacked each other with stones and fists in the streets of Nazareth, the town of Jesus' boyhood. Two Israeli Arabs were killed by rubber bullets fired by police.

As Barak spoke Monday night at the end of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, or holiest day of the Jewish calendar, hundreds of Jews in Tel Aviv suburbs took to the streets in anger.

Three Arab-owned apartments in a mixed neighborhood were set on fire. Tires were burned in the streets and protesters chanted "Death to the Arabs." Police and Israeli camera crews were hit with bottles and stones.

Many Israeli Arabs have joined in the protests that have engulfed the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the past 12 days. Ten Israeli Arabs have been killed in clashes with police. The demonstrations have rallied Israeli Jews, who feel Israel's very survival could be threatened by an internal rebellion.

Jews, Arabs promote civil unrest

In the worst civil strife in years, Jews and Arabs attacked each other Monday in towns across Israel.

In Tel Aviv, Jews chanted "Death to the Arabs," burned tires and smashed the windows of Arab cars, prompting the mayor of the usually tranquil seaside metropolis to ask residents to stay indoors. Arabs in several northern Israeli towns threw stones at passing Israeli vehicles, damaging several, police said.

In a special televised message, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak appealed to Arabs and Jews to end the violence against one another.

"I call on all Israeli citizens to refrain from violence," Barak said. "To the Jewish citizens, refrain at all costs from injuring Arabs and their property. To Arab citizens, refrain from being led by an extreme minority that wants to bring down the portrait of life in this country."

Palestinian protesters throw stones at Israeli defense force troops in clashes at the Ayosh Junction in Ramallah, West Bank Monday. Some 89 people, mostly Palestinians, have been killed in 12 days of clashes.

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Aristide plans to run in one-sided election

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti
Former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide registered Monday to run in a presidential election that all major opposition parties are boycotting, virtually guaranteeing him victory.

Outside the electoral council office where Aristide filed his candidacy, his supporters danced to a carnival band and shouted Aristide's campaign slogan: "Peace of Mind! Peace in the Belly!"

"Today we have taken a historic step on the road toward peace," Aristide said as he left. He had waited until the last day to register for the Nov. 26 elections, which will include nine Senate seats and one in the House of Assembly.

Aristide's victory is an almost foregone conclusion with the opposition boycott, which leaves only four other little-known candidates in the race. The opposition parties charge May-July legislative elections were rigged to favor candidates allied to Aristide, who they claim is plotting to return Haiti to dictatorship.

Aristide became president when he won 1990 elections in a landslide to become Haiti's first freely elected leader in nearly 200 years of military and civilian dictatorship in the Caribbean country. The army ousted Aristide in 1991 and he was restored three years later by U.S. troops deployed to end military killings of civilians and stem a flood of Haitian boat people to Florida.

Aristide was barred from running for a second consecutive term. His hand-picked successor, Rene Preval, won in December 1995 elections. Haiti has remained mired in poverty and power struggles. The country was without a parliament for nearly 1 1/2 years after Preval dismissed uncooperative legislators who charged 1997 legislative elections were fraudulent.

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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This fall the air of Salzburg, Innsbruck, Vienna and other Austrian cities has been overwhelmed by the sound of voices of thousands of students shouting in protest. Sheets bearing words of anger and frustration hang from the windows of the arts and letters buildings of the University of Innsbruck. Each morning eager undergraduates pass newspapers and leaflets out to departing classes. The featured headlines of these documents reveal why.

"Studiengebühren," the payment by students directly for their education. Formerly, the Austrian state covered all educational expenses with the taxes paid within Austria's socialistic system. This system also provides citizens with health care and pension.

The majority parties in the Austrian government, the OVP and FP0, instituted in the past by those "pro-life" factions that exclusive right of God to judge the outcome of the election Americans try as a whole requires the education of America. It reads, translated from German, "am poor, stay dumb." Fortunately in the United States financial aid and scholarships exist to help poor students, yet these limited resources often leave students behind. Fortunately, only the wealthy can afford the price tag of an education at a nationally known university and possess the access to good literature and high academic level. Yet, the expansion of the American economy and the country as a whole requires the education of the majority of the population at the college level and beyond.

Both Al Gore and George W. Bush have proposed plans to help parents and students finance higher education. Gore supports the College Opportunity Tax Cut, a tax deduction or 28 percent for the first $10,000 in tuition and 401K accounts that would allow individuals to save money for education tax free. Bush proposes an expansion in the Education Savings Accounts program that would raise the individual contribution limit from $500 to $5000. He also endorses a $5.1 billion "College Challenge" grant to help establish a merit scholarship program through each state and the complete tax-exemption for all qualified tuition savings plans regardless of the outcome of the election Americans should pressure their representatives to accept such ideas that could alleviate some of the issues of financing education now felt across the globe.

As I glance at a florescent-yellow poster plastered to the front entrance of my class building that encourages students to engage in an Oct. 11 protest, the similarity in the concerns between students here in Austria and in the United States strikes me again.

Johanna Mikulski
Innsbruck

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supporting abortion as Christians

After reading Marilyn Morey's column in the Monday, Oct. 11 edition of The Observer I was relieved and thankful to have finally heard a sympathetic, intelligent, reasonable and thus truly Christian position on abortion. I have been disgusted in the past by those "pro-life" factions which claim to be Christian while at the same time promoting their position using the tools of violence, intimidation, false rhetoric and emotional manipulation, as well as supporting fascist government control of women's lives and bodies.

These "Christians" attempt to usurp the exclusive right of God to judge human actions. Every person does have a right to their opinion, and because I respect that right very much I would never stoop to such tactics as bullying others into agreement or silence. I would never believe myself to be so infallible that I was qualified to propose laws that I could approve to be in compliance with my morality. Legal. What false righteousness! The theories and name calling which most "pro-life" groups resort to would be laughably childish if it were not so vicious. If people are confident their position is reasonable and correct, there is no reason or excuse to resort to such tactics.

By assuming themselves to be qualified to harshly judge other people, "pro-life" factions leave themselves open to the judgment of others. And by all sympathethe, intelligent, reasonable people, including all true Christians, such behavior must be found reprehensible.

Natalie Huddleston
Off campus
Oct. 9, 2000

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All political ideas cannot and should not be channeled into the programs of our two major parties. History has amply proved the virtue of political activity by minority, dissident groups."

Earl Warren
former Supreme Court Justice
Voting for him instead of Ralph Nader will have a 'market' for those cells. In this process, human beings are reduced to objects of utility and ultimately commerce. A trade already exists in fetal tissue and we can expect one to develop in embryonic stem cells.

"George W. Bush sold out the pro-life movement and stacked arms in the battle for our unborn children. Rather than denouncing the FDA decision that certified the culture death by legalizing a human pestle, he focused on keeping women safe while they kill their babies. His mild 'disappointment' rings hollow, and his pathetic concession that abortion should be 'rare' betrays the meaning of life. Today conservatives see Big Tent Republicanism's final destination: no limbus tests, no principled stands, no changes in the status quo. This assault on their ideals will not go unchallenged, for in this election there is another candidate fighting their cause — one with the courage to stand where the FDA stood in Boston.

For those of you that are strongly pro-life and disappointed with the weak support of the Republican national leaders, now is your chance to make a statement. Bush will win Indiana. A Democrat has not won here since LBJ in 1964 and the next before him was FDR in 1932. He is leading strongly in the polls and most analysts list Indiana as solidly in Bush's camp. But you can make a statement. You will not give Indiana's electoral votes to Gore, so vote your conscience been produced.

Show national headquarters that there is a group of conservatives that will fight back. If Pat Buchanan gets at least 5 percent of the vote, he will remain a viable candidate in 2000. You are building an opposition party.

Paul Reszel Fort Wayne, IN Oct. 5, 2000

Human embryo research destroys life

Let's talk about your tax dollars at work. On Aug. 23 the National Institutes of Health (NIH) issued final guidelines on federal funding for research on "human pluripotent stem cells derived from human embryos technically known as human embryonic stem cells." The studies will be funded "only if the cells were derived without federal funds from human embryos that were created for the purposes of fertility treatment and were in excess of the clinical need of the individuals seeking treatment." The cells can be used to form any tissue of the human body except the placenta. Scientists hope the cells could play a role in curing Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, heart disease, diabetes, spinal cord injuries, burns and other ailments.

There is just one catch. The human embryo, preserved by freezing, is not just a mass of cells. It is a human being. As Fr. Joseph C. Howard, Jr., of the Ailing for life in theology and ethics Committee, put it, "to obtain stem cells from a human embryo necessitates the removal of the inner cell mass which each and every time destroys a human life." "Even if NIH doesn't grant funds to destroy human embryos," said C. Ben Mitchell, senior fellow of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity, "it is encouraging those who do by producing a 'market' for those cells." In this process, human beings are reduced to objects of utility and ultimately commerce. A trade already exists in fetal tissue and we can expect one to develop in embryonic stem cells.

"It might be argued that these frozen embryos would be discarded and die anyway. But how is killing them for their cells different from what the Nazis did in harvesting the organs of Jews and other living inmates who were going to die anyway? And why not harvest the heart, kidneys, etc., of living persons on death row? And comatose patients whom nobody wants?"

"For the first time in history, our federal government will promote research in which developing human beings are destroyed," said Richard Doerflinger, of the National Conscion of Catholic Bishops. Doerflinger also noted that "The claim that embryonic stem-cell research is needed for new medical advances has been rebutted by numerous breakthroughs in adult stem-cell research and other alternatives. Last week ... NIH-funded researchers announced that they can produce a virtually limitless supply of new nerve cells for transplants from patients' own bone-marrow stem cells. This approach overcomes the ethical and immunologic concerns associated with the use of fetal tissue."

"The Catholic Church is not opposed to adult stem-cell research or stem-cell research on umbilical cords because these procedures do not endanger life," said Cardinal Bevilacqua of Philadelphia. "But the only way to acquire the embryonic stem cells is to destroy a human life. May we end one human life to benefit another? Research to treat a wide range of diseases and disorders that affect many people is ... a noble venture, but never at the expense of human life. It is absolutely forbidden to directly destroy one innocent human being to help another."

In our pagan culture of death, we regard the intentional infliction of death as a legitimate and optional problem-solving technique. And law is a matter of will rather than reason. Whatever the culture of death, the human person is defined in functional terms. He is valued not for what he is, "an immortal being endowed with unalienable rights by his Creator," but for what he can do or for how he can be used for the benefit of others. We started down this road when, through the contraceptive ethic, we made man rather than God the arbiter of when and how life shall begin and, with abortion and euthanasia, of when and how it shall end. Tax-funded research on human embryonic stem cells is a predictable application of this utilitarian logic. And the end is not yet in sight. "Not since the exploits of German science in the earlier part of this century," wrote columnist Paul Greenberg, "have so many rationalizations been produced for experimenting on human tissue." Don't think of it as a human being in embryo. And if all these sophisticated rationalizations still don't quite convince you, then remember that they probably sounded a lot better in the original German. And ignore that still small voice whispering: 'This is wrong.'"

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Radiohead releases long anticipated Kid A

Band combines music, art and poetry to create an album that has significance far beyond that of a mere compact disc

By SAM DERHEIMER

Radiohead has always pushed the boundaries of music. More than any other band, it has consistently taken its fans far and beyond the standard framework of the mainstream music industry.

Composed of lead vocalist Thom York, guitarists Jonny Greenwood and Ed O’Brien, bassist Colin Greenwood and drummer Phil Selway, Radiohead is one of the most creative and brilliant rock bands ever to come upon the scene.

No one can do what Radiohead does.

With the group’s fourth studio record, Kid A, the five childhood friends from England have created something that goes beyond anything that has been heard before. Kid A is nothing short of an artistic masterpiece.

Kid A is by far Radiohead’s most experimental album, capitalizing on the complex and distinctive sounds the band has become known for.

There is no reason to Kid A, no explanation. Many of the sounds on the album seem almost foreign, irregular. York’s vocals are twisted and tangled, and yet, in the end, everything comes together.

Though at the surface, the sounds of the songs seem almost to want nothing to do with each other, a step back reveals the true intricate complexity and layered engineering of the album. Kid A was not created to make sense on the surface. That’s the way Radiohead operates. Listeners are forced to clear their minds and listen to what is really there.

For the most part, Kid A’s sound is slow, meadowed and beautiful. York also provides no liner notes this time around, serving only to internally the listener’s own ultimate deconstruction of the album.

Kid A is more than just a studio album. It is a work of art. It is a trance. It is the subconscious of York portrayed through musical notes, vocal chords and artwork.

The album opens with “Everything In Its Right Place.” A title that may be the biggest paradox of the entire CD. Nothing seems to be in its right place on this song. Meaning and music alike are jumbled, mixed and lost. Yet, in the end, it finds its perfect harmony. It’s as if the band took a deck of cards, threw them into the air and they landed in a perfect card house anyway.

The track begins with York struggling to find his voice. “Come on, Kid A, Kid A.” As he comes into his own, finding the strength and confidence to sing out, he carries the listener with him, away from reality and into a realm of self-conscious existentialism and deep-seated psychosis. There are two colors in my head...

Unlike anything Radiohead has ever produced before, unlike anything anyone has ever produced before. Kid A blues the line between listener and musician. Instead of bringing the music to the listener, it’s as if Radiohead is bringing the listener to it.

Kid A was engineered to invoke a trance-like quality, as one song flows into the next, leaving the listener feeling as if he was scooped in, lost and floating through the innermost recesses of York’s own consciousness.

However, not everything on the album is necessarily so transcendent and supernatural.

“The National Anthem” mixes a more traditional Radiohead style with horns and sax, giving it a pop/big band feel the band has experimented with little on previous releases. The song is amazing and a true example of the brilliance of Radiohead and the true musicianship these men possess.

“How To Disappear Completely” is one of the best and most beautiful songs on Kid A. The passion and haunting pain conveyed through York’s vocals are incomparable to anything fans have heard before. “In a little while, I’ll be gone.” The moment has already passed. Yeah, it’s gone! And I’m not here. This isn’t happening anymore.

Even York’s own past work barely compares to the strength of his vocal talent on this song. “How To Disappear Completely,” “Optimistic” and “Idioteque.” Besides its haunting vocals, “Idioteque” is a strong example of the band’s willingness to branch out on its own sound on Kid A. With a somberly beautiful and almost eerie dance-like beat, the song is an immediate standout. Above all the other songs on the album, this is the one die-hard fans will either love or hate. But either way, it can not be ignored.

The record ends with “Motion Picture Soundtrack,” a track so divergent from mainstream song writing and yet so extraordinary in its composition, it is the perfect culmination to such an irregular album.

Tangled amid the sounds of soft organs and jubilant harps, York’s lyrics cry a story of sadness and loss. Stop sending letters/letters always got burned/It’s not like the movies/They fed us on little white lies/I think you’re crazy, maybe I think you’re crazy, maybe I will see you in the next life.

The starch clash between lyrics and music gives the song substance beyond mere sheet lyrics or musical notes. The way the song as a whole still achieves an almost immaculate harmony exemplifies the disorder and impeccable perfection that are in constant battle throughout the record.

Kid A is more than just a music album. With a CD booklet composed of nothing but artwork and another booklet of poetry and art hidden within the album case, Radiohead has created something far more expressive and significant than a mere music album. The poetry and art work complement the purity of York’s voice and the band’s sound with an intense perfection.

Radiohead’s songs are composed as much of emotion as they are of sound. With Kid A, the band firmly stakes its claim as one of the most gifted and talented bands in rock history. These are true artists. No one can do what Radiohead does. Kid A is merely the product of their genius.

Album Track List

Radiohead

Kid A

1. Everything In Its Right Place
2. Kid A
3. The National Anthem
4. How To Disappear Completely
5. Treefingers
6. Optimistic
7. In Limbo
8. Idioteque
9. Morning Bell
10. Motion Picture Soundtrack

Kid A is a powerful ride of emotion and somber beauty, and marks serious musical growth for the band. The artwork of Kid A (seen within the story above) is as much a part of the album as the music.
Elastica’s five-year break yields no original sound

By TODD CALL AIS
Sean Maine Civic

In 1995, Elastica’s self-titled first full-length release became one of the fastest selling albums in United Kingdom history, and did fairly well in the United States as well. The band’s girl-vocals-meet-rav-British-punk sound created hits such as “The Car Song,” “Stutter,” “Hold Me Now,” “Connection” and “Line up.” Then the band seemed to fall off the face of the planet for five years, although they did release a couple rarities and live tracks in 1999.

However, Justine Frischmann, Annie Holland and the rest are back with their second full-length album, The Menace. This album is a textbook example of a hit or miss record that will have some fans claiming “Elastica is back!” but most wishing that they had worked on the album for another five years.

The Menace has some definite high points. The opening song, “Maddox,” is one of the strongest on the album and is reminiscent of the Elastica of old. This song has an awesome beat that appeals to guitar junkies, techno aficionados and euro-punk fans alike. The most impressive part of this song is actually that the opening and chorus feature sounds effects from the old GT-9 keyboards from 1984 and 1985.

The second track, “Generator,” is another high point that shows great keyboards and incredible vocals that seem inspired by tracks from one of the newer euro bands, Blis. “Love Like Ours,” displays lead vocals Frischmann’s depth in writing slower songs.

This track combines dreamy vocals, really cool but basic guitar riffs and eerie keyboards to create a great listen.

In a lighter and more nostaligic look at television commercials, Elastica covers the car commercial theme (a song originally released in the 1980s by Trio) “Da Da Da” in surprisingly entertaining fashion. A b i h a n. However, this time around, the vocals are no longer as monotone, and you discover that there are actually more lyrics to the song than just “da da da.”

Also worth mentioning are the songs “How to Hate Elastica Man” and “Nothing Stays the Same.” Despite such great efforts by the band, there are still some serious problems with the album.

Tracks like “I m a g e C h a n g e,” “Human” and “KB” are, so bad they should be buried. “Miami Nice” is just a long, drawn-out instrumental that could be described as three minutes of build up with no climax. The songs indicate that Elastica has not yet managed to master the electronica movement in their guitar.

Another potential problem with the album is its lack of originality. They cover one song, borrow the guitar parts for two songs from a group named Wire and on another song, they borrow guitars from the Velvet Underground.

Now, of course, this does not mean that the album is not worth hearing. But it does serve to make one wonder what on earth Frischmann and Elastica have been doing over the past five years.

The Menace
Elastica
Atlantic Records

Rating

Green Day moves away from pure punk past

By TIM COLLINS
Scene Maine Civic

In a month where record sales look like they will be dominated by rock groups like U2 and Radiohead, those Bay Area punk rockers, Green Day, are back with their fourth major label album release, Warning.

The band has had an impressive string of hits since 1994’s breakthrough smash, Dookie, and it had its biggest hit with the acoustic single “Time Of Your Life” in 1998 from the Nimrod album. But this latest album finds the band going in a totally new direction and, in some ways, abandoning its true punk background.

The album’s opening track, “Warning,” shows how different the album sounds from their past material. The track is a four minute acoustic song in which lead singer, Billie Joe Armstrong, warns the listener not to “shut up and be the victim of authority.” The song actually works really well and even through it may not remind listeners of the band’s earlier albums, it is one of the better songs on the album. “Hold On” is anchored by a great acoustic guitar riff and a harmonica and sounds great.

Some of the experiments do not work as well as “Warning” or “Hold On,” though. “Misery” is a complete failure. The song tries to be a little too deep as they sing of “the catastrophic hymns from yesterday of misery.” For this band, it just does not work.

“Macy’s Day Parade” does a better job than “Misery,” but the band’s attempts at acoustic songs with violins in the background have gotten a little old by this point — it is the last track on the album. But Billie Joe still does deliver some of the better lyrics from the album on the song when he sings, “I’m thinking about a brand new hope, the one that I’ve never known. Cause now I know it’s all I ever wanted.”

The band still does whip-out some of those classic three minute punk songs, but on this album, they seem a little bit more produced and polished than before. “Blood, Sex and Booze” sounds like it will just scream out, but actually ends up sounding like the band is holding back. Green Day needs to turn up the amp another notch on this album.

But the band still does achieve some great successes with Warning. “Church on Sunday” is right-on. Billie Joe talks about a serious commitment that is headed for marriage (“if you live with me, I’ll die for you and this compromise.”) “Waiting” also stands out. This song’s sound is instantly catchy and is driven by the pounding drums of Tre Cool.

The best song on the album is also the first single, “Minority.” The song is already No. 1 on Billboard’s Modern Rock Singles chart, and is one of the best songs of the band’s career. It opens with a quiet acoustic arrangement before Billie Joe screams out, “I want to be the minority. I don’t need your authority. I’m with the moral majoritv.” The verses feature some of the most catchy lyrics in recent rock, and when the listener gets stuck in the listener’s head.

Warning is not a failure for Green Day; the band is just heading in a new direction and has not quite found out exactly what they want to do with it yet.

It is a good step for the band, showing that it does not just want to be hardcore punk rockers.

But it is a far cry from the pure punk album that Banda released this summer, and also nowhere near the power of The Replacements’ Tim, the album that shows the best transition a punk band has ever made to more quiet sound.

The Menace
Elastica
Atlantic Records

Rating

Green Day
Reprise Records

In their fourth studio album, Warning, Green Day experiments with a more harmonious and less punkish sound.

WARNING

WARNING
Badin bests McGlinn 7-6, earning spot in playoffs

By CHRIS FEDERICO, LAUREN COFFIN and JOHN BASKI

Sports Writers

They don't play for multi-million dollar contracts, national championships, or even athletic scholarships, but women of Badin and McGlinn who took the field Sunday afternoon played as if all of these things hung on that game. On a miserably cold and rainy day, the teams trudged onto the field and played with much heart and a man to line it up on the gridiron. They battled for an hour in blinding winds and cold rain, and when it was all said and done, Badin came out on top 7-6 and earned themselves the right to move on to the playoffs.

With the cold and wet conditions, it proved very difficult for either team to get started offensively in the first half. Just before the half, Badin moved the ball deep into McGlinn territory, but they were halted on fourth down at the yard line. On McGlinn's opening drive of the second half, the Shamrocks moved all the way into Badin's red zone. On first down from the nineteen, an errant pass from McGlinn landed right in the hands of a Badin defender, but she could not hold on for the interception. On the next play, McGlinn would connect on a 19-yard touchdown pass.

With exciting running and down and six points, the Bullfights knew they had to make something happen. Badin quarterback Priscilla Clements stepped up in the pocket and a few plays later Clements flung the ball — just before being knocked down— to a wide-open Jody Klinger, who hauled it in for seven yards for the score.

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We started the game in possession, but neither the Wild Women nor the Banshees did much offensively in the first half.

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The win cemented Walsh's place as one of the top four teams in the Gold League. They will move on to the playoffs after a fall break. Ban­shees' coaching is still uncertain about their playoff status as this point. 'Right now don't I wish we'd been on five years earlier,' said Tricia Keppl, Banshee co-captain. 'But maybe we did have some change.

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The second half was full of slippery conditions, but it did not faze them. Francesca Breen-Phillips isn't too disappointed in the loss. "It was frustrating," said Jenny Wahoske, Banshee captain. "We had heard that they'd been scouting us, and we thought that they anticipated what we were going to do. They were just waiting to throw it. They did a good job though, credit to them for it." Ban­shees' coaching is still uncertain about their playoff status as this point. 'Right now don't I wish we'd been on five years earlier,' said Tricia Keppl, Banshee co-captain. 'But maybe we did have some change.

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Junior Anthony Weaver (No. 98) goes in for a tackle of Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis Saturday. The Irish defense is much improved over its '99 counterpart.

Football

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lunger forward and got the first down by inches. Less than a minute later, Jay Johnson snared a 16-yard touchdown pass from Jackson for the victory.

Although Notre Dame has won 36 straight against Navy, two of the last three games have exposed Notre Dame's recent struggles in defending against the wishbone attack.

In addition to yielding 231 rushing yards last year, the Irish defense also allowed 277 yards on the ground in a 21-17 victory over Navy in 1997. Notre Dame escaped the 1997 game with the win after cornerback Allen Rossum chased down Pat McGrew, who caught Chris McCoy's "Hail Mary" pass with three seconds remaining. Rossum knocked McGrew out of bounds at the one-yard line to preserve the winning streak. "It's a difficult offense to defend," Davie said. "We haven't really seen anyone like them."

Navy arrives in Orlando with a 4-5 record. Its usually potent rushing attack has struggled this far this season. The Midshipmen average just 114 yards per game and 2.6 yards per carry. In its first five games, Navy has scored in double digits only twice, averaging 7.8 points per game while allowing 31.2 points. But with only a week to prepare for the wishbone, the Irish remain hesitant to exude confidence.

"We have tremendous respect for them," Davie said. "Everybody out here realizes the challenge."

That challenge continues in the upcoming five games. Excluding Navy, the cumulative record of the remaining opponents is 16-9 and none are ranked in the top 25 polls. But the Irish still must face USC quarterback Carson Palmer, Air Force's wishbone offense (averaging 273 yards per game) and 4-1 West Virginia in Morgantown.

"Everybody was talking about those first five (games) and the impending doom," Davie said. "I know the first five games would take care of themselves for a lot of reasons."

The Irish can now focus on the remainder of the season.

INTERHALL FOOTBALL MEN'S GOLD DIVISION

Otters beat Vermin to keep playoff hopes alive

By COLIN BOYLAN AND KATIE DEMENT
Sports Writers

The beasts of Carroll and Sorin fought in the Smith at Stetson on Sunday. Despite the bitter cold, the Vermin and the Otters stayed focused and delivered a strong game.

The Otters, known for their passing game, allowed little room for the Vermin to gain control of the ball. Carroll's roster was not full, however. A few key players and starters were missing from the lineup.

The first half was stagnant until Sorin had an opportunity for a field goal, giving the Otters a 3-point lead against the Vermin.

"Sorin is a good team with good players," said Carroll captain, Geoff Polk, who admitted the defense had trouble bringing Sorin down.

The second half was a mirror image of the first. Sorin once again gained a field goal, leading them to the victory.

Sorin captain Mike Crowe said, "The defense clicked like I hoped they would; they did very well this game."

A final score of 5-0 made Sorin the victors. Carroll gave Sorin a strong fight. Polk said he "hopes to use this season as a springboard into next year's season."

The last regular season game before the playoffs was a crucial one for the Otters. With their previous standing of 1-0, they needed this win to qualify for the playoffs.

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Belles take forward step in weekend meet

By MOLLY McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

Teamwork was key in a solid performance by the Saint Mary's cross-country team this weekend at the GC-Ponderosa Invitational. Even missing top runner Casey Kinsella, who was absent from the meet, the Belles finished eighth out of 11 teams in the meet.

"I was ecstatic about how the meet went," said head coach Dave Barsits. "Everyone had their best time of the season."

Going into this weekend's meet, the team's goal was to return to the pack-running style characteristic of last season. "Our one-five split was 34 seconds and that was our goal," Barsits said.

The top finisher for Saint Mary's was senior Genevieve Yavello, who posted a time of 22 minutes, 25 seconds. Freshman Jessica Millanes, freshman Erin Thayer, sophomore Megan Tenney and junior Melissa Goss followed Yavello across the finish line. Yavello and Goss finished 41st and 47th, achieving the pack running effect the team was looking for.

"[Goss] looked the best she's looked in two years," Barsits said.

Barsits also credits much of the success to the Saint Mary's runners who usually finish sixth or seventh for the team, Millanes and Tenney. "Our No. 6 and No. 7 runners really stepped up," Barsits said. "Jessica is usually our No. 7 runner and she had a great race."

Millanes could not quite put her finger on what the difference was between this meet and other meets this season. "I don't quite know what it was," Millanes said. "I just went out and felt good and just stayed with that."

Spring Arbor College won the meet. Hillsdale College and Kalamazoo College finished second and third, respectively.

Despite the success of the pack running approach, the Belles were not in the running for a top finish. This fact, Barsits feels, is due to one or two standouts from competitors that Saint Mary's lacks.

"If you look at the results, the top teams won because they had one runner up in the top 25," Barsits said. "We just didn't have that."

Barsits said, however, that the team as a whole is becoming very competitive. "It takes seven runners to do really well," Barsits said. "Given the fact that (Millanes) and (Goss) had such good races, I think we're in good shape. Our goal is to have everyone peak at the MIAA championships and we're well on our way."

The Belles travel to Manchester for the Manchester Invitational Friday.
The regular season went out with a bang last Sunday as Cavanaugh edged Lewis 6-0 in a classic defensive battle.

With 30 seconds remaining in the second half, Cavanaugh quarterback Lynn Olszowy found wide receiver Mandy Reimer for the game’s only score. While there was no disputing the touchdown, the game was marred by a bit of controversy. On the play prior to Cavanaugh’s touchdown, Lewis was penalized for roughing the passer after seemingly stopping Cavanaugh on fourth down.

“Two teams played their hearts out for 40 minutes, and the refs decided to take matters into their own hands,” Lewis coach Blake Kirkman said. Lewis cannot attribute the loss solely to the referees, however. The Chicks’ offense was less threatening, as Cavanaugh’s defense pressured quarterback Erin Nazarallah and bottled up wide receiver Katie Schlommer.

Lewis’s defense was up to the task as well. Safety Liz Carey was all over the field. Her interception early in the second half halted a long drive by Cavanaugh.

Lewis finished the season 2-4, missing out on the playoffs. Cavanaugh captain Amy Szestak believes her team is ready to make a serious run for the league title.

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Keenan shuts out O'Neill, Alumni blanks Keough

By MATT HERRRAN AND JAMES VERAHL Sports Writers

The playoff-bound Keenan Knights finished their regular season with a shutout as they beat the O'Neill Angry Mob 14-0 at Stephan Field Sunday. Keenan controlled the game from the kick off, utilizing an oppressive pass rush to keep the Mob out of scoring position. The Knights' defensive front put constant pressure on O'Neill's quarterback, completely disrupting their offensive flow and allowing Keenan to squash any possible shifts in momentum. "Our defense set the tone for intensity and tempo," said Keenan captain Herb Giorgio. "When our 'D' plays well, it gives our offense a chance to regroup."

And regroup they did. Keenan's offense showcased a talented backfield led by quarterback Billy Ellsworth and Mark McNamara. McNamara scored the first touchdown of the game and caught a pivotal forty-yard pass from Ellsworth to set up a TD run by Brian Kunitzer, giving the Knights a 14-0 cushion. Applying continued pressure to O'Neill's passing game, Keenan held on for the win.

There were a few bright spots in the game for O'Neill, however. The Angry Mob put some pressure on the defensive front. O'Neill sacked Ellsworth three times to keep the Keenan lead from growing even larger than it already was. The Mob's putting game forced the Knights to start deep in their own territory a number of times. And, despite Keenan's overpowering pass rush, O'Neill's quarterback played fairly well by leaving the pocket and throwing on the move to avert pressure.

O'Neill put up a good fight, but for all intents and purposes its season is over. At 0-3, O'Neill is out of the playoff picture. Keenan, however, is moving on to bigger and better things. This win puts the Knights at 3-1, a record that will have them playing for a title shot after fall.

Keough Kangaroos in a key playoff match-up on Sunday. The game featured sloppy play and costly mental mistakes, which could be attributed to the freezing rain and bitter cold throughout the contest. "It was a lot of fun out in the rain today," said Alumni新鲜men John Wahoske.

The Kangaroo offense was crushed by two turnovers in the red zone. The first came at the end of the half of an interception by Alumni corner back T.J. Stavchotta at the Dawgs' one-yard line. The second Kangaroo red zone turnover came on a fumble play from Alumni linebacker Bailey Siegfried. He timed the snap perfectly and pushed through the offensive line to force a Keough fumble that was recovered by Alumni's John Salvino. This turnover all but ended any chance of a Kangaroo comeback.

"We came out and did what we had to do. We got the victory and hopefully clinched a playoff spot," said the Dawgs' defensive end Tommy Denko.

Offensively, the Dawgs got the push they needed on three catches by John Roodhouse and Brandon Nunnink. Their lone touchdown came on a 9-yard pass from quarterback Chris Cottington to Bevilaqua on Alumni's opening possession.

A botched punt in the fourth quarter by Keough gave the Dawgs the ball on the Kangaroo ten-yard line and led to a Nunnink 23-yard field goal, giving Alumni a 10-0 advantage. The Keough offense did a very respectable job of moving the ball throughout most of the game. Running backs Kevin MacAbbe and Mike Perrone were able to move the sticks, but the two costly turnovers proved to be too much as the Dawgy D recorded their third shutout of the season.

"It was a good game," said Keough captain Ryan Yorterry. "It could have gone either way. Alumni was just the better team today."

Defensively, Alumni just did what they have been doing for most of the season, which is not giving up the big plays and coming through with big plays of their own when they have to. "We're coming around. We had some key injuries, but everyone is coming back now," said Alumni fullback Brandon Nunnink. "We're starting to get it together."

The victory clinched a playoff spot for the Dawgs as they concluded their regular season with a mark of 3-1. They will now sit back and hope for a high playoff seed before their season resumes after the break. As for the Kangaroos, the loss put a severe damper on their quest for playoff football. They will have to rebound with a victory against O'Neill Wednesday and perhaps clinch a playoff seed before the two costly turnovers proved to be too much as the Dawgy D recorded their third shutout of the season.

"We blew it today," said Yorterry. "When you are forced to depend on other teams to help you to the playoffs it doesn’t look good."

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ROWING

Lightweights defeat Badgers

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

The Irish rowing team’s lightweights proved to be heavy on strong finishes this weekend, taking first in the fours at Sunday’s Head of the Rock and winning both the fours and the eight at the Chicago Chase on Saturday.

The Irish lightweight fours, coxed by Pamela Swan, scorched the three-mile course Sunday, leaving powerhouse Wisconsin in their wake by over 12 seconds.

For a fledgling program like Notre Dame, the Lightweights was a cause for excitement.

“Don’t know if we’ve ever beaten one of their top boats,” said captain Erin Kiernicki. “Wisconsin always expects to and for us to beat them, that was big.”

The open weight eight boat made similar strides against the competition. The crew finished third, behind only Wisconsin and Iowa, placing the Irish squarely amongst the elite squads of the Midwest.

“That was our best performance ever in the open eights,” said senior Leah Ash.

The open eights, with Claire Bula at coxswain, averaged their loss to Indiana at Chicago by defeating the Boosiers handily on Sunday by over 18 seconds. Notre Dame finished the 3 mile race in 15 minutes, 51.35 seconds.

“It was a big step forward for Notre Dame. It was our most successful weekend yet.”

Leah Ash
Senior rower

Volleyball

Belles make wins commonplace

By ALICIA ORTIZ
Sports Writer

Wins are becoming slightly more common for the Belles volleyball team, which posted one win for a fourth place overall finish at the Lake Forest Invitational Saturday.

“We faced teams we had never seen before. They were powerful servers and attackers with a quick offense.”

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles’ volleyball coach

Belles’ success were senior defensive specialists Beckie Butcko, with 27 digs, and freshman LeighAnn Matisich, with 39.

The third and final game was won by the Belles 9-15, 2-15, and 8-15. Saint Norbert had a mixed team of upper and underclassman to give them strength.

They finished the tournament with an overall record of 14-6.

“We started the Saint Norbert game with a seven point lead,” Schroeder-Biek said. “But we pulled ourselves out with continued efforts. They had talent outside attackers.”

The win just one in a series of turnaround victories for the Belles, who have been working to overcome a 0-9 start at the beginning of the season. Game strategy and smart play have been two improvements which have been watching wins for the team.

“I am a tremendous offensive threat to any team,” Schroeder-Biek said. “We will need that against Kalamazoo.”

The Belles’ achievements in the Lake Forest Invitational have given them confidence to work for future wins.

“From here on out, we want to play as strong as possible, and beat the teams that we lost against.”

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Irish win two to remain perfect within Big East

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN Sports Writer

Notre Dame volleyball remains undefeated in conference play following wins over Big East opponents West Virginia and Pittsburgh.

The No. 20 Irish, now 13-4 overall and 4-0 in the league, edged Pittsburgh in four games (13-9, 10-15, 16-14, 15-14) Sunday.

"I think Pittsburgh was a lot better than we originally gave them credit for," said senior co-captain Chantal Girton. "We played really tense against Pittsburgh and had a lot of miscommunication. We should have had more blocks than we did."

Girton led Notre Dame with a career-high of 30 kills, and seven blocks while Marcie Bomhack added 19 kills and 19 digs. Denise Boylan totaled 86 assists to break her previous four game assist record set earlier in the season against Loyola Marymount.

"We've had the goal of finishing games quickly instead of getting the 14th point and coasting," said Girton. "We did that well against West Virginia, but we had some lows against Pittsburgh. We were in time out twice throughout that game, it was kind of up and down."

Notre Dame came strong against West Virginia on Saturday, stopping the Mountaineer offense to earn a 15-0 game one win before dominating games two and three 15-7 and 15-4.

"With West Virginia we were able to get in and get on top of the team right away, not mess around with them. We were able to take care of them instead of playing down at their level," said Girton.

Kreger led the Irish with 12 kills and seven blocks, while Girton and Bomhack each added five kills in two games.

"We can't overlook the conference teams. It's not known as a strong volleyball conference but it's getting stronger," said Girton. "Pittsburgh definitely let us know that there are some pretty decent teams to look for."

Navy on Oct. 28, their fourth straight win. Four games later, they were left wondering what went wrong.juries to key players, a struggling defense and a turnover-prone offense all contributed to Notre Dame's first losing record since 1986.

When the Irish take the field against the Midshipmen on Saturday, memories of last year's disappointing season will be fresh in their minds. In that contest, Notre Dame trailed by four points and faced a 4th and 20 situation with less than two minutes to go. Then Bobby Brown caught a Jarron Jackson pass, see FOOTBALL/page 13

Devoted fans form "Belles Guard"

I knew they were dedicated, but I didn't know just how much until I realized that some fans will brace anything — even the worst of weather — to show support for Belles athletics.

Sarah Rykowski Inside Saint Mary's Sports

It was a rainy, cold, blustery day, but they still showed up en masse in matching kilts. Their sole concessions to the horrible weather were umbrellas, which they were only too happy to share with some very wet and freezing Belles fans.

Call them the three musketeers if you like. They prefer to think of themselves as the Belles Guard. Hence the wearing of the kilts.

Whatever they call themselves, you may be sure that they are loyal fans of the soccer belles of Saint Mary's. Indeed, they are some of the most dedicated Belles fans ever witnessed. They are there, every home game, rain or shine, watching their friends play. And they are not above cheering for girls they don't know.

With bated excitement, they are always asking bystanders who just made that kick, or who just got knocked down. These are boys who love this game.

They are also anxious to learn soccer etiquette. Specifically, they have asked if it is appropriate to storm the field after a big win. This is where their hybrid of Belles/ Irish spirit shows. For most students on both sides of the street, the football program rules above all other sports. These guys are no different. They cheer at each football game with the same intensity — if not more — than most fans.

But in between cheering for the Irish each home Saturday in the stadium, they also take time to cheer in the Belles' corner. And these are guys you want in your corner.

Steven Christ, Tim Ponsicka and Jake Teske all ended up in the same section in Koush Hall last year as freshmen. After forming friendships with soccer players on the all-female U.S. 31, an allegiance was born that brought students from both sides of the road together to cheer for each other's sports.

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To them, it was only right that the members of the Belles Guard should be Notre Dame students, who would support and protect the soccer Belles as a symbol of the unity and support between the two schools.

While at times the attendance of Belles fans at soccer games can be unimpressive, as long as these guys are in school they are in school across the street, the Belles will have at least three fans sitting in the stands: the three killed muske­teers of the Belles Guard.

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